Finding Aid to the Cedric Wright Papers

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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.
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Collection is open for research.
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Biographical Note
Born George Cedric Wright on 13 April 1889 in Alameda, Calif., Wright was a violinist, photographer, active Sierra Club member, and close friend and associate of Ansel Adams. During the Second World War he was a technical photographer at Berkeley's Radiation Laboratory, but he is known for his nature photography and Sierra Nevada landscapes. The Sierra Club published Cedric Wright: words of the earth, posthumously, in 1960.
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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. The family Papers include legal and financial records, along with clippings and miscellaneous ephemera.

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Wright, Cedric, 1889-1959

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box 4, Folder 2-3
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Ufford family undated
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Gerould, Alberta Wright 1927-1946
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Gerould family 1937-1943
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Unidentified 1912-1939

Scope and Contents
To Aunt Agnes, Aunt Flory, Aunt Birdie, and Grace (sister).

Subseries 2.2: Outgoing 1903-1954

box 5, folder 1-2
to George T. and Sophie (Landsberger) Wright 1903-36, n.d.
box 5, Folder 3-4
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to Rhea Kathleen (Ufford) Wright 1930-1954
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to Joanne Wright 1943
box 5, Folder 8
to David Wright 1954 undated
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to miscellaneous family members, including 1907-1943

Scope and Contents
To family friends and various individuals approximately 1954

Subseries 2.3: Neither to nor from Cedric Wright 1907-1950

box 5, Folder 12
Wright, Mildred (Sahlström) undated
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Series 3: Writings, Notes, and Announcements 1915-1955

Subseries 3.1: Notes

box 6, Folder 1-2
Musical and practice schedules and notes undated
box 6, Folder 5-6
Photography notes on exhibits and print making 1946
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Notes regarding breast feeding undated
box 6, Folder 16-19
Miscellaneous notes and writings 1929-1955

Subseries 3.2: Announcements

box 6, Folder 3
Advertisements and announcements regarding instruction and concert recitals by Cedric Wright approximately 1942
Series 3: Writings, Notes, and Announcements 1915-1955
Subseries 3.2: Announcements

Announcements, programs and newspaper clippings of events in which Cedric Wright performed or participated 1915-1930

Subseries 3.3: Writings

- box 6, Folder 7
  - "Trail Song, Giant Forest and Vicinity 1927" 1927-1928
  - "High Trip Gleanings" 1935
- box 6, Folder 9
  - "Photographing the Sierra" / "Sierra Photography" undated
- box 6, Folder 10
  - Unidentified portions of article(s) about photography undated
- oversize-folder 2A
  - "Credo - First Addition" undated

Became both An Answer to a Letter and a section of Words of the Earth.

Subseries 3.4: Family Papers 1900-1952

Subseries 4.1: Legal and Financial Records 1917-1952

- box 7, Folder 1-2
  - Wills
    - Scope and Contents
      Cedric Wright, 1929-1943 and 1973 and Rhea Ufford Wright, 1933-1943.
- box 7, Folder 3
  - Military service records 1917-1930
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  - Divorce from Mildred Wright (Sahlström) 1928-1929
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  - Marriage License, Cedric Wright and Rhea Ufford 1929
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  - Estate papers 1918-1949
    - Scope and Contents
      Estate papers for the following: George T. Wright (1930-47); Sophie L. Wright (1918-1932); Albert H. Landsberger (1918-1920); Elizabeth Rose Landsberger(1947-1949); Florence Isabel Landsberger (1945); Henry M. Landsberger (1918-1942); Julius A. Landsberger (1941-1945); Martha S. Landsberger (1918-1920).

Subseries 4.2: Miscellaneous Papers 1900-1952

- box 9, Folder 1-2
  - Childhood ephemera approximately 1900
- box 9, Folder 3
  - United States, Citizens Defense Corps 1942-1943
- box 9, Folder 4
  - Announcements and clippings regarding marriage to Rhea Ufford 1929
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Children's miscellany 1917-1945 undated

Scope and Contents
Materials relating to Alberta, Joanne, and David.

oversize-folder 5A

Children's drawings

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Family miscellany approximately 1932

box 9, Folder 10

Announcements, programs, and newspaper clippings of musical events 1905-1937

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Newspaper clippings 1901-1952

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Notes and fragments 1908-1938

box 9, Folder 14

Unidentified undated