Jane Addams Letter

Collection Number: S0119

Collection Title: Jane Addams Letter

Dates: circa 1930-1935

Creator: Addams, Jane, 1860-1935

Abstract: The collection contains a letter from Jane Addams, co-founder of Hull House, in Chicago, Illinois, to an unidentified individual, in which Addams declines their invitation to attend an event due to her poor health.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Jane Addams was born in Cedarville, Illinois on September 6, 1860. She was a social reformer, feminist, writer, and social worker. In 1889, Addams co-founded Hull House with Ellen Gates Starr in Chicago, Illinois, a social settlement home that served European immigrants. Her work
with Hull House earned her international acclaim, resulting in the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarding the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931, making her the first woman to earn this award. Addams’s other achievements included co-founding the American Civil Liberties Union in 1920 and becoming the first woman to receive an honorary master's degree from Yale University in 1910. In 1926, Addams suffered a major heart attack, severely limiting her professional activities for the remainder of her life. Jane Addams died from cancer in Chicago, Illinois, on May 21, 1935.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into one folder.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains a letter Jane Addams wrote sometime between 1930 and 1935 to an unknown person (possibly someone named Miss Brand). In the letter, Addams informs the recipient that she would be unable to attend an unspecified event due to poor health and instructions from her physician to rest.

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