

**Title:** Wilson, Dale Papers

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**Abstract:** Dale Wilson was a Missouri native, graduating from the University of Missouri School of Journalism in 1916. He worked as a reporter with the *Kansas City Star* before and after World War I, during which he served 14 months in the Navy. Novelist Ernest Hemingway also worked at the *Star* at this time, and he and Wilson became friends. Wilson worked for a short time with newspapers in the Twin Cities before he and his wife Kathleen (an accomplished reporter in her own right) moved to Milwaukee in 1923. From that year until 1960, Wilson was the Sunday and Feature Editor for the *Milwaukee Journal*. He was a history buff who served as editor for the Milwaukee County Historical Society's magazine *Historical Messenger*. Kathleen passed away in 1977, and Dale died in 1987.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of correspondence that primarily deals with Wilson's involvement with the Milwaukee County Historical Society and Will Conrad's history of *The Milwaukee Journal* (see Mss-1962). Also of interest is correspondence with Walter P. Stroesser, a former Milwaukee tailor, who relayed information concerning Carl Sandburg, Emil Seidel and Victor Berger. Additional material is one typewritten page with information on the Jeremiah Curtin House; October and November 1978 issues of the *Bay Village News* from Sarasota, Florida; two articles by Wilson – "Hemingway in Kansas City" and "Flashbacks of Missouri Country Town," 1978; an obituary and biographical information about Wilson.

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**Language:** English