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#### Biographical Note

Olgivanna was Wright's third and last wife. Maude E. Devine was the friend who transcribed the manuscript of Wright's autobiography.

#### Scope and Content

The letters span the period of the bank seizure of Taliesin, Wright's work on The Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix, plans for a resort, San Marcos in the Desert (never built), "Graycliff," a summer house for his old patron, Darwin D. Martin, and other projects. Includes a small snapshot of the Wright's daughter, Iovanna, enclosed with the letter of 9 Jan. 1927.

#### Access Terms

Devine, Maude E.

Martin, Darwin D.

Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959.

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- Folder 1 Item 1 **Dec. 3, 1926**from New York. Personal note about Olgivanna's recent daily routine and Mr. Wright's complaints that she is a bad wife.
- Folder 1 Item 2 **n.d.(near same time as previous letter)**. Still feeling unsettled but Mrs. Devine's;etters help her. Refers to Tussy, nickname for her daughter Iovanna. Remarks on encounter with a friend, Mine Rubloff.
- Folder 1 Item 3 **Dec. 22, 1926**from New York. Busy social life. Forgetting our troubles when she sees others' suffering. Remarks on Frank's friend William Norman Guthry, Minister at St. Marks in the Bowery.
- Folder 2 Item 4 **Jan. 4, 1927**from New York. Tussy. Sale at gallery coming soon. POst card is a picture of Tussy.
- Folder 2 Item 5 **Jan. 12, 1927**from New YOrk. Studying Togi Philosophy. Discussion of losing and rediscovering herself.
- Folder 2 Item 6 **Feb. 7, 1927**from New York. She and Frank had been in Washington, D.C.. Mr. Donovan (attorney?) more than understands the injustice being done to us by the last court action. Tussy. Frank working hard.
- Folder 2 Item 7 **Mar. 14, 1927**from New York. Working on getting back to Taliesen. Still enjoying New York. Refers to Henry Tell, editor of Deleaneator[sic]. Tussy baptized.
- Folder 2 Item 8 **Apr. 2, 1927**from New York. Frank may lose Taliesen. Olgivanna thinks that only because he is a great man he can handle it.
- Folder 2 Item 9 **May 13, 1927**from New York. Tussy is walking. Frank to Chicago, last chance to save Taliesen. She plans to take typewriting lessons.
- Folder 2 Item 10 **Jul. 6, 1927**from Spring Green, Wisconsin (Taliesen). In Wisconsin at last! Soon to move back into Taliesen. Svetlana has joined them. Frank working on autobiography. Refers to friend Frances.
- Folder 2 Item 11 **Postmarked Jul. 18, 1927**from Sring Green, Wisconsin. Frank's salary will be very limited and they will have only half of it after Miriam's pay. You don't mean to say that the terribly treacherous Viola who laughed and betrayed us on the witness stand is woeking for Thayer's...
- Folder 2 Item 12 **Aug. 31, 1927**from Taliesen. Divorce cost them so mush. ASks Maude to come for visit.
- Folder 2 Item 13 **Sept. 26, 1927**from Taliesen. Sent Hiroshige Japanese Prints to Maude. Warmth of Taliesen. Svetlana at Hillcrest School, Bauer Dam, Wisc.
- Folder 2 Item 14 **Oct. 9, 1927**from Washington, D.C. Hoping that Miriam will get the worst of it.
- Folder 2 Item 15 **Nov. 29, 1927**from Taliesen. THere is little chance for Miriam. She has not heard from Frances.
- Folder 2 Item 16 **Dec. 28, 1927**from Taliesen. Christmas in Rockford, Ill. where she keeps and apartment. Frank wrote a story Taliesen on the building of it and sending it to Liberty.
- Folder 3 Item 17 **Postmarked Jan. 16, 1928**from Roskford, Ill. Will probably leave USA and marry abroad so visa can be granted immediately. Bank of Wisconsin going to sell furniture and all at Taliesen.
- Folder 3 Item 18 **Feb. 1, 1928**from Phoenix. Living in a house built be Frank;'s disciple Albert McArthur. Sale at Taliesen postponed.
- Folder 3 Item 19 **Feb. 27, 1928**from Phoenix. Bought a Dodge Victory car. Frank paid monthly for help in building hitel in ARizona. Liberty paid \$1500 for Taliesen story. Designed covers for Liberty, hoping for contract for 52. Auction at Taliesen postponed. Tussy.
- Folder 3 Item 20 **Oct. 3, 1928**from Colorado Springs. Postcard sent on way back to Taliesen.
- Folder 3 Item 21 **Oct. 9, 1928**from Taliesen. Frank has to finish plans for San Marcos in the Desert, hotel in Arizona.
- Folder 3 Item 22 **Dec. 12, 1928**from Taliesen. Frank finishing plans for hoel. Wil be back in Arizona soon.
- Folder 4 Item 23 **Jan. 4, 1929**from Taliesen. Both she and Frank have been sick. Leaving for Arizona at end of month.

- Folder 4                   Item 24 **Apr. 29, 1929**from Chandler, Arizona. Frank working on plans for hotel which is almost finished. Son Lloyd is helping. Svetlana in school in Shandler. Have a grand piano.
- Folder 4                   Item 25 **Dec. 29, 1929**from Taliesen. Going to Mexico for two weeks.
- Folder 5                   Item 26 **Mar. 29, 1931**from Taliesen. My story is out in Boorman (March). They took a long trip to Oregon.