

University of Chicago Library

Guide to the Horace Spencer Fiske Papers 1882-1938



© 2006 University of Chicago Library

Table of Contents

Acknowledgments	3
Descriptive Summary	3
Information on Use	3
Access	3
Citation	3
Biographical Note	3
Scope Note	4
Related Resources	4
Subject Headings	4
INVENTORY	4

Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.FISKE
Title	Fiske, Horace Spencer. Papers
Date	1882-1938
Size	3 linear feet (3 boxes)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract	Horace Spencer Fiske, editor, poet. The Horace Spencer Fiske Papers consist of incoming letters, 1882-1938, mainly thank-you notes from people who received copies of Fiske's poetry books, including three U.S. presidents and other public and literary figures. The collection also includes copies of outgoing letters from the years 1919-1923, most of which concern Fiske's editorial jobs at the University. Filed after the correspondence are drafts and printed copies of some of Fiske's writings, including two small books of poetry, <i>The Camp</i> and <i>Poems on the University of Chicago</i> . The collection also includes scrapbooks containing clippings about the University of Chicago from 1912 to 1921.

Acknowledgments

Information on Use

Access

No restrictions.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Fiske, Horace Spencer. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Horace Spencer Fiske was born November 4, 1859, in Dexter, Michigan. He received a B.A. degree from Beloit College in 1882, and M.A. degrees from Beloit and the University of Michigan in 1885. He taught at Beloit College Academy and Wisconsin State Normal School before going abroad in 1893 to continue his studies at Oxford, Cambridge, and Trinity College, Dublin.

Fiske came to the University of Chicago in 1894 as Lecturer in English Literature in the University Extension Division. He continued in that capacity until 1912, and in addition took

on other positions including Assistant Recorder, 1903-1912, Editor of the University Record, 1903-1914, and Associate Editor of University of Chicago Magazine, 1908-1914. In 1912 he began working for the Publications Department of the University of Chicago Press, transferring to the University Public Relations Office in 1924, where he remained until his retirement in 1930. Fiske died on June 2, 1940.

Although his career involved mainly editorial work, Fiske published many volumes of poetry and prose, and had pieces printed in Century, Nation, Harper's Weekly, Metropolitan, and other magazines. In 1919 he founded the John Billings Fiske Prize in Poetry for University students, in memory of his father.

Scope Note

The Horace Spencer Fiske Papers consist of incoming letters, 1882-1938, mainly thank-you notes from people who received copies of Fiske's poetry books, including three U.S. presidents and other public and literary figures. The collection also includes copies of outgoing letters from the years 1919-1923, most of which concern Fiske's editorial jobs at the University. Filed after the correspondence are drafts and printed copies of some of Fiske's writings, including two small books of poetry, *The Camp* and *Poems on the University of Chicago*. The collection also includes scrapbooks containing clippings about the University of Chicago from 1912 to 1921.

Related Resources

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

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

Presidents' Papers

Office of Public Relations. Records

Salisbury, Rollin D., Papers

Subject Headings

- Fiske, Horace Spencer, 1859-1940
- Poets
- Editors
- Authors

INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1

Correspondence, Addams-French

- Addams, Jane
- Baker, Newton D.
- Bennett, James O'Donnell

- Breasted, Charles
- Bryce, James
- Cheney, John Vance
- Cleveland, Grover
- Daskam, Josephine
- Eliot, Samuel A.
- Field, Roswell
- French, Daniel Chester

Box 1

Folder 2

Correspondence, Hansen-Mabie

- Hansen, Harry
- Hay, John
- Hayes, Rutherford B.
- Herrick, Robert
- Hillis, A.D.
- Hutchins, Robert M.
- Irving, Henry
- James, Edmund J.
- Lowden, Frank O.
- Mabie, Hamilton W.

Box 1

Folder 3

Correspondence, Mansfield-Roosevelt

- Mansfield, Richard
- Matthews, James Brander
- McCutcheon, John T.
- O'Brien, Howard V.
- Phelps, William Lyon
- Remington, Frederic
- Rice, Wallace
- Riley, James Whitcomb
- Rockefeller, John D., Jr.
- Roosevelt, Theodore

Box 1

Folder 4

Correspondence, Shelly-Winter

- Shelly, Kate C.
- Taft, Lorado
- Thurston, John M.
- van Dyke, Henry
- Williams, Jesse Lynch
- Winter, William
- unidentified

Box 1

Folder 5

Correspondence, Breasted-Voorhees

- Breasted, James Henry
- Carlson, Anton J.
- Garland, Hamlin
- Fuessle, Newton
- Hansen, Harry
- Judson, Harry Pratt
- Manly, Marian Esther
- Voorhees, Oscar M.
- Mary (cousin)

Box 1

Folder 6

Writings

- "The Lady in the Loggery," poem
- Humorous tribute to J. Spencer Dickinson, untitled

Box 1

Folder 7

"Thought and Imagination in Shakespeare" [sic], syllabus of University Extension lectures, 1896

Box 1

Folder 8

The Camp, copy inscribed to the Tafts, 1907

Box 1

Folder 9

Poems on the University of Chicago

- Poems on the University of Chicago, page proofs
- Poems on the University of Chicago, copy inscribed to Robert M. Hutchins, 1934
- Poems on the University of Chicago, second copy

Box 1

Folder 10

"List of Books on Mr. Fiske's Desk," n.d.

- University of Chicago Library, Special Collections Research Center 1
- Horace Spencer Fiske Papers

Box 2

Scrapbook - Clippings regarding the University of Chicago, 1912-1919. Binding marked "clippings from University of Chicago Newsletter 1910-1930," but mostly not newsletters

Box 3

Scrapbook - "The University of Chicago Newsletter Periodical Clippings, Volume II," marked 1917-1921, actually 1916-1921