

# **CRAWFORD FAMILY.**

## **Crawford and Brown Family Papers, 1788-1933**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Crawford Family.  
**Title:** Crawford and Brown Family Papers, 1788-1933  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 342  
**Extent:** 1.6 cubic ft. (4 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Consists of letters between members of the Crawford and Brown families, family and legal documents, and three printed items.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Administrative Information**

#### **Restrictions on Access**

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#### **Citation**

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#### **Processing**

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### **Collection Description**

#### **Biographical Note**

Rev. Henry Crawford was born in England in 1816 at Chelsfield Court Lodge, Kent, England. He was the son of Robert Crawford (1789-1860) and his wife, Elizabeth Elvy Crawford (1788-1850). Henry studied with a surgeon and practiced medicine in Kent before pursuing theological studies at King's College, London. In 1851 he, along with his wife Caroline Wallen

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Crawford and their children, traveled to Jerusalem, where Henry became Chaplain of Christ Church. Ill health forced him to return to England several years prior to his death in 1863.

In Jerusalem Henry became friends with Robert Grant Brown, a Presbyterian minister and missionary. Robert, who was the son of Rev. George Brown, had previously been sent to Alexandria by the Scottish Society for the Conversion of Israel, and also traveled in Aleppo and Lebanon. In 1855, Robert married Henry's sister, Susanna Frances Crawford, who had traveled to Jerusalem to visit Henry. In 1876 Robert became Secretary to the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel Among the Jews.

The connection between the Crawford and Brown families continued into the next generation, when Rev. Henry Crawford's son Henry Leighton Crawford married his cousin Elizabeth Alba Brown (daughter of Robert Grant Brown and Susanna Frances Crawford Brown).

Detailed genealogical information about the Crawford and Brown families, including several family trees, is available in the book *Half-Lights on Chelsfield Court Lodge* (box 4, folder 23).

### **Scope and Content Note**

Letters between members of the Crawford and Brown families comprise the bulk of this collection. Approximately 300 letters are included. Although letters to and from Rev. Henry Crawford and Robert Grant Brown dominate the collection, other family members who are represented include Henry Crawford, Esq. (grandfather of Rev. Henry Crawford); Robert and Elizabeth Elvy Crawford (parents of Rev. Henry Crawford); several sisters of Rev. Henry Crawford including Mary Eleanor, Matilda, Anne, and Susanna Frances; Rev. George Brown (father of Robert Grant Brown); and Alexander Brown (brother of Robert Grant Brown). Included with Alexander Brown's letters are three letters from Alexander Bain, a classmate who went on to become a prominent psychologist and logician.

Following the correspondence are other Crawford and Brown family papers, including baptism records for Robert Grant Brown and Eleanor Crawford; the marriage certificate of Robert Grant Brown and Susanna Frances Crawford; indentures, wills, and other legal documents; handwritten financial records; and three folders of poetry by unidentified individuals.

At the end of the collection are three printed items. *Half-Lights on Chelsfield Court Lodge* (1933) includes a narrative history of the Crawford family's time at Chelsfield Court, as well as detailed genealogical charts spanning several generations of the Crawford and Brown families. *Extracts from the Cash-Book of Henry Crawford, H.E.I.C.S.* (1907) includes information on Henry Crawford, Esq.'s (grandfather of Rev. Henry Crawford) service in India from 1802-1809. There is also a 1927 Ward, Lock, and Co's Motoring and Touring Map of Birmingham, Nottingham, Leicester. The significance of this map is unclear.

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## Container List

### Crawford Family Correspondence

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Letter from Anne Venner to her children, 1799
1	2	Letters from Fanny Crawford, 1805, undated
1	3	Henry Crawford, Esq.: Letters to Henry Crawford, Esq., 1788-1816
1	4	Henry Crawford, Esq.: Letters to Henry Crawford, Esq. from Robert Turaneau, 1814-1824
1	5	Robert Crawford: Letters from Robert Crawford to Henry Crawford Esq. [father], 1817-1818
1	6	Robert Crawford: Letter to Robert Crawford, 1827
1	7	Elizabeth Elvy Crawford: Letters to Elizabeth Elvy Crawford from Susanna Elvy [sister, also contains Elvy family genealogical information], 1808-1831
1	8	Elizabeth Elvy Crawford: Letters to Elizabeth Elvy Crawford from Martha Crawford, 1830-1840
1	9	Elizabeth Elvy Crawford: Letters to Elizabeth Elvy Crawford from miscellaneous correspondents, 1831-1837, undated
1	10	Elizabeth Elvy Crawford: Letters to Elizabeth Elvy Crawford from Venner Crawford [son], 1832
1	11	Elizabeth Elvy Crawford: Letter from Elizabeth Elvy Crawford to her daughters, 1837
1	12	Rev. Henry Crawford: Letters from Rev. Henry Crawford to Robert and Elizabeth Crawford [parents], 1830-1857
1	13	Rev. Henry Crawford: Letters from Rev. Henry Crawford to Matilda Crawford [aunt], 1840-1861
1	14	Rev. Henry Crawford: Letters from Rev. Henry Crawford to miscellaneous correspondents, 1835-1860
1	15	Rev. Henry Crawford: Letters from Rev. Henry Crawford to Anne Crawford [sister], 1839-1862, undated
1	16	Rev. Henry Crawford: Letters from Rev. Henry Crawford to Susanna Frances Crawford [sister], 1840-1857
2	1	Rev. Henry Crawford: Letters from Rev. Henry Crawford to Caroline Wallen Crawford [wife], 1842, 1860
2	2	Crawford Sisters: Letters to Ellen Crawford from miscellaneous correspondents, 1837-1838
2	3	Crawford Sisters: Letters to Mary Crawford from family correspondents, 1840-1842, undated
2	4	Crawford Sisters: Letters to Eleanor (Mary Eleanor?) Crawford, 1837-1841
2	5-6	Crawford Sisters: Letters to Eleanor (Mary Eleanor?) Crawford from Edward Sidebottom [cousin of Robert Crawford] and Mrs. Sidebottom, 1838-1859

- 2 7 Crawford Sisters: Letters to and from Matilda Crawford, 1838-1859, undated
- 2 8 Crawford Sisters: Letters from Robert Dawson Crawford to Anne Crawford [sister], 1886
- 2 9 Crawford Sisters: Letters to Georgianna Crawford from family correspondents, undated
- 2 10 Crawford Sisters: Letters from Mrs. Sidebottom to various Crawford family members, 1817-1836
- 2 11 Crawford Sisters: Letters to "Miss Crawford," 1821-1851, undated
- 2 12 Crawford Sisters: Letters to "Miss Fuller," 1823, undated [Mary Fuller?]
- 2 13 Crawford Sisters: Letters to "Miss Crawford" from James Henry Skene, 1863-1869, undated
- 2 14 Crawford Sisters: Letter from Riou to his mother, 1902
- 2 15 Crawford Sisters: Unidentified Crawford family letters, 1807-1903, undated

### **Brown Family Correspondence**

- 3 1 Letters to Mrs. Rev. George Brown from Joseph Spence [father], 1819-1820
- 3 2 Reverend George Brown: Letters to Rev. George Brown from Elizabeth J. Brown [daughter], 1820
- 3 3 Reverend George Brown: Letter to Rev. George Brown, 1840?
- 3 4 Reverend George Brown: Letters from Rev. George Brown to George Brown [son], 1844-1855
- 3 5-7 Alexander Brown: Letters to Alexander Brown, 1836-1844, undated
- 3 8 Alexander Brown: Letters to Alexander Brown from Alexander Bain, 1840-1841
- 3 9 Alexander Brown: Letters from Alexander Brown to George Brown [brother?], 1849-1868
- 3 10 Alexander Brown: Letters to George Brown from Elizabeth J. Brown [sister], 1849-1851
- 3 11 Robert Grant Brown: Letters from Robert Grant Brown to family, 1837-1876
- 3 12 Robert Grant Brown: Letters to Robert Grant Brown, 1839, 1845, undated
- 3 13-14 Robert Grant Brown: Letters between Robert Grant Brown and Rev. George Brown [father], 1842-1847
- 3 15 Robert Grant Brown: Letter from Robert Grant Brown to Robert Crawford [future father-in-law], 1855
- 3 16 Robert Grant Brown: Letters from Susanna Frances Crawford Brown to family, 1851-1884
- 3 17 Robert Grant Brown: Letter to Elizabeth Alba Brown [daughter of Robert Grant Brown and Susanna Frances Crawford, cousin and future wife of Henry Leighton Crawford], 1875
- 3 18 Robert Grant Brown: Letters to unidentified Brown women, 1845, 1876

### **Other Crawford-Brown Family Papers**

- 3 19 Crawford family: Baptism Record, Eleanor Crawford, 1791

- 4 1 Crawford family: Financial Documents and Legal Documents, Henry Crawford, Esq., 1799-1819
- 4 2 Crawford family: Financial Documents, Miscellaneous, 1839-1840, 1865, undated
- 4 3 Crawford family: Indenture of George [?] to Henry Crawford, Esq., 1785
- 4 4 Crawford family: Indenture of William Day to Elizabeth Crawford, 1820
- 4 5 Crawford family: Last Will and Testament, Elizabeth Crawford, 1841
- 4 6 Crawford family: Last Will and Testament, George Moreland, 1814
- 4 7 Crawford family: Legal Document Transferring Household Goods from Anne Venner to Dorothy Venner [daughter], 1807
- 4 8 Crawford family: Legal Settlement, 1927-1928
- 4 9 Crawford family: Marriage Documents, Robert Grant Brown and Susanna Frances Crawford, 1855
- 4 10 Crawford family: Memorial Card, Rev. Henry Crawford, 1863
- 4 11 Crawford family: Photograph, Unidentified Subject, undated
- 4 12-14 Crawford family: Poetry, Miscellaneous/Unknown Authors, 1784-1882, undated
- 4 15 Crawford family: Positions Held by Henry Leighton Crawford, List, 1877-1911
- 4 16 Brown family: Baptism Record, Robert Grant Brown, 1829
- 4 17-18 Brown family: Financial Records, George H. Brown, 1851-1859
- 4 19 Brown family: Indenture of Robert Grant Brown to John Philips Mather, 1840
- 4 20 Brown family: Obituary from *Weekly Review*, Robert Grant Brown, undated
- 4 21 Brown family: Unidentified Crawford and Brown Papers, 1830, 1837, 1839, undated

### Printed Materials

- 4 22 *Extracts from the Cash-Book of Henry Crawford, H.E.I.C.S.*, 1907
- 4 23 *Half-Lights on Chelsfield Court Lodge*, 1933
- 4 24 "Motoring and Touring Map of Birmingham, Nottingham, Leicester," undated
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