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Summary

- Main entry:** Wainwright family
- Title:** Wainwright family of Rhinebeck, N.Y. papers, 1849-1960
- Size:** .5 linear feet (2 boxes)
- Source:** Donated by Mrs. Charles H. Wainwright, 1960
- Abstract:** The Wainwright family papers include military correspondence and records of William P. Wainwright of Rhinebeck, N.Y. as Colonel of the 22nd Regiment, New York State Militia, 1849-1855; letterpress copy books containing correspondence and financial records kept by his sons John T., Charles H., and William P. Wainwright Jr., 1895-1899, 1903-1913 (3 vols.) as agents for the estate of their grandfather John C. Tillotson; additional business papers, legal documents, and certificates of William P. Wainwright, Jr., 1897-1921; passports of Charles H. Wainwright and a few letters to his wife Margaret, 1920-1960.
- Access:** Apply in the Special Collections Office for admission to the Manuscripts and Archives Division.
- Preferred citation:** Wainwright Family of Rhinebeck, N.Y. Papers, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.
- Special formats** Certificates

Related materials note

Cash book and journal, New York (State). National Guard. Infantry Regiment, 7th. Company K. Manuscripts and Archives Division, New York Public Library.

Wainwright family papers. Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Princeton University Library, Princeton, New Jersey.

Biographical note

The Wainwright family lived in Rhinebeck, N.Y. and New York City. William Pratt Wainwright (1818-1895), the distinguished Union Army Colonel and doctor, was born in New York City and raised on his father's farm in Rhinebeck, N.Y. He was the older brother of Charles Shiels Wainwright (1826-1907), who also served in the Civil War and whose battle diary was published posthumously in 1962. William studied medicine shortly after graduation from the City University of New York and, sharing his brother's passion for the military, traveled to Berlin to pursue military studies. In 1854, William married Cornelia Ridgely Tillotson (1830-1918), a daughter of John C. Tillotson and descendant of the influential Livingston family through Margaret Livingston. They had three sons, John Tillotson Wainwright (1865-1900), William Pratt Wainwright, Jr., (1866-1925) and Charles Howard Wainwright (1869-1948).

Wainwright's sons all served as members of Company K, Seventh Regiment, National Guard, New York State Militia. They became stockbrokers and acted as agents in the management of the estate of their grandfather, John C. Tillotson. The Wainwright brothers were principals in the brokerage firm of White & Wainwright until the death, in 1901, of its founding member Arthur E. White. Later William and Charles became partners in the firm of Keech, Loew & Co.

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The William P. Wainwright papers, 1849-1855, include correspondence, brigade orders, reports, and financial statements of the 22nd Regiment, New York State Militia that document his service as a Colonel under Brigadier General John Watts De Peyster. Materials related to his studies in Berlin and Civil War service are not present in this collection.

The William P. Wainwright, Jr. papers, 1897-1921, contain business and legal records, including documents related to the Tillotson estate and the estate of Arthur E. White, and a bank statement book. Also present are official certificates regarding club affiliations and military service, including his honorable discharge from Company K, Seventh Regiment, New York State Militia in 1897.

The John T. Wainwright and Charles H. Wainwright materials include letterbooks kept at various times by the three brothers and Howland Pell containing financial statements, receipts, account lists of rent payments received, and correspondence as agents of the Tillotson estate, chiefly concerning real estate holdings in Brooklyn, N.Y. Charles H. Wainwright's papers contain two of his passports and a few letters addressed to his wife Margaret G. Wainwright.

Arrangement note

The Wainwright family of Rhinebeck, N.Y. papers are organized in the following series:

- I. William P. Wainwright papers, 1849-1855
- II. William P. Wainwright, Jr. papers, 1897-1921
- III. John T. Wainwright letter book, 1895 May 13-1899 Apr 6
- IV. Charles H. Wainwright papers, 1895-1960

Container list**I. William P. Wainwright papers, 1849-1855**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
1	1	1849-1851
	2	1852
	3	1853-1855

II. William P. Wainwright, Jr. papers, 1897-1921

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
1	4	Business and legal records, 1902-1920
	5	Certificates, 1897-1909

III. John T. Wainwright letter book, 1895 May 13-1899 Apr 6

<u>Box</u>	<u>Vol</u>
2	2

IV. Charles H. Wainwright papers, 1895-1960

<u>Box</u>	<u>Vol</u>	
2	1	Letter book, 1895 Jan 9-1898 Nov 30
	3	Letter book, 1903 Dec 12-1913 Jun 27

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
1	6	Passports and correspondence, 1920-1960