

**Irene Aloha Wright Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Irene Aloha Wright Papers

**Span Dates:** 1620-1977

**ID No.:** MSS48272

**Creator:** Wright, Irene Aloha, 1879-1972

**Extent:** 2,500 items

**Extent:** 7 containers

**Extent:** 2.8 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in Spanish and English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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**Summary:** Author, historian, public official, archivist, and editor. Transcripts, copies, and translations of documents in the Archivo de Protocolos de Sevilla, Archivo General de Indias, and Instituto Hispano-Cubano de Historia de América, Seville, Spain. Includes correspondence, printed matter, and other papers of Wright pertaining to the documents, as well as biographical material concerning Wright.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Wright, Irene Aloha, 1879-1972.

### Organizations

Archivo de Protocolos de Sevilla.

Archivo General de Indias.

Instituto Hispano-Cubano de Historia de América.

### Subjects

Archives--Spain--Seville.

### Places

Caribbean Area--History.

Spain--Colonies--America.

### Occupations

Archivists.

Authors.

Editors.

Historians.

Public officials.

## Provenance

The papers of Irene Aloha Wright, author, historian, public official, archivist, and editor, were given to the Library of Congress by Irene Wright, 1924-1962, and by A. Curtis Wilgus, 1977.

## Processing History

The papers of Irene Aloha Wright were arranged and described in 1981 and expanded in 1983. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Irene Aloha Wright is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Irene Aloha Wright are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Irene Aloha Wright Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1879, Dec. 19	Born, Lake City, Colo.
circa 1895	Worked and studied in Mexico
1898	Graduated, Virginia College for Young Ladies, Roanoke, Va.
1904	Graduated, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.
1904-1905	Special writer for Havana Post, Havana, Cuba
1905-1907	City editor, Havana Telegraph
1908-1914	Owned and edited Cuban Magazine
1910	Published <i>Cuba</i> . New York: Macmillan Co.
1914	Moved to Spain
1927	Published <i>Historia documentada de San Cristo'bal de la Habana en el siglo XVI</i> . Havana: Impr. El Siglo
1932	Published <i>Documents concerning English voyages to the Spanish main, 1569-1580</i> . London: Printed for the Hakluyt Society
1932-1936	Represented Library of Congress in Spain
1936-1938	Associate archivist, United States National Archives
1938-1952	Foreign affairs specialist, Department of State
1972, Apr. 6	Died

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Irene Aloha Wright (1879-1972) span the years 1620-1977 and consist mainly of transcripts, copies, and translations of documents from Spanish archives. Included are positive and negative photocopies and typewritten transcripts of originals from the Archivo de Protocolos de Sevilla, Archivo General de Indias, and Instituto Hispano-Cubano de Historia de América, Seville, Spain. Also included is correspondence, printed matter, and other papers of Wright pertaining to the documents, with an addition containing biographical material concerning Wright. The material is in Spanish and English.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized mainly by source of the original, type of document, and number of document.

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BOX 7

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