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Guide to the Svend Waendelin Collection 1946-1947



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.WAENDELINS
Title	Svend Waendelin. Collection
Date	1946-1947
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 Svend Waendelin (1894 -1956) was map librarian at the University of Chicago Library and later archivist at The Dan-American Archives Society. The collection documents Waendelin's work with Danish and Danish-American archives.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Waendlin, Svend. Collection, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.

Biographical Note

Svend Waendelin (1894 – 1956) was the map librarian at the University of Chicago in the 1920s. After his tenure there, he moved to Denmark to become an Archivist with the Dan-American Archives Society which was established with the purchase of a building, Sohngaardsholm, from the municipality of Aalborg in 1930. Waendelin was hired on January 1, 1931. His first task was to catalog the already extensive collection of books and other documents. The archives experienced considerable hardship in its initial years, largely stemming from financial troubles and the interruption of German forces during World War II. He continued working there, for 25 years, until his death on June 14, 1956. Today the existence of the Danes Worldwide Archives (the name had been changed to appeal to all emigrated Danes, not simply those who had left for America) is secured by grants provided by various firms and foundations, including the European Commission.

Scope Note

The Svend Waendelin Collection documents Waendelin's work with Danish and Danish-American archive, particularly the Dan-American Archives Society. Included in the collection is a manuscript of "The Danish-American Archives and American Library During the German Occupation of Denmark" (written by Waendelin); a typed, signed letter from Waendelin to Helen Dawley, a librarian at the University of Chicago Library; two photographs; and a brochure of the Emigrant Archives in Aalborg, Denmark.

The collection was previously part of the Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection.

Related Resources

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

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/scrc/findingaids/topics.php>

Subject Headings

- Waendelin, Svend, -1956.
- Dawley, Helen.
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- Danish-American Archives.
- Emigrant Archives (Aalborg, Denmark)
- University of Chicago. Library
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- Denmark -- History -- German occupation, 1940-1945
- Denmark -- Archival resources
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- Photographs

INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1

Documents, 1946-1947

- Manuscript, "The Danish-American Archives and American Library during the German occupation of Denmark," June 1946
- Letter from Waendelin to Helen Dawley, January 15, 1947
- Photograph of "Waendelin-clan," included as attachment to letter to Dawley, Christmas 1946
- Photograph of Dan-American Archives in Aalborg, undated
- Brochure for the Emigrant Archives in Aalborg, Denmark, undated