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Alumni Association
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Jessie Wright Richardson Papers, 1877-82, 1884, 1930-31

Box 1:

- James S. Wright (Champaign, IL) to R. C. Wright (Homer, IL, October 2, 1882
State Senator Wright discusses family history in a letter to his nephew, including move to Champaign County. He hopes to elect a Republican as U.S. Senator and recalls his brother (R. C. Wright's father) who died of cholera at Rock Island in the summer of 1833 during the Black Hawk War.
- Fred L. Hill (Breckenridge, CO) to Jessie Wright (Champaign, IL), July 3, 1881
I earn \$75 a month as a levelman for the Union Pacific Railroad. Our 20 miles of track is all curves and grades. I like the mountains.
- Jack Morse (Chester, VT) to Jessie Wright (Champaign, IL), August 3, 1881
His visit to the Green and White mountains and class news.
- Archibald O. Coddington (Kansas City, MO) to Jessie Wright (Champaign IL), September 7, 1881
Exchange of photographs
- Jennie M. Hammett (Camargo, IL) to Jessie Wright (Champaign, IL) October 2, 1881
Come and visit me
- Charles H. Dennis (Poughkeepsie, NY) to Jessie Wright (Champaign, IL), November 6, 1881
Hiking in the hills, I will return to editorial work in Chicago. Johns Hopkins was not what I wanted, so I came to Eastman Business College. 1932 clipping on Dennis enclosed.
- Arthur N. Talbot (La Junta, CO) to Jessie Wright (Champaign, IL), December 6, 1881
My travels in the mountains. I am well pleased with engineering.
- Metta Mackney ("The Maples") to Jessie Wright (Champaign, IL), March 1, 1882
Not much news.
- Lora (Girard) to Jessie Wright (Champaign, IL), March 11, 1882
Taking music lessons.
- Arthur N. Talbot (La Junta, CO) to Jessie Wright (Champaign, IL), March 17, 1882
- Francis M. McKay (Chicago, IL) to Jessie Wright (Champaign, IL), March 20, 1882
Our class promise to write to the historian. Tells of being duped into giving money to street beggars.
- Arthur N. Talbot (La Junta, CO) to Jessie Wright, April 23, 1882
Reporting to Class of '81 historian, he went west after graduation. He hiked a hundred miles through the mountains as a topographic engineer. He is now in La Junta with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad working on 300 miles between Kansas and Raton, NM.
- James G. Allison (Chicago, IL) to Jessie Wright (Champaign, IL), May 9, 1882
Class members in Chicago. I work as a stenographer.
- Arthur E. Davis (Kildare, TX) to Jessie Wright (Champaign, IL), June 8, 1882
Travels to Texas where they loaf. He ate corn dodger and fish at a Texas picnic.
- Bertha Barnes (Pullman, IL) to Jessie Wright (Champaign, IL), October 25, 1882
Teaching primary school in Pullman for \$50 a month
- Bertha Barnes (Pullman, IL) to Jessie Wright (Champaign, IL), January 12, 1884
School show, life in Chicago, class news.
- Jennie Talbot (Urbana, IL) to Jessie Richardson (Rentchler, IL), April 25, 1907
Thanks for the picture of the children.
- History of the Class of '81
The Preliminary Year, 1876-77 (pp. 3-4)
The first preps. 84 men, 30 ladies

Mackney & Talbot, Historians

The Freshman Year, 1877-78 (pp. 5-11)

Chemistry building construction, rolling barrels downstairs in the dormitory,
secret society, exams

The Sophomore Year, 1878-79 (pp. 13-17, 19-24)

class elections, chapel talks, military drill, picnic

The Junior Year, 1879-80 (pp. 25-48)

class tree, class election, military "rebellion", oratory, physics, Dr. J.M.

Gregory

Class of 1881 Fiftieth Anniversary Reunion Photographs, 1931