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Summary Information

Repository  W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama

Creator  Carmer, Carl Lamson, 1893-1976

Title  Carl Lamson Carmer letter

Date  1972 August 9

Extent  0.05 Linear feet (1 item)

Language  English

Abstract  Letter written by this acclaimed author of *Stars Fell on Alabama* to Mrs. Raymond McClain, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, discussing Mrs. McLain's association with Ruby Pickens Tartt, who Carmer praises for her value to the state of Alabama and her work to raise awareness of the folk traditions of Alabama.

Preferred Citation note

Carl Lamson Carmer letter, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

Carl Lamson Carmer, son of Willis Griswold and Mary Lamson Turner, was born in Cortland, New York, on 16 October 1893. He earned an undergraduate degree from Hamilton College, and a masters degree from Harvard.

He taught briefly at Syracuse University before accepting a position teaching English at the University of Alabama from 1921-1927. While at the University he became interested in the history and culture of the state. In 1934 he wrote *Stars Fell on Alabama*, an autobiographical work relating his experiences in the state. The successful work led to his popularity as a writer in the 1940s and 1950s, known for his interest in folklore. Alabama native Ruby Pickens Tartt, assisted him with this 1934 work.

Carmer wrote or edited several more books including: *Listen for a Lonesome Drum* (1936); *The Hudson* (1939); *Genesee Fever* (1941); *The Susquehanna* (1955); and *The Tavern Lamps Are Burning* (1964). He worked as a folklore consultant for Walt Disney Productions and produced a folklore radio series called "Your Neck o' the Woods."

Carmer died on 11 September 1976, in Bronxville, New York.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains one letter written to Mrs. Raymond McClain of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, discussing Mrs. McClain's association with Ruby Pickens Tartt. Carmer praises Tartt for her value to the state of Alabama and her work to raise awareness of the folk traditions of Alabama.

Administrative Information

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• Letters (correspondence)

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• Alabama - Authors

Personal Name(s)

• Tartt, Ruby Pickens, 1880-1974

Subject(s)

• Alabama
• Alabama Women's Hall of Fame Inductees
• Folklife
• Literature and Authors
• Southern Life and Culture
• University of Alabama Faculty/Staff
• Women
• Women of Alabama
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