

# **CRAWFORD, MATT N.**

## **Matt N. and Evelyn Graves Crawford papers, 1932-1967**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Crawford, Matt N.  
**Title:** Matt N. and Evelyn Graves Crawford papers, 1932-1967  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 882  
**Extent:** 12 linear feet (24 boxes) and 1 oversized papers box (OP)  
**Abstract:** Organization files, writings, collected printed materials, subject files, and personal papers of African American activists Matt and Evelyn Crawford. The collection also includes miscellaneous materials and correspondence from or relating to poet Langston Hughes.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

Matt Nathaniel Crawford, Jr., born in Anniston Alabama (May 18, 1903), was fourth of five children of Matt N. and Emma Goodgame Crawford. He spent his formative years in Oakland, California, where his family moved in 1911, becoming active participants in the life of the small African American community in the San Francisco Bay area. He attended public schools in Oakland, graduating from Oakland Vocational High School. In 1921 Crawford went to work as an insurance clerk. In the mid-1920s he prepared for a career in chiropractic medicine and graduated from the San Francisco College of Chiropractic and Drugless Physicians in 1927. He practiced in an Oakland office with two partners for ten years during the 1930s until the depression forced the closing of the practice.

Throughout the 1920s Matt Crawford was active in the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and in two social and civic organizations: The Acorn Club and the Phyllis Wheatley Club. During this time he met Evelyn Phyllis Graves (b. 1899), whom he married on September 1, 1929. They had one child, Evelyn Louise (1938).

In June 1932, Crawford traveled to Moscow with a group of young black Americans, including Langston Hughes and close family friend, Louise Thompson, to make a film on Black life in the United States. Though the project ("Black and White") was abandoned, Crawford and other members of the group toured the USSR for several months. Through this travel experience he became interested in socialism and developed a new political and social consciousness that led to active participation in the International Labor Defense campaign to free the Scottsboro Boys of Alabama. He worked closely with William L. Patterson, a Scottsboro case attorney, and they became close friends and collaborators, a relationship that lasted throughout their lives. The fight to save the Scottsboro Boys marked the beginning of Crawford's involvement in the civil rights movement; it convinced him that socialism was the hope for justice for black people, and he joined the Communist Party.

During the 1930s and 1940s Crawford was involved in many civil rights, labor rights and social justice campaigns. He was a founder of the National Negro Labor Council, which fought for equal employment opportunities. He became involved in campaigns to fight discrimination against black workers who wanted to join trade unions and became director of the Northern California Minorities Committee of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (1944-1945). He held the position of Assistant Director of the Council for Civic Unity (1946), and became the West Coast Regional Director of the National Negro Congress and the Civil Rights Congress (1947-1948). Also during the 1940s Matt Crawford began his long time friendship with Paul Robeson and became an active member of the Independent Progressive Party presidential campaign of Henry A. Wallace (1948).

From 1949-1958, Matt Crawford worked for the Consumers Cooperative of Berkeley, first as food clerk and later as assistant manager. He then moved into a new career as loan officer and later manager of the main branch Cooperative Center Federal Credit Union in Berkeley. During his final years with the credit union, his wife, Evelyn died (1972). Crawford retired in 1974, but remained active in the credit union movement as an advocate, board president, and member. In the 1970s and 1980s Crawford continued to be actively involved in community affairs. He

served as president of the Berkeley Black Caucus and was appointed to the Alameda County Consumer Affairs Commission and later the Alameda County Retirement Board.

In 1978 Crawford married Frances Dunham Catlett, a retired San Francisco social worker and artist. He continued to travel extensively and to pursue his interests in gardening, photography, and alternative healing until his death in Oakland, California on August 26, 1996.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Matt N. and Evelyn Graves Crawford papers include organization files, writings, collected printed materials, subject files, personal papers and Langston Hughes materials. The largest part of the collection includes materials relating to organizations in which Matt Crawford took an active role, primarily during the 1940s and 1950s, including the National Negro Congress (ca, 1946-1947); the Congress of Industrial Organizations (1943-1947); the Communist Party (1940-1956); The Civil Rights Congress (1946-1950); and the Council for Civic Unity (1943-1947). There are also files relating to organizations in which there was a relationship to Crawford's work and in which he had an interest.

The writings primarily include Matt Crawford's holograph notes relating to Negro History and to a variety of subjects affecting the Negro in the 1940s. They also include three notebooks of notes written during his trip to the Soviet Union in 1932. In addition, the writings include a small group of speeches, articles and miscellaneous writings by other people.

Collected materials comprise both the printed materials series and the subject files series. Printed materials include reprints and clippings as well as collected reports, leaflets, convention proceedings, flyers, and programs. Subject files are a combination of files kept in their original arrangement with other files added to the alphabetical grouping. Also present is a small group of personal papers, including awards presented to Matt Crawford; commencement programs; and birthday celebration items.

The Langston Hughes materials include fifty-six items of correspondence to both Matt and Evelyn Crawford (1932-1967) and writings, including typescripts of Hughes's works of poetry, prose, drama and music. Many of the items are signed; some include dedication notes. There is also a small collection of printed materials relating to Hughes as well as one publicity photograph (1932).

### **Arrangement Note**

Organized into six series: (1) Organization files, (2) Writings, (3) Printed materials, (4) Subject files, (5) Personal papers, and (6) Langston Hughes materials.

## **Container List**

### Series 1: Organization files

Subseries 1.1: National Negro Congress

Subseries 1.2: Labor Unions

Subseries 1.3: Communist Party

Subseries 1.4: Other Organizations

### Series 2: Writings

Subseries 2.1: Writings by Matt Crawford

Subseries 2.2: Writings of Others

### Series 3: Printed materials

### Series 4: Subject files

### Series 5: Personal papers

### Series 6: Langston Hughes materials, 1932-1967

Subseries 6.1: Correspondence, 1932-1967

Subseries 6.2: Writings

Subseries 6.3: Miscellaneous printed materials

**Series 1**  
**Organization files**  
**Boxes 1-9**

**Scope and Content Note**

The organizations files contain materials relating to organizations in which Matt Crawford took an active role, primarily during the 1940s and 1950s when he was involved in many civil rights, labor rights, and social justice campaigns. The series also includes papers he collected from organizations in which he had an interest. See Series 3 for printed materials relating to these organizations.

**Arrangement Note**

The series is organized into four subseries: (1.1) National Negro Congress, (1.2) Labor unions, (1.3) Communist Party, and (1.4) Other organizations.

**Subseries 1.1**  
**National Negro Congress**  
**Boxes 1-3**

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by document type.

**National Office**

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	<i>Action Letter</i> , 1946-1947
1	2	Correspondence, TL (copy) from John P. Davis to John L. Lewis, 19 October 1937, 3 pp.
1	3	Cultural Division, "A Report on the Conference for Free Expression in the American Arts", ca. 1947
1	4	National Executive Board, minutes, 22-23 February 1946 and undated
1	5	National Executive Board, minutes, 1 February 1947
1	6	<i>National Negro Congress News</i> , Release no. 12, nos. 7-22, 1941
1	7	Printed material
1	8	<i>Negro Congress News</i> , vol. 1, no. 6-7, n.d.
1	9	Press releases, 1946-1947
1	10	Proceedings, Tenth Annual Convention, 30 May-2 June 1946

**San Francisco Council**

1	11	By-Laws, ca. 1947
1	12	Civil Liberties
1	13	Civil Rights
1	14	Correspondence, June-November 1946
1	15	Correspondence, December 1946
1	16	Correspondence, January 1947
1	17	Correspondence, February 1947
1	18	Correspondence, March 1947
2	1	Correspondence, April 1947
2	2	Correspondence, May 1947
2	3	Correspondence, June-August 1947
2	4	Correspondence, September-December 1947
2	5	Correspondence, Juanita Brinson, 1947
2	6	Correspondence, Revels Cayton, 1946-1947
2	7	Correspondence, Matt Crawford, 1946-1947
2	8	Correspondence, Rose Segura, 1946-1947
2	9	Correspondence, George H. Sims, 1947
2	10	Fair Employment Practices, 1945-46

- 2 11 Financial records [bills paid], 1946-1947 (folder 1 of 2)
- 2 12 Financial records [bills paid], 1947 (folder 2 of 2)
- 2 13 Financial records: Paul Robeson meeting, 8 October 1946
- 2 14 Housing survey
- 2 15 Institute on Democratic Relations, 1946
- 2 16 Labor issues
- 3 1 Legal cases: Festus Lewis Coleman, 1945-1947
- 3 2 Legal cases: Jackson Street arrests, 1947
- 3 3 Legal cases: Municipal Street Car Operators, 1947
- 3 4 Legal cases: miscellaneous cases
- 3 5 Legal cases: C. Taylor and George Sims cases, 1947
- 3 6 Legislation
- 3 7 Meeting notices, 1946-1947
- 3 9 Membership, 1947
- 3 10 Memoranda, ca. 1940s
- 3 11 Minutes, 7 October 1946-17 September 1947
- 3 12 Monthly budget, n.d.
- 3 13 National Housing Agency
- 3 14 News releases, 1946-1947
- 3 15 Notes regarding various social concerns
- 3 16 "A Report to West Coast Friends as to What Happened in Detroit", by Revels Cayton, ca. 1940s
- 3 17 Seattle Council
- 3 18 *Song of the South*, leaflets urging boycott, ca. 1939
- 3 19 Stationery (blank)
- 3 20 Trade unions
- 3 21 United Nations petitions, 1946
- 3 22 >Washington Council

### **Other California Councils**

- 3 23 Alameda Chapter, minutes, correspondence, directories, resolutions, 1936; 1946-1947
- 3 24 East Bay Council, "Community Spokesman", vol. 1, no. 2-3, April 1941
- 3 25 East Bay Council, minutes, correspondence, directories, notes, 1936-1938
- 21 1 East Bay Council, Recital Committee financial report, 1936
- 3 25 Los Angeles Council, correspondence, 1946-1947

**Subseries 1.2**  
**Labor Unions**  
**Boxes 4-5**

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by document type.

**Congress of Industrial Organizations**

**California Council**

Box	Folder	Content
4	1	"The CIO Fights for Unity", typescript with corrections
4	2	Executive Board, minutes and related documents, January 1945
4	3	Minorities Committee, activity reports, various dates 1943-1944 and undated
4	4	Minorities Committee, correspondence, 1944-1945 [3 letters]
4	5	Minorities Committee, <i>Home Front Unity Statement</i> , ca. 1945
4	6	Minorities Committee, memorandum regarding establishment of committee on minorities, 14 June 1943
4	7	Minorities Committee, <i>Northern California Conference on Racial and National Unity in Wartime</i> , 8 August 1943, program, report
4	8	Minorities Committee, radio interview w/ Matt Crawford and Revel Cayton, typescript, 19 August 1943
4	9	Minorities Committee, report from the 1942 State Convention w/ letter from Revels Cayton, n.d.
4	10	Minorities Committee, reports of the Sixth-Eighth Annual Conventions, ca. 1943-1945
4	11	Policy statement on minorities, adopted by the Sixth Annual Convention, 21-24 October 1943
4	12	Political Action and Executive Board Meeting, report, 11-14 January 1945
4	13	<i>Report of State CIO Legislative Department to California CIO Executive Board and Political Action Committee</i>
4	14	<i>Report of the California CIO Council to the Executive Board and Political Action Committee</i> , 28 June-1 July 1945

**Other Councils**

4	15	National Committee to Abolish Racial Discrimination, report of George L-P Weaver, 20 March 1944
4	16	National Executive Board, "Call to Action," resolution
4	17	Ohio CIO Council, Anti-Discrimination Committee, "CIO Anti-Discrimination Conference, Central Ohio Area," 23 April 1944
4	18	San Francisco Political Action Committee, minutes, 1945-1946



- 4 19 "Southern California CIO Anti-Discrimination Committees (1940-1949)" by David Oberweiser, ca. 1992
- 4 20 "Statement by the San Francisco CIO Council in Opposition to Increase in Fares on the Municipal Transit System", ca. 1944

**Miscellaneous Labor Issues**

- 5 1 American Federation of Labor, membership
- 5 2 Boiler Makers Union, "An Analysis of the Discriminations Against Negroes in the Boiler Makers Union", by Herbert R. Northrup
- 5 3 California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, "Women Workers in California Manufacturing Industries, 1956"
- 5 4 Committee for Maritime Unity, appeal to avert nationwide shipping strike, 4 June 1946
- 5 5 Employee complaints, 1940s
- 5 6 International Labor Defense, press releases regarding Scottsboro Boys, March-April 1933
- 5 7 International Labor Defense, press releases regarding Scottsboro Boys, May 1933
- 5 8 International Labor Defense, press releases regarding Scottsboro Boys, June-September 1933
- 5 9 International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, Constitution and By-laws, 1941; Resolution on Anti-Discrimination, April 1947
- 5 10 Legal case: Upton Theatre Case, 1947
- 5 11 "Longshore Meeting of October 10 on Discrimination," summary of reactions to the meeting
- 5 12 Miscellaneous reports
- 5 13 The National Alliance of Postal Employees, "A Statement on Civil Rights", 1948
- 5 14 National Negro Labor Council, ca. 1953
- 5 15 National Trade Union Conference for Negro Rights, 10-11 June 1950
- 5 16 "Negroes and the Maritime Strike", 1950s
- 5 17 Trade unions, miscellaneous printed materials

**Subseries 1.3**  
**Communist Party**  
**Boxes 6-7**

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
6	1	"Analysis of the Registration Campaign and Proposals for Building a Party of 10,000 in July by July 1st", w/ memorandum from State Board, Communist Party of California, 27 February 1947
6	2	Anonymous, "Fight for Peace!" photocopied typescript, mid 1940s
6	3	Anonymous, "Some Problems of Theory, Ideology, and Tactics in Negro Work", carbon typescript, 18 pp., mid 1950s
6	4	Anonymous, speech regarding fundamental principles to guide Marxists in their approach to religion and work with religious masses, carbon typescript, 11 pp.
6	5	"American Intervention in China", (outline for two educational programs), State Educational Committee, Communist Party of California, 18 December 1945
6	6	"Approaches to the Charge of Force and Violence", "Outline on Communist Party," "Outline on War and Peace," "Bourgeois Democracy and Constitutional Rights," photocopied typescript, n.d.
6	7	"Campaign Against the Frameup of the Communist Leaders", speakers notes w/ Appendices, State Education Department, Communist Party of California, n.d.
6	8	"Concentration Industry Report", numbers. 1-3, State Research Committee, Communist Party of California, 1946
6	9	"Democratic Centralism (An Outline for Club Use and Individual Study)", San Francisco and California State Educational Departments, Communist Party, 4 May 1946
6	10	"Draft Resolution for the National Convention, C.P., U.S.A.," Discussion Bulletin 1, California State Committee, Communist Party, May 1948
6	11	"Draft Memoranda: Re: Role, Scope and Function of the [National] Negro Commission," typescript (copy), 1945
6	12	"Draft Memorandum on Leadership Questions," California State Convention, Communist Party, n.d.
6	13	"Draft Resolution of the Negro Commission of the Communist Party, USA on The Negro Question," n.d.
6	14	"Draft Resolution on the <i>Negro Question</i> adopted by National Committee, C.P.," subject to final editing), typescript (copy) w/holograph corrections, 5 December 1946
6	15	"Draft Resolution on the Negro Question in the United States," ca. 1950s
6	16	Educational work of the Communist Party of California various dates
6	17	"The Fight for Freedom of the Negro People", State Education Committee, Communist Party of California, 12 February 1946

- 6 18 Foster, William, writings on Communism in America, mid 1940s
- 6 19 "The Great Conspiracy and the Fight for Peace" (an outline for club discussion), State Education Commission, Communist Party of California, 15 July 1946
- 6 20 Guide for reporters regarding decisions of the National Committee on the Negro Question, n.d.
- 6 21 "Industrial Concentration: the Key to Building the Communist Party", The State Organization and Education Committees, Communist Party of California, 22 January 1946
- 6 22 Jackson, James E., writings regarding Communist Party in America, 1950s
- 6 23 "Main Ideological Questions on the Negro Question Raised by the 15th National Convention," Communist Party, ca. 1956
- 6 24 "Maritime Workers: On Your Guard!" broadside issued by the Waterfront Committee of the Communist Party, ca. 1930s
- 6 25 Memorandum and summary report of meeting regarding white chauvinism and language, State Education and State Negro Commission, Communist Party of California
- 6 26 Memorandum from *People's World* staff regarding status of *Weekly*, n.d.
- 6 27 "Memorandum on Lessons of the Primary Elections" (for club discussion), State Board, Communist Party of California, 25 June 1946
- 6 28 "Memorandum on Negro Work Conference," National Negro Commission, Communist Party
- 6 29 Memorandum regarding Party and Press Building Conference, 29 May 19[??]
- 6 30 Memorandum on the Maritime Situation, State Education Committee, Communist Party of California, 10 June 1946
- 6 31 Mexican Nationals, miscellaneous reports, n.d.
- 6 32 "A Message from Alameda County...Communists," Committee of Alameda County Communists for the Re-establishment of a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party, USA
- 6 33 National economy, collected articles, 1946
- 6 34 Negro Commission of the Communist Party, report of the first meeting, n.d.
- 7 1 "The Negro Question," outline and study guide for five-session course, Education Department, New York State Communist Party, January 1949
- 7 2 The Negro Question, study guides, fragments
- 7 3 "The Negro Question," Workers School, n.d.
- 7 4 "The Negro Question," Workers School, 1940
- 7 5 Negro rights struggle: speech [?] regarding minimum program of action, typescript w/ holograph corrections, incomplete, n.d.
- 7 6 Negro work in Alameda County, report, mid 1930s?
- 7 7 Notes from Lenin's *Collected Works*
- 7 8 *The Party Builder*, no. 15, 25 November 1946 [membership bulletin, Communist Party of San Francisco]

- 7 9 *Party Bulletin*, State Board, California Communist Party, 11 December, 1946
- 7 10 A Petition to the President and Congress of the United States of America, n.d.
- 7 11 Pittman, John, "For a Thorough Discussion on the Press", 19 August 1945
- 7 12 "The Possibility of Peaceful Development of Socialist Revolution in Separate Countries," speech by Comrade A.I. Mikoyan, Twentieth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, ca. 1956
- 7 13 "Proposal on State Structure, State Convention, 16 March 1957
- 7 14 "Racism in the Communist Movement," Organizing Committee for an Ideological Center, December 1980
- 7 15 "Report of Subcommittee on Local 6 and Negro Question," ca. mid 1940s
- 7 16 "Report to State Convention, Second Session, March 16-17," by Wm. Schneiderman [for State Committee], see also Sixteenth National Convention, February 1957 in Series 1.3
- 7 17 "Resolutions of the Communist International on the Negro Question in the United States," March 1946
- 7 18 "The Role of the Marxist Press," (an outline for club discussions in connection with press building drive), The State Organization and Education Committees, Communist Party of California, 19 January 1946
- 7 19 "The Sino-Japanese War and the Negro Question," (discussion material), Educational Department of the Harlem Division of the Communist Party and the Negro Commission, 3 February 1938
- 7 20 Sixteenth National Convention, Communist Party, USA, February 1957, various documents
- 7 21 "Some Aspects of the Black Liberation Struggle: Two Lectures", Black Liberation Commission, Communist Party, USA, October 1969
- 7 22 "Some Comments on the Document from San Francisco entitled 'Analysis of Election Campaign'," n.d.
- 7 23 "Speakers notes, May Day-1947," State Educational Committee, Communist Party of California
- 7 24 State Conference on Negro Work and Fight for Negro Rights, main report, State Negro Commission, ca. 1949
- 7 25 "Statement of S.F. Communist Party on Slater Case," n.d.
- 7 26 "Statement of Communist Party Vote: California," election returns on Communist tickets for 1936, 1938, and 1940, State Election Campaign Committee"
- 7 27 Statement of State Committee of the Communist Party of California on Defense of Ray Thompson," press release, 18 July 1947
- 7 28 "The Struggle Against Trotskyism," State Education Committee, Communist Party of California, 25 February 1946
- 7 29 "The Struggle Against White Chauvinism,"(guide for branch discussion and individual study), Education Departments, California and San Francisco Communist Party, March 1947

- 7 30 "The Struggle Against the North Atlantic War Alliance," State Education Department, Communist Party of California, 1 May 1949
- 7 31 "The Struggle for the Party Line Against White Chauvinism and Negro Nationalism," w/memo from State Committee, Communist Party of California, April 1953
- 7 32 "Study Course on the Communist Party, The Working Class and Industrial Concentration," National Education Department, Communist Party, ca. 1949
- 7 33 "Study Outline on the National Question," ca. 1940s
- 7 34 Summary Report of East Bay Sub-Committee on Negro Work," carbon typescript, 10 pp., n.d.
- 7 35 "What about the Atomic Bomb?" educational outline for club use, State Educational Committee, California Communist Party, ca. 1946
- 7 36 "World Significance of the Events in China," discussion outline and material for classes, National Education Department, Communist Party, ca. 1950s

**Subseries 1.4**  
**Other Organizations**  
**Box 8**

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
8	1	American Council on Race Relations, "Director's News Letter," February, June-August, October, 1945
8	2	American Council on Race Relations, "Negro G.I.'s Come Back" by William A. Caudill
8	3	American Council on Race Relations, "The Problem of Segregation", housing report by Davis McEntire, 1940s
8	4	American Council on Race Relations, <i>Release</i> , no. 2; 34-37, mid 1940s
8	5	American Council on Race Relations, <i>Report</i> , July, 1946, March 1947, June, 1947
8	6	American Council on Race Relations, survey forms regarding Japanese evacuees on Pacific Coast [blank]
8	7	Berkeley Black Caucus, "Community Control of Police", early 1970s
8	8	Berkeley Black Caucus, correspondence, 27 July 1973
8	9	Berkeley Black Caucus, documents regarding relationship w/Berkeley City Council, early 1970s
8	10	Berkeley Black Caucus, platform, early 1970s
8	11	Civil Rights Congress, <i>Action Bulletin</i> , 3 July 1946; 29 August 1947; 14 November 1947
8	12	Civil Rights Congress, Board of Directors, directory, 10 July 1946
8	13	Civil Rights Congress, <i>Bulletin</i> , n.d.
8	14	Civil Rights Congress, constitution and by-laws
8	15	Civil Rights Congress, correspondence, 1946-1947
8	16	Civil Rights Congress, <i>CRC: Campaigns and Activities of the Civil Rights Congress</i> , 23 July 1946
8	17	Civil Rights Congress, "Fact Sheets on Police Brutality, Frame-Up, Jobs, Housing, FEP," 26 August 1950
8	18	Civil Rights Congress, minutes, 1947
8	19	Civil Rights Congress, National Conference program, 21-23 November 1947
8	20	Civil Rights Congress, proceedings of the National Board meeting, 7-10 July 1952
8	21	Civil Rights Congress, Statement of Protest Against the United States Attorney General, Tom Clark, n.d.
		Civil Rights Congress: see also Printed Materials series

- 8 22 Council for Civic Unity, "Among These Rights..." monthly bulletin, September-December 1945; January, March 1946
- 8 23 Council for Civic Unity, "And Then There Was One", radio script by Carol Levene, 8 June 1946
- 8 24 Council for Civic Unity, Board of Directors, meeting agenda, 3 March 1947
- 8 25 Council for Civic Unity, civil rights issues, 1930s
- 8 26 Council for Civic Unity, correspondence, January 1945-January 1947
- 8 27 Council for Civic Unity, excerpts from semi-annual report, July 1946
- 8 28 Council for Civic Unity, first annual meeting, resolutions, 15-16 February 1947
- 8 29 Council for Civic Unity, housing issues, 1940s
- 8 30 Council for Civic Unity, memoranda, 1946-1947
- 8 31 Council for Civic Unity, miscellaneous materials regarding segregation, education, legislation
- 8 32 Council for Civic Unity, notes regarding employment
- 8 33 Council for Civic Unity, office forms and statistics
- 8 34 Council for Civic Unity, printed materials regarding membership, purpose and programs, issues facing the Council
- 8 35 Council for Civic Unity, Proceedings of the September Thirtieth Conference, 1944
- 9 1 Council for Civic Unity, Recommendation on Urban Redevelopment Policy, n.d.
- 9 2 Council for Civic Unity, Report on Council Activities, ca. October 1945
- 9 3 Council for Civic Unity, Richmond Shipyards incident, 1943
- 9 4 Council for Civic Unity, *Special Bulletin*, no. 2-6, May-August 1945
- 9 5 Council for Civic Unity, "Toward Tomorrow", radio script by Louise Kenton Bray, 17 February 1945
- 9 6 Council on African Affairs, "Africa Bibliography," pp. 2-4
- 9 7 Council on African Affairs, correspondence, W.A. Hunton to Matt Crawford, 14 October 1953
- 9 8 Council on African Affairs, membership leaflet, ca. 1950
- 9 9 Council on African Affairs, memoranda, 1953-1954
- 9 10 Council on African Affairs, miscellaneous reports on Africa prepared by the Council, 1950s
- 9 11 Council on African Affairs, *New Africa*, monthly bulletin, various issues, 1949-1950
- 9 12 Council on African Affairs, "News Letter: Spotlight on Africa" February-November 1952
- 9 13 Council on African Affairs, "News Letter: Spotlight on Africa", 1953
- 9 14 Council on African Affairs, "News Letter: Spotlight on Africa", 1954
- 9 15 Council on African Affairs, "News Letter: Spotlight on Africa", 1955
- 9 16 Council on African Affairs, news release regarding World Peace Conference, (impressions of W.E.B. DuBois), May 1949

- 9 17 Council on African Affairs, Paul Robeson letter of appeal for funds, n.d.
- 9 18 League of Struggle for Negro Rights, list of members, Bill of Rights for Negro People, by-laws, minutes, program drafts, early 1930s
- 9 19 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Addresses at the 47th Annual Convention: Philip Randolph, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 27 June 1956
- 9 20 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, "A Generation of Lynching in the United States, 1921-1946" [supplement to "Thirty Years of Lynching in the United States, 1889-1918]
- 9 21 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Housing Program, ca. mid 1950s
- 9 22 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, miscellaneous items of correspondence, 1948, 1954
- 9 23 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, speech by Joseph James, 8 February 1946
- 9 24 The New Berkeley Black Caucus, 1986
- 9 25 San Francisco Civic Unity Committee, minutes of first regular meeting w/ TLS from Eneas J. Kane, 13 November 1944
- 21 2 United Service Organizations, 1946
- 9 26 Unidentified fragments



**Series 2**  
**Writings**  
**Box 10**

**Scope and Content Note**

The series includes writings by Matt Crawford as well as writings by others. Crawford's writings are primarily holograph notes regarding Negro History and a variety of subjects affecting the Negro in the 1940s. Also present three notebooks recording a trip he made to the Soviet Union in 1932. In addition, the writings include a small group of speeches, articles, and miscellaneous writings by other people.

**Arrangement Note**

Organized into two subseries: (2.1) Writings by Matt Crawford and (2.2) Writings by others

**Subseries 2.1**  
**Writings by Matt Crawford**  
**Box 10**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
10	1	"Ebony Walking", Matt Crawford interviewed by Wilfred Cartey, 3 August 1976, transcript
21	4	"Chiropractic Health Talks", newspaper column, 1931
10	2	"Minorities in the Richmond Shipyard", speech by Matt Crawford [?], ca. 1945
10	3	"The Negro in Politics", rough outline for 15 minute radio talk, typescript w/ holograph corrections
10	4	Notebook, notes regarding capitalism and socialism
10	5	Notebook, notes regarding economic issues; Africa and Negro history
10	6	Notebook, notes regarding Negro history
10	7	Notebook, notebook regarding Negro population and migration, ca. 1940s; plantation system; Negro farm ownership; sharecropping
10	8	Notebook, notes on trip to Soviet Union, 1932 [1 of 3]
10	9	Notebook, notes on trip to Soviet Union, 1932 [2 of 3]
10	10	Notebook, notes on trip to Soviet Union, 1932 [3 of 3]
10	11	Miscellaneous holograph notes
10	12	Notes regarding Africa
10	13	Notes regarding Communist approach to Negro Question
10	14	Notes regarding Council for Civic Unity
10	15	Notes regarding employment data, May 1944
10	16	Notes regarding highlights of Negro history
10	17	Notes regarding minorities in the U.S.
10	18	Notes regarding National Trade Union Conference for Negro Rights, Chicago
10	19	Notes regarding National Question
10	20	Notes regarding Negro employment
10	21	Notes regarding talk for Negro History Week, San Francisco Library, 15 February 1944
10	22	Notes regarding Negro population in Black Belt
10	23	Notes regarding results of 1946 election
10	24	Notes regarding slavery
10	25	Notes regarding Tenth Anniversary Convention, National Negro Congress, Detroit; completed report, typescript w holograph corrections
21	3	Drafts and notes

**Subseries 2.2**  
**Writings of Others**  
**Box 10**

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by author.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
10	26	Anonymous, "Our Two Years in the South", holograph prose, 7 pp.
10	27	Anonymous, Typescript regarding film cycle ["Home of the Brave," "Lost Boundaries", "Pinky"] dealing with the Negro Question
10	28	Anonymous, Speech regarding history of the American Negro, typescript n.d.
10	29	Anonymous, Speech [?] regarding trade unions, typescript w/ holograph corrections, ca. 1944
10	30	Berland, Oscar, "Communism and the Negro, 1919-1928", 1963
10	31	Billingsley, Andrew, "Ethnic Studies and Third World Community Projects", working draft of proposal to the Ford Foundation from Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 1970
10	32	Crawford, Evelyn Louise [?], notes regarding Crawford genealogy; Alabama industry
10	33	Douthit, Florence, "The Price of Protest"
10	34	Goodwin, James C., Speech [?] regarding social crises in America, mid 1970s
10	35	Hayakawa, S. I., "How to be Sane Though Negro", address at San Francisco State College, April 1956
10	36	Jackson, James E., "New Features of the Negro Question in the United States", 20 September 1958
10	37	Mitford, Jessica, "Women in Cages", photocopied transcript, 26 pp.
10	38	Miller, Loren, "The Call for Leadership", speech prepared for delivery, Negro Leadership Conference, Stanford University, 17 August 1962
10	39	Roger, Sidney, "President Truman Changes Our Foreign Policy", one of a series of broadcasts over Station KGO, 12 March [1947] and "A Liberal Credo," broadcast 14 March 1947
21	5	Thompson, Louise, Press release about Langston Hughes
10	40	Wesley, Charles H., "Negro Labor in the United States", chapter 1, corrected typescript; notes
10	41	Unidentified fragments

### Series 3

#### Printed materials

#### Boxes 11-13

#### Scope and Content Note

This series includes a variety of printed materials collected by Matt Crawford, including reprints and clippings and miscellaneous reports, leaflets, convention proceedings, flyers and programs from 1932-1980.

#### Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order by author.

#### Reprints

Box	Folder	Content
11	1	Anon., "Central Africans Refuse Yoke of Federation", World Trade Union Movement
11	2	Anon., "From Blackmail to Blackjack: the Un-American Tragedy", <i>The People's Weekly</i> , n.d.
11	3	Anon., "Prejudice: Our Postwar Battle", <i>Look</i> , 1 May 1945
11	4	Anon., Yankee Provocation at the Office of the United States Interests Section, <i>Granma</i> , 3 May 1980
11	5	Daniels, Douglas H., "The Camera and Our Roots", <i>DISCOVERY: Research and Scholarship at the University of Texas at Austin</i> , vol. 1, no. 4, n.d.
11	6	Dennis, Eugene, "The Case for the Communists", <i>People's Daily World</i> , n.d.
11	7	Elson, Alex and Leonard Schanfield, "Local Regulation of Discriminatory Employment Practices", <i>The Yale Law Journal</i> , February 1947
11	8	"Extracts From British Parliamentary Debates on the Nigerian Situation in the House of Commons, London", 27 August 1968, reprinted from <i>Hansard</i>
11	9	Gray, Ernest A., "Race Riots Can Be Prevented", <i>Harper's Magazine</i> , December 1945
11	10	Jones, J.E., "Lula School, Leader of Community Progress", <i>The American Teacher</i> , May 1944
11	11	Kaplan, Leon, "GOP-Anti Labor Drive Challenges AFL", <i>People's Daily World</i> , 22 November 1946
11	12	Keyserline, Leon H., "Homes for All -and How", <i>Survey Graphic</i> , February 1946
11	13	King, Martin Luther, Jr., "Bold New Design for a New South", <i>The Nation</i> , 30 March 1963
11	14	Kingdon, Frank, "Discrimination in Medical Colleges", <i>The American Mercury</i> , October 1945
11	15	"Kwacha," "Rhodesian Copper Miners' Victorious Strike", <i>World Trade Union Movement</i> , no. 6, 1953
11	16	MacDonald, Elizabeth Peterson, "The Publisher Who Made a Better World", <i>Reader's Scope</i> , August 1946

- 11 17 Nelson, Truman, "W.E.B. DuBois Prophet in Limbo", *The Nation*, 25 January 1958
- 11 18 Paton, Alan, "The Negro in America Today", *Collier's*, 15 October 1954 and 29 October 1954
- 11 19 Redlich, Norman and Laurent B. Frantz, "Does Service Mean Guilt?" *The Nation*, 6 June 1953
- 11 20 Ross, Malcolm, "The Outlook for a New FEPC", *Commentary*, April, 1947
- 11 21 Seaman, Herbert L., "Education and Intergroup Relations", *The Educational Record*, January 1946
- 11 22 "The Story of Scapegoats in History" *True Comics Magazine*, n.d.
- 11 23 Weaver, Robert C. "The Employment of the Negro in War Industry", *The Journal of Negro Education*, Summer 1943
- 11 24 Weaver, Robert C. "The Negro Comes of Age in Industry", *Atlantic Monthly*, September 1946

### Clippings

- 11 25-27 Miscellaneous clippings

### Other Printed Material

- 12 1 American Council on Race Relations, *Community Relations Manual*, 1945
- 12 2 American Council on Race Relations, *Manual for Official Committees*, 1945
- 12 3 *American Minorities and the Case of Harry Bridges...*, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, leaflet
- 12 4 Announcement of lecture by Mrs. Paul Robeson, 13 February 194[7]
- 12 5 "Anti-Semitism Treason Against God, Country", sermon delivered by Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, 19 October 1941
- 12 6 Appreciate America flyers featuring Hollywood stars [Bette Davis, Bob Hope, Bing Crosby}, ca. mid 1940s
- 12 7 "Bibliography on the Revolutionary Approach to the Negro Question in America", compiled by Marvin Sanford, 1937
- 12 8 "Building Bridges Between Groups That Differ in Faith, Race, Culture", National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc., study guide
- 12 9 California CIO Council, Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Convention, 21-23 October 1943
- 12 10 Carver Foundation, Tuskegee Institute, Annual Report, 1952-1953
- 12 11 City of Detroit Interracial Committee, [Third] Annual Report, 1946
- OP1 1 Civil Rights Congress, "Halt Police Terror", publicity broadside for meeting to protest the murder of Samuel Jones, William L. Patterson, speaker, 10 January 1951
- 12 12 Civil Rights Congress, "What's Behind the Eisler Case?" leaflet
- 12 13 "The Collected Works of W.E.B. DuBois", Kto Press, leaflet

- 12 14 Constitutional Convention of the Communist Political Association, *Proceedings, May 1944*
- 12 15 "A Decent Home, An American Right", Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, consolidated report, 1945
- 12 16 "De Facto Segregation in the Berkeley Public Schools", report of a citizens committee, 1963
- 12 17 Directory of Churches and Other Religious Organizations in San Francisco, April 1945
- 12 18 "The Glory of Negro History", by Langston Hughes, script to accompany documentary recording, 1955
- 12 19 "History of the American Negro People, 1619-1918", study outline, 1941
- 12 20 Housing Authority of the City and County of San Francisco, [Seventh] *Annual Report*, 1945
- 12 21 "How Can the Negro Hold His Job?" speech by Reginald E. Gillmor before National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, n.d.
- 12 22 Inter-Racial Round Table Symposium, [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People], program, 1944
- 12 23 "Jim Crowded", American Jewish Congress, leaflet
- 12 24 The John Brown Society, speakers kit, ay 1968
- 13 1 "Looking Back at Berkeley: A Pictorial History of a Diverse City", 1984
- 13 2 Los Angeles Citizens Housing Council, Conference on Housing, 18 January 1947, report
- 13 3 Louis Armstrong and His All Stars, program, ca. 1964
- 13 4 Malcolm X appearance, 15 February 1965, flyer
- 13 5 Mayor's Conference on Race Relations, Chicago, proceedings, February 1944
- OP1 2 "Men and Ships: Maritime Strike Pictorial, 1936-1937", San Francisco Bay Area District Council, no. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast
- 13 6 Miscellaneous bills before Congress and excerpts from the *Congressional Record*, 1940s
- 13 7 Miscellaneous leaflets
- 13 8 Molotov, V.M., speeches, United Nations Conference on International Organization, 1945
- 13 9 National CIO Committee to Abolish Discrimination, report, September 1945
- 13 10 National Negro Congress, Anti Lynching Conference, 19 March 1938, report
- 13 11 National Negro Congress, "Fire Traps Must Go!" leaflet
- 13 12 National Negro Congress, flyer regarding mass meeting on 16 January 1936  
December 1941
- OP1 3 National Negro Congress, "For Unity and Victory", broadside, 8 December 1941
- OP1 4 National Negro Congress, publicity poster for dance to benefit Anti Lynch Bill  
26 July 19[38?]

- 13 13 National Negro Congress, rally to improve housing conditions, 27 January 1947, flyer
- 13 14 National Negro Congress, 10th Convention, registration leaflet with program draft
- 13 15 National Negro Labor Council, Convention [second annual] Yearbook, 21-13 November 1952
- 13 16 "Negro History Folder," February 1947
- 13 17 "The Negro in American Life," announcement of a circulating photographic exhibit, ca. mid 1940s
- 13 18 "The Negro: A Selected Bibliography", 135th Street Branch of New York Public Library, 1940
- 13 19 Negro Professional Directory, Oakland-Berkeley, San Francisco, n.d.
- 13 20 Negroes and the Maritime Strike, leaflet
- OP1 5 "Negroes and the War", United States Office of War Information, n.d.
- OP1 6 "The Negro's War", *Fortune* [?] 1940s
- 13 21 Ojukwu's Rebellion and World Opinion," by Dr. Nabo B. Graham-Douglas, n.d.
- OP1 7 Patri, Four black and white prints depicting war scenes, ca. 1940s
- OP1 8 Patri, Twelve prints in sepia tones depicting laborers performing jobs, many of them war-related, ca. 1940s
- 13 22 People's Institute for Applied Religion, miscellaneous illustrations, statement of faith, program leaflet, 1942
- 13 23 Performance programs, 1930s
- 13 24 Performance programs, 1940s
- 13 25 Performance programs, 1950s and undated
- 13 26 Photo and Sound, Inc., flyer
- 13 27 "Police Initiatives Bulletin", early 1970s
- 13 28 *The Poll Tax Repeal Handbook*, National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax, September 1943
- 13 29 Post cards [blank] from Tuskegee Institute
- 13 30 Post cards [blank] from Birmingham, Alabama
- 13 31 Post cards [blank] from Soviet Union trip, 1932
- 13 32 "Practical English and Effective Speech", by Estelle B. Hunter, The Better Speech Institute of America, 1935
- 13 33 "A Primer on Intergroup Education", National Conference of Christians and Jews, ca. 1945, leaflet
- 13 34 Promotional flyer for musical drama, "Zunguru"
- 13 35 "Public Housing: the Work of the Federal Housing Authority", March 1946
- 13 36 "Questions and Answers About a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission", speech by Mary Teresa Norton, 27 April 1945
- 13 37 "Racism Threatens Us in South Africa as Here", Council on African Affairs, leaflet, ca. 1952

- 13 38 Rally to pass the Anti-Lynch Law, 24 June 1947, flyer
- 13 39 "Reading for Democracy, 1946," bibliography
- 13 40 Roosevelt memorial meeting against anti-labor legislation, flyer, n.d.
- 13 41 "The San Francisco Reporter," subscription leaflet and card
- 13 42 "The Secessionist Regime and the Non-Ibo "Minorities" in the East of Nigeria,"  
text of statements at Peace Talks on Nigerian Civil War", Kampala, Uganda,  
May 1968
- 13 43 "Side by Side", Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination,  
leaflet
- 13 44 "The Struggle Against White Chauvinism", National Education Department,  
Communist Party, study guide, 1949
- 13 45 "Survey Graphic," subscription leaflet and card
- 13 46 "Teamwork," [a War Department orientation film], leaflet
- 13 47 "Veterans Emergency Housing Program" report to the President, 7 February  
1946
- 13 48 "We Are Many People", leaflet regarding thirteen radio recordings on democratic  
themes
- 13 49 "What's Fair Employment Got to do With You?" Council for Civic Unity of San  
Francisco, leaflet



**Series 4**  
**Subject files**  
**Boxes 11-13**

**Scope and Content Note**

This series includes a variety of printed materials collected by Matt Crawford, including reprints and clippings and miscellaneous reports, leaflets, convention proceedings, flyers and programs from 1932-1980.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
14	1	Alameda County Consumer Affairs Commission
14	2	Alameda County Negro Leadership Conference
14	3	American Committee for Indonesian Independence
14	4	American League Against War and Fascism
14	5	American Veterans Committee, Golden Gate Chapter
14	6	Berkeley politics [folder 1 of 2]
14	7	Berkeley politics [folder 2 of 2]
14	8	Berkeley Planning Commission
14	9	Berkeley Police Department
14	10	Black Leadership Workshop
14	11	Black women
14	12	Blacks, Bay area
14	13	California Credit Union League
14	14	California Labor School
15	1	California Legislative Conference, 1947
15	2	Cayton, Revels
15	3	Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination
15	4	The Chronicle Forum
15	5	Civil rights- South
15	6	Community Council for American Unity
15	7	Congress of Racial Equality
15	8	Cooperatives
15	9	Dellums, Ron
15	10	Discrimination
15	11	DuBois, W.E.B. see also Organizations: Council on African Affairs
15	12	East Bay Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions
15	13	Employment
15	14	Fair employment practices

- 15 15 The Filipino Patriots Political Society
- 15 16 Home front Unity Committee [East Bay]
- 15 17 Housing- California
- 15 18 Housing- Los Angeles
- 15 19 Housing- Marin County
- 15 20 Housing- miscellaneous
- 15 21 Housing- Oakland
- 15 22 Housing- San Francisco
- 16 1 Illinois race riots
- 16 2 Japanese Americans [1940s]
- 16 3 Legal case: E.D. Coleman and Ada M. Coleman [1945]
- 16 4 Legal case: Festus Coleman
- 16 5 Legal case: Euel Lee [Orphan Jones]
- 16 6 Legal case: The Sleepy Lagoon Case
- 16 7 Legal cases: reports regarding various cases [1930s]
- 16 8 Lynching
- 16 9 Mailing lists
- 16 10 Minorities in textbooks
- 16 11 Mitford, Jessica
- 16 12 Morale building
- 16 13 Negro contributions to American life
- 16 14 Negro education
- 16 15 Negro history
- 16 16 Negro History Week
- 16 17 Negro rights-legislation
- 17 1 Oakland politics
- 17 2 Patterson, William L. [folder 1 of 2]
- 17 3 Patterson, William L. [folder 2 of 2]
- 17 4 Population changes, San Francisco Bay Area
- 17 5 Poverty programs
- 17 6 Progressive organizations, 1940s
- 17 7 Race relations
- 17 8 Racism
- 17 9 Restrictive racial covenants
- 17 10 Readings on the Negro: annotations of books, periodicals, and pamphlets, 1930s and 1940s
- 17 11 Readings on the Negro [bibliography from Oakland Public Library, 1960s]
- 17 12 Readings on the Negro [bibliography from San Francisco Office of the Superintendent]
- 17 13 Readings on the Negro [bibliography of social studies texts for public school]

17	14	Readings on the Negro ["The Black Man's Point of View, " 1920s]
17	15	Readings on the Negro ["The Negro in American Life Series, Harper Bros."]
17	16	Readings on the Negro ["The Negro in the U.S.," 1944]
17	17	Readings on the Negro [Negro Worker and the War, 1940s]
17	18	Readings on the Negro [Race relations, ca.1940s]
17	19	Readings on the Negro [Recordings: commercial-trade]
17	20	Paul Robeson
17	21	San Francisco Classroom Teachers Association
17	22	Soviet Union
17	23	Urban development
17	24	War Relocation Authority, 1940s

**Series 5**  
**Personal papers**  
**Box 18**

**Scope and Content Note**

This series consists of a small group of personal papers relating to Matt N. and Evelyn Graves Crawford and to their daughter, Evelyn Louise Crawford. The papers include general correspondence, including a few post cards sent by Matt to his wife while he was in the Soviet Union (1932) and a small number of letters from William Patterson (1962-1972). They also include legal documents of identification, marriage, professional certification and items of personal interest, including awards and birthday celebrations.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

**Correspondence**

Box	Folder	Content
18	1	Correspondence, various dates
21	6	Correspondence, 1927
21	7	Correspondence-- Elected officials, 1935, 1983
21	8	Correspondence-- Oakland Free Library, 1929-1935
21	9	Correspondence-- Robeson, Essie to Matt Crawford, 1965

**Financial/legal documents**

18	2	Marriage documents [Matt Crawford/ Frances Catlett], 1978
21	11	Chiropractic licenses, 1941
OP1	11	Diploma, 1927
21	12	Financial Documents- Evelyn Graves Crawford, 1929
21	13	Tax Returns- Evelyn Graves Crawford, 1929-1932
21	14	S.S. Europa passenger list, 1932
21	15	Federal Bureau of Investigation File- Matt Crawford [1 of 7]
21	16	Federal Bureau of Investigation File- Matt Crawford [2 of 7]
21	17	Federal Bureau of Investigation File- Matt Crawford [3 of 7]
21	16	Federal Bureau of Investigation File- Matt Crawford [4 of 7]
22	1	Federal Bureau of Investigation File- Matt Crawford [5 of 7]
22	2	Federal Bureau of Investigation File- Matt Crawford [6 of 7]
22	3	Federal Bureau of Investigation File- Matt Crawford [7 of 7]
22	4	Federal Bureau of Investigation File- Evelyn Graves Crawford
22	5	ID card and passport- Matt Crawford, 1932, 1943
18	3	Miscellaneous financial documents
18	4	Miscellaneous legal documents
18	5	Retirement papers: Evelyn Phyllis Crawford

- 18 6 War ration book, Evelyn Louise Crawford  
 21 10 War ration books

### Photographs

- 18 7 Malcolm X at freedom march in Washington, D.C., [?], 1960s  
 18 8 Matt Crawford w/ Louise Thompson Patterson and unidentified individuals at social gathering, ca. 1980s  
 18 9 Matt Crawford w/ unidentified individual, n.d.  
 18 10 Paul Robeson w/ unidentified individuals at meeting of National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards, San Francisco Branch, n.d. [negative included]  
 18 11 Trip to Soviet Union, 1932 (includes group photo of Matt Crawford, Langston Hughes, Louise Thompson and unidentified individuals)  
 18 12 Unidentified group, negative, undated  
 22 6 Slides  
 22 7 Photogtaphs  
 22 8 Negatives  
 22 9 Portraits  
 22 10 Langston Hughes  
 22 11 Family Photographs, 1940s-1980s  
 22 12 Family Photographs  
 22 13 Matt Crawford's trip to Europe and the USSR, 1932  
 22 14 Matt Crawford's trip to Europe and the USSR-- negatives, 1932  
 22 14 Matt Crawford on a picket line in Oakland, 1946  
 22 15 Matt Crawford's 80th birthday party, 1983  
 24 - Matt Crawford's camera

### Printed material

- 18 13 Newspaper clippings  
 22 17 Newspaper clippings  
 OP1 10 Newspaper clippings  
 22 18 Russian Newspapers  
 22 19 Printed Material  
 18 14 Commencement programs  
 OP1 9 Charles White- Six Drawings

### Writings about Matt Crawford

- 18 15 Awards: Matt Crawford  
 18 16 Biographical material: Matt Crawford  
 18 17 Eightieth birthday celebration: Matt Crawford  
 18 18 "Matt...Just Another Guy," description of half-hour video portrait of Matt Crawford

**Miscellaneous papers**

18 19 Hand lettered banner, unidentified

**Series 6**  
**Langston Hughes materials, 1932-1967**  
**Box 19-20**

**Scope and Content Note**

The Langston Hughes materials include correspondence, writings, and printed materials. Present in the correspondence are fifty-six items from Hughes to both Evelyn and Matt Crawford (1932-1967). Some of the correspondence from Hughes is written on programs, clippings and typescripts of his writings. The writings include typescripts or carbon typescripts of Hughes's poetry, prose, drama, and songs, many of which are signed and dedicated to the Crawfords. There is also a small collection of printed materials relating to Hughes and one publicity photograph (1932).

**Arrangement Note**

Organized into three subseries: (6.1) Correspondence, (6.2) Writings, and (6.3) Printed materials

**Subseries 6.1**  
**Correspondence, 1932-1967**  
**Box 19**

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in chronological order.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
19	1	LH to MNC, 19 March 1932, ALS, 1 p. w/ envelope
19	2	LH to MNC, 24 May, 1932, ALS, 1 p. w/ envelope
19	3	LH to EGC, 24 September, 1932, TNS, post card
19	4	LH to MNC, 23 October 1932, TLS, 2 pp.
19	5	LH to MNC, 11 December 1932, ANS, post card
19	6	LH to MNC, 4 January 1933, ANS, post card
19	7	LH to MNC, 18 July 1933, ANS, post card
19	8	LH to MNC and EGC, 10 October 1933, TLS, 1 p. w/ envelope
19	9	LH to MNC, 17 May [1933], TN, post card
19	10	LH to MNC and EGC, 23 December, Christmas card / ANS and envelope
19	11	LH to EGC, 25 April 1934, ANS, post card
19	12	LH to MNC, 14 September 1934, ALS, 2 pp. w/ envelope
19	13	LH to MNC and EGC, 17 December 1934, Christmas card w/ ANS and envelope
19	14	LH to MNC, 31 January 1935, TLS w/AN, 2 pp., w/clipping and envelope
19	15	LH to MNC and EGC, 20 May 1935, TLS, 2 pp. w/envelope
19	16	LH to MNC and EGC, 11 September 1935, TLS, 4 pp. w/ envelope
19	17	LH to MNC and EGC, 22 December 1935, Christmas card w/ANS and envelope
19	18	LH to MNC and EGC, 4 January 1936, TLS, 1 p.
19	19	LH to MNC, 4 June 1936, TNS, post card
19	20	LH to MNC, 18 December 1936, Christmas card w/ ANS and envelope
19	21	LH to MNC, 1 February 1937, TLS, 1 p. w/ envelope
19	22	LH to MNC and EGC, 10 June 1937, TLS, 1 p. w/ envelope
19	23	LH to MNC and EGC, 15 January 1938, ANS, post card
19	24	LH to MNC, 3 June 1938, ALS, 1 p. w/ envelope
19	25	LH to MNC, 14 July 1938, ALS, 2 pp. w/ envelope
19	26	LH to MNC and EGC, 1 September 1938, ACS w/ envelope
19	27	LH to MNC and EGC, 21 August 1939, ALS, 2 pp. w/ envelope
19	28	LH to MNC and EGC, 15 January 1940, TLS, 1p. w/ "Give Us Our Peace"
19	29	LH to MNC, 2 January 1941, TLS, 1 p.
19	30	LH to MNC and EGC, 25 January 1941, ALS, 2 pp. w/ envelope
19	31	LH to MNC, 13 February 1941, TLS, 1 p. w/ ALS 4 February 1941, 2 pp. w/ envelope
19	32	LH to MNC and EGC, 23 March 1941, TLS, 1 p.



- 19 33 LH to MNC, 19 November 1941, ALS, 2 pp. w/ envelope
- 19 34 LH to MNC and EGC, 1942, ANS, post card signed by Alta Douglas, Kenneth Spencer, Dot Spencer, and LH
- 19 35 LH to MNC and EGC, 10 June 1942, ANS, post card
- 19 36 LH to MNC and EGC, 18 December 1942, Christmas card printed w/ LH poem "Christmas Cards", ANS, and envelope
- 19 37 LH to MNC and EGC, 20 December 1945, ANS w/ envelope
- 19 38 LH to MNC and EGC, 19 May 1947, TNS, post card
- 19 39 LH to MNC, 4 November 1947, ANS, post card
- 19 40 LH to ELC (Nebby Lou), 19 January 1949, TNS, post card
- 19 41 LH to MNC and EGC, 9 March 1955, TLS, 1 p w/ clipping and envelope
- 19 42 LH to MNC and EGC, 21 December 1955, Christmas card w/ greeting, signature and envelope
- 19 43 LH to MNC and EGC, 6 November 1956, TLS, 1 p. w/ envelope
- 19 44 LH to EGC, 28 April 1957, ANS, post card
- 19 45 LH to MNC, 17 May 1957, ANS, post card
- 19 46 LH to EGC, 5 February 1960, ANS on program for NAACP Women's Auxiliary event, Joliet, Illinois
- 19 47 LH to MNC, 7 February 1960, ANS on program for Second Annual Negro History Week, Lawndale Civic and Educational Club
- 19 48 LH to MNC and EGC, 24 January 1961, ANS w/ envelope
- 23 1 LH to Noel Day, 1961
- 19 49 LH to MNC, 5 November 1965, ANS on carbon typescript program notes for "Let Us Remember", w/ envelope
- 19 50 LH to MNC and EGC, 19 December 1966, ANS, Christmas post card
- 19 51 LH family to MNC and EGC, 24 May 1967, telegram regarding death of LH w/ obituary from *San Francisco Herald*
- 19 52 LH to MNC, n.d., TL, 1 p.
- 19 53 LH to MNC, n.d., ALS, 1 p.
- 19 54 LH to EGC, n.d., ANS
- 19 55 LH to MNC and EGC, n.d., greeting card w/ signature
- 19 56 LH to MNC and EGC, n.d., ANS on program for "A Part of the Blues"
- 19 57 Envelopes postmarked 1938-1967
- 23 2 Envelope from LH to EGC
- 23 3 Correspondence about Hughes

**Subseries 6.2**  
**Writings**  
**Box 20**

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by type of writing, then in alphabetical order by title.

**Poems**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
23	4	"Airplane Factories" carbon typescript
23	5	"The Ballad of the Freedom Train" carbon typescript
20	1	"Ballad of Henry Moore" (slain at Miami, Florida, U.S.A.), carbon typescript, 3 pp. w/ holograph corrections, greeting, and signature
20	2	"Ballad of Ozzie Powell", carbon typescript, 1 p. w/ ANS in margins (Image 0882-002)
23	6	"Ballad of Sam Solomon" carbon typescript
20	3	"The Blackman Speaks", carbon typescript, 1 p. w/ ANS and envelope
23	7	"The British Retreat" carbon typescript
23	8	"Brothers" carbon typescript
23	9	"Capitalism" carbon typescript
23	10	"Daybreak in Alabama" carbon typescript
20	4	"Death in Harlem", carbon typescript, 1 p. w/ ANS
-	-	"Down Where I Am", see "One-Way Ticket"
23	11	"Elderly Politicians" carbon typescript
23	12	"Ennui" carbon typescript
-	-	"Explain It, Please", see "Rarin' to Fight"
-	-	"Give Us Our Peace", see Correspondence: LH to MNC and EGC, 15 January 1940
20	5	"Hero: International Brigade", typescript, 1 p. w/ "Madrid-1937," carbon typescript, 2 pp.; "Short Stay", carbon typescript, 1 p., and envelope
23	13	"India" carbon typescript
20	6	"Jim Crow's Last Stand", carbon typescript, 1 p. w/ holograph salutation and signature
23	14	"Johannesburg Mines" carbon typescript
20	7	"Just an Ordinary Guy", typescript, 2 pp. w/ holograph note, and ANS w/ envelope
23	15	"Ku Klux" carbon typescript
20	8	"Lenin", carbon typescript, 1 p. w/ ANS in margins and dated 23 June 1944 (Image 0882-003)
-	-	"Little Rock", (by Nicolas Guillen) see "Lumumba's Grave"

- 20 9 "Lumumba's Grave", carbon typescript, 1 p. w/ greeting, initials L.A., and TLS on "Little Rock," (by Nicholas Guillen), carbon typescript
- 23 16 "Lumumba's Grave" carbon typescript
- - "Madrid-1937" see "Hero: International Brigade"
- 23 17 "Merry-Go-Round" carbon typescript
- 23 18 "Mississippi Levee Blues" carbon typescript
- 23 19 "The Mitchell Case" carbon typescript
- 23 20 "Monologue for the Working Class" carbon typescript
- 23 21 "Moonlight in Valencia: Civil War" carbon typescript
- 23 22 "Motherland" carbon typescript
- - "NAACP", see "Rarin' to Fight"
- 23 23 "Nazis" carbon typescript
- 23 24 "Negro" carbon typescript
- 23 25 "Note" carbon typescript
- 20 10 "Note From a Worker", typescript, (third draft), 1 p. w/ holograph correction and TN
- 20 11 "One Way Ticket", carbon typescript, 1 p. w/ ANS, "Down Where I Am," carbon typescript, 1 p., "Peace," carbon typescript, 1 p., "War," carbon typescript, 1 p., w/ ANS
- 23 26 "Our Spring" carbon typescript
- - "Peace", see "One-Way Ticket"
- 20 12 "Rarin' to Fight", typescript, 1 p.; "Explain It, Please," carbon typescript, 1 p., "NAACP," carbon typescript, 1 p. w/ envelope
- 23 27 "Reactionaries" carbon typescript
- 23 28 "Red Cross" carbon typescript
- 23 29 "Requisition for Requiems" carbon typescript
- 23 30 "Rising Waters" carbon typescript
- 23 31 "Rounder" carbon typescript
- 20 13 "Salute to the Soviet Armies", carbon typescript, 1 p. w/ ANS in margins
- 20 14 "Says Which?" carbon typescript w/ TNS and AN
- 23 32 "Shall the Good Go Down?" carbon typescript
- - "Short Stay", see "Hero: International Brigade"
- 20 15 "Simple's Soliloquy From 'Hamlet'" carbon typescript 1 p., w/ holograph dedication to MNC and RGC and signature
- 20 16 "To Captain Mulzac", typescript 3 pp. w/ holograph correction
- 23 33 "Too Bad but True" carbon typescript
- - "War", see "One-Way Ticket"

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- - "Art and the Heart", see "Here to Yonder"

- 20 17 "Concerning 'Goodbye, Christ'" carbon typescript, 4 pp.  
 - - "Encounter at the Counter", see "Here to Yonder"  
 20 18 "Here to Yonder" series for *The Chicago Defender*, carbon typescript, 9 pp. w/  
 holograph corrections, salutation, signature, and original drawings; includes  
 "The Sea-Saw of Race," "Art and the Heart," "Encounter at the Counter"  
 20 19 "It's All According to Whose Ox Is Gored, Says Simple", typescript, 3 pp., w/  
 holograph salutation and signature  
 23 34 "One Head too Many" carbon typescript  
 20 20 "Population Explosion", carbon typescript, 3 pp. w/ greeting, signature and  
 notation *New York Post*  
 - - "The Sea-Saw of Race", see "Here to Yonder"  
 23 35 "Simple and Me" carbon typescript  
 20 21 "Simple Dreams Up a Nightmare for the White South", carbon typescript, 3 pp.  
 w/ ANS and envelope  
 23 36 "Simple has Butts on his Brain, so He Writes Again" carbon typescript, 1952  
 20 22 "Simple Speaks His Mind' Before the McCarthy Hearings", carbon typescript, 1  
 p. w/ ANS and typescript (photocopy), 2 pp., closing testimony of LH before  
 Committee on Permanent Investigations  
 23 37 "Watts Revisited" carbon typescript

### Drama

- 23 38 "Black and White", Scenario for the Film, 1932  
 23 39 "Black and White", Statement upon cancellation of the film project  
 20 23 "End of the K.K.K.", [verse choir skit], carbon typescript, 5 pp.; "Guest of  
 Honor", [radio script], carbon typescript, 3 pp.; "Simple in the United Nations:  
 a Monologue," carbon typescript, 2 pp. w/ envelope  
 23 40 "Guest of Honor"  
 23 41 "It's Up to You"  
 23 42 "Klavern of the Ku Klux Klan Kolumn" typescript  
 20 24 "Liberals- A Conversation on the Corner by Jesse Simple," [skit], carbon  
 typescript, 4 pp.  
 23 44 "Mother and Child- Fragment" typescript, 1936  
 - - "Simple in the United Nations: a Monologue", see "End of the K.K.K."

### Songs

- 20 25 "Ethiopian Marching Song" [music by Thelma Brown, words by LH], typescript  
 [copy], 2 pp. w/ TNS, 1935  
 20 26 "Let's Get Together" [music score by Carroll Tate and LH], signed by Carroll  
 Tate and LH w/ holograph dedication by Ester Gardner, 1938  
 23 44 "We'll Hammer it Out Together"  
 23 45 Printed sheet music by Hughes

**Subseries 6.3**  
**Miscellaneous printed materials**  
**Box 20**

**Arrangement Note**

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<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
20	27	"Dobbs Makes Debut in Rigoletto", clipping
20	28	"Don't You Want to Be Free?" (A Poetry Play), <i>One Act Play Magazine</i> , October 1938, pp. 359-393 w/ dedication and signature on cover
-	-	"High to Low", see "Low to High"
20	29	I Wonder as I Wander, review by Ted Poston, <i>New York Post</i> , 11 November 1956 w/ ANS
20	30	"Langston Hughes: Poet of the People", [A Springboard Study Guide], 4 pp; ca. 1950s
20	31	"Langston Hughes in a Lecture-Reading of His Own Poems," program, 14 May 1942
20	32	"Low to High" and "High to Low," reprints, <i>Midwest Journal</i> , v. 1, no. 2, 1949, pp.25-26 w/ dedication, signature, and envelope
20	33	"Opera Derived from Poem", publicity release regarding "The Barrier" w/ TNS in margin, 28 November 1949
20	34	Post card promotion for "Mulatto," Vanderbilt Theatre in New York, n.d.
20	35	Promotional flyer for Langston Hughes lecture reading, n.d.
20	36	"Simply Heavenly," reviews, <i>New York Journal</i> , 22 May 1957; <i>New York Post</i> , 22 May 1957 w/ ANS and envelope
20	37	"Street Scene" [dramatic musical w/ lyrics by Langston Hughes], clipping / ANS, review, <i>The New York Times</i> , 10 January 1947
23	46	Printed material related to Hughes
23	47	Clippings
<b>Photos</b>		
20	38	Publicity photo of Langston Hughes [negative], 1932