

MS-593: Elizabeth Beck Rehling Papers

Collection Number: MS-593

Title: Elizabeth Beck Rehling Papers

Dates: 1899-2001

Creator: Rehling, Elizabeth Beck, 1916-2008

Summary/Abstract:

The Elizabeth Beck Rehling Papers consist of correspondence, research notes, and photographs related to her research on the relationship between her mother, Agnes Osborn Beck and Katharine Wright, sister of the Wright Brothers. It also includes her unpublished manuscript, *The Third Wright Brother*, about Katharine Wright, based on her memories as told to her by her mother Agnes and her own research.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH
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Restrictions on Access: There are no restrictions on accessing material in this collection.

Restrictions on Use:

Neither Elizabeth Rehling, nor her family, have given permission to make copies of “*The Third Wright Brother*” unpublished manuscript by or for researchers. Researchers may view the manuscript in the Special Collections and Archives Reading Room, but may not make copies. Researchers who plan to quote any part of the manuscript must contact the family for permission.

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Preferred Citation:

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Acquisition:

The bulk of the papers were transferred to Special Collections and Archives from United Theological Seminary in April 2006. The unpublished manuscript, *The Third Wright Brother*, was donated to Special Collections and Archives by Elizabeth “Becky” Rehling in 2004.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries website at: <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms593.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at: <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Accruals: No additional accruals are expected.

Related Material:

[MS-1: Wright Brothers Collection](#)

[MS-216: Ivonette Wright Miller Collection](#)

[SC-97: Katharine Wright Correspondence to Agnes Beck](#)

Processing Information:

MS-593, Elizabeth Beck Rehling Papers, contains new material from Elizabeth Rehling and an established small collection, SC-236 The Third Wright Brother, an unpublished manuscript by Elizabeth Rehling. These materials were combined as they are all from the same person, just donated at different times.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Dawne Dewey, August 2017

Arrangement:

The collection is divided into two series:

Series I Personal Papers, 1899-2001

Series II Photographs, 1890-1990

Biographical Note:

Elizabeth was born on May 21, 1916 to Agnes Osborn Beck and Howard Beck. Agnes Osborn Beck was a very close friend of Katharine Wright, sister of Wilbur and Orville Wright. Elizabeth attended Oakwood High School and The Ohio State University. She was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and the Friday Afternoon Club. She was a writer and was very active in Westminster Presbyterian Church. She was married to Howard W. Rehling until his death in 2000. Elizabeth's interaction with Katharine Wright took place when Elizabeth was very young. Her memories of Katharine are based on her mother's stories and reminiscences. Elizabeth also went by the name Becky. She died on June 1, 2008 in Arizona.

Scope and Content Note:

Series I: Personal Papers contains a small amount of correspondence and research notes about the Wright Brothers and Katharine Wright. One item of significance is a handwritten invitation from Katharine Wright to Louise Osborn inviting her to a party at Hawthorne St. in 1899. There is also a Christmas card that was sent to Mrs. Beck (Agnes Osborn Beck) with a personal note from journalist Anne O'Hare McCormick discussing the fountain that Harry Haskell plans to build at Oberlin in Katharine's memory. It was likely written in December 1929. Other materials are copies of Milton Wright diary entries and an original program from the dedication of the 1903 Wright Flyer at the Smithsonian in 1948.

Series II: Photographs includes Osborn and Beck Family photographs, duplicates of images from the Wright Brothers Collection in Special Collections and Archives, reprints and a few originals of photos from Oberlin College and The Rain in Face Gang, the group of young people that Katharine Wright, Agnes Osborn, and others had social outings with in Dayton. There are also some snapshots of Rock Hill Terrace, Harry Haskell's home in Kansas City, likely taken when Agnes Osborn Beck visited Katharine sometime after Katharine's marriage.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Beck, Agnes Osborn, 1875-1958
Haskell, Katharine Wright, 1874-1929
Rehling, Elizabeth Beck, 1916-2008
Beck Family
Osborn Family
Wright Family

Places

Dayton (Ohio) – History – 20th Century

Subjects (General)

History

Material Types

Letters (Correspondence)
Postcards
Photographs

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
Series I: Personal Papers			1899-2001
1	1	Correspondence	1899-2001
1	2	Research Notes	Undated
1	3	Program: Presentation of 1903 Wright Flyer to Smithsonian	1948 Dec 17
1	4	Once at 7 Hawthorne Street, by John Jameson	1949
1	5	"The Third Wright Brother" (unpublished manuscript)	Undated
Series II: Photographs			1890-1990
1	6	Family Photographs	1890-1970
1	7	Oberlin College reprints	Circa 1890-1900
1	8	Rain in the Face Gang	1899
1	9	Wright Brothers	Circa 1890-1990
1	10	Rockhill Terrace, Haskell Home in Kansas City	Undated