

Title: Falk, Otto H. Papers

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Inclusive Dates: 1855 – 1960

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Location: WHS, Sh. H263-H264 (4.8 cu. ft.)
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Abstract: Otto H. Falk was born on June 18, 1865, in Wauwatosa and attended the German-English Academy in Milwaukee. He graduated from Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin and, desiring to pursue a military career, attended the Allen Military Academy of Chicago. Thereafter, he became a member of the Light Horse Squadron Cadet Corps and on March 9, 1886, he began his service as adjutant of the 4th Infantry, Wisconsin National Guard (WNG). The following year he was promoted to major and then lieutenant colonel, and in 1891, Governor Peck appointed Falk quartermaster of the Wisconsin National Guard. Two years later, Peck appointed Falk adjutant general of the state militia. He also served as the chief quartermaster for the Third Arm Corps during the Spanish-American war, returning to Wisconsin in 1899 and assuming command of the 1st Infantry Regiment, WNG. In addition to his military service, he was very involved in Milwaukee’s business affairs. He was vice-president of the Falk Company and a director of the Wisconsin Telephone Company. In 1913, he was elected president of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, a position he held until 1932. Thereafter, he was the company’s chairman of the board until his death in May 1940.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of scrapbooks, photo albums, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia pertaining to Falk’s career.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English, German

Notes: Collection re-processed by Mary Rieder, February 25, 1991.

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Scrapbook: July 1889-April 1903 Includes material relating to the Wisconsin National Guard, the Spanish American War, visits of Prince Henry of Prussia, President William McKinley and President Theodore Roosevelt to Milwaukee	1	Loose
Scrapbook: July 1893-July 1909 Includes material relating to the Wisconsin National Guard; the Falk Co. strike; the Merchant and Manufacturers Association; the Kenosha strike;	1	Loose

and the visit of Count von Bernstorff, the Imperial German Ambassador, to Milwaukee		
Scrapbook: Sept. 1910-June 1911 Includes obituaries of Emil Wahl, Frank Falk, and Louis W. Falk. Also has material relating to the Wisconsin National Guard; the Kenosha strike; the Merchant and Manufacturers Association; visits to Milwaukee of President Taft, Japanese businessmen, the Ancient and Hon. Artillery Company of Massachusetts	1	Loose
Scrapbook: June 1911-May 1912 (with additional material, May 1909) Includes material relating to Merchant and Manufacturers Association, the Auditorium, Expositions, city politics, Fire and Police Commission, the Allis-Chalmers Co., and visit of President Taft	1	Loose
Scrapbook: May 1912-July 1914 Includes material relating to the Fire and Police Commission, Allis Chalmers Co., Merchant and Manufacturers Association, the Charity Ball, politics and articles by Otto Falk	1	Loose
Scrapbook: Aug. 1914-Dec. 1917 Includes material relating to World War I, city politics, Merchant and Manufacturers Association, Allis Chalmers Co. [particularly armaments production], German-American activities and visit of ex-President Taft	1	Loose
Scrapbook: Dec. 1917-Dec. 1923 Includes obituary of Gordon S. Falk as well as material relating to World War I, Allis Chalmers Co., Fire and Police Commission, Mrs. Otto Falk, politics, charity drives and European trip	1	Loose
Scrapbook: Nov. 1923-July 1928 Includes obituaries of Emma Wahl Carpenter and Lillian Wahl as well as material relating to German Child Relief Program, Allis Chalmers Co., politics, opening of Dial Phone Service in Milwaukee, Red Cross, Pabst-Eberbach wedding, and Otto Falk visit to White House	1	Loose
Scrapbooks: Jan. 1931-Feb. 1934 Includes material relating to Allis Chalmers co., Vogel-Booth wedding, and Falk-Fox wedding	2	Loose
Scrapbook: Feb. 1934-1937 Includes obituaries of Fred Vogel, Alfred Uihlein and Clarence Falk as well as material relating to Douglass-Falk wedding, Allis Chalmers Co., Falk Corp., Falk-Rasmussen wedding, Falk-Reeve divorce, Mrs. Lucius Nieman will, Red Cross and articles by Otto Falk	2	Loose
Book of Correspondence and Clippings, 1915-1933	2	Loose
Book of Correspondence and Clippings, 1931-1935	2	Loose
Scrapbook: 1927 Includes material relating to death of Charles Pfister	2	Loose
Scrapbook: 1940 Includes material relating to death of Otto Falk	2	Loose
3 Resolutions relating to death of Otto Falk	2	Loose

- Passport of Otto Herbert Falk, Jr., issued January 29, 1923	3	1
- "A Program for a Dynamic America": A report submitted to the Republican National Committee, Feb. 16, 1940, and autographed by Glenn Frank, Chairman of the Republican Program Committee		
- Memorial tribute to Herman W. Falk, Nov. 29, 1867-Feb. 17, 1947		
- Program booklet from Charity Bazaar for the Benefit of War Sufferers in Germany, Austria and Hungary, held March 2-7, 1916 at Milwaukee Auditorium		
- <i>Henderson's Test Words in Spelling</i> , book owned by Otto H. Falk		
- October 1929 issue of <i>Sales Tales</i> with an article by Gen. Otto H. Falk	3	2
- April 1935 issue of <i>Opportunity: The Magazine of Salesmanship</i> featuring Gen. Falk on the cover		
- Resolution of Condolence passed by the Chicago and Milwaukee Brewers Association at meeting of Aug. 19, 1882 upon the death of Franz Falk		
- Newspaper clippings of Mrs. Otto Falk's death notices		
- Newspaper clippings, postcards and letters regarding Allis-Chalmers munitions production during World War I		
Photographs and drawings of Elisabeth Auguste Vogel Falk	3	3
Photographs of Gen. Otto H. Falk	3	4
Miscellaneous photographs of Falk relatives and friends, including Joseph Schlitz family, Louise F. Pfister and Fred Vogel, Jr., Franz (Frank) Falk, Herman W. Falk, and Cleo R. Falk	3	5
Photo Album: 1890s – Wisconsin National Guard Encampment	3	Loose
Photo Album: 1890s – Military maneuvers at Forts Snelling, Keogh, Logan and other Western posts	3	Loose
Photo Album: 1890s – Recreation and Travel photographs	3	Loose
Photo Album: 1900s – Merchant and Manufacturers trip to western U.S. and President Taft's visit to Milwaukee and the Wisconsin State Fair	3	Loose
Photo Album: 1920s – Recreation photographs at Camp Rest	3	Loose
Photo Album: 1920s-1930s – recreation in 1920s, farm photographs in 1930s. Photos of Charles Pfister, Otto Falk, Joseph Uihlein, etc. Spanish American War photo, Jacksonville, FL, 1898 [Billy Mitchell]	3	Loose
Photo Album: 1939 – Visit of Crown Prince Olav of Norway to Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co.	3	Loose
Memorial Album – Resolution on death of Otto Falk by Fireman's Insurance Co. of Newark, NJ	3	Loose
<i>Charge It To The Navy</i> , A. Kinch, Private printing in Milwaukee, ca. 1945	4	Loose
Photo albums (3) with portraits of Falk family and friends	4	Loose
Photo album: First Regiment of Infantry, W.N.G., Col Otto Falk commanding, Camp Harnden, Wisconsin, 1900	4	Loose
Scrapbooks (Location: ER, Sh. 216)	Location	
Scrapbook: 1855 (1882-1908) 1908 – Invitations, correspondence, military orders, Spanish American War material	WHS, Sh. H263-H264	

Scrapbook: 1893-1930 – Invitations, banquet programs, membership cards, correspondence, Kenosha strike material, railway tickets and passes, convention items, addresses and articles by Otto Falk, material relating to Allis-Chalmers Co.	WHS, Sh. H263-H264
Mrs. Otto Falk scrapbook of obituary notices re Otto H. Falk	WHS, Sh. H263-H264
Oversize Material	Location
Commission of Otto Falk, Adjutant of 4 th Battalion, rank of Captain, March 9, 1886	OS LG “F”
Commission of Otto Falk, Aid-de-Camp to Commander in Chief, rank of Colonel, January 24, 1887	OS LG “F”
Commission of Otto Falk, Major of 4 th Battalion, August 24, 1888	OS LG “F”
Commission of Otto Falk, Lieutenant Colonel of 4 th Battalion, Oct. 29, 1888	OS LG “F”
Commission of Otto Falk, Adjutant General, rank of Brigadier General, January 5, 1891	OS LG “F”
Commission of Otto Falk, Quartermaster General of State of Wisconsin, rank of Brigadier General, January 5, 1891	OS LG “F”
Commission of Otto Falk, Chief Quartermaster of Volunteers, rank of Major, June 8, 1898	OS LG “F”
Commission of Otto Falk, Colonel, 1 st Regiment, June 10, 1899	OS LG “F”
Governor’s proclamation (dated April 13, 1909) appointing Gen. Falk as a delegate to the National Peace Congress held in Chicago May 3-5, 1909	OS LG “F”
Diploma of Elisabeth Auguste Vogel, Dana-Hall School, June 17, 1896	OS LG “V”
Diploma of Elisabeth Auguste Vogel, Wellesley College, 1906(?)	OS LG “V”
Note: Oversize Photos of Gen. Falk and other relatives and friends added to Photo Collection (See oversize photo list)	
Books added to Library Collection	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The First Hundred Years, 1847-1947: A Story of Men...And of a Great Industrial Era</i>, Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. - <i>The Price of Honesty in Big Business</i>, Frank Zeidler, Private Printing in Milwaukee, no copyright date shown 	