Summary

Creator: Sylva, Marguerita

Title: Letters to Chamberlain Brown and other papers

Date: 1921-1939

Size: 34 items

Abstract: Marguerita Sylva (1875-1957) was a mezzo-soprano and actress on whose business stationery for "Sylva Management" in New York is printed "The World's Greatest Carmen.". In 23 ALS and 2 postcards, Marguerita Sylva's salutations progress from "Dear Mr. Chamberlain Brown" to "Dear Chamberlain" but she consistently discusses bookings, concerts, and acting roles. Other papers include business letters from other agents to Mme. Sylva, and programs and brochures with marginal notes in Sylva's hand. Removed from the Marguerita Sylva scrapbooks after microfilming.

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**Key Terms**

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**
Letters (correspondence)
Postcards

**Occupations**
Singers
Sopranos (Singers)

**Names**
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Brown, Chamberlain
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