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**SOPHIE B. WRIGHT PAPERS AND SCRAPBOOKS**

Mss. 1134

Inventory

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University

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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size</b>	0.15 linear ft., 3 volumes
<b>Geographic Locations</b>	New Orleans, Louisiana
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1893-1926
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1892-1900
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Summary</b>	This collection contains scrapbooks and papers relating to the career of Sophie B. Wright, an educator and charity activist from New Orleans, Louisiana.
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	No restrictions on access.
<b>Copyright</b>	For those materials not in the public domain, copyright is retained by the descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
<b>Related Collections</b>	Sophie B. Wright Free School Notebooks, Mss. 1351.
<b>Citation</b>	Sophie B. Wright Papers and Scrapbooks, Mss. 1134, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries Special Collections, Baton Rouge, La.
<b>Stack Locations</b>	U:91, M:25 MICROFILM 5750, SERIES E

## BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Sophie Bell Wright (1866-1912) was an educator and charity activist from New Orleans, Louisiana. She was principal of the Home Institute, a day and boarding school for young women; organizer of the Free Night School for Men and Boys, New Orleans's first night school; and a philanthropic worker and promoter of the Waifs' Home and other New Orleans charitable institutions. Wright also was state secretary of the King's Daughters and Sons of Louisiana, and she was involved with the Louisiana Chautauqua. She was the first woman to receive the *Daily Picayune's* Loving Cup in 1903, honoring the individual who performs the greatest civic service during the year.

**Note:** See: "Sophie Bell Wright: A Biography" by Margaret Evelyn Gardner--Thesis, Social Welfare, Louisiana State University, 1959 (378.76 L930 1959 GARD)

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers are loose items from scrapbook pages (1893-1927, undated) and issues of *The Stepping Stone* (1894-1904) and *Progress* (1904-1905).

Scrapbook volume 1 (1889-1896) consists chiefly of letters of appreciation for talks given by Sophie B. Wright, programs, invitations, and newspaper clippings. The scrapbook also contains a prospectus; class pictures; programs and announcements of the Home Institute; newspaper clippings relating to the activities of and the benefits given by the students and alumnae of the Home Institute; and newspaper clippings concerning Wright's work with the Free Night School for Men and Boys, the Waifs' Home, the Louisiana Chautauqua, and other organizations. Also included are letters of acknowledgement from visiting lecturers and artists to New Orleans and from various benefactors to Wright's charitable endeavors.

Scrapbook volume 2 (1896-1898) contains newspaper clippings concerning Wright's work with the Free Night School for Men and Boys and the General Federation of Women's Clubs. There are letters of acknowledgement from various prominent people from New Orleans, such as the actor Joseph Jefferson; Warren Easton, superintendent of public schools in New Orleans; the Reverend B. M. Palmer; and New Orleans Mayor W. C. Flower.

Scrapbook volume 3 (1897-1906) contains material similar to the other two volumes as well as clippings about Wright's work as state secretary of the King's Daughters and Sons of Louisiana.

## INDEX TERMS

**Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found throughout the entire collection.**

Boarding schools--Louisiana--Orleans Parish.  
Charities--Louisiana--Orleans Parish.  
Charity-schools--Louisiana--Orleans Parish.  
Chautauquas.  
Educators--Louisiana.  
Free Night School for Men and Boys (New Orleans, La.)  
General Federation of Women's Club.  
Home Institute (New Orleans, La.)  
King's Sons and Daughters of Louisiana.  
New Orleans (La.)--History--19th century.  
New Orleans (La.)--History--20th century.  
Scrapbooks.  
Wright, Sophie B. (Sophie Bell), 1866-1912.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
				<b>Papers, 1893-1927, undated.</b>
	U:91	1	1	Certificate of membership to the National Education Association (1893); letters of appreciation for talks, etc. (1898, 1901-1903); souvenir brochure of the Cripple Creek District, Colorado (1904); program for closing exercises of the Sophie B. Wright Night School (June 1905); letter from B. C. Casanas offering assistance (1927)
			2	Invitations to lectures at the Home Institute (1903); an Easter card from Clara B. Burdette (1903); invitations to the closing exercises at the Sophie B. Wright Night School (1904); invitation to the Cabildo for "Louisiana Day;" invitation to a party given by alumnae of the Home Institute (1904); invitations of various receptions, undated
			3	Newspaper clippings, 1893-1905, undated
			4	<i>The Stepping Stone</i> , January-March 1894; April-June 1895; April 1903; December 1904
			5	<i>Progress</i> , November 1904; February 1905
			6	Display item: Small paper bouquet of flowers, undated
				<b>Scrapbooks, 1889-1906.</b>
	M:25	--	--	Volume 1: Programs, newspaper clippings, pictures, prospectuses, telegrams, announcements, invitations, and letters pertaining to the activities of the Home Institute and its students and alumni. Newspaper clippings from <i>The Daily Item</i> (1893) containing reprints of letters received in <i>The Daily Item's</i> teacher's contest (Sophie B. Wright received the third highest number of votes); copies of <i>The Stepping-Stone</i> , the Home Institute's school publication; a memorium of the Reverend Thomas R. Markham (1894); newspaper clippings containing information on Sophie B. Wright's Free Night School for Men and Boys, the Waifs' Home, and the Louisiana Chautauqua; letters from noted lecturers and artists visiting New Orleans, including Eugene Field (1894), Bishop Davis Sessums (1893), Julia Marlow Taber, and Merrick Warde; newspaper clippings on Sophie B. Wright's travels; other letters: Thomas Keene, Joseph Jefferson, and the Home Institute (full date range of volume: 1889-1896)
		--	--	Volume 2: Newspaper clippings and letters concerning Sophie B. Wright's Free Night School for Men and Boys and the General Federation of Women's Clubs; letter from Joseph Jefferson (1897);

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letter from Warren Easton, superintendent of public schools in New Orleans, Louisiana (1897); letter from the Reverend B. M. Palmer (1897); letter from New Orleans Mayor W. C. Flower (1897); picture and write-up of Joseph Jefferson's home on Jefferson Island in Iberia Parish, Louisiana (full date range of volume: 1896-1898)

**M:25**      --      --      Volume 3: Newspaper clippings and letters concerning Sophie B. Wright's Free Night School for Men and Boys; wright's work with the Federation of Women's Clubs; wright's work as state secretary of the King's Daughters and Sons of Louisiana, the Women's Council, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Home Institute (full date range of volume 1897-1906)