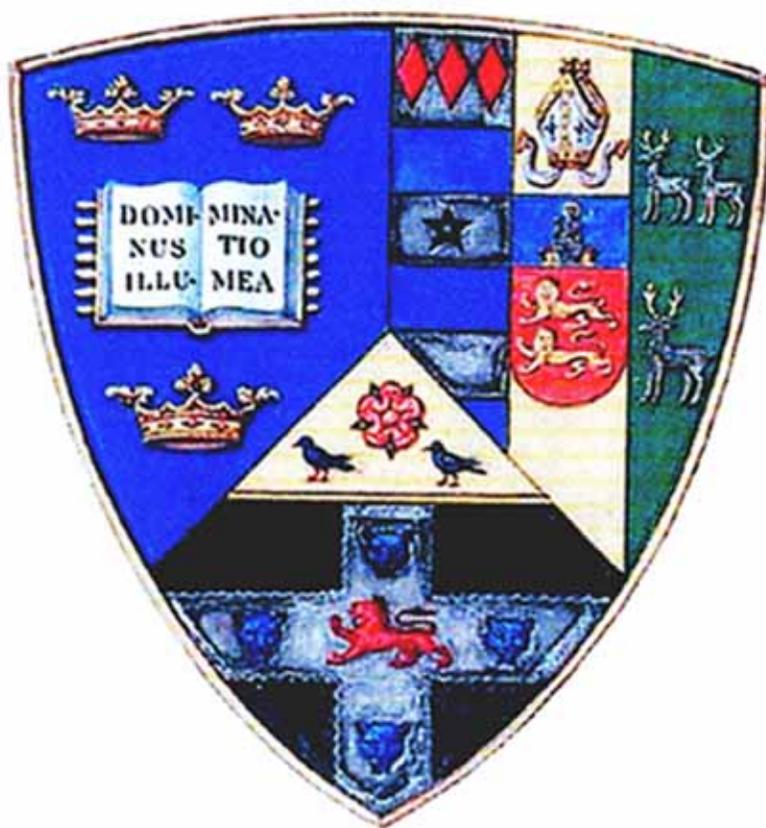


# Guide to the John Rutherford Wright Collection

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### Biographical Note

John Rutherford Wright (1847-1928) was born to Martha Sterigere Taylor and Samuel De Haven Wright. He was educated at Lebanon Valley College and Drew Theological Seminary.

Wright joined the Newark Conference in 1875. In 1877 he married Ella Milligan. They went as pioneer ministers to Louisburg, Kansas. His itinerant work was interrupted by the death of his wife in childbirth. The baby also died.

Wright returned to the Newark Conference in 1879, and served several churches. In 1898, he was appointed presiding elder serving the Jersey City District. Afterwards, he returned to the pastorate.

From 1915 to 1920, he served as presiding elder for a second time. In addition to his Conference responsibilities, he spent much time in military bases in both Hoboken and Camp Merritt. Wright retired in 1921, but remained active in fund raising for the Methodist Home in Ocean Grove as well as serving as a supply pastor in Weehawken. He died in 1928. His family consisted of his second wife, Clara Lee Connett and three daughters.

### Scope Note

The John Rutherford Wright Collection is comprised of a copy of the Constitution of the Mutual Fund Life Insurance Association of Newark Methodist Episcopal Conference 1870 and the annual Report of that body for 1904. There is also a collection of Wright's receipts representing his contributions to that Association. There is also a record of the contributions of various churches to the Methodist Episcopal Church Home for the Aged in Ocean Grove, New Jersey. The collection also includes Wright's Bible, his District Superintendent's Record Book for the Jersey City District 1920 - 1921. This Record also lists the names of officials in the local churches on that District. Finally the collection includes 22 sermon note books each including several sermons. Unfortunately, these sermons are very difficult to read because of the handwriting.

### Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. The collection is arranged by record type with a subsequent arrangement of chronological dates.

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## Subject Terms

### *Subject Names - Corporate*

Methodist Episcopal Church

### *Subject Topics*

Bible  
Bible-Homiletical use  
Churches, Methodist  
Church meetings  
Church records and registers  
Clergy  
District superintendents (Methodist)  
Evangelical Revival  
Local church  
Local church councils  
Lord's Supper  
Methodism  
Ministry  
Preaching  
Sacraments  
Sermons  
Worship.

### *Subject Geographic*

Kansas.  
New Jersey

### *Genre*

Addresses  
Bibles  
Financial records  
Sermons.

### *Occupations*

Minister.



## Container List

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
2128-6-1:1	Newark Methodist Episcopal Mutual Life Insurance Association	1870
2128-6-1:2	Bible	undated
2128-6-1:3	Presiding Elder's Record Books	1920-1921
2128-6-1:4	Methodist Episcopal Home for the Aged Ocean Grove	Undated
2128-6-1:5	Addresses	1907-1926
2128-6-1:6	Historical Notes	Undated
2128-6-1:7	Revival Sermons	1888-1905
2128-6-1:8	Communion and Funeral Sermons	Undated
2128-6-1:9	General Sermons	1870-1916

