

**Rebekah Crawford and Linda Clarke-Smith Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Rebekah Crawford and Linda Clarke-Smith Papers

**Span Dates:** 1715-1929

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1890-1929)

**ID No.:** MSS17186

**Creator:** Crawford, Rebekah, 1845-1934

**Creator:** Clarke-Smith, Linda

**Extent:** 3,500 items

**Extent:** 11 containers plus 3 oversize

**Extent:** 4.4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm82017186>

**Summary:** Educator and social worker. Correspondence, scrapbooks, and miscellaneous papers concerning relief work with the Red Cross and Duryea War Relief during and after World War I with Italian and French war wounded and children. Also includes family papers, account books, scrapbooks, manuscript plays and miscellany, some relating to Richard Crawford.

## 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

Clarke-Smith, Linda. Rebekah Crawford and Linda Clarke-Smith papers. 1715-1929.

Crawford family.

Crawford, Rebekah, 1845-1934.

Crawford, Richard, 1738-1798. Richard Crawford account and ledger books. 1753-1830.

### Organizations

American Red Cross.

Duryea War Relief.

### Subjects

World War, 1914-1918--War work--France.

World War, 1914-1918--War work--Italy.

### Occupations

Archaeologists.

Educators.

Nurses.

Social workers.

## Provenance

The papers of Rebekah Crawford, educator and social worker, and Linda Clarke-Smith, archaeologist and volunteer nurse, were given to the Library of Congress by Crawford in 1928-1929 and by her estate in 1934. Although the majority of the papers belonged to Rebekah Crawford, she asked that the collection be referred to as the "Rebekah Crawford and Linda Clarke-Smith Collection" to honor the relief work of Linda Clarke-Smith, her niece.

## Processing History

The papers of Rebekah Crawford and Linda Clarke-Smith were arranged and described in 1985. The finding aid was expanded and revised in 2011.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Rebekah Crawford and Linda Clarke-Smith is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Rebekah Crawford and Linda Clarke-Smith 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, Rebekah Crawford and Linda Clarke-Smith Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

### Rebekah Crawford

Date	Event
1846	Born, Brooklyn, N.Y.
1869-1910	Music teacher, Crawford Private School, Brooklyn, N.Y.
1890-1924	Wrote four books on music appreciation for children
1910	Head of Music Department, Crawford Private School, Brooklyn, N.Y.
1913-1920	Relief worker, including during World War I
1916-1918	Raised funds for artificial limbs for 150 indigent Italian soldiers
1920	Received Gold Medal from Italian Red Cross for Italian relief efforts
1921	Received Distinguished Service Medal of the Order of the Crown of Italy for Italian and Duryea relief work
1934, Jan. 25	Died, New York, N.Y.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Rebekah Crawford (1845-1934) and Linda Clarke-Smith span the years 1715-1929, with the bulk of the material dating from 1890 to 1929. The papers are organized into the following series: [Scrapbooks](#), [Family Papers](#), and [Miscellany](#). Although the majority of the papers belonged to Rebekah Crawford, she asked that the collection be referred to as the "Rebekah Crawford and Linda Clarke-Smith Collection" to honor the relief work of Linda Clarke-Smith, her niece.

The [Scrapbooks](#) document Crawford's relief work during and after World War I in Italy and France with the Duryea Relief Agency and the American Red Cross. The series also includes collected material concerning Edgar Allan Poe, Emma Trapper, Mary Alethea and the Spanish-American War.

The [Family Papers](#) contain correspondence, genealogical material, Crawford family documents, ancestral tablets, printed articles, an essay on Crawford genealogy, scrapbooks, indentures of transfers of land, account and ledger books of Richard Crawford, wills, drafts of wills, unidentifiable financial records, and miscellaneous pieces of old documents and writings.

The Miscellany series includes photographs, postcards, and printed matter.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged in four series:

- Scrapbooks, 1898-1928
- Family Papers, 1715-1929
- Miscellany, circa 1900-1928
- Oversize, 1900-1922

## Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-8	<p><b><u>Scrapbooks, 1898-1928</u></b></p> <p>Scrapbooks including correspondence, photographs, financial records, postcards, printed material, and memorabilia.</p> <p>Organized by subject matter.</p>
BOX 9-11	<p><b><u>Family Papers, 1715-1929</u></b></p> <p>Correspondence, writings, genealogical material, indentures of transfers of land, account and ledger books of Richard Crawford, and miscellaneous documents including wills, financial records, and other family documents.</p> <p>Arranged by type of material and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX 11	<p><b><u>Miscellany, circa 1900-1928</u></b></p> <p>Magazine clippings, notes, photographs, postcards, and printed material.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material.</p>
BOX OV 1-OV 3	<p><b><u>Oversize, 1900-1922</u></b></p> <p>Scrapbooks and awards.</p> <p>Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.</p>

# Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1-8	<b>Scrapbooks, 1898-1928</b> Scrapbooks including correspondence, photographs, financial records, postcards, printed material, and memorabilia. Organized by subject matter.
BOX 1	Italian Relief
BOX 1	1913-1924 (2 volumes)
BOX 2	1918-1921 (2 volumes)
BOX 3	1917-1921 (4 volumes)
BOX 4	Duryea relief, 1914-1921 (3 volumes)
BOX 5	Red Cross work, 1917-1921 (2 volumes)
BOX 5	Other war work, 1817-1920 <i>See also Oversize</i> (3 volumes)
BOX 6	Emma Trapper, 1894-1896
BOX 7	Spanish-American War, 1898-1899
BOX 7	Edgar Allan Poe, 1915-1928 (1 volume)
BOX 8	Edgar Allan Poe, 1915-1928 (1 volume)
BOX 8	Letters of Mary Alethea Woodward, circa 1926-1928 (2 volumes)
BOX 8	Miscellaneous, circa 1900-1928 <i>See also Oversize</i> (3 volumes)
BOX 9-11	<b>Family Papers, 1715-1929</b> Correspondence, writings, genealogical material, indentures of transfers of land, account and ledger books of Richard Crawford, and miscellaneous documents including wills, financial records, and other family documents. Arranged by type of material and chronologically therein.
BOX 9	Genealogical material
BOX 9	Ancestral tablets, circa 1898
BOX 9	Miscellany, undated
BOX 9	Printed articles, 1914-1918
BOX 9	Scrapbook, 1781-1921
BOX 9	Crawford historic documents
BOX 9	Indentures of transfer of land, 1715-1844

## Family Papers, 1715-1929

Container	Contents
BOX 9	Account and ledger books of Richard Crawford, 1753-1830 (1 folder)
BOX 10	Account and ledger books of Richard Crawford, 1753-1830 (2 folders)
BOX 10	Report of fortifications, Gibraltar, 1768
BOX 10	Miscellaneous documents, 1730-1866
BOX 10	Correspondence, incoming, 1884-1929, undated
BOX 10	Collection of essays, lectures, plays and poems
BOX 10	Essays
BOX 10	Buchelew, John D., miscellaneous philosophical essays, 1848-1849
BOX 10	Clarke-Smith, Linda, "A Revival of an Ancient Ritual at Siena"
BOX 10	Crawford-Cox, Alethea B., "Edgar Allan Poe"
BOX 10	Crawford-Cox, Alethea B., and Alice Chapin, essays on various literary figures
BOX 10	Wilson, W. Kuncbel, "The French Revolution and Napoleon Bonaparte"
BOX 10	Unknown authors, miscellaneous topics
BOX 10	Speeches
BOX 10	Blagrove, Alexander, untitled speech, 1910
BOX 10	Briche, John S., untitled speech given at the Freehold Institute, 1849
BOX 11	Poems, 1795-1917
BOX 11	Plays
BOX 11	Cabac, "The Misanthropical Mister," parts 1-4 (3 folders)
BOX 11	Authors unknown
BOX 11	"A Day of Unforgiveness"
BOX 11	"If They Were Women"
BOX 11	"The Indian"
BOX 11	Untitled
BOX 11	<b>Miscellany, circa 1900-1928</b> Magazine clippings, notes, photographs, postcards, and printed material. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 11	Magazines
BOX 11	<i>Poetry Review</i> , vol. 19, May-June, 1928
BOX 11	<i>La France</i> , vol. IV, no. 7, Apr. 1920
BOX 11	Notes, circa 1900-1927, undated
BOX 11	Photographs, 1900-1920
BOX 11	Postcards, undated
BOX 11	Printed miscellany, circa 1917-1926
BOX 11	Awards, 1920-1922 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX OV 1-OV 3	<b>Oversize, 1900-1922</b> Scrapbooks and awards. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.
BOX OV 1	Scrapbooks

## Oversize, 1900-1922

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX OV 1	Other war work, "Colonie dei Giovani Lavoratori," agricultural colony for war-orphan boys, 1919 (Container 5)
BOX OV 2	Miscellaneous, postcard collection, circa 1900-1904 (Container 8)
BOX OV 3	Miscellany
BOX OV 3	Awards, 1920-1922 (Container 11)