

Samuel Wylie Crawford Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Samuel Wylie Crawford Papers

Span Dates: 1860-1892

ID No.: MSS17194

Creator: Crawford, Samuel Wylie, 1827-1892

Extent: 400 items

Extent: 7 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 1.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Physician and army officer. Diary, correspondence, memoranda, registers and returns of troops and artillery, sketches, photographs, and other items relating chiefly to events while Crawford was an assistant surgeon at Fort Sumter during the early months of 1861.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Anderson, Robert, 1805-1871--Correspondence.
Beauregard, G. T. (Gustave Toutant), 1818-1893--Correspondence.
Capers, Ellison, 1837-1908--Correspondence.
Crawford, Samuel Wylie, 1827-1892.
Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889--Correspondence.
Gregg, Maxcy, 1814-1862--Correspondence.
Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870--Correspondence.
Magrath, A. G. (Andrew Gordon), 1813-1893--Correspondence.
Memminger, C. G. (Christopher Gustavus), 1803-1888--Correspondence.
Pemberton, John C. (John Clifford), 1814-1881--Correspondence.
Pickens, F. W. (Francis Wilkinson), 1805-1869--Correspondence.
Porter, David D. (David Dixon), 1813-1891.
Ripley, R. S. (Roswell Sabine), 1823-1887--Correspondence.

Organizations

Powhatan (Side-wheel steamer)
United States. Army--Supplies and stores.

Subjects

Military supplies.

Places

Charleston (S.C.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Fort Sumter (Charleston, S.C.)--Siege, 1861.
South Carolina--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Medical care.

Occupations

Army officers.
Physicians.

Provenance

The papers of Samuel Wylie Crawford, physician and army officer, were given to the Library of Congress by Eva Anderson Lawton, 1916-1918. An addition was given by Luther M. Cornwall in 1939, and other material was purchased in 1915.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Samuel Wylie Crawford is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Samuel Wylie Crawford are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Samuel Wylie Crawford Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Samuel Wylie Crawford (1827-1892), span the years 1860-1892. The papers consists of diaries, letters received and copies of letters sent, memoranda, registers and returns of troops and artillery, sketches, photographs, and other items relating chiefly to events while Crawford was an assistant surgeon at Fort Sumter.

The papers contain correspondence from Governor Francis W. Pickens of South Carolina, including letters to Jefferson Davis; copies of correspondence between Robert Anderson and G.T. Beauregard before the bombardment of Fort Sumter; and a statement by David D. Porter concerning the frigate *Powhatan* and the provisioning of Fort Sumter. Correspondents include Ellison Capers, Maxcy Gregg, Robert E. Lee, A. G. Magrath, C. G. Memminger, John C. Pemberton, and Roswell Sabine Ripley.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Chronological file
BOX 1	1860, Apr. 17-1861, Feb 4; May 1
BOX 2	1861, Feb. 5-1863, July 1
BOX 3	1863, July 10-1873, Mar. 25
BOX 4	1873, Mar. 25-1892, Oct. 13
BOX 5	Diary, Fort Sumter, S.C., 1860, Dec.19-1861, Apr. 1
BOX 6	Letterbook, 1861, Jan. 23-1862, May 18
BOX 7	Miscellany, 1860-1861 <i><u>See also Oversize</u></i> (2 folders)
BOX OV 1	Oversize
BOX OV 1	Miscellany, 1860-1861