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# Guide to the Ella Tilles Falk Papers 1919-1923



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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Identifier** ICU.SPCL.FALKE

**Title** Falk, Ella Tilles. Papers

**Date** 1919-1923

**Size** 4 linear feet (3 boxes)

**Repository** Special Collections Research Center  
University of Chicago Library  
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Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract** Ella Tilles Falk attended the University of Chicago as an undergraduate from 1919 to 1923. The collection contains a scrapbook documenting her undergraduate life, and includes event programs and tickets, clippings, photographs, notes from friends, party place cards, and other ephemera. With the exception of one letter, material in the collection dates from 1919 to 1923.

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

The collection is open for research.

### **Restrictions on Use**

The scrapbook is fragile and should be handled carefully.

### **Citation**

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Falk, Ella Tilles. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago.

## **Biographical Note**

Ella Tilles Falk was born in 1902 to a family of Polish Jews in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Her parents were George and Lillian Tilles. In 1919 she entered the University of Chicago, graduating in 1923 from the College of Commerce and Administration. While at the University, she was vice-president of the Southern Club, active in the WAA, and served on the staff of the Commerce and Administration Magazine.

In October of 1923 Ella married John Allfree, also a University of Chicago alumnus, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. She later married George Falk, an insurance agent. Falk lived in Fort Smith

until her death on April 21, 1999. An avid doll collector, she left her collection to the Fort Smith Museum of History.

### **Scope Note**

This collection consists of a scrapbook compiled by Ella Tilles while an undergraduate at the University of Chicago. Much of the material was stuffed loosely into the scrapbook and has been foldered separately. Because very little of it can be dated precisely, the contents have been grouped and arranged alphabetically (i.e., "Bridge Tally Cards," "Blackfriars Program," "Poems," etc.). The collection includes personal items, such as photographs, notes, and drawings from friends, as well as mementos such as dance cards, ticket stubs, and event programs. Among the more charming items in the collection are a number of small party place cards and other party decorations (including an articulated paperboard skeleton), and a folder of Valentine cards.

The scrapbook itself is listed first in the inventory, followed by the loose items.

### **Related Resources**

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

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

University of Chicago Scrapbooks. Collection

Lunde Family. Papers

Jameson, Vesta. Papers

John H. Roser. Papers

University of Chicago. Student Papers and Ephemera. Collection

### **Subject Headings**

- University of Chicago – History
- University of Chicago – Students

### **INVENTORY**

#### **Box 1**

Scrapbook, 1919-1923

#### **Box 2**

##### **Folder 1**

Blackfriars Program: "Anybody's Girl," 1922

#### **Box 2**

##### **Folder 2**

Bridge Tally Cards, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 3**

Clippings, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 4**

Clothespin Dolls, Party Decorations, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 5**

Dance Cards, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 6**

Drawings, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 7**

Event Invitations, 1920-1921

**Box 2**

**Folder 8**

Event Tags, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 9**

Family Correspondence, 1919-1929

**Box 2**

**Folder 10**

Flyer – Alumni Day Circus, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 11**

Greeting and Calling Cards, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 12**

Gunther: "The Higher Learning in America," 1922

**Box 2**

**Folder 13**

Miscellaneous Ephemera, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 14**

Miscellaneous Objects, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 15**

Notes and Messages, Stationery Monograms, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 16**

Photographs, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 17**

Place cards, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 18**

Poems – Various Authors, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 19**

Program and Songbook – Orpheum Circuit, 1921

**Box 2**

**Folder 20**

Programs and Event Flyers, Non-University of Chicago, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 21**

Programs – Federation of University Women Events, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 22**

Programs -- University of Chicago Events, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 23**

The Prom Maroon, 1921

**Box 2**

**Folder 24**

Tickets and Receipts, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 25**

University of Chicago Postcards, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 26**

Valentines, circa 1919-1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 27**

Y.W.C.A Event Programs, Signature List, circa 1920-1921

**Box 3**

**Folder 1**

University of Chicago Maroon, News Clippings and Ticker, 1921-1923, undated

**Box 3**

**Folder 2**

Paper Skeleton, circa 1919-1923