

Wright saved IU

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households was scarce of detail, it does indicate that there were eleven persons in the Wright household, including John. Tally for the Wright home reads: three between the ages of 5 to 10; two males between 10 and 15; two males and one female between 16 and 25, and two males and one female between the ages of 26 and 44.

Young Joseph was about 16 years old when the seminary's first professor, Baynard Hall, chose him for the first freshman class. It would be interesting to know whether Joseph had an "in" with the professor, since he (Joseph) was a Bloomington boy, whose father had worked on the buildings, but it is likely that the professor thought the boy showed some promise.

No doubt the help-each-other, frontier spirit was at work in Bloomington in the case of the Wright family. According to the September issue of the *Indiana Magazine of History*, young Joseph was given the position of part-time librarian for the county.

Two of the entries in IU records tell us: "Ordered, That Joseph A. Wright be allowed for ringing the college bell, making fires, etc., in the college building during the last session of the College Seminary, the sum of \$16.25."

"Ordered by the Board of Trustees, that Joseph A. Wright be and he is hereby allowed the sum of one dollar for repairing the top of one of the chimneys, and that the treasurer pay the same."

The 1820s were apprentice years for Joseph, and Professor Hall's strict regimen of Latin and Greek gave his students enough self-discipline to further their education on their own. Though Joseph did not graduate from the

seminary, he chose to study law with a local attorney, Craven P. Hester.

According to the *Indiana Magazine of History* article, Joseph, in his capacity as librarian for the county, purchased two basic law books — *Blackstone's Commentary* and *Chitty's Pleadings* — for the library. No doubt they were partly for his use, and he later bought them from the library.

The shrewd maneuver of using his position to buy books for his own advancement was only a small indication of the politician he was to become. Upon completing his study of the law with Hester, Joseph Wright passed his bar examination

and moved to Rockville. After serving in the state legislature and Congress, he ran for governor in 1849.

Even in the halls of Congress and the statehouse, Wright didn't forget the little seminary that gave him the base of his legal education. In 1853, when the university was in grave financial difficulty, Gov. Wright suddenly appeared in Bloomington with a shrewd plan to save the school that fostered him. In a matter of a few months, he was instrumental in changing the president of the university and persuading both a congressman and the state legislature to help with legislation that saved the university from extinction.

J and S on bridge

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We are indebted to Harry Lampet and his book *The Fun Way to Serious Bridge* for today's hand.

It shows a suit preference signal at its best.

West doesn't have much of an opening bid. We like to open light, but feel his hand is a trifle short. Anyway he opens the bidding. North bids one no-trump. East sticks in an ultra-light raise and South closes the bidding at four spades.

We don't think much of West's choice of opening lead. We would probably have led one of the minor suits, but West does lead the ace of hearts and East follows with the jack.

Even if West hadn't heard about suit preference signals he would have known that East's play was not a request to continue hearts. It had to mean that he wanted a sensational shift.

With suit preference, West's play is a cliché. High

card for high suit. Diamonds are higher than clubs. East is asking for a diamond lead.

West should lead a diamond, preferably the queen. This lead will make things very easy for East and produce three diamond tricks. East and West will wind up with 50 points on their side of the ledger.

NORTH 10-16-22

♦ A J 6
♥ K Q 7
♦ K 8 7
♦ K 8 7 6

WEST

♦ K 2
♥ A 10 6 4 3
♦ Q 10 9
♦ Q 10 9

EAST

♦ 4 3
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ A J 6 4
♦ J 5 3

SOUTH

♦ Q 10 9 8 7 5
♥ 5
♦ 5 3 2
♦ A 4 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

| West | North | East | South |
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| 1♥ | 1NT | 2♥ | 4♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

Opening lead: ♥A