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**WENDELL WILLKIE
LETTER, 1940**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Wendell Lewis Willkie [February 18, 1892-October 8, 1944] was born in Elwood, Indiana to Herman and Henrietta Willkie, both of whom were German immigrants and lawyers. Wendell earned his law degree from Indiana University in 1916 and shortly after joined the army during World War I. When the war ended, Willkie became a lawyer for Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, a New York based company. Known for his pro-business politics, Willkie, a dark horse, ran as the Republican nominee for the presidency in 1940 against Franklin D. Roosevelt. Willkie suffered a drastic loss to Roosevelt, only receiving 82 electoral votes to Roosevelt's 449. After the election, Willkie traveled internationally in support of Roosevelt. Alienating the conservative wing of his party, Willkie lost popularity and withdrew from the 1944 presidential election.

Sources:

Material in the collection

“Wendell Willkie.” *Encyclopedia Britannica*. Chicago: Britannica, 2014. Accessed October 16, 2014. <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/644513/Wendell-L-Willkie>.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains an envelope and letter addressed to Sarah E. Carpenter of Coffeyville, Kansas from Wendell Willkie, dated May 25, 1940. Within the letter, Willkie acknowledges her family members who have contacted him, as well as his wish to visit Coffeyville and his students there. Willkie closes by noting her health issues and his hope for her recovery. The letter is signed by Willkie.

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