

Introduction

The collection of Fay O. Wainwright (1891-1977) includes miscellaneous personal and family items. The bulk of the collection relates to the development of Wainwright High School (1965-1975) located in Sheffield Township, eight miles south of Lafayette and one-fourth mile east of U.S. 52. The 30-acre tract of land upon which the school was built was donated to the Tippecanoe School Corporation in April 1963 by Miss Wainwright. The school was named in memory of her deceased parents. The news clippings contained in this collection date from the time of the donation and document the school's development through 1966 with a few articles relating to the school to 1971. Also included in the collection is a complete set of yearbooks from the high school and an architect's rendering and floor plan of Wainwright High School, 1963. In the fall of 1975 the school became a junior high school, bearing the name Wainwright Junior High School.

The collection was assembled, following Miss Wainwright's death, by Rosemary Frantz, Miss Wainwright's neighbor and nurse, and George DeLong, executor of the estate.

Mr. DeLong is the donor of the collection. There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

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## Biographical and School History Notes

Fay O. Wainwright was born 23 October 1891 at Farmer's Institute, Tippecanoe County, Indiana. She died 19 November 1977 at the Wainwright Home Place, Tippecanoe County.

The daughter of William Francisco Wainwright and Louise Ione Ford Wainwright, Fay Wainwright lived the greater part of her life with her parents on their farm in Shelby Township, Tippecanoe County.

Fay was interested in art and music; she played the piano until arthritis forced her to discontinue. She was a lover of cats and a collector of antiques, including buttons and bottles.

Following her donation of the 30-acre tract of land to the Tippecanoe School Corporation for the building of Wainwright High School, Miss Wainwright took a lively interest in the students and the school's development and activities. On her birthday, the Wainwright High School Band regularly serenaded her.

Wainwright High School was located in Sheffield Township, eight miles south of Lafayette on a 30-acre tract of land which was donated to the Tippecanoe School Corporation in April 1963. The school was named in memory of her deceased parents.

The school opened in the fall of 1965 with approximately 350 pupils serving an attendance area which included all of Sheffield and Lauramie Townships and about a third of Wea Township. The majority of students (grades 9 through 12) transferred from Dayton and Lauramie High Schools which closed as secondary schools in the spring of 1965.

## Container List

### Wainwright High School, 1965-1975

#### Box 1.

- Folder
1. Clippings re Wainwright High School—1963-71, with the bulk from 1963-66—planning, development. (50 pp., photocopied; 1 laminated duplicate clipping)  
Letters/notes of congratulations to F. O. Wainwright re donation of land to TSC. (13 items)  
Open House—November 7, 1965. (3 letters; 1 agenda)  
Guide to Wainwright School—November (?), 1965. (2 copies)  
Dedication Services—March 27, 1966. Letter of invitation, suggested program, text of address (3 pp.), printed program with enclosures (3 copies).
  2. “Hoofbeat” (school newspaper)—October 26, 1965 - April 21, 1967. (13 issues, incomplete series)
  3. “Hoofbeat”, cont.—May 5, 1967 - April 8, 1974. (17 issues, incomplete series)
  4. Graduation invitations—1966-1975. (10 items, complete series)  
Baccalaureate and commencement programs—1966, 1970. (2 items)  
Misc. tickets, programs, football/basketball schedules. (17 items)  
1<sup>st</sup> athletic banquet program—1965-66 school year. (place card and napkin enclosed)  
Band photos from calendars. (4 items)  
Clipping re band uniform—March 25, 1966.  
Misc. gift cards, notes to F. O. Wainwright from students and faculty. (14 items)

Shelved in WHRC basement with yearbooks:

“Mesa” (school yearbook)—1966-1975. (10 volumes, complete series)

Also architectural plans—see Separation List.

### Wainwright Junior High School, 1975-.

Shelved in WHRC basement with yearbooks:

“Mustangs of Wainwright” (school yearbook)—1975-1976 school year. (1 volume)

## Personal and Family

### Box 2

#### Folder 1. Personal miscellaneous—

Copy of map showing Wainwright land in Sheffield Township.  
Souvenir ribbons from 1893 World's Fair. (3 items)  
Postcard—November 8, 1909 from "Ma", Shadeland, IN.  
Postcard (Easter)—April 11, 1911 from "Grandma", Shadeland, IN.

Letter—March 30, 1913 from Aunt Anna, Shadeland, IN. (2 sheets)

Namecards. (2 items)

"In Memoriam" clippings. (photocopied; 2 sheets)

Poem—"My Mother".

Letter to mother (Mother's Day)—n.d.

Card announcing dedication services for parents—Sept. 2, 1951.

Program of services (2 copies; one with corrections)

Invitation to groundbreaking for Saint Elizabeth Hospital addition—June 28, 1960 with enclosure. Program for groundbreaking ceremonies at Lafayette Home and Saint Elizabeth Hospitals—June 28, 1960.

Letter re church memorial gift—Feb. 6, 1964 from Clara Harper, Chairman of memorials. (2 sheets)

Letter re birth record of F. O. Wainwright—April 14, 1966 to Bureau of Census from George DeLong, Lafayette Loan & Trust Co.

Affidavit re birthdate of F. O. Wainwright—June 28, 1966.

Temporary driving permit—Nov. 26, 1968.

Clippings re first Caesarian section historical marker. (photocopied; 2 sheets)

Birthday congratulations card from Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter—1977. (ms.)

Birthday congratulations card from Lafayette National Bank officers—n.d. (ms.)

Funeral memorial book—Nov. 19, 1977 with enclosure.

#### 2. Family history—

Wedding certificate of Enoch Moon (Wainwright ancestor and early minister of Farmer's Institute) and Elisabeth Lewis—Nov. 10, 1830. (handwritten; signed by witnesses to the Quaker ceremony)

Misc. notes re family history. (13 items)

Correspondence with W. A. Moon. (3 items)

Letters re Wainwright name on Noblesville, IN, bank and Boston firm. (4 items)  
Clipping re State Rep. John W. Wainwright. (photocopied)

3. William F. Wainwright—1861-1950.

Biographical information. (typed; by F. O. Wainwright?)  
Drug prescription—1898 from George Stuart Allen, DDS, Lafayette.  
Construction agreement—1899 between William Wainwright and William P. Ball.  
Letter—March 23, 1901 from S. H. Rittenhouse, fruit grower, Jordan Harbor, Ont.  
Letter—Sept. 15, 1904 to “Louie and Fay” from W. F. Wainwright, Denison, TX  
Notebook, stamped “Arithmetic Book”—contains daily journal from July 1, 1912 to Nov. 17, 1912; records farm chores, weather, illness and death of “Ma”.  
Clippings re William F. Wainwright. (photocopied; 1 sheet)  
Envelope with cancelled checks, receipts—1922-46. (28 items)  
Expenditures notes. (2 items)  
Purchase order for Dodge car—1941.

4. Louise I. (Ford) Wainwright—1868-1941.

Biographical information with copy of poem. (typed; by F. W. Wainwright?)  
Autograph book—1883-86.  
Wedding invitation—Feb. 17, 1887. (2 copies)  
Postcard—March 11, 1910 from “Ma”, Shadeland, IN.  
Clippings re death of L. I. Wainwright and Mrs. John Ford, her mother. (photocopied; 1 sheet)

Lizzie Ford (sister of Louise?)—

Composition book—used for spelling lessons, recipes, minutes of meeting of the Point Pleasant Singing School (July 2, ?)

## Separation List

Wainwright High School Yearbooks 10 volumes; 1966-1975.	Special Collections Yearbooks
Wainwright Junior High School Yearbook 1 volume; 1975-1976.	Special Collections Yearbooks
Marriage License (original copy) William F. Wainwright and Louise Ford; 17 February 1887.	Archives: Flat File
Portraits/Photographs (3) Fay Wainwright William F. and Louise Ford Wainwright Photograph with charcoal (unidentified woman)	Artifacts Collection Framed Portraits  Oversized Photographic Portraits
Personal Photographs	Photograph Collection
Wainwright High School Architect's Plans; Renderings Walter Scholer and Assoc., 1963. (3 items)	Archives: Flat File
Tippecanoe School Board District Map Revised 1980.	Map Collection
Drainage Map: Perry and Sheffield Townships August 1957.	Map Collection
Farm Plat Book (index to land owners) Tippecanoe County; 1960.	Map Collection
Official Rural Farm Directory Tippecanoe County; 1968.	Genealogy
Official Rural Farm Directory Tippecanoe County; 1969.	Genealogy
Soil Survey Tippecanoe County; January 1959.	Vertical File
Scribner's Lumber and Log Book J. M. Scribner; 1895	Special Collections

Indiana Laws Made Plain Hon. Edward M. White, comp.; c1919.	Special Collections
Martha Washington Cook Book (cover missing)	Special Collections
Cookbook (cover and title page missing)	Special Collections
The Prairie Farmer (newspaper) Vol. 100, No. 50; 15 Dec. 1928.	Archives
John T. McCutcheon (pamphlet) TCHA; c1974.	Vertical File

People:

Wainwright, Fay Oma  
Frantz, Rosemary  
DeLong, George  
Wainwright, William Francisco  
Wainwright, Louise Ione Ford  
Moon, Enoch  
Moon, Elisabeth Lewis  
Moon, W. A.  
Wainwright, Rep. John W.  
Allen, George Stuart  
Rittenhouse, S. H.  
Ball, William P.  
Ford, Mrs. John  
Ford, Lizzie

Classification:

Education/Tipp. Co./Lauramie Twp.  
Education/Tipp. Co./Sheffield Twp.  
Education/Tipp. Co./Wea Twp.  
Correspondence, Personal  
Genealogy

Subjects:

Education – Wainwright High School  
Education – Wainwright Junior High School  
Wainwright Family

Search Terms:

Hospital, St. Elizabeth  
Farmer's Institute  
School, Wainwright High School  
School, Wainwright Junior High School  
Wainwright Family  
Tippecanoe School Corporation  
School, Point Pleasant Singing School