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Guide to the Ella Tilles Falk Papers 1919-1923



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Descriptive Summary

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Title Falk, Ella Tilles. Papers

Date 1919-1923

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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.

Acknowledgments

The Ella Tilles Falk Papers were donated by Nancy Carver.

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 #], Hanna Holborn Gray 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

Browse finding aids by topic.

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

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Folder 2

Bridge Tally Cards, circa 1919-1923

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Folder 3

Clippings, circa 1919-1923

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Folder 4

Clothespin Dolls, Party Decorations, circa 1919-1923

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Folder 5

Dance Cards, circa 1919-1923

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Folder 6

Drawings, circa 1919-1923

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Folder 7

Event Invitations, 1920-1921

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Folder 8

Event Tags, circa 1919-1923

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Folder 9

Family Correspondence, 1919-1929

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Folder 10

Flyer – Alumni Day Circus, circa 1919-1923

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Folder 11

Greeting and Calling Cards, circa 1919-1923

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Folder 12

Gunther: "The Higher Learning in America," 1922

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Folder 13

Miscellaneous Ephemera, circa 1919-1923

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Miscellaneous Objects, circa 1919-1923

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Notes and Messages, Stationery Monograms, circa 1919-1923

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Photographs, circa 1919-1923

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Place cards, circa 1919-1923

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Poems – Various Authors, circa 1919-1923

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Program and Songbook – Orpheum Circuit, 1921

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

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

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

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The Prom Maroon, 1921

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Tickets and Receipts, circa 1919-1923

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University of Chicago Postcards, circa 1919-1923

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Valentines, circa 1919-1923

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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