

Wright family fonds

Original, 27 cm of textual records, 1888-1992

Scope and Content:

Dr. Edward Nicol Wright and Mrs. Elizabeth G. Wright (see Campbell) of Thunder Bay created this fonds which also includes material from or relating to Mr. & Mrs. Colin Campbell of Winnipeg, Mr. Benson Wright (brother of E.N. Wright), Sir Charles Seymour Wright (brother), Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Wright (father), and Benson E.N. Wright (son of E.N. Wright). Fonds originated in Port Arthur, Winnipeg, England, and France.

Series A 65/1/1-5 - Correspondence - 12 cm. - 1888-1980

Arranged by creator:

- 1) Elizabeth (Campbell) Wright, 1914-1973
- 2) Dr. E.N. Wright, 1924-1980
- 3) Benson Wright, 1914-1916 - mostly letters written to home from overseas during World War I
- 4) Alfred & Emily Wright, 1904-1922, 1946
- 5) Colin H. and Minnie J.B. Campbell, 1888-1943

Series A 65/2/1-7 - Files and scrapbooks - 8 cm. - 1924-1945

Miscellaneous files and scrapbooks kept by Elizabeth G. Wright of her life and activities:

- 1) Autograph book, 1924
- 2) University notes, c.1924
- 3) Accounts of expenses, especially regarding a new baby (1936) - also includes short account written by E.N. Wright of the difficulties setting up a medical practice in Toronto and why a move to Brantford was contemplated, 1936
- 4) Legal records, reports and personal papers compiled by E.G. Wright, 1924-45
- 5) Report and letters kept by E.G. Wright of her involvement with the Port Arthur Patriotic Salvage Association, 1942
- 6) Scrapbook of clippings relating to the Port Arthur Patriotic Salvage Association
- 7) Scrapbook of clippings from across Canada relating to salvage operations during World War II

Series A65/3/1-4 - Files and diary - 5 cm. - 1932-1980

Miscellaneous papers kept by Dr. E.N. Wright

- 1) Diary of personal and business activities, 1932-1935, 1938, 1946, 1950-1952, 1960, 1967-1981, 1984
- 2) Papers, reports, business records, 1934-1980
- 3) Clippings and other papers relating to Sir Charles S. Wright, explorer and engineer
- 4) Records relating to the activities of the Canadian Alliance Lakehead Branch, c.1964-1967 which helped to promote good relation between Quebec and the rest of Canada
- 5) Names and Numbers Book

Series A 65/4/1 - Military papers - 2 cm. - 1915-1916

Portfolio of orders, regulations, examinations, educational and other military papers kept by Lt. Benson Wright in World War I

Series A 65/5/1-2 - Miscellaneous Papers - 23 cm- 1992

- 1) Essay "My Grandfather Howell" with original notes, written by Minnie J. B. Campbell

2) Campbell Clan in Canada, miscellaneous newspaper clippings, photos, correspondence, etc. regarding family genealogy kept by Benson E. N. Wright, 1885-1992

Biographical Sketch:

The Wright family were prominent in the medical community in Port Arthur through Dr. Edward Nicol Wright. His wife, Elizabeth G. Wright was related to the prominent Manitoba politician of the early 20th century Mr. Colin Campbell and his wife, Minnie who was a leader in the field of child health. Other members of the Wright family were well known for achievements in the military and in exploration.

Additional Information:

Custodial History - Donated to the Museum by the son of E.N. Wright. Papers of Minnie J.B. Campbell, relating to the relief of poor children and other health matters in Manitoba and Canada were transferred to the Provincial Archives of Manitoba in 1992.

Related Material - See also artifacts collection 992.18.