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**Biographical Sketch:** The Peregrine Falcon Release and Restoration Project was started in 1985 as a joint effort between the Chicago Academy of Sciences, the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Illinois Department of Conservation, and the Chicago Audubon Society to monitor and restore the Peregrine Falcon population in the Chicago area. The recovery setup started in 1986, which included monitoring and managing the Peregrine Falcons that were released in the Chicago area and were setting up territories. The primary

goal of the Peregrine Falcon Release and Restoration Project was to re-establish the Peregrine Falcon population in the Midwest. The first successful nesting happened in Chicago in 1988. This was the first successful nest in the State of Illinois in 37 years. The primary people involved in the project from the Chicago Academy of Sciences were Mark Spreyer, one of the founders of the project, Vicki Byre, and Mary Hennen. The Peregrine Falcon Release and Restoration Project still monitors the Peregrine Falcon population in the Chicago area.

**Scope and Content:** The materials found within this collection are part of the institutional records of the Chicago Academy of Sciences. Content includes articles about the Peregrine Falcon Release and Restoration Project in Chicago; field notebooks that document the Peregrine Falcons nesting within Chicago; status updates and summary reports about the project; letters between Mark Spreyer and others involved in the project; event announcements for the project; letters and newspaper articles about potential hack sites throughout Chicago, and information about hack sites; agendas and meeting minutes for project meetings; letters to and from supporters of the project; photographs of Peregrine Falcons; letters to and from Vicki Byre regarding the project; and an edition of the Meadowlark Journal published by the Illinois Ornithological Society with an article about the Peregrine Release and Restoration Project written by Mary Hennen.

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