
Guide to the Cedric Wright Papers, 1900-1958

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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Cedric Wright Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1900-1958

Collection Number: BANC MSS 77/124 c

Creator: Wright, Cedric, 1889-1959

Extent: Number of containers: 9 boxes, 5 oversize folders
Linear feet: 3.75

Repository: The Bancroft Library

Berkeley, California 94720-6000

Physical Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Abstract: The Cedric Wright papers include correspondence, writings and notes, and family papers which provide a glimpse into the life of this artist, his circle, and the development of his work.

Languages Represented: English

Access

Collection is open for research, with the following exception:

Series 2: Family Correspondence, 1903-1954 is RESTRICTED; sealed until 2025.

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Acquisition Information

The Cedric Wright Papers were given to The Bancroft Library by Ansel Adams, via the Sierra Club on July 20, 1976, with additions in March and April 1977.

Scope and Content

The Cedric Wright Papers, 1900-1958, contains correspondence, writings and notes, and family papers which provide a glimpse into the life of this artist, his circle, and the development of his work. Although Wright's correspondence includes letters from many well-known individuals, it will be the small group of writings and notes that are of greatest interest to researchers. These may be the only documentation of the development of Wright's successive careers in music and photography, as well as evidence of his passion for the Sierras.

Born George Cedric Wright on 13 April 1889 in Alameda, California, Wright was a violinist and teacher until 1934, when he took up the study of photography with Ansel Adams. Although the extended family correspondence has been sealed until 2025 to protect the privacy of Wright's children, the family Papers include legal and financial records, along with clippings and miscellaneous ephemera.

Series 1: General Correspondence, 1908-1958

Incoming, 1909-1958

Box 1, folder 1	A miscellany 1929-49
folder 2	Adams, Ansel, 1902- 1927-28, n.d.
folder 3	Ali Shirazi, Kathleen (Goddard) 1929-34, n.d.
folder 4	B miscellany 1929-54
folder 5	Bacon, Analee 1940, n.d.
folder 6	Bacon, Ernst, 1898 1929-43
folder 7	Bender, Albert M. (Albert Maurice), 1866-1941 1931-40
folder 8	Benson, Stelle, 1892-1933 n.d.
folder 9	Blaisdell, Allen C. n.d.
folder 10	C miscellany 1917-51, n.d.
folder 11	Colby, Wm. E. (William Edward), 1875-1964 1929-47
folder 12	Crowe, Harold E. 1949
folder 13	D miscellany 1929-33, n.d.
folder 14	Damon, Bertha 1930-39
folder 15	Dawson, Ernst 1927-31
folder 16	E miscellany 1939
folder 17	Edmonds, Bee 1917-19
folder 18	Erehjelan, Helen af 1933
folder 19	Erskine, Dorothy 1920-32
folder 20	F miscellany 1929-49, n.d.
folder 21	Field, Katherine (Mrs. James Ralston Caldwell) 1946
folder 22	Field, Sara Bard, 1882-1974 1931-43
folder 23	Fliche, Arthur Davison 1928
folder 24	G miscellany 1931-51, n.d.
folder 25	Geisler, Margret (Baxton) 1923-53, n.d.
folder 26	H miscellany 1927-50, n.d.

Incoming, 1909-1958

folder 27	Ház, Nicholas 1937-46, n.d.
folder 28	I miscellany 1915-33
folder 29	K miscellany 1913-41
folder 30	Keeler, Charles 1926
folder 31	Kellogg, Saadi 1940-41
folder 32	L miscellany 1936-50
Box 2, folder 1	M miscellany 1931-45, n.d.
folder 2	Marshall, Albert 1929-43, n.d.
folder 3	Maybeck, Annie (White) 1935, n.d.
folder 4	Mills College 1926-50
folder 5	Miss Ransom and Miss Bridges' School 1928-29, n.d.
folder 6	N miscellany 1930-49, n.d.
folder 7	O miscellany 1945-50
folder 8	P miscellany 1930-50
folder 9	Partridge, Roi 1929-39
folder 10	Peabody, Dean 1927-31
folder 11	Plehn, Carl C. (Carl Copping), 1867- 1929
folder 12	R miscellany 1930-50, n.d.
folder 13	Roosevelt, Nicholas, 1893- 1958
folder 14	S miscellany 1921-38
folder 15	Sherry, David 1931-32, n.d.
folder 16	Sierra Club, by Francis P. Farquhar and Richard M. Leonard 1934-39
folder 17	T miscellany 1929-49, n.d.
folder 18	Tachet, Daniel 1929-39, n.d.
	Scope and Content Note (includes letter to Ansel Adams)
folder 19	U miscellany 1909-37
folder 20	W miscellany 1931-49, n.d.
folder 21	Wall, Vivian and Bob 1930-32, n.d.
folder 22	Wood, Charles Erskine Scott, 1852-1944 1933-41
folder 23-26	Unidentified 1910-51, n.d.

Outgoing, 1908-1954

Box 3, folder 1-5	To known individuals 1908-1954, n.d.
folder 6-7	To unidentified individuals 1930-40, n.d.

Series 2: Family Correspondence, 1903-1954

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Incoming, 1910-1946

Box 4, folder 1	Wright, George T. 1910-32, n.d.
folder 2-3	Wright, Sophie (Landsberger) 1913-31, n.d.
folder 4-9	Wright, Mildred (Sahlström) 1910-37, n.d.
folder 10	Wright, Rhea Kathleen (Ufford) 1930-39, n.d.
folder 11-13	Gerould, Alberta Wright 1927-46, n.d.
folder 14	Wright, Joanne n.d.
folder 15	Wright, David 1943, n.d.
folder 16	Landsberger family 1930, n.d.
folder 17	Ufford family n.d.
folder 18	Gerould family 1937-43
folder 19	Unidentified 1912-39

Outgoing, 1903-1954

Box 5, folder 1-2	to George T. and Sophie (Landsberger) Wright 1903-36, n.d.
folder 3-4	to Mildred (Sahlström) Wright 1910-54, n.d.
folder 5	to Rhea Kathleen (Ufford) Wright 1930-54, n.d.
folder 6	to Alberta Wright Gerould 1927-54, n.d.
folder 7	to Joanne Wright 1943
folder 8	to David Wright 1954, n.d.
folder 9	to miscellaneous family members, including 1907-43, n.d. Aunt Agnes Aunt Flory Grace (sister) Aunt Birdie
folder 10-11	to family friends and various individuals ca. 1954, n.d.

Neither to nor from Cedric Wright, 1907-1950, n.d

Box 5, folder 12	Miscellaneous family correspondence, including:
folder 13	Wright, Mildred (Sahlström) n.d.
folder 14	Wright, Rhea Kathleen (Ufford) n.d.
folder 15	Wright, Alberta 1928-44, n.d. Other family members 1907-50, n.d.

Series 3: Writings and Notes, 1915-1955

Box 6, folder 1-2	Music: practice schedules and notes n.d.
folder 3	Advertisements and announcements regarding instruction and concert recitals by Cedric Wright 1942, n.d.
folder 4	Announcements, programs and newspaper clippings of events in which Cedric Wright performed or participated 1915-30, n.d. Photography Review of exhibits 1946 Technical and stylistic information about print making n.d.
folder 5	Writings
folder 6	"Trail Song, Giant Forest and Vicinity 1927" 1927-28
folder 7	"Trail Song, Giant Forest and Vicinity 1927" 1927-28
oversize Oversize,	"High Trip Gleanings" 1935
folder 1 B	"Photographing the Sierra" / "Sierra Photography" n.d.
Box 6, folder 8	Unidentified portions of article(s) about photography n.d.
folder 9	Unidentified portions of article(s) about photography n.d.
folder 10	"Credo - First Addition" n.d.
oversize Oversize,	Scope and Content Note
folder 2 A	(became both <i>An Answer to a Letter</i> and a section of <i>Words of the Earth</i>)
Box 6, folder 11	"An Answer to a Letter" n.d.
folder 12	"An Answer to a Letter" n.d.
oversize Oversize,	<i>Words of the Earth</i> / Exhibition n.d.
folder 3 B	Poems 1937-38, n.d.
Box 6, folder 13	Notes: regarding breast feeding n.d.
folder 14	Miscellaneous notes and writings 1929-55, n.d.
folder 15	Series 4: Family Papers, 1900-1952
folder 16-19	

Legal and Financial Records, 1917-1952

Box 7, folder 1-2	Wills
	Cedric Wright 1929-43, 1973
	Rhea (Ufford) Wright 1933-43
folder 3	Military service records 1917-30, n.d.
folder 4	Divorce from Mildred Wright (Sahlström) 1928-29
oversize Oversize,	Marriage License, Cedric Wright and Rhea Ufford 1929
folder 4 A	
Box 7, folder 5	Miscellaneous legal papers 1930
folder 6	Records regarding boat, <i>Donna J</i> 1950-51
folder 7	Insurance policies 1927-52, n.d.
	Investment securities, real estate, and general banking records
folder 8-11	The Bank of California 1934-51
	Cochrane, Mehan and Ayer 1938
	Landsberger and Son 1918-22
	Wulff, Hansen and Co. 1947-49
folder 12-13	Taxes 1920-50
folder 14	Miscellany 1930-49, n.d.
	Papers regarding estates of
Box 8, folder 1-2	George T. Wright 1930-47
folder 3	Sophie L. (Landsberger) Wright 1918-32, n.d.
folder 4	Albert H. Landsberger 1918-20, n.d.
folder 5	Elizabeth Rose Landsberger 1947-49, n.d.
folder 6	Florence Isabel Landsberger 1945
folder 7-8	Henry M. Landsberger 1918-42
folder 9-10	Julius A. Landsberger 1941-45
folder 11	Martha S. Landsberger 1918-20

Miscellaneous Papers, 1900-1952

Box 9, folder 1-2	Childhood ephemera 1900, n.d.
folder 3	United States, Citizens Defense Corps 1942-43
folder 4	Announcements and clippings regarding marriage to Rhea Ufford 1929
folder 5-8	Children's miscellany
	Alberta 1917-31, n.d.
	Joanne 1940, n.d.
	David 1945, n.d.
oversize Oversize,	Children's drawings n.d.
folder 5 A	
Box 9, folder 9	Family miscellany 1932, n.d.
folder 10	Announcements, programs, and newspaper clippings of musical events 1905-37, n.d.
folder 11	Newspaper clippings 1901-52, n.d.
folder 12-13	Notes and fragments 1908-38, n.d.
folder 14	Unidentified n.d.
