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Descriptive Summary

Title: Vaughn F. Wright collection

Dates: 1917-1941

Collection number: MSS 76

Creator: Wright, Vaughn F., 1894 - 1951

Collection Size: 1 linear foot

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Abstract: Collection materials consist of photographs and scrapbooks from Wright's naval time in the Philippine Islands and China.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

Collection open for research.

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Biography / Administrative History

Vaughn Forest Wright, naval career officer, served in World Wars I and II. He was a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy Medical Corps. He was born December 30, 1894 in Fruitvale (an Oakland District) Alameda County and died in October 3, 1951 in San Francisco. His family traveled across the plains in the 1860s and homesteaded in Tehama County. Vaughn Wright's father was Forest Henry Wright, born in Tehama County, died in El Cerrito, Contra Costa County. He served as El Cerrito's town marshal and City Treasurer.

Vaughn Wright built a career in the navy, first enlisting in 1915 at Goat Island, San Francisco Bay. He served in World War I. By 1920 Wright was stationed in the Philippine Islands with the USN at the Olongapo Naval Station as Chief Pharmacist Mate. He applied for duty in Asia in 1927 and was in Shanghai in the 1930s, assigned to the Marine Corp during the Sino-Japanese War. He remained stationed overseas until 1932. Wright retired from the navy in 1936, but was recalled in 1939 to serve in World War II.

Wright married Marion Morehouse Cranston and had two daughters, Beverly Wright Bastian (b.1919) and Virginia H. Wright (b.1921). Marion and Vaughn divorced in 1926; Vaughn married Alexandria Nesmeianova in the 1930s; after they divorced, he remarried Marion in 1948.

Vaughn Wright died in 1951 of premature senility. He had a military funeral and is buried in the National Cemetery at Colma (CA).

Scope and Content of Collection

Collection materials consist of photographs and scrapbooks from Wright's naval time in the Philippine Islands and China.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Photography - Philippines - 20th century

Photography - China - 20th century

Related Material

MSS 79 Robert Bastian (Cartoonist)

Box 1

- 1.1: "Gag" Certificates, 1929-1941**
- 1.2: Printed Material-Charity Ball Program, Shanghai, 1932**
- 1.3: Printed Material-"Ships of the Navy," ca.1928**
- 1.4: Photo Album-Shanghai, ca. 1930**
- 1.5: Large Color Prints-Philippine Islands, ca. 1930**
- 1.6: Post Cards-Native People, Philippine Islands, ca. 1930**
- 1.7: Post Cards-Animals, [Malaysia], n.d.**
- 1.8: Post Cards-Scenic Views, Agana Bay Guam & Philippine Islands, ca. 1930**
- 1.9: Photos-Snakes, Philippine Islands, n.d.**
- 1.10: Photos-Native People, Philippine Islands, ca. 1930**
- 1.11: Photos-Native People, Philippine Islands, ca. 1930**
- 1.12: Photos- Anglo People, Philippine Islands, n.d.**
- 1.13: Photos-Village Life, Philippine Islands, n.d.**
- 1.14: Photos-City Scenes, Philippine Islands, ca. 1930**
- 1.15: Photos- Scenics, Philippine Islands, n.d.**
- 1.16: Photos- Olangapo Town Hospital, Philippine Islands, n.d.**
- 1.17: Photos- Miscellaneous, Philippine Islands, ca. 1930**
- 1.18: Photos-South Pacific, n.d.**
- 1.19: "My Oriental Scrap-Book: The Sino-Japanese Conflict, A Shanghai War Diary"**

Box 2

- 2.1: Large Rolled Color Prints: People, Philippine Islands, n.d.**
- 2.2: Photocopies:**
 - Cruising record, n.d.**
 - Smooth Log, June-October 1917**
 - Photo of Medical Staff on board USS Huntington, November 20, 1917**
 - Misc. Photos**
- 2.3: Empty Cigar Box**