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The Microfilmed

Wright Personal Files: Papers From the Personal files of Dr. Lydia T. Wright

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Dr. Lydia T. Wright

Dr. Lydia T. Wright was the first African American to serve on the Buffalo (New York) Board of Education. She served from 1962-1967. She practiced pediatrics in Buffalo for 36 years. The main collection of her papers are in the University of Buffalo Archives. This microfilmed collection contains “personal” papers. Dr. Wright spent a number of years researching and writing about the history of her family. Her “personal” papers contain the notes and drafts of “chapters” of her genealogy work. More than 300 family history photos are also preserved on 4 CDs. Dr. Wright’s husband, Dr. Frank Evans, practiced internal medicine in Buffalo for 35 years. A few of her personal files contain documents that pertain to Dr. Evans.

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1) **Biographical (Dr. Lydia Wright)**
   A summary of Dr. Wright’s biography.

2) **Black Episcopalians: A Marginal Community (By Dr. Wright)**
   “Black Episcopalians: A Marginal Community,” is an article written by Dr. Lydia Wright.

3) **Brotherhood Week Awards Luncheon (1968)**
   In 1968 Dr. Wright was one of the recipients of the National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood Award. This folder contains the four page response speech that she gave.

4) **Buffalo Equity Foundation**
   The Buffalo Equity Foundation was known for the financial and moral support that it gave to many inner-city community organization. Dr. Frank Evans was a member of the Foundation’s board of directors. This folder contains the auditor’s financial report for the years 1971 and 1972.

5) **City On The Lake by Mark Goldman**
   This folder contains parts of article by local historian Mark Goldman. In the article Goldman discusses Dr. Wright and her husband Dr. Frank Evans, n.d.

6) **Correspondence**
   This folder contains two personal letters to Dr. Wright.

7) **Evans, Dr. Frank**
   This folder contains several documents that pertain to Dr. Evans.

8) **Evans, Dr. Frank – Biographical**
   This folder contains a summary of Dr. Evan’s biography.

9) **Evans, Dr. Frank (“The Strange Life of W.E.”)**
   “The Strange Life of W.E.,” is the story of William Ellison, a free man of color who lived in South Carolina during the pre-Civil War era. The article was written by Dr. Evans and was probably given as a speech.

10) **Family Photos – See 4 CDs**
    More than 300 photos from the Wright family album. The photos are of various family members. Some were taken during family reunions. The photos are on four CDs and are catalogued under the title, “Wright Family Photo Album.”

11) **Genealogy 1**
    A newspaper article and several other documents that document Dr. Wright’s involvement in genealogical research.
12) **Genealogy 2**  
A “Family Group Entry” form, probably from the Mormon Genealogy Library listing some of Dr. Wright’s ancestors.

13) **Genealogy 3**  
A draft of Dr. Wright’s manuscript on her family. The bound volume also contains primary source material that Dr. Wright found during her research.

14) **Genealogy 4**  
“Lydia’s Family.” A draft of several chapters of an intended book on her family.

15) **Genealogy 5**  
A different draft of the manuscript on her family that was intended to become a book.

16) **Genealogy 6**  
A different draft of material that was part of the manuscript on Dr. Wright’s family.

17) **Genealogy 7**  
More genealogy material.

18) **Genealogy 8**  
Another draft of Dr. Wright’s family history manuscript.

19) **Genealogy – Address List**  
An address list, the names of contacts, and other notes from Dr. Wright’s genealogical research.

20) **Genealogy – “Lydia’s Family”**  
A different draft of material that was filmed in folder #14 (above).

21) **Genealogy – Meadors**  
A family tree report and other notes on the “Meadors” family.

22) **Genealogy – “Notes” – Wright, Evans Family Tree**  
Research notes on Dr. Wright’s genealogy research

23) **Genealogy – “TAM”**  
A poem and correspondence from “TAM.”

24) **Girlfriends (Buffalo Chapter)**  
An information booklet about the Buffalo chapter of “Girlfriends.”

25) **Newspaper Articles**  
Newspaper articles about Dr. Wright.
26) **Personal**
   Various documents including correspondence, certificates, notes, etc.

27) **Programs**
   Printed programs from various events that Dr. Wright attended.

28) **Red Jacket Award**
   In 1980 Dr. Wright and her husband, Dr. Frank Evans were recipients of the Buffalo-Erie County Historical Society’s highest award, The Red Jacket Medal. A detailed description of that ceremony and the responses of Dr. Wright and Dr. Evans were published in Vol. 4 (1980) of *Niagara Frontier*. This folder contains that article.

29) **Resolutions**
   Local, County, and State governmental bodies passed resolutions highlighting Dr. Wright’s distinguished career of public service. This folder contains those resolutions. There are also numerous other award certificates.

30) **School Children’s Drawings of Dr. Wright**
   Some drawings of Dr. Wright colored by school aged children in an art class.

31) **Tribute To Dr. Wright – Mrs. Horne’s Grade 5 Class**
   Art work and tributes done by grade 5 students.

32) **“Wright: Buffalo’s Black Heroine of the Schools”**

33) **Wright, Nathan – Certificate of Death**
   A death certificate for Nathan Wright, August, 1963.

34) **Wright Papers (University of Buffalo)**
   A letter from the University of Buffalo indicating that they have Dr. Wright’s papers.

35) **Wright School of Excellence**
   A public School was named for Dr. Wright. This folder contains numerous materials that document that fact.

36) **Wright School of Excellence (Student’s Essays on Dr. Wright)**
   Contains essays on Dr. Wright written by students from the Dr. Wright School of Excellence

37) **Writings**
   Several handwritten speeches

38) **“Yesterday Was Mother’s Day”**
   A short essay.