

## Wright Tavern Papers

<b>Repository:</b>	Rockingham Co. Historical Collections Gerald B. James Library Rockingham Community College P. O. Box 38 Wentworth, NC 27375
<b>Title:</b>	Wright Tavern Papers
<b>Accession No.:</b>	81-021
<b>Extent:</b>	3 boxes (1 oversized)
<b>Provenance:</b>	Donated by Lucile Reid Fagg
<b>Inclusive Dates:</b>	1836-1925
<b>Subject Headings:</b>	Business – Wentworth (N. C.) – 19 <sup>th</sup> century Fagg, Lucile Reid, 1903-2000 Reid, James W., 1849-1902 Reid, Numa F., 1825-1873 Wright, Lizzie A. Wright, Nannie E., Wright Tavern
<b>Items Separated:</b>	
<b>Related Collections:</b>	
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<b>Descriptive Note:</b>	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