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Guide to the

Fred H. Wilson, papers regarding stilt-walking

1921-1925

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Summary

Creator: Wilson, Fred H.

Title: Fred H. Wilson, papers regarding stilt-walking

Date: 1921-1925

Size: (1 portfolio)

Abstract: Fred H. Wilson was a professional stilt-walker, who performed at fundraising events and in other venues in the New York area during the 1920s. Consists of eight letters written to stilt-walker Fred H. Wilson, most of which pertain to his annual performances at the New York Police Department's September Field Day event. There is also a letter from motion picture industry spokesman Will Hays, thanking Mr. Wilson for his performance at a charity drive. The Hays letter includes a tiny snippet of film printed onto paper stock, featuring several frames depicting a stilt-walker, presumably Wilson. There are also two letters from the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, arranging Wilson's appearance in a 1924 production of Rimsky-Korsakov's *COQ D'OR*.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic
Correspondence

Subjects
Entertainers -- United States
Performing arts -- United States
Stilts

Names
Wilson, Fred H.