

## Alfred W. Shields Collection Biographical Notes

Alfred W. Shields was born April 3, 1871 in Cartersville, Virginia to Dr. Thomas P. and Elizabeth J. (Ford) Shields. The family moved to Union County, Ohio where Alfred attended the public schools. His undergraduate work was done at Central College in Ohio and he studied law at Washington & Lee University in Virginia.

He married Almeda H. Houstle in Columbus on December 1, 1903. After practicing law in Columbus for several years, he and Almeda moved to Toledo, Ohio in 1910. He specialized in corporation law. He was a member of several Masonic organizations, the Knights of Pythias, the Anthony Wayne Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Maumee River Yacht Club. He died suddenly on November 17, 1930.

Shields admired the work of Alfred Payson Terhune, an American author who wrote about the collies he raised at Sunnybank in New Jersey. The collection consists of correspondence between the two men.

Shields owned a collie, Laddie Langham, which he mentions in his letters. He had Edmund Osthaus, a Toledo artist paint a portrait of Laddie which was donated to the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library and now hangs in the Local History Department.

## Alfred W. Shields Collection Inventory

### Folder 1

#### Letters and articles

1. Alfred W. Shields, Toledo to Albert Payson Terhune, Sunnybank, Pompton Lake, New Jersey, May 16, 1922 (photocopy)
2. Alfred W. Shields, Toledo to Albert Payson Terhune, Sunnybank, Pompton Lake, New Jersey, May 22, 1922 (photocopy)
3. Albert Payson Terhune, Sunnybank, Pompton Lake, New Jersey to Shields, May 18, 1922
4. Terhune to Shields, December 1, 1922
5. Terhune to Shields, August 22, 1929
6. Terhune to Shields, October 26, 1929
7. "The Further Adventures of Lad," *Kennel & Bench*, November 1922 (photocopy)
8. "Just a Lazy Little Chat About Collies," *Kennel & Bench*, n.d. (photocopy)
9. "Who Write The Country Gentlemen," n.d. (photocopy)
10. "Tales of Real Dogs: 'Old Drum' and Senator Vest," 1927 (photocopy)
11. Postcard, "Sunnybank" the Terhune Place
12. Postcard, Three of the Sunnybank Collies