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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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<td>n.d. (near same time as previous letter). Still feeling unsettled but Mrs. Devine's letters help her. Refers to Tussy, nickname for her daughter Iovanna. Remarks on encounter with a friend, Mine Rubloff.</td>
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<td>Jan. 12, 1927 from New York. Studying Togi Philosophy. Discussion of losing and rediscovering herself.</td>
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<td>Item 6</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Apr. 2, 1927 from New York. Frank may lose Taliesen. Olgivanna thinks that only because he is a great man he can handle it.</td>
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<td>May 13, 1927 from New York. Tussy is walking. Frank to Chicago, last chance to save Taliesen. She plans to take typewriting lessons.</td>
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<td>Item 10</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Postmarked Jul. 18, 1927 from Spring 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 working for Thayer's...</td>
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<td>Aug. 31, 1927 from Taliesen. Divorce cost them so much. Asks Maude to come for visit.</td>
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<td>Oct. 9, 1927 from Washington, D.C. Hoping that Miriam will get the worst of it.</td>
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<td>Nov. 29, 1927 from Taliesen. There is little chance for Miriam. She has not heard from Frances.</td>
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<td>Item 16</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Item 17</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Feb. 1, 1928 from Phoenix. Living in a house built by Frank's disciple Albert McArthur. Sale at Taliesen postponed.</td>
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<td>Oct. 9, 1928 from Taliesen. Frank has to finish plans for San Marcos in the Desert, hotel in Arizona.</td>
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<td>Dec. 12, 1928 from Taliesen. Frank finishing plans for hotel. Will be back in Arizona soon.</td>
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<td>Jan. 4, 1929 from Taliesen. Both she and Frank have been sick. Leaving for Arizona at end of month.</td>
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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.

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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.