

Chauncey Hamlin Papers, 1955

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Hamlin, Chauncey J. (Chauncey Jerome), 1881-1963

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Abstract

Collection of 12 letters written by Chauncey Hamlin to family and friends during his trip to Europe in 1955.

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Biographical Note

Chauncey Hamlin was a "...lawyer, civic benefactor, political leader, planner, and known the world over for his work in promoting museums."* Hamlin was active in public service, including the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, Niagara Frontier Planning Board, City Planning Commission, State Council of Parks, and the Legal Aid Society. Internationally, his service included the UNESCO, International Council of Museums, and Justice for Greece Committee.

Locally, Hamlin is best remembered for his work with the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, raising funds for construction of a new museum to house Society collections, and served as president of the Society. Hamlin died September 23, 1963 at the age of 82.

* "Chauncey J. Hamlin Dead," Buffalo News, September 24, 1963, pp.21.

Scope and Content

This small collection consists of 12 reproduction typewritten letters by Chauncey Hamlin written to family and friends during his trip to Europe, April to July 1955. Chauncey and Ella Gayle Hand Hamlin visited Paris, Brussels, Ostend, London, Oslo, Stockholm, and Copenhagen. Topics range from reports of his sight-seeing, to his views on current events of the day. Hamlin made these copies from his "diary letters" written during the trip, and described the correspondence as follows: "This, as you know, is a diary letter of which I have a copy made for our own records and, therefore, you will have to excuse so much detail." [Letter No. 3, May 4, 1955]

Arrangement

Letters are arranged chronologically.

Container List

"Letter No. 3," Paris, France, May 4, 1955; includes trip to Chartres, Lily of the Valley Day, Opera House, stock market, itinerary for trip.

"Letter No. 4," Paris, France, May 10, 1955; includes meeting Pierre Hamelin and Welles Bosworth, art, ballet.

"Letter No. 5," Paris, France, May 15, 1955; includes trip to Deauville, symphony, ballet.

"Letter No. 6," Wassenaar, Holland, May 23, 1955; includes trip to Belgium.

"Letter No. 7," London, England, June 5, 1955; includes trip to Holland, theater.

"Letter No. 8," London, England, June 11, 1955; includes theater, parliament, National Rail Strike.

"Letter No. 9," Salisbury, England, June 12, 1955; includes "Chapter I – Tour through England" with trips to Salisbury, Winchester, Torquay, Fowey, Plymouth, Lynton.

"Letter No. 10," Bath, England, June 19, 1955; includes "Chapter II – Tour through England" with trips to Bath, Wells, Bassington, Glastonbury, Stratford-upon-Avon, Keswick, Edinburgh.

"Letter No. 11," Huntingdon, Scotland, June 28, 1955; includes "Chapter III – Tour through England" with trips to Edinburgh, Harrowgate, Lincoln, Cambridge.

"Letter No. 12," Oslo, Norway, July 3, 1955; includes meeting Sigurd Muller and Ambassador Colin Strong, trips to Bygdol and Holmenkollen.

“Letter No. 13,” Stockholm, Sweden, July 10, 1955; includes trips to Oslo, Stockholm, museums, meals.

“Letter No. 14,” Kobenhavn, Denmark, June 19, 1955; includes “Last Chapter – 1955 European Trip” with trips to Copenhagen, International Exhibition of Modern Living, Tivoli, museums.

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