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# Guide to the Lalitha Chandrasekhar Papers 1920-2013



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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.CHANDRASEKHARL
<b>Title</b>	Chandrasekhar, Lalitha. Papers
<b>Date</b>	1920-2013
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<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract** Lalitha Chandrasekhar (1910-2013) was married to Nobel Prize winning astrophysicist and longtime University of Chicago professor Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar. She was born in Madras, India and spent much of her childhood there. The Chandrasekhars moved to Williams Bay, Wisconsin in late 1936 when he accepted a position at the University of Chicago's Yerkes Observatory. They remained there until 1964, when they moved to Chicago. The Lalitha Chandrasekhar Papers document her life in Williams Bay and Chicago and her travels, mostly in India, the United States, and Europe. They contain personal material such as ephemera from arts organizations and extensive clippings files; correspondence; detailed diaries and chronological files; writing, including essays and notes for talks; material documenting her involvement with progressive political campaigns and contributions to organizations promoting various social justice causes; photographs, negatives, and a small amount of other audiovisual material; and miscellaneous artifacts and framed items.

## Information on Use

### Access

The collection is open for research, with the exception of Series X, which contains material to which access is restricted. Subseries 1 contains financial material that is restricted for 50 years from the record's date of creation. Subseries 2 contains student material that is restricted for 80 years from the record's date of creation.

The audio and video recordings in Series VII do not contain access copies. Researchers should consult with staff before requesting this material.

### Citation

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## **Biographical Note**

Lalitha Chandrasekhar was born Doraiswamy Lalithambal in Madras, India in 1910. Her actual day of birth was September 28, but due to a clerical error early in her childhood she was officially assigned the birthday of October 15, and she continued to celebrate that day as her birthday for the rest of her life. She was the third of four daughters of Savitri and S. Doraiswamy – her older sisters were Kanthamani and Shantha, and her younger sister was Radha. Lalitha spent much of her childhood in Madras as part of a joint family unit, surrounded by grandparents, aunts, and cousins from her mother's side of the family. Her father was a medical officer in the Indian Army and served in the first world war, so he was away for much of her childhood. Lalitha's mother was one of five daughters, and Lalitha's aunts Subbalakshmi, Balam, Swarnam and Nithya played important roles in Lalitha's life.

After her father returned from the war, Lalitha, her parents, and her sister Shantha spent a short amount of time in Bangalore, where her father was stationed at an army hospital. However, her parents were concerned about her education, and she soon returned to Madras to continue with school. A short time later, her father passed away as a result of injuries suffered during the war, and the family returned to Madras and first settled back at the family home, known as Ananda Villas. As a result of her husband's death from war injuries, Lalitha's mother was given a pension and financial assistance for her children's education. Some time later, she used money from the pension to purchase a home in Mylapore, which she called Sri Villas. After renting it out for a few years, the extended family moved there. They later built and moved to a larger set of homes, which they called "The Colony," nearby.

Lalitha's family valued education greatly, and she began attending school at the age of three. Her family's focus on formal education for women was unique for the time and originated in the experiences of her oldest aunt, Subbalakshmi, who was widowed at a very young age. Instead of following the traditional customs of the time for young widows, Lalitha's grandparents chose to go to great lengths to see that Subbalakshmi was able to pursue an education. She ultimately graduated from college and subsequently worked to support young widows and promote education for women in Southern India. After Subbalakshmi received a formal education, the pattern continued with her younger sisters and then with the next generation of women in the family, which included Lalitha and her sisters.

In 1931, Lalitha completed a BA Honours in Physics at Presidency College in Madras. In an autobiographical essay ("Little Sister: Part II") she writes that her interest in physics was inspired by two main sources – the excitement in India over the awarding of the Noble Prize to C.V. Raman and her interest in the scientist Marie Curie. Her family background and the atmosphere in which she grew up also encouraged her to enter a field that was not traditionally available to women. After graduating, she wanted very much to go to England to continue her studies.

However, her mother would not agree to this, so she remained in India and completed an LT (teaching degree) from the University of Madras and Lady Willingdon Training College in 1932. She spent the next few years teaching at various institutions, including National High School at Mylapore, Madras, where she taught physics, chemistry, math, and physical education and Lady Hardinge Medical College in New Delhi, where she taught physics. She spent a short time working in a scientific lab at Presidency College and earned a Master's Degree in Physics in 1934, and then became headmistress of a middle school at Karaikindi. In 1935, she began working in a lab at the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore.

On September 11, 1936, Lalitha married Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar, known as Chandra. They had met years earlier when both were physics students at Presidency College and continued their correspondence from 1930-1936 while he spent six years in Europe, mostly at Cambridge University. After their marriage, they spent a short time in England and then moved to Williams Bay, Wisconsin, where Chandra had accepted a position at the University of Chicago's Yerkes Observatory. The Chandrasekhars lived in Williams Bay until 1964, when they moved to Chicago. Chandra remained at the University of Chicago for his entire career, where he was a highly respected theoretical astrophysicist. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1983.

For the first few years she was in Williams Bay, Lalitha attended lectures given by her husband and other scientists at Yerkes Observatory. However, after a few years she gave up her scientific studies. She felt that they would not be fruitful if she was only able to attend to them on a part-time basis, and her highest priority was to support her husband in his scientific career. For the nearly sixty years of her married life, Lalitha took primary responsibility for managing the Chandrasekhar household so her husband could focus on his academic work.

Lalitha also developed her own interests and pursuits and made her own contributions to the communities she was a part of. In an effort to correct stereotypes and misperceptions about India that she often encountered in America, she traveled around the Williams Bay area and gave lectures on India to local women's groups, schools, and church groups, covering topics such as music, history, political and economic conditions, and culture. In addition to lecturing, she would often sing or perform on the veena, an Indian musical instrument. In the 1950s she was also involved in the American Association of University Women and various local book discussion groups.

In the early 1950s, Lalitha became a member of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin and began to devote significant efforts to supporting this cause. She collected donations, made telephone calls, knocked on doors, attended rallies, and distributed campaign material on behalf of the candidates she supported. Her enthusiasm for Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic candidate for President in 1952 and 1956, played a large role in the Chandrasekhars' decision to become American citizens, which they did on October 13, 1953. Her active involvement with the Democratic Party lessened after the 1950s, but she was a lifelong supporter of progressive causes. After the Chandrasekhars moved to Chicago, she became involved in the Civic Disarmament

Committee and League of Women Voters, continued to support select political candidates, took art classes, and refocused her efforts on her writing. She continued to provide financial support to progressive political candidates and organizations that promoted social justice issues for the rest of her life. Lalitha Chandrasekhar died in Chicago in 2013.

## **Scope Note**

The Lalitha Chandrasekhar Papers are organized in ten series:

- I. Personal
- II. Correspondence
- III. Diaries and Chronological files
- IV. Writing
- V. Politics and Social Justice
- VI. Writings by Others
- VII. Audiovisual
- VIII. Oversize
- IX. Artifacts
- X. Restricted

Series I, Personal, contains a wide range of material documenting Lalitha Chandrasekhar's interests, educational and intellectual pursuits, and work managing the Chandrasekhar household. The series is arranged alphabetically and ranges in dated from 1920-2013.

Series II, Correspondence, contains Lalitha Chandrasekhar's correspondence, including with family, friends, and neighbors; local businesses, organizations, and service providers; and her husband's colleagues and their families. Of particular note are letters between Lalitha and S. Chandrasekhar dating from 1930-1973, filed under "Chandra." The correspondence ranges in date from 1930-2012 and is generally arranged according to the surname of the correspondent or the name of the organization she was writing to.

Series III contains Lalitha Chandrasekhar's extensive diaries and chronological files. It ranges in date from 1936-circa 2007 and is first arranged by format. Subseries 1 contains a mix of paper files, notebooks, and planners that fit in typical legal-sized folders. Subseries 2 contains index

cards and smaller notebooks that have been placed in card file boxes. Both subseries are arranged chronologically, with miscellaneous or undated material placed at the end.

Series IV, Writing, contains essays, notes and texts for talks, and a variety of notes from Lalitha's formal and informal studies. The material ranges in date from circa 1931-2002. The essays and talks are arranged chronologically, and the notes are grouped by general subject and arranged chronologically therein.

Series V, Politics and Social Justice, contains material related to Lalitha Chandrasekhar's interests and work in the areas of politics and social justice. It is arranged alphabetically according to the name of the organization or last name of the politician and ranges in date from 1942-2004.

Series VI, Writings by Others, ranges in date from 1928-2013. The first subseries contains reprints and typescripts of S. Chandrasekhar's writing, many of which are inscribed to Lalitha, as well as a small amount of his autobiographical notes, obituaries, and articles written about him. The second and third subseries contain Lalitha's general reading and reference material, including magazines, newspapers, bulletins, and articles.

Series VII, Audiovisual, contains mostly photographic material, as well as a small amount of audio tape reels, audio cassettes, a compact disc, and VHS video cassettes. It ranges in date from the early twentieth century to 2013 and is generally arranged by format and chronologically therein.

Series VIII, Oversize, contains material too large to fit in a standard legal-sized folder. It is arranged first by the size, from smaller items to larger ones. Within each size, the material is arranged to generally reflect the overall arrangement of the collection. It ranges in date from the early twentieth century to 2012.

Series IX, Artifacts and Framed items, ranges in date from 1937-2010, although most of the material is undated. It includes buttons and pins, fabric, a sweatshirt and hat, miscellaneous gifts, art and travel supplies, ephemera from the Chandrasekhars' Nobel Prize trip, and other items. The framed items include photographs, paintings, sketches, and collages. Of particular interest is the Chandrasekhar's guest book, which was signed by visitors to their home beginning in 1937 and includes signatures of many notable twentieth century scientists.

Series X, Restricted, contains material to which access is restricted. Subseries 1, Financial Records, is restricted for 50 years from the record's date of creation. It contains wills and trusts, material related to the S. Chandrasekhar Memorial Fellowship established at the University of Chicago, and miscellaneous financial documents. It will be fully open in 2055. Subseries

2, Student Records, is restricted for 80 years from the record's date of creation. It contains applicant material for the S. Chandrasekhar Memorial Fellowship and will be fully open in 2083.

## **Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

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<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/scrc/findingaids/topics.php>

Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar. Papers

Civic Disarmament Committee for Handgun Control. Records

## **Subject Headings**

- Chandrasekhar, S. (Subrahmanyam) 1910-1995
- East Indian Americans -- Illinois -- Chicago
- East Indian Americans -- Wisconsin
- Immigrants -- Wisconsin -- History -- 20th century
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## **INVENTORY**

### **Series I: Personal**

Series I, Personal, contains a wide range of material documenting Lalitha Chandrasekhar's interests, educational and intellectual pursuits, and work managing the Chandrasekhar household. The series is arranged alphabetically and ranges in dated from 1920-2013. It includes material from her involvement with the American Association of University Women in the 1950s; fliers, programs, and brochures from arts and cultural organizations, mostly from Chicago; secondary school and college certificates and diplomas; clippings on current events and world affairs, organized chronologically; miscellaneous personal mailings; recipes, sewing patterns, and gardening notes; and notebooks of Indian songs. It also includes travel files containing items such as itineraries, brochures, programs, and maps, organized chronologically by trip. The University of Chicago played a central role in the Chandrasekhars' lives, and as such the series contains a significant number of documents from university events and programs.

The series contains a small amount of material directly related to Lalitha's husband, astrophysicist S. Chandrasekhar, mostly from memorials held after his death in 1995. This includes documents from conferences and reunions organized to commemorate his life and material related to NASA's Chandra X-Ray Observatory. It also includes notes and informal correspondence between Lalitha and Chandra, and his responses to a set of her questions on his life and career.

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90th birthdays recital transparencies, 2000

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**Folder 2**

90th birthdays recital correspondence, 2000

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90th birthdays recital invitation, guest list, and notes, 2000

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90th birthdays recital notes, 2000

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**Folder 5**

AAUW (American Association of University Women), 1954-1955

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AAUW, 1954-1956

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AAUW, 1955-1956

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AAUW – American Indians, 1955-1956

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AAUW – art, 1950-1956

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AAUW – Badger Briefs [Wisconsin State Division newsletter], 1945-1955

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AAUW – by laws and revisions, 1951-1956

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AAUW – Civil Defense, 1951-1955

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AAUW – clipping, “AAUW is host to college tea,” 1953

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AAUW – conferences, 1952-1956

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AAUW – correspondence, 1951-1955 [1 of 2]

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AAUW – correspondence, 1951-1955 [2 of 2]

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AAUW – education, circa 1952-1956

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AAUW – equal rights, 1952

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AAUW – event planning, 1955

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AAUW – Federation of University Women in India, circa 1951

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AAUW – Fellowships and International Grants, 1949-1956

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AAUW – Good Listening/Look-Listen, fliers, brochures, letters, clippings, lists of radio and television programs, and notes, 1954-1956

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AAUW – handbook for branch leaders, 1954

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AAUW – history, circa 1952

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AAUW – hotel reservations, 1953

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AAUW – International Federation of University Women, 1952-1953

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AAUW – International Relations, 1950-1956

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AAUW – International Relations, 1951-1954

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AAUW – International Relations booklet, 1954

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AAUW – International Relations, Asia, 1954

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AAUW – Legislative Program, 1953-1956

- SEE ALSO Oversize Series

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AAUW – Liedeke application for membership, 1956

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AAUW – membership, 1953-1955

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AAUW – membership and clippings, 1954-1956

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AAUW – Minneapolis convention, 1953

- SEE ALSO clippings in Oversize Series

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**Folder 10**

AAUW – minutes and related material, 1954-1955

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AAUW – Mrs. DiSanti membership case, correspondence, 1954-1955

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AAUW – publications lists, brochures, and reports, 1950-1955

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AAUW – social studies, 1951-1954

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AAUW – State Division, 1954-1956

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AAUW – Status of Women, 1952-1956

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AAUW – talks on Asia and India (notes), undated

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AAUW – Treasury, 1953-1954

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AAUW – UN – reports, notes, and lists of publications, 1947-1954

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AAUW – UN – reports, publications, ephemera, and related material, 1952-1953

- SEE ALSO Oversize Series

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AAUW – UN – Technical Assistance, 1954

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AAUW – Wisconsin Lakeland Branch, 1954-1958

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Aberdeen Proving Ground Employee I.D. card, 1947

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**Folder 3**

Address Book I, undated

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Address Book II, undated [1 of 2]

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Address Book II, undated [2 of 2], and notes, circa late 1990s-early 2000s

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Addresses and telephone numbers, undated [1 of 3]

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Addresses and telephone numbers, undated [2 of 3]

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Addresses and telephone numbers, undated [3 of 3]

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**Folder 9**

Addresses, contacts, and business and calling cards, including for Chandra, undated

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**Folder 10**

Arts and culture – Adler Planetarium, undated

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Arts and culture – Art Institute, 1965-1966

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**Folder 1**

Arts and culture – Art Institute, 1966-1978, undated

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Arts and culture – Art Institute, 1985-1998

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Arts and culture – Art Institute, 1999-2002, undated

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Arts and culture – Blackstone Theater, Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago Galleries Association, Chicago Opera Company/Theater, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, 1955-1999, undated

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Arts and culture – Chicago Symphony Orchestra, 1970

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Arts and culture – Chicago Symphony Orchestra, 1970-1971

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Arts and culture – Chicago Symphony Orchestra, 1973-1996

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Arts and culture – Chicago Symphony Orchestra, 1996-1999

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**Folder 1**

Arts and culture – Chicago Symphony Orchestra, 1999-2001, undated

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Arts and culture – Field Museum, 1967-1998

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Arts and culture – Glimmerglass Opera, 1997

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Arts and culture – Goodman Theater, 1964-1998

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Arts and culture – Harper Theater, Joffrey Ballet, 1965, 1999-2002

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Arts and culture – Indian cultural events, 1968-1989, undated

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Arts and culture – Lyric Opera, 1965-1985

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Arts and culture – Lyric Opera, Ring Cycle, 1995-1996

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Arts and culture – Lyric Opera, 1996-1998, undated

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Arts and culture – Metropolitan Museum of Art, Morton Arboretum, 1970-1997, undated

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Arts and culture – Museum of Contemporary Art, 1968-1969, 1999

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**Folder 2**

Arts and culture – Museum of Science and Industry, including Festival of India and fliers for events featuring S. Chandrasekhar, 1985-1987, undated

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Arts and culture – National Gallery of Art, Orchestra Hall, 1947-1999

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Arts and culture – Ravinia, Steppenwolf, 1964-1969, 1996-2002

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Arts and culture – miscellaneous programs and brochures, 1965-1999 [1 of 2]

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Arts and culture – miscellaneous programs and brochures, 1965-1999 [2 of 2]

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Bahá'í Faith flier and note from Lalitha to Chandra, undated

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Bargains Unlimited, donations to, 1970-2002, undated

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Baripali Project, India, 1953

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Black Holes and Relativistic Stars Symposium conference material, correspondence, and notes, 1995-1996

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Black Holes and Relativistic Stars Symposium menu and recipes, 1996

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Blackett (Lord), visit, 1969

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Brent House booklets, 1929-1950, undated

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Calendars, Indian images, 1937, 1939

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Calendar, Indian drawings, 1948

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Calendar, University of Chicago, 2000

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Canon Camera warranty, 1963

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**Folder 7**

Carbon paper, undated

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Certificates, secondary school, 1920-1926

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**Folder 9**

Certificates, diplomas, and letters of recommendation and congratulations, 1931-1936

- SEE ALSO Oversize Series

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**Folder 10**

Chandra LASR basement inventory and miscellaneous notes, undated

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Chandra's friends and colleagues reunion, menu, 1995

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**Folder 12**

"Chandra questions," by Lalitha, mostly regarding day to day matters, and miscellaneous notes, clippings and related material, 1968-1971

- SEE ALSO clippings and Evolution Collage [mentioned in notes] in Oversize Series

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**Folder 13**

"Chandra questions," by Lalitha, regarding his career, 1973

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**Folder 14**

Chandra X-Ray Observatory – press releases, images, promotional material, and photographs, including of Frank Merritt and Lalitha, 2001-2002

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Chandrasekhar Centennial Symposium program, 2010

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Chandrasekhar Distinguished Service Professor John Carlstrom articles and clippings, 2000-2001

- SEE ALSO clipping in Oversize Series

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Chandrasekhar Memorial Fellowship fliers and list of recipients, 2000-2006

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Chicago fliers, clippings, and programs, 1966-1967, 1973

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Chicago housing notes, 1962-1963

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Chicago Motor Club, 1956-1964

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Citizenship course, Lalitha, 1953 [1 of 2]

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Citizenship course, Lalitha, 1953 [2 of 2]

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Citizenship course, Chandra, 1953 [1 of 2]

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Citizenship course, Chandra, 1953 [2 of 2]

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Civil defense brochures, 1942, 1952-1953, undated

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Clipping, 1943

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Clippings and notes, current events, 1950-1952 [1 of 2]

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Clippings and notes, current events, 1950-1952 [2 of 2]

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Clippings and notes, current events, January-June 1952 [1 of 2]

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Clippings and notes, current events, January-June 1952 [2 of 2]

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Clippings and notes, current events, September-December 1952

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Clippings, current events, December 1952-February 1953 [1 of 2]

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Clippings, current events, December 1952-February 1953 [2 of 2]

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Clippings, current events, March-April 1953

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Clippings and notes, current events, April 1953

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Clippings, current events, April-May 1953

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Clippings, current events, April-July 1953

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Clippings and notes, current events, June-September 1953

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Clippings and notes, current events, 1955

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Clippings and notes, current events, alphabetical by location, 1955

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Clippings, alphabetical by location, 1957

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Clippings, New York Times, July-August, 1960

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Clippings, Israel/Jerusalem Post, 1960-1961, undated

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Clippings, New York Times, 1961

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Clippings and notes, current events, 1962

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Clippings, New York Times, August 1964

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Clippings, New York Times and Chicago Daily News, November-December 1964

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Clippings, New York Times and Chicago Sun Times, 1964-1969

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Clippings, New York Times and New Statesman, 1965

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Clippings and miscellaneous fliers, 1965

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Clippings, New York Times, Chicago Sun Times, and Chicago Daily News, 1966-1967

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Clippings, ACLU Demo-Memo, 1969

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Clippings, New York Times, 1969 [1 of 3]

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Clippings, Hyde Park Herald, 1969-1970

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Clippings, New York Times, 1971-1975

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Clippings, miscellaneous, 1971-1976, 1984

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Clippings, Time, 1982, 1984

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Clippings and notes, New York Times, 1983-1984

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Clippings, Indian newspapers, 1984

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Clippings, New York Times and Washington Post, 1985-1986

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Clippings, New York Times, 1987-1988 [1 of 2]

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Series II, Correspondence, contains Lalitha Chandrasekhar's correspondence, including with family, friends, neighbors, local businesses and service providers, and her husband's colleagues and their families, both at the University of Chicago and within the larger scientific community. Also of note is correspondence with women's organizations, schools, and churches near Williams Bay, Wisconsin that she traveled to to give lectures and performances. Some correspondents have their own folders, while more infrequent ones are grouped in the alphabetically arranged "general" folders following the individual files for each letter. The correspondence ranges in date from 1930-2012.

The correspondence is generally arranged according to the surname of her correspondent or the name of the organization she was writing to, with some exceptions. For instance, Lalitha's correspondence with her mother is filed under "Mother" and sympathy notes she received after a 1954 car accident and Chandra's death in 1995 are filed under "sympathies." Additionally, in some cases, she filed correspondence with family and close friends in India under a single given name. When these letters did not include a surname or family name, they were left filed under the given name of the correspondent.

Of particular note are letters between Lalitha and S. Chandrasekhar dating from 1930-1973, filed under "Chandra." These are mostly letters from Chandra to Lalitha, but also include some that she wrote to him. The largest portion is from 1930-1936, when he was studying at Cambridge University and traveling in Europe and she was studying and working in India. A few letters from Lalitha's family members regarding her relationship with Chandra have been filed with this correspondence. The second largest portion of the correspondence between Lalitha and Chandra is from the World War II years, when he spent time at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland.

For additional correspondence between Lalitha and Chandra, researchers should see the two folders of "Copies of outgoing letters," from 1937-1946 that have been placed near the end of this series. These copies of letters, made by Lalitha, are not limited to correspondence with Chandra but do contain a significant amount of it.

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### **Series III: Diaries and Chronological files**

Series III contains Lalitha Chandrasekhar's extensive diaries and chronological files. It ranges in date from 1936-circa 2007. For many years she kept extremely detailed diaries documenting her daily life and thoughts, and during some years she also kept chronological files containing documents from her daily life such as mailings, programs, ephemera, fliers, and clippings on local events. The series is first arranged by format - it contains two subseries that Lalitha appeared to maintain separately. Both are arranged chronologically, with miscellaneous or undated material placed at the end. In many cases, there is material relating to a particular date in both subseries. Lalitha often appears to have made initial diary notes on note cards or smaller notebooks, and then later expanded on those on larger sheets of paper.

Subseries 1 contains a mix of paper files, notebooks, and planners that fit in typical legal-sized folders.

Subseries 2 contains index cards and smaller notebooks that have been placed in card file boxes.

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“On board the Laconia” – notebook from trip to and arrival in the United States, containing notes, lists, copies of letters, and related material, 1936

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**Folder 5**

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**Folder 3**

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Diary and chronological files, including AAUW material, April-May 1955

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Chronological files, including tribute booklet for Sister R.S. Subbalakshmi from 1953, November 1958

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Notes and ephemera, 1970, undated

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Notes, jobs and daily tasks, circa 2000s

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Notes – to do lists and daily tasks, alphabetical, circa 2000s [2 of 2]

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Notes, “Oka,” circa 2000s

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Miscellaneous notes, undated

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Alphabetical subject files, circa 1960s-1990s

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Subject files, circa 1950s-1980s

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Stamps, 1953-1977

**Box 107**

Alphabetical subject files, circa 2000-2003

### **Series IV: Writing**

Subseries I, Essays, contains typescripts and handwritten versions of essays written by Lalitha Chandrasekhar, as well as notes, clippings and related material that she used for inspiration. The essays are almost entirely unpublished, although a few were published in local Wisconsin newspapers, and they range in date from 1943-1998. They cover a wide range of topics. Many are autobiographical and discuss subjects such as the challenges of life as an Indian immigrant in the United States, Lalitha's family and early life in India, and her relationship with her husband. Other essays cover Lalitha's ideas about more general topics, mostly related to politics and social justice. In a few cases the folders contain only clippings or notes but appear to have been filed by Lalitha under "essays," likely indicating that she considered the topic but either did not end up writing or did not save the essay.

The subseries is generally arranged chronologically according to the date Lalitha assigned to each essay, which may have been the date she began it. An exception to the chronological order are several folders relating to a potential biography of her husband that Lalitha long intended to write but never completed, which have been placed together at the end of the subseries.

Subseries II, Talks, contains notes and text for various talks given by Lalitha Chandrasekhar. The material ranges in date from 1942-1999 and is arranged chronologically. It includes notes for talks about life in India that she gave for local schools, churches, and women's groups in the United States; her talk at the unveiling of a bust of Srinivasa Ramanujan, and notes from talks she gave at events honoring Chandra after his death. Researchers should also consult the card file box at the end of Subseries III for additional notes from talks on similar topics.

Subseries III, Notes, ranges in date from circa 1931-2002 and is arranged first by general subject and chronologically therein. The notes cover a variety of topics, but the largest portion cover scientific topics. This includes notes that Lalitha took at conferences and lectures she attended; her notes from Chandra's lectures at Yerkes Observatory, which she often attended in the 1930s and early 1940s; and notes from science lessons that Chandra gave her, often on occasions when she expressed interest in knowing more about his work. The subseries also includes notes on

books and reading, languages, music, world affairs, and miscellaneous topics, as well as a small number of school notebooks.

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“My Ideal World,” handwritten manuscript, notes, and clipping, 1943-1957

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#### **Folder 2**

Essays on India, typescripts, excerpts from letters, and related correspondence, 1944-1952

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“The Clock Ticks On,” handwritten manuscript, September 7, 1945

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#### **Folder 4**

“Mexican Proposal,” handwritten letter to editor of New York Times and response, April 23-29, 1949

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“Another Bold New Program,” handwritten, and draft, circa 1949?

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“Handbook for Foreign Students in America (that I intended to write but didn’t),” handwritten, and related correspondence, 1949-1950

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“Commentary on ‘World Minority Problem’,” handwritten, and original pamphlet, April 27, 1949

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#### **Folder 8**

“Black and White,” a collection of essays, handwritten notes and drafts, typescripts, clippings, and correspondence, 1949-1967

- SEE ALSO clippings in Oversize Series

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“Love,” typescript, February 2, 1953

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“What it feels like to have voted for the first time,” letter to the editor, typescript, clippings, and related correspondence, April 6, 1954-January 1955

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“Wave and Ripple – first idea,” typescript, draft, handwritten notes, and clippings, January 31, 1955-March 2, 1958; article and notes, 1948

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“That Hated Word, ‘Native,’” typescript, notes, and related correspondence, January 29, 1955

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“Autobiography Prologue,” handwritten, May 1960

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“Sumerian” (comparison with Tamil), handwritten essay, copy, and letter to S.N. Kramer, Marcy 27, 1963

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“What Shall I Wear,” handwritten, August 13, 1963

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“The Bird,” two handwritten versions, notes, and note from Chandra, August 14, 1966, October 26, 1994

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“The Students Came,” handwritten, and partial typescript, May 22, 1966

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“Mikva for Congress,” handwritten, June 16, 1966; notes, May 23, 1966

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Autobiography – outlines and handwritten essays, 1967-1969, undated

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“The Dinner at the Peierls,” typescript and handwritten notes, August 25, 1968

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“The Brain Drain in India,” typescript and handwritten notes, September 30, 1968

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“So We Finally Served Alcohol,” handwritten notes, April 15, 1969

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“African Violets,” handwritten essay, October 6, 1969; notes and clippings, 1954-1963

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“Student Protests,” fliers only, 1970

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“The Shock of It All (Jury Service),” handwritten essay, notes, and letter, January-February, 1970

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“Herb’s Birthday Party,” poem and notes, May 24-June 1, 1970

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**Folder 36**

“John Friedman,” typescript and handwritten notes, including by Chandra, February 27, 1971

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“Why Not Two Pipelines?” typescript of letter to Editor of New York Times, March 3, 1971

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“The Levi Dinner,” typescript, April 2, 1971

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**Folder 1**

“My teeth,” sample questionnaire only, June 25, 1971

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**Folder 2**

“Little Sister,” Part I, typescript and copy, July 30, 1971

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“Little Sister,” Part II, typescript and notes, July 30, 1971

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“Little Sister,” handwritten notes, alphabetical, July 30, 1971

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**Folder 5**

“Little Sister,” handwritten notes, typescripts, and drafts of letters to Lalitha’s sisters and mother, July 30-September 27, 1971

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“We Had Plums for Dessert Today,” typescript and copy, October 10, 1971

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“My Sixty-First Birthday,” typescript and handwritten notes, October 15, 1971

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“This is Pasadena,” typescript, October 21, 1971

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“I Must Get up First,” typescript, and “Not All Jottings are Alike,” handwritten, November 3-4, 1971

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“Krishnamurthy,” handwritten, December 24, 1971

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“Should we not Forgive,” handwritten, February 9, 1972

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“The Shot,” handwritten, and clipping, February 11, 1972

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“Ireland,” typescript and handwritten notes, May 14, 1972

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“Corruption,” typescript and handwritten notes, June 30, 1972

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“Language Division in India,” handwritten, July 2, 1972

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“Why Don’t You Leave Me Alone,” handwritten, July 4-5, 1972

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“The Conflict,” handwritten notes and paragraph, July 11, 1972

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of autobiographical notes, obituaries, and articles written about him. It ranges in date from 1929-2010.

Subseries 2, Articles and booklets, is arranged alphabetically by author and ranges in date from 1928-2008. It includes topics related to Lalitha's personal interests and studies, including a number of documents sent to her by friends or family, and a school book from 1928. It also contains a few publications by Lalitha's family members, including her aunt R.S. Subbalakshmi and her niece Radhika Ramnath.

Subseries 3, Periodicals, reports, and compilations, ranges in date from 1941-2013. It mostly contains issues of magazines, newspapers, bulletins, and literary journals, many containing Lalitha's notes. It is generally arranged alphabetically by title, although in some cases similar types of material are grouped together, such as with cook books. There are also a number of newsletters, reports, and magazines produced by the University of Chicago, filed under University of Chicago.

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Subseries 2, Audio and video, contains a small amount of audio tape reels, audio cassettes, a compact disc, and VHS video cassettes. The audio material appears to mostly feature Indian musical programs or memorials to S. Chandrasekhar, although some are unlabeled. The videos include memorials to Ramanujan and Chandrasekhar as well as a few miscellaneous cultural and artistic topics. The material ranges in date from 1960-2010.

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### **Series IX: Artifacts and Framed Items**

Series IX, Artifacts and framed items, ranges in date from 1937-2010, although most of the material is undated. It includes buttons and pins, fabric, a sweatshirt and hat, miscellaneous gifts, art and travel supplies, ephemera from the Chandrasekhars' Nobel Prize trip, and other items. The framed items include photographs, paintings, sketches, and collages. Of particular interest is the Chandrasekhar's guest book, which was signed by visitors to their home beginning in 1937 and includes signatures of many notable twentieth century scientists.

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Framed photograph collage, Ramanujan bust unveiling, circa 1985

**Box 200**

Framed portrait photograph, Chandra, younger years, undated

**Box 200**

Framed portrait photograph, Lalitha, younger years, undated

**Box 200**

Framed photograph, Lalitha and James Cronin?, circa late 1990s-early 2000s

**Box 200**

Framed photograph, Lalitha with Franklin Delano Roosevelt bust, middle aged, undated

**Box 201**

Framed portrait photograph, Lalitha, younger years, undated

**Box 201**

Framed early photograph of Lalitha's family[?], undated

**Box 201**

Framed early photograph of Lalitha's family[?], colored, undated

**Box 202**

Framed photograph, Lalitha and Chandra with King and Queen of Sweden, 1983

**Box 202**

Framed photograph, Lalitha at art gallery or exhibition, middle aged, undated

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Framed sketch of Einstein, undated

**Box 202**

"Morrison's Solar System," calendar with astrological signs, undated

**Box 203**

Framed collage made with newspaper and magazine clippings and numbers, undated

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Framed black and white drawing of leaves, undated

**Box 204**

Ellipse templates, undated

**Box 204**

Framed copy of Van Gogh flower painting, undated

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Framed portrait photograph of Lalitha, middle aged, undated

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Framed painting, undated

**Box 205**

Jawaharlal Nehru woodcut, undated

**Box 206**

Lalitha and S. Chandrasekhar guest book, 1937-1995

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Lalitha Chandrasekhar guest book, 1997-2004

**Box 207**

Maroon flowered fabric, undated

**Box 207**

Purple and gold fabric, undated

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Red and silver fabric, red blouse, undated

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Green and yellow fabric, undated

**Box 208**

Handmade nametags and ribbons for faculty wives club dinner

**Box 208**

American Academy of Achievement nametags, 1990

**Box 209**

Tan fabric with flower and animal pattern, undated

**Box 209**

Chandra X-Ray Observatory cap, undated

**Box 209**

Kennedy Space Center sweatshirt, undated

**Box 210**

Frog toy, eye mask, and Marshall Field & Co. mirror, undated

**Box 210**

Golden case, inscribed in Swedish?, undated

**Box 210**

Stones from the Farmers, undated

**Box 210**

Nobel Prize ephemera – matchboxes, nametag, pins, and medallion

**Box 210**

Pins and buttons – Adlai-Estes button, John F. Kennedy button, Martin Luther King Jr. pin, Adlai pin, India flag pin, Adlai Stevenson shoe pin, undated

**Box 210**

Lincoln Academy medal, undated; Women's Bicentennial pendant on chain, 1976; Gandhi medallion, 1969; three pence piece, 1958; Rama's blessings, H.H.S. medallion, undated

**Box 210**

The Master Key Chromatic Pitch Instrument, undated

**Box 210**

"Trilobites from Levi-Setti," with labels, undated

**Box 210**

Matches, 4800 South Shore, circa 1964-1966

**Box 210**

Piece of cloth, "Chandra's new suit, April 1969," and unlabeled

**Box 210**

"Lewis blade (old)," in paper bag; "Memo mile" driving aid;" sealed envelope, labeled "coins;" sealed envelope, labeled "Speil wrist watch band – new (extra);"

**Box 210**

Gifts from Sita and Malati, 1957 – envelope, plastic baby and dog, coin purse, fabric, quarter rupee

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Painting supplies and works of art, including brushes, paint, color samples, copy of painting on cement slab, mosaic, and copy of painting on wood, 1967, undated

**Box 212**

Humane Society apron, undated

**Box 212**

Cloth and journal, 1981, undated

**Box 212**

Chandra corsage, undated

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Framed copy of S. Chandrasekhar postage stamp, 1987

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**Box 212**

Maroon case with 2 Albert Einstein medallions, 1979

**Box 212**

Blue case with "Chicago 100" pin

**Box 213**

Red case with rolled certificate from the Royal Society of London for Lalitha Chandrasekhar in celebration of her 100th birthday and commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar, 2010

**Box 213**

Musical instrument, labeled "Skelling" [traditional Irish drum?]

**Object 1**

Veena

**Object 2**

Veena, broken

**Series X: Restricted**

Series X contains material to which access is restricted. Subseries 1, Financial Records, is restricted for 50 years from the record's date of creation. It contains wills and trusts, material related to the S. Chandrasekhar Memorial Fellowship established at the University of Chicago, and miscellaneous financial documents. It will be fully open in 2055.

Subseries 2, Student Records, is restricted for 80 years from the record's date of creation. It contains applicant material for the S. Chandrasekhar Memorial Fellowship. The subseries will be fully open in 2083.

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