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Guide to the Abigail and Mattie Wright Collection, 1886-1915

Title

Abigail and Mattie Wright Collection (MSS WrightAM)

Dates

1886-1915 (inclusive)

1886-1897 (bulk)

Creator

Wright, Abigail.

Summary

The Abigail and Mattie Wright Collection consists of materials documenting Abigail Wright's teaching career and Mattie Wright's years as a student at Oregon Agricultural. Abigail (Abbie) and Martha (Mattie) Wright were sisters from Corvallis, Oregon. Abbie graduated from Corvallis College in 1882; Mattie graduated from Oregon Agricultural College in 1896.

Quantity

0.15 cubic foot, including 10 photographs (2 boxes)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Abigail (Abbie) and Martha (Mattie) Wright were sisters from Corvallis, Oregon, who earned degrees from Oregon Agricultural College in the 1880s-1890s.

Abbie Wright graduated from Corvallis College in 1882 and was a teacher in Corvallis, Yaquina, Albany, and Portland. She died between 1917 and 1922.

Mattie Wright graduated from Oregon Agricultural College in 1896. She was born in Corvallis in 1876 and married James Lorraine Davidson in 1897. She died in Portland in the 1950s.

The Wright family also used the spelling "Right" for the family name.

Content Description

The Abigail and Mattie Wright Collection consists of materials documenting Abbie Wright's teaching career and Mattie Wright's years as a student at Oregon Agricultural College. The Collection consists of paper records and photographs.

Records pertaining to Abbie Wright include her teaching certificate (1886); letters of reference from Corvallis, Yaquina, and Albany (1888-1896), including a letter from J.B. Horner; and her teaching contract for Portland in 1897.

Documents pertaining to Mattie Wright include an autograph book (1889-1893) with poems and messages from students and teachers; a handwritten history for the Class of 1896; and the 1896 commencement program.

Other publications include the June 1897 *College Barometer* and the December 20, 1911 issue of the *Tri-Weekly Republican*, published in Corvallis.

The photographs include images of Abbie Wright (circa 1910s); Frances (Frankie) Cauthorn; groups of women students at Oregon Agricultural College (1893-1895); Victor Moses; the Wright (Right) family residence in Corvallis; a Corvallis reunion group (perhaps from Oregon Agricultural College); and an image of J.B. Horner with Joaquin Miller. Photographers include W.S. Gardner and S.E. Trask of Corvallis and G.L. Eastman of Portland.

Preferred Citation

Abigail and Mattie Wright Collection, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Related Material

Other materials pertaining to the Class of 1896 are available in the Alumni Relations Records (RG 35).

Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

Organizations

Oregon Agricultural College--Students.

Oregon Agricultural College. Class of 1896.

Topics

College students--Oregon--Corvallis.

Women--Oregon--Corvallis.

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Photographic prints.

Other Creators

Gardner, W.S.

Horner, John B., 1856-1933

Trask, Sydney.

Wright, Mattie, b. 1876.