

MARION ADAMS COLLECTION, 1863-1931

Collection #:
SC 2534

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 5 manuscript folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1863-1931

PROVENANCE: Gift of Mrs. Marion Adams (Mrs. Robert Brady), Indianapolis, IN, 1965

RESTRICTIONS: None

REPRODUCTION RIGHTS: Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the Indiana Historical Society.

ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBER: 65.0020

NOTES: This collection was previously called M2, but has now been processed and renamed SC 2534.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Marion Sheffield Adams, the daughter of Robart Allyn and Blanche Shipley Sheffield, was born Marion Sheffield in Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana on February 8, 1904. She attended the University of California at Los Angeles and Stanford University, earning her A.B. from University of California at Berkeley in 1927. She earned a B.L.S. from Columbia University in 1929. Marion Sheffield married Robert Brady Adams in 1930 and had two children, Susan and Thomas. A high school teacher, librarian, and author, Adams worked at the Technical High School Library in Indianapolis, the Indiana State Library, and *Indianapolis Magazine*. She also wrote two books: *A History of the Players, 1905-1961* (1961) and *Alvin M. Owsley of Texas, Apostle of Americanism* (1971). Marion's husband, Robert Brady Adams was the nephew of Arthur Wolfe Brady, whose papers make up most of the collection.

Arthur Wolfe Brady was born in Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana on January 13, 1865, the son of General Thomas J. Brady and Emeline Wolfe Brady. Brady began his education at Muncie public school and then attend a private school in Connecticut. He graduated with an A.B. from Yale University in 1887 and earned a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1889. Brady practiced law in Muncie from 1889 to 1902 and in Indianapolis from 1902 to 1904. He was active in the community and served as Muncie's mayor from 1902 to 1905. In 1904 Brady became the general counsel for the Union Traction Company of Indiana, later becoming its president. Brady moved to Anderson, Madison County, Indiana in late 1904 when his company's main office relocated. Brady was married twice, to Jane Ninde in 1893 and to Caroline H. McCulloch in 1901. He and Caroline had two sons, George Wolfe Brady and Arthur Adam Brady. Arthur Brady died in Anderson, Indiana on March 24, 1933.

Sources: Forkner, John L. *History of Madison County, Indiana*. Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Co., 1914, p. 478.
Indiana State Library biographical files
Indiana Authors and Their Books. Crawfordsville, IN: Wabash College, 1974, p. 3.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Marion Adams Collection contains an assorted group of materials concerning pioneer, Native American, and religious history of Indiana. Most of the collection belonged to Arthur Wolfe Brady, the uncle of Marion Adams' husband. Arthur Brady was the brother of Winifred Brady Adams, Robert Brady Adams' mother. Arranged chronologically according to the type of the material, the collection includes correspondence, notes on Indiana history, visual images concerning Indiana history, and two publications. The publications are entitled "XV. Papers Relating to Quakers and Moravians," (1850) and *The Romantic Story of Schoenbrunn: The First Town in Ohio* (1930). The later, written by Joseph E. Weinland, is autographed for Arthur W. Brady.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Folder

1: Correspondence

2: Notes

3: Publications--"XV. Papers Relating to Quakers and Moravians." n.p.: n.p., [1850].

4: Publications

- Weinland, Joseph E. *The Romantic Story of Schoenbrunn: The First Town in Ohio*. n.p.: The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, 1930. Autographed copy.

- "Prepare to Excavate Lands on Site of Old Moravian Town Near Wyalusing." *Wyalusing Rocket*. 5 Aug 1931, p.1.

5: (VC) Visual Images

- Postcard of Logan Elm
 - Postcard of Henry County Historical Society
 - Photograph of "Old Mission Church--San Luis Rey," 1889
 - Photograph of "Richard Owen."
 - Engraving of "Gouv. Morris," 1863
 - Engraving of "Battle of Tippecanoe," 1974
 - Book illustration of "Major General Anthony Wayne."
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CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Adams, Marion S. (Marion Sheffield), 1904-

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Brady, Arthur W. (Arthur Wolfe), 1865-1933

Owen, Richard, 1810-1890-Photographs

Wayne, Anthony, 1745-1796--Portraits

Frontier and pioneer life--Indiana

Indians of North America--Indiana--History

Quakers--New York (State)--History

Moravians--United States--History

Schoenbrunn (Ohio)--History

Indiana--Religious life and customs

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