

ROBERT C. FAIRBANKS PAPERS, 1898-1918

Collection #
M 0101

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box (.33 c.f.)

COLLECTION DATES: 1898-1918, n.d.

PROVENANCE:

RESTRICTIONS: none

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: none

OTHER FINDING AIDS: none

RELATED HOLDINGS: M 0100, Charles W. Fairbanks

ACCESSION NUMBER:

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Robert Fairbanks (c1887-1951) was born in Indianapolis, the youngest son of Vice President and Senator Charles

Warren Fairbanks and of Cornelia Cole Fairbanks. He attended Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass., and Yale University. Fairbanks spent most of his life in California, apparently in ill health, but returned to Indianapolis in 1946 to make his home with his sister, Adelaide Fairbanks Causey.

Fairbanks's brother, Richard M. Fairbanks (1883-1944), also attended Andover and Yale. He was an infantry captain in World War I, and was active in the Indianapolis *News*. His first wife was Louise Hibben (d. 1913), his second Robertine Buchanan.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, covering the years 1898-1918, consists mainly of correspondence from the period of Robert Fairbanks's youth. It is arranged chronologically.

Most of the letters are addressed to Fairbanks. In his family, his principal correspondents were his sister Adelaide and his brother Richard, who as a student at Yale gave Robert considerable advice on how to get along with the "fellows" at Andover. There are also some letters from Robert's parents.

Outside the family, the principal correspondents are two unidentified girls: "Lilian," who wrote voluminously while studying and traveling in France in 1904-1905, and "Connie," studying in 1905-1906 at a school in Grand Haven, Michigan. Both girls are full of advice for Robert.

Correspondence from 1907 to 1918 mainly concerns Robert's brother Richard M. Fairbanks, as he lives in Reno and then prepares a home for his first wife, Louise Hibben, on Illinois Street just behind his father's new home at 30th and Meridian Streets.

Robert seems to have had a literary bent, and fragments of his writings are gathered in Folder 18.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1: CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, 1898-1918, n.d. Robert Fairbanks

Folder Contents

1	1898
2	August - September 1902
3	October 1902
4	November - December 1902
5	January - March 1903
6	April - June 1903
7	July - December 1903
8	1904
9	1905
10	1906

11	1907
12	1908
13	n.d. from sister, Adelaide
14	n.d. from R. M. Fairbanks
15	n.d. from Lilian
16	n.d. from Bonnie Spink
17	n.d. from various
18	n.d. miscellaneous papers

Richard M. Fairbanks

19	1908 - 1911
20	1912 - 1914
21	1914 - 1918
22	n.d.
23	cancelled checks
24	Fairbanks clippings

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