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**Introduction**

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The collection consists of musical compositions, works by various composers, correspondence, photographs, and artifacts. Note that the bulk of the correspondence is written in German and Danish.

Sir Carl Busch was born on March 19, 1862, in Bjerre, Denmark, to George Ludwig and Ida Sophia Feller Busch. As a young man, Busch studied with and played under many notable musicians of the day including Niels Gade, Benjamin Godard, and Saint-Saëns.

Busch emigrated to the United States in 1887 along with a small group of friends who, together formed the Gade Quartet. The group made their way to Kansas City, Missouri, where Busch taught and played classical music. Busch later became the conductor of the Philharmonic after the Philharmonic Choral Society was formed in Kansas City, Missouri. By 1911, Busch was conducting the Kansas City Symphony Orchestra.

In 1912, Busch was made a Knight of Dannenberg by the King of Denmark, and in 1924, the representative of the King of Norway presented him with the Diploma First Class of the Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olaf. The Kansas City Philharmonic, then under Karl Krueger, honored Busch with a testimonial concert in 1938. Busch was a faculty member of the Kansas City-Horner Conservatory and a member of the first faculty of the University of Kansas City. Busch was also invited to spend many summers teaching or conducting at such places as the Interlochen, Michigan Music Camp, the University of Chicago, and the University of Notre Dame.

Busch meet and married Sallie Smith during his time as the conductor of the Philharmonic in Kansas City, Missouri. Busch died on December 19, 1943, in Kansas City, Missouri.

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