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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
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Biographical/Historical Note

William Ayers Crawford (1825-1874), born June 24, 1825 in Washington County, Tennessee, was the youngest of eleven children of William Ayers and Martha Blakely. Crawford moved to Saline County, Arkansas where he enlisted during the United States Mexican War in Captain English's Company I of Hot Springs and Saline County volunteers. Crawford married Sarah Helen Henslee on October 5, 1848 and they would eventually have eight children. From 1852 to 1858, he served Saline County Sheriff and from 1858-1859 as then as State Representative. He also ran a ferry over the Saline River. During the Civil War he enlisted as a lieutenant in the 1st Arkansas Infantry Volunteers, Confederate States Army, and was elected Colonel of the regiment when James Fagan was promoted. Crawford was made a brigadier general by Governor Elisha Baxter, and organized the Arkansas State Militia in 1873. In April and May 1874, Crawford was involved in the Brooks-Baxter War. While outside the Anthony House during a skirmish, Crawford suffered a head injury and went back to Saline County to recuperate. Crawford died June 22, 1874 from tuberculosis.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains news clippings about and letters by William Ayers Crawford between 1861 and 1874.

Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Unknown.

Collection Inventory

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1861 December 20: William A. Crawford, Evansport, Virginia, to Sarah Crawford

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1862 April 10: William A. Crawford, Camp near Corinth, Mississippi, to Sarah Crawford and children

5 September 1873: List, men "belonging to volunteers company of Cavalry enrolled as State Guards," in Saline Township, Saline County

1874 June: "Gen. Wm. A. Crawford the Funeral of One of Saline's Best Men"

Undated: "War Times," includes roll of Company E., First Arkansas Regiment, William A. Crawford Captain