

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Angelica King (1890-1958), a painter and photographer, was the wife of Professor Morland King, head of the electrical Engineering Department at Lafayette College in the 1930s and 1940s. Distinguished visitors to Lafayette during this period, including lecturers and honorary degree recipients, were often photographed by Mrs. King.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Angelica King Photograph Collection contains a selection of her photographs of prominent visitors to the Lafayette College campus as well as her correspondence with these individuals. These materials are arranged alphabetically by the sitter's name in one oversize box.

PROVENANCE

Several of the photographs were transferred to Special Collections from the Kirby Museum. Some were donated to the College by Angelica King's daughter, Angelica K. Laird.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON SELECTED INDIVIDUALS PHOTOGRAPHED BY ANGELICA KING

John Burroughs – An environmentalist.

Charles Cestre – Professor at the Sorbonne University, Paris, as well as the Chairman of the Department of American Literature and Civilization. His first public lecture at Lafayette College was at a Phi Beta Kappa function and his topic was Edwin Arlington Robinson. He then visited Lafayette College in May, 1932, as a principal speaker at the ceremonies held for the centennial of the founding of the College. He spoke on the French backgrounds of American culture.

Randolph Churchill – The son of Winston Churchill visited Lafayette College in January of 1931 and addressed the students on the subject of "The British Empire and World Progress."

Andre de Laboulaye – Conferred the decoration of Chevalier in the Legion D'Honneur from the French government on President William Mather Lewis.

Marcel Dupre – Renowned organist who performed at Lafayette in 1929.

Bernard Fay – An eminent French scholar who participated in the centennial celebration of the founding of Lafayette College in 1932. He also spoke on the poverty of the lower classes in Russia at Lafayette in November of 1930.

John Finley – Spoke on French-American relations at the centennial celebration of Lafayette College in 1932. Noted author of The French in the Heart of America. Former president of Knox college, the former editor of Harper's Weekly, the former president of the City College of New York, the former president of New York University, and the associate editor of The New York Times. In addition to these positions, Finley also served as a Phi Beta Kappa speaker and lecturer, a member of the New York Constitutional Committee, a director of the New York Life Insurance Company, the president of the National Institute for Arts and Letters and a member of the Boy Scout National Council. Finley also visited Lafayette in 1929 when he spoke on hiking at the Appalachian Trail Conference. Finley was also the commencement speaker for the class of 1930 for whom he gave a talk entitle "Educating the Educated."

Dr. John Edgar Fretz – Easton doctor and College Physician from 1914-1919.

Jacques Greber – Diplomatic architect for the French government.

Albert Bushnell Hart – At the time of the centennial celebration at Lafayette College in 1932, the seventy-eight year old Hart was Professor Emeritus of History at Harvard University and considered one of the foremost authorities on American history. Prior to his visit in 1932, Hart came to Lafayette to participate in the Kirby Foundation Lectures of 1928. He offered a series of five separate lectures on various aspects of American history. Most notable was an intimate biographical sketch on George Washington, Andrew Jackson, and Abraham Lincoln.

Robert Maynard Hutchins – Hutchins was the former dean of Yale Law School and had just been appointed as president of the University of Chicago at the time of his visit to Lafayette in 1929. As commencement speaker, he gave an address entitled "The Present Conditions of Legal Education."

Julian Huxley – The eminent British biologist, grandson of Thomas Huxley and brother to Aldous, visited Lafayette College in 1930. Huxley, an honorary lecturer at King's College, London, president of the National Union of Scientific Workers, and Fullerian Professor of Physiology in the Royal Institute, gave a lecture at Lafayette entitled "Evolution – The Evolution of Man through Man."

Julius Klein – An economist who visited the College in January of 1929 and gave a lecture entitled "The Economic Recovery of Europe and What it Means to the United States."

W.P.M. Kennedy – Guest lecturer for the Kirby Foundation Lectures at Lafayette College.

William Mather Lewis – President, Lafayette College, 1927-1945

George B. Markle III – Chairman, Lafayette Alumni Council

Robert Millikan – In December of 1927 this Nobel Prize winning physicist visited Lafayette College for the first time and gave a lecture entitled “The Influence of Recent Scientific Advance Upon Our Philosophic and Religious Conceptions.” Dr. Millikan was also the recipient of the Edison Medal, the Faraday Medal, the Matteucci Medal, and the Hughes Medal. He was well-known in the scientific community for his public disagreement with the noted British physicists Sir James Jeans and Sir Arthur Edington regarding the second law of thermodynamics dealing with entropy (the continual breaking down of matter into energy and the radiation of that energy into space). During his second visit to Lafayette in 1932, Dr. Millikan gave a lecture entitled “New Ideas About Values.”

William Bennet Munro – As a Kirby Foundation Lectures speaker, Munro gave a series of four lectures on American political history. His four topics of discussion were “Alexander Hamilton and the Economic Supremacy of the Federal Government,” “John Marshall and the Doctrine of Judicial Review,” “Jackson and the Democratization of Our Government,” and “Woodrow Wilson and his Accentuation of Presidential Leadership.”

Owen J. Roberts – Justice and Chief Justice of the United States Supreme court, 1930-1945.

Bertrand Russell – The well-known British essayist and philosopher came to Lafayette College to speak in October of 1929. He was invited to speak on behalf of the drama Department’s Little Theater Course of Lectures Series. Russell delivered two talks – “The Outlook for Civilization” and “Civilization and Machinery.”

Russell Stewart – Easton area judge

Sao-Ke Alfred Sze – A well-know diplomat who was invited to receive an honorary degree as well as give the commencement address in 1928. Sze held positions as the Chinese Minister to the United States and Great Britain, the Chinese delegate to the Peace Conference in Paris in 1918, the Chinese delegate to Washington for the Conference on Limitation of Armament in 1921, the director of the Northern Chinese Railroads, the Acting Minister of Finance in the first Republican Cabinet of China, and the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs in China.

INVENTORY (BOX 1 OF 1)

- 1:1 Burroughs, John** – photograph at Slabsides (1920)
- 1:2 Cestre, Charles** – (3) letters to Angelica King
ALS May 31, 1932
ALS July 1, 1932
ALS October 26, 1932
- 1:3 Churchill, Randolph** – photograph (1942) signed
- 1:4 de Laboulaye, Andre** – photograph (1933) signed
- 1:5a Dupre, Marcel** – photograph (1929) inscribed to King
- 1:5b Dupre, Marcel** – photograph (1929)
- 1:6a Fay, Bernard** – photograph ** (1932) inscribed to College
- 1:6b Fay, Bernard** – photograph ** (1932) signed
- 1:7 Fretz, Dr. John Edgar** – letter to Angelica King
TLS September 22, 1930
- 1:8 Greber, Jacques** – letter to Angelica King
TLS July 11, 1932
- 1:9 Gayley Hall**
- 1:10a Hart, Albert Bushnell** – (2) photographs (1928) inscribed
- 1:10b Hart, Albert Bushnell** – photograph (1928) signed
- 1:10c Hart, Albert Bushnell** – photograph (1932) signed, oversize)
- 1:10d Hart, Albert Bushnell** – photograph

- 1:10e Hart, Albert Bushnell** – (8) letters to Angelica King
 TLS November 1, 1928
 TLS September 26, 1929
 ALS May 30, 1930
 TLS September 8, 1930
 ALS October 31, 1930
 TLS April 6, 1931
 TLS October 20, 1931
 TLS November 21, 1932
- 1:11 Holmes, John Albert, Jr.** – letter to Angelica King
 ALS (no date)
- 1:12a Hutchins, Robert M.** – photograph (1929) signed
- 1:12b Hutchins, Robert M.** – letter to Angelica King
 TLS September 6, 1929
- 1:12c Hutchins, Robert M.** – (2) letters from Alan C. Collins to Angelica King
 TLS November 13, 1929
 TLS Nov. 25, 1929
- 1:13a Huxley, Julian S.** – photograph (1930) signed
- 1:13b Huxley, Julian S.** – photograph
- 1:13c Huxley, Julian S.** – (3) letters to Angelica King
 ALS December 22, 1930
 ALS January 21, 1931
 ALS February 27, 1931
- 1:14 Kennedy, W.P.M.** – photograph ** (1931) signed
- 1:15a Kirby Hall of Civil Rights** – (2) photographs (1930)
- 1:15b Kirby Hall of Civil Rights** – photograph ** (1930) hand-colored
- 1:15c Kirby Hall of Civil Rights** – photograph ** (1930) hand-colored
- 1:15d Kirby Hall of Civil Rights** – photograph ** (1930) hand-colored
- 1:16 Klein, Julius** – letter to Angelica King

**ANGELICA KING
PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION, 1920-1942**

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TLS April 20, 1929

- 1:17 Lewis, William Mather** – letter to Angelica King
ALS July 23, 1930
- 1:18 Markle, George B. III** – letter to Angelica King
TLS June 6, 1932
- 1:19a Millikan, Robert** – photograph (1932) signed
- 1:19b Millikan, Robert** – letter to Angelica King
TLS November 17, 1932 (from secretary)
- 1:20 Morrow, Elizabeth C.** – (2) letters to Angelica King
TLS June 28, 1940
ALS August 6, 1940
- 1:21 Murow, William** – photograph (1929) signed
- 1:22a Finley, John H.** – photograph (1930) inscribed
- 1:22b Finley, John H.** - letter to Angelica King
ALS (no date)
- 1:23 Ratcliffe, S. K.** – letter about Angelica King
TLS to Prof. Steever, June 3, 1931
- 1:24a Roberts, Owen J.** – photograph signed
- 1:24b Roberts, Owen J.** – letter to Angelica King
TLS June 30, 1930
- 1:25a Russell, Bertrand** – photograph (1929) signed
- 1:25b Russell, Bertrand** – photograph (1929) signed
- 1:25c Russell, Bertrand** – (2) letters to Angelica King
TLS December 23, 1929
TLS February 29, 1930
- 1:25d Russell, Bertrand** – reprints of photographs in 1:25a & b
- 1:26 Steevans, Robert M.** – photograph (1929) signed

