



## Collection Summary

Title

Sir Carl Busch Papers

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. Busch 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

## Rights and Access

### Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use by appointment.

### Physical Access

Most records within this collection are housed in file folders. Letter with envelope is housed in plastic sleeve.

### Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

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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

This collection was donated to the Midwest Genealogy Center.

### Accruals

No further accruals are expected for this collection.

### Existence and Location of Originals

Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.

### Notes

The following book was consulted during preparation of the biographical history:

Barney, Mildred Howard. *Sir Carl Busch*. Kansas City, MO: The University of Kansas City Press, 1942.