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Guide to the Carl Sandburg and Ruth Falkenau Correspondence 1919-1930



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.FALKENAUSANDBURG
Title	Sandburg, Carl and Ruth Falkenau. Correspondence
Date	1919-1930
Size	0.25 linear feet (1 box)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract	Letters and manuscripts sent by Sandburg to Falkenau between 1919 and 1930. Includes two poems and a short story.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Carl Sandburg and Ruth Falkenau. Correspondence, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Ruth Falkenau was born on September 28, 1895 to Esther Friend Greenebaum and Harry Falkenau, a regarded Chicago antiquarian. Falkenau received her bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago in 1918. From 1919 to 1930, Falkenau corresponded with American poet and writer Carl Sandburg. The exact nature of their relationship is unclear, but the two appear to have been friends, and Falkenau seems to have assisted in Sandburg's correspondence with publishers. Falkenau died on June 8, 1988.

Scope Note

The Carl Sandburg and Ruth Falkenau Correspondence contain seven letters from Sandburg to Falkenau and three typescripts, including a poem, "These Valleys Seem Old," a short story, "How a Railroad Train and a Skyscraper Came Back," and a brief text that begins "Lincoln was fifty-one years old." The collection also includes an announcement of Sandburg's lecture-recital readings from his books, "Chicago Poems," "Corn Huskers," and "Smoke and Steel."

Subject Headings

- Sandburg, Carl 1878-1967
- Falkenau, Ruth 1895-1988
- Poetry
- Poets

INVENTORY

Box 1

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Correspondence and manuscripts, 1919-1930