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Descriptive Summary

Identifier     ICU.SPCL.SUDDETHPB
Title          Suddeth, Persis Burns. Papers
Date           1985-1992
Size           4 linear feet (4 boxes)
Repository     Special Collections Research Center
               University of Chicago Library
               1100 East 57th Street
               Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract       Letters written by Persis Burns from 1944-50, during and after her time as an
                undergraduate at the University of Chicago (1944-1948). Dedicated to her
                children, the letters were transcribed in 1985 and collected in a binder along
                with photocopies of pictures from throughout the author’s life.

Information on Use

Access
The collection is open for research.

Citation
When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Suddeth, Persis Burns.
Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note
Persis Burns Suddeth attended the University of Chicago as an undergraduate from 1944-1948. She met
undergraduate David Houghton Suddeth, later an engineer for NASA, in 1946 and they married in 1950. Her
letters to her parents discuss her courses and social life, and offer insight into the early years of the Core
Curriculum and women’s experiences at the University of Chicago in the 1940s.

Scope Note
Originally housed in a binder, the letter collection is divided into two folders, one with letters
from September 1944 to May 1946 (pages 1-103), and the other with letters from October 1946
to July 1950 (104-197). Throughout the letters are photocopies of photos of Persis, her husband
David, and their friends. Also included in the collection is the cover of the original binder
holding the letters, and a photocopy of David Houghton Suddeth’s obituary in the January 30,
Related Resources

Browse finding aids by topic.

Subject Headings

- Suddeth, Persis Burns
- University of Chicago -- Students

INVENTORY

Box 1
Folder 1
    Persis Burns, Letters to My Family, Folder 1, 1985
Box 1
Folder 2
    Persis Burns, Letters to My Family, Folder 2, 1985
Box 1
Folder 3
    David Suddeth Obituary, 1992
Box 1
Folder 4
    Binder Cover, undated