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Summary Information

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Biographical 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 Count 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 sixteen pieces of correspondence and materials related to Captain William Crawford of the 1st Regiment Arkansas Volunteers from 1861-1866.

Administrative Information

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Collection Inventory

Letter, William A. Crawford (Lynchburg, VA) to his wife, Sarah H. Crawford (Benton, Ark.). 1861 May 24

Letter, William Crawford (Brooks Station, VA) to his wife and children. 1861 July 5

Letter, William Crawford (Brooks Station, VA) to Col. I.H. Smith (Benton, Arkansas). 1861 July 7

Letter, William Crawford (Acquina Cree, VA) to his wife and children. 1861 August 31

Letter, William Crawford (Camp near Corinth, MS) to his wife and children. 1862 April 26

Letter, William Crawford (Camp near Florence, Ark. Drew County) to Sarah Crawford, (Benton, Ark.). 1862 June 23

Letter, William Crawford (Tupelo, MS) to Sarah Crawford. 1862 July 3

Special Order No. 78, accepting resignation of Captain William Crawford, 1st Regiment Arkansas Volunteers, by order of Col. R.L. Gibson, 3rd Brigade, Jones Division. 1862 July 23

Letter, William Crawford (Anthony House, Little Rock, Ark.) to his wife Sarah Crawford. 1863 April 16

Letter, William Crawford (Camp near Belefonte, Carroll County, Ark.) to his wife and children. 1863 April 16

Orders from headquarters, permitting Capt. Crawford to return home to Benton, Ark. by order of Col. J.C. Monroe. 1863 May 30

Letter, William Crawford (Camp Cabel Creek, Carroll County, Ark.) to his wife and children. 1863 June 22

Letter, William Crawford (Camp Monticello, Ark.) to his wife Sarah. 1864 January 30

Letter, William Crawford (Prairie De Ann, Hempstead County, Ark.) to his wife, Sarah. 1864 April 12

Letter, William Crawford (Pigeon Hill, near El Dorado, Ark.) to his wife, Sarah. 1865 January 1

Bench warrant for arrest of William Crawford for treason (absence of amnesty oath), from W.O. Stoddard, U.S. Marshall, Eastern District of Ark., Little Rock. 1866 March 12