

Kamloops Museum and Archives



Crawford Family fonds

1982.045, 1971.075

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1982.045, etc.

Access: Open.

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Textual, Graphic

1886-1982

0.02 meters

Title: Crawford Family fonds

Dates of Creation: 1886-1982

Physical Description: 1.5 cm of textual records and 0.5 cm of b&w photographs

Biographical Sketch:

Matthew Fulton Crawford was born near Whitby, Ontario on August 7, 1862. Circa 1878 he travelled through Manitoba and Saskatchewan, eventually settling in Winnipeg in 1882 to work at the Canadian Pacific Railway shops. He later worked as a fireman, travelling extensively throughout Western Canada, and was witness to much of the early development of the railway throughout British Columbia. Around 1890 he became an engineer and settled permanently in Kamloops, where he married Clara Ladner in 1891, with whom he had one daughter (Isabel, later Julia). In 1901 he was transferred to Revelstoke. After his first wife died he remarried in 1904, to Ethel Ladner (the younger sister of his first wife), with whom he returned to Kamloops in 1908. He became active in Kamloops politics soon after his return, and he would serve on the City Council for 7 years before becoming Mayor from 1914-1915. Socially, he was one of the founding members of the Kamloops Lawn Bowling Club, a Mason, a member of the Methodist Church, and remained active in the legislative board for the engineers of B.C. In 1929 Crawford retired from the C.P.R. In 1952 he moved to Victoria, B.C., where he would die on November 8, 1954 at age 93.

Julia Claribel Crawford (nee Ladner) was born in 1868 in Catalina, Newfoundland and Labrador, the daughter of Reverend Charles Ladner and Maria S. Bemister. She married Matthew Fulton Crawford in January 1891, but would die giving birth to their only daughter, Isabel (later Julie), on February 8, 1892 in Kamloops, B.C.

Ethel Crawford (nee Ladner) was born on June 22, 1881 in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, the daughter of reverend Charles Ladner and Maria S. Bemister. She married Matthew Fulton Crawford in June 1904, after the death of his first wife (her elder sister, Julia Claribel). The couple lived in Kamloops until the family moved to Victoria on the retirement of Matthew Crawford's daughter in 1952. Ethel Crawford died on August 4, 1960 at age 79 in Victoria, B.C.

Isabel (Julie) C. Crawford was born on February 8, 1892 in Kamloops, B.C., the daughter of Matthew Fulton Crawford and Julia Claribel Ladner. Crawford began her teaching career at the Albert Canyon school, gaining a temporary position there from February to August 1910 before enrolling at the Victoria Normal School to complete her formal teacher's training. She graduated in

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1911 and quickly returned to Kamloops, gaining a position at Stuart Wood School. She would later teach at Kamloops High School, and would continue teaching in various schools in Kamloops until her retirement in 1952 after 41 years of work. At her retirement the Julia Crawford Teaching Scholarship was established with funds donated by her many former students. Crawford is also noted as a published poet and novelist, with many of her poems being circulating in local newspapers. After her retirement Crawford moved herself and her parents to Victoria, where she would spend the remainder of her life. Isabel (Julia) C. Crawford died on March 13, 1968 at the age of 71 in Victoria, B.C.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of records from the Crawford Family including an autograph album, correspondence, clippings, programs for social events, a photograph album commemorating Julie Crawford's retirement, and an essay.

Custodial History:

Accession 1982.045 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on June 23, 1982 by Mrs. Eva M. MacKay. MacKay obtained the records from her husband, Col. Earle Ladner MacKay, who was the grandson of Reverend Charles Ladner via Ladner's daughter Ella MacKay (nee Ladner, Mrs. J.A. MacKay). Reverend Charles Ladner's other daughters Julia Claribel and Ethel Ladner were Matthew Fulton Crawford's first and second wives, respectively. Accession 1971.075 was donated on October 22, 1971 by the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, per Jim Stanton, after being found in the records of a deceased United Church Minister in Winnipeg (identity unknown). It is possible that the Minister was a colleague or friend of Reverend Charles Ladner, as Ladner spent time in Manitoba as a working as a Methodist Minister. Both accession 1982.045 and 1971.075 were originally placed in the Vertical Files Collection before being brought together in 2019 during reprocessing.

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Notes:

Source of supplied title: Title based on contents of fonds.

Arrangement: Order that fonds arrived in was maintained by the archivist. Accession 1982.045 was placed prior to 1971.075 due to it being the predominant part of the fonds.

Access restrictions: No restrictions on access. The archivist reserves the right to restrict access to any fragile material for preservation purposes.

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Finding aids: File list is available for this collection.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Related records: See Photograph Collection for additional photographic materials donated with accession 1982.045.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1982.045.006	Autograph Album – File contains an autograph album, bound in padded red velvet cloth, which belonged to Clara (Julia Claribel) Crawford (nee Ladner). – 1 cm of textual records	1886-1891	7
1982.045.007	Letter from Donor – File contains a letter an envelope from the donor (Mrs. Eva. M. MacKay) to the Curator of the Kamloops Museum and Archives explaining the donation. – 4 textual records	1982	1
1982.045.008-011	Newspaper Clippings – File contains 2 poems published in a newspaper by Isabel (Julie) C. Crawford, an obituary for Matthew Crawford, and a bill from Milton Co. – 4 textual records	[1919?]-1954	2
1982.045.012	Christmas Card – File contains a Christmas Card from Julie (Isabel) C. Crawford. – 1 textual record	[ca. 1900s]	3
1982.045.045	Banquet to the Ladies by the Men – File contains a program and menu for a banquet held at the 4 th Avenue Methodist Church on April 6, 1921. – 1 textual record	1921	4
1982.045.048	Kamloops Lodge No. 10 A.F. and A.M. Diamond Jubilee program – File contains a program listing Masonic Brothers, the history of Kamloops Lodge No. 10, menu, and toast list for a Diamond Jubilee event. – 1 textual record	1946	5
1982.045.050	Photo Album – File contains a leatherbound photograph album given to Julie C. (Isabel) Crawford by the Citizens of Kamloops on her retirement as a teacher. Album contains photographs and greeting cards. – 0.5 cm of b&w photographs and 0.5 cm of textual records	1952	8
1971.075	Alaska Trip Essay – File contains an essay written by Isabel C. (Julie) Crawford about a trip she and two friends took to Alaska in 1918. – 0.25 cm of textual records	[ca. 1918]	6