**Wright Tavern Papers**

**Repository:** Rockingham Co. Historical Collections  
Gerald B. James Library  
Rockingham Community College  
P. O. Box 38  
Wentworth, NC 27375

**Title:** Wright Tavern Papers

**Accession No.:** 81-021

**Extent:** 3 boxes (1 oversized)

**Provenance:** Donated by Lucile Reid Fagg

**Inclusive Dates:** 1836-1925

**Subject Headings:**  
- Business – Wentworth (N. C.) – 19th century  
- Fagg, Lucile Reid, 1903-2000  
- Reid, James W., 1849-1902  
- Reid, Numa F., 1825-1873  
- Wright, Lizzie A.  
- Wright, Nannie E.,  
- Wright Tavern

**Items Separated:**

**Related Collections:**

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**Descriptive Note:** This group of papers was donated by Lucile Reid Fagg, granddaughter of North Carolina Governor David Settle Reid. The papers relate to the Wright Tavern (later the Reid House or Reid Hotel) in Wentworth, North Carolina. The tavern was built about 1812 and was owned and operated by the Wright family for many years before passing by marriage to the Reid family in the late 1800’s. Located directly across the street from the Rockingham County Courthouse and having a reputation for
fine food, the Wright Tavern entertained many well-known citizens and politicians. The Tavern was sold to the Rockingham County Historical Society in 1967 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971. Items in the collection include correspondence, bills, receipts, books and guest registers.

Contents:

**Box 1:**

**Folder 1**
Church music book belonging to Nannie Wright dated 1836

**Folder 2**
English grammar book belonging to Lizzie A. Wright dated 1841

**Folder 3**
Store account book 1857-1858

**Folder 4**
Nannie Wright – Correspondence – 1888-1925
Numa Reid – Correspondence – 1882-1925
J. Nelson to H. N. Strudwick – bill
Wentworth School commencement program – May 13, 1925 (2)
Rev. C. F. Sherrill, Pastor – envelope
Mrs. H. R. Anderson to Mrs. Reid
Flyer – Lampton Reid Co., Magnolia, Mississippi
Song sheet with words to war songs
War Loan Organization – news (2)
“Richmond Opens Her Gates to Confederate Veterans” - newspaper clipping dated 1915

**Folder 5**
Nannie Wright – bills and receipts – 1897-1925

**Folder 6**
Numa R. Reid – speeches – 1911-1926

**Folder 7**
Nannie E. Wright – Fire insurance policies – 1916, 1920, 1921, 1928

**Box 2:**
Binder – Bills and receipts for Wright Tavern – 1891-1893
Astronomy book dated 1885 with receipts and bills from Wright
Tavern dated 1892-1896 pasted on the pages

**Box 3:** (oversized)
Reid House (Wright Tavern) guest register 1892-1897
Reid House (Wright Tavern) guest register 1897-1901
Fragments of Wright Tavern guest register – 1879?
1 loose guest register page dated April 13-14, 1903
12 sleeves of loose bills and receipts