Sir Carl Busch Papers

Collection Summary

Title
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Date
1935-1943

Extent
2 Folders

Name and Location of Repository
Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)
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Name of Creator
Busch, Sir Carl

Biographical History
Carl Busch was born in Bjerre, Denmark on March 29, 1862. He attended the University of Copenhagen to study law before deciding to devote himself to the study of music at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Copenhagen. Busch immigrated to Kansas City, Missouri in January 1887, on the advice of the Danish Consul, Thyge Sogard. Sogard had been promoting opportunities for musicians in the rapidly growing Kansas City area. Busch met his wife, Sallie Smith, in Kansas City and married her on December 28, 1888.

During his life in Kansas City, Busch was employed as a conductor and composer. His fame as a composer was due to his unique compositions that were inspired by Native American music. Busch was also a member of the faculty at the University of Kansas City, now University of Missouri-Kansas City. In 1912, the King of Denmark named Busch a Knight of Danneborg which bestowed the title Sir Carl Busch. Music was not Busch’s only activity. He was a man of many hobbies, flower collecting and fishing chief amongst them. Bush continued to compose and be involved with music up to his death in December 19, 1943.

Scope and Content
This collection contains correspondence of Carl Busch and family obituary information. Included are: letters; cards; funeral transcript; postcards; funeral program; and obituaries.
Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement
These records are arranged in two series.

Series 1, Correspondence
- Item 1, Letter from Carl Busch to Grace Duysing, June 26, 1935
- Item 2, Card from Carl Busch to Grace Duysing, August 14, 1935
- Item 3, Postcard from Carl Busch to Grace Duysing, January 23, 1941
- Item 4, Card from Carl Busch to Grace Duysing, December 1943
- Item 5, Letter from Carl Busch to unknown recipient, undated
- Item 6, Postcard of Walsh Hall at University of Notre Dame, undated

Series 2, Death information
- Item 1, Transcript of Funeral Services for Sallie Busch, March 27, 1939
- Item 2, Obituaries for Carl Busch, December 20, 1943
- Item 3, Funeral Program for Carl Busch, December 22, 1943

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Languages and Scripts of the Material
Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

Finding Aids
Name index is available from the archivist.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
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Accruals
No further accruals are expected for this collection.

Existence and Location of Originals
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Notes
The following book was consulted during preparation of the biographical history: