

**Collection #
M 1210**

WRIGHT FAMILY COLLECTION, 1850S–1910S

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box; 3 folders photographs; 1 OVA folder photographs; 2 photograph albums.

COLLECTION DATES: 1850s–1910s

PROVENANCE: Cowan's Auctions Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, December, 2015

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Williamson Wright Papers (M 0307)

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2015.0411

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Williamson S. Wright (1840–1904) was born in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and moved with his parents to Delphi, Cass County, six years later. His parents were the Reverend Edward Weakley Wright (1817-1866) and Henrietta Mary Swift (b. 1820). Williamson Wright was educated at Western College, Pigsah, Ohio, Hanover College, Madison County, Indiana, and Jefferson College Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, before entering Western Theological Seminary in 1860. He married Annie M. Davis in 1865 and they produced three children, two of whom lived to adulthood: Edward W. 1868–1887 and William Elliot, 1874–1947. He ministered at churches in Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania, before becoming pastor of Westminster Church, Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1871. He left that church in 1884 and ministered at the Presbyterian Church in Piersall, Texas. They moved to Portland, Oregon in the 1890s.

Note: this is not the same Williamson Wright who practiced law and was a legislator from Indiana although they are related.

Sources:

Information in Collection.

Ancestry, Library Edition, Accessed 14 January 2016

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of diaries, documents, photographs, correspondence and printed items pertaining to the Wright family, and Williamson S. Wright in particular. Included in the Williamson Wright items are diaries from 1857, 1863, and 1901 along with an autograph book from Jefferson College, 1859, and a permission to travel paper from Indiana to Pennsylvania, 3 September 1862.

Other materials include Edward Wright's diary, 1885, family papers and printed materials from the 1890s from Texas and Oregon, an account book for "Brother Wright," 1917, a hand copied transcript of Williamson Wright's, 1863, newspaper clippings, ca. 1890s, and the Wright family genealogy.

Photographs in the collection include two albums of family portraits, one folder of portraits, one oversized OVA folder of portraits, the E. W. Wright residence in Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana, and one folder of carte de visite's of Union officers, residences and one family. All are unidentified.

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