

SC-5 D. Watson Craig Papers (1853-1887)

(16 items)

Consists of letters written by Craig to various members of his family. Craig traveled to Oregon and Panama, as well as spending time in Springfield, Ohio and Washington D.C. His letters cover his experiences, local and national politics, and family matters.

Item List:

1. Letter to his sister sent from Washington D.C. April 19, 1852
He talks about the Governor (Kossworth) and his visit to Mt. Vernon.
*note his penmanship in this letter is very hard to read.
2. Letter to his sister from Washington D.C. January 5, 1853
He tells her that he plans on staying until after the inauguration of the President.
3. Letter to his sister from Panama. August 15, 1853
Craig describes taking a steam engine to South America to make a fortune.
4. Letter to his sister from Oregon City. August 5, 1855
In this letter Craig talks about filling the editors' chair of the local paper the Argus and the Gold rush and problems with the Indians.
5. Letter to D.W. Craig from his sister. November 19, 1855
This letter is in reply to his August 5th letter and mainly deals with family news.
6. Letter to Ellen. December 24, 1856
The letter is faded and deals mainly with a boarding house that he was at.
7. Letter to his sister from Springfield, Ohio April 28, 1857
The letter mainly covers him thinking about going to Arkansas or Texas.
8. To his sister and brother (in law) from Salem, Oregon. September 7, 1872
The letter covers the death of his sister's baby which brings up memories of the deaths of his mother, father and 12 year old cousin.
9. Letter to Ellen Criag from Mary B. Brewington. June 20, 1873
Mary describes recent events in her life, she and her mother went to Baltimore, and a couple of German families had small pox.
10. Letter to Mother and Sister. March 11, 1877
Mentions Mrs. Grover, wife of Governor Grover, and the cold weather.
11. Letter to Ellen April 7, 1877
He sent her grains of Centennial wheat and the letter describes the wheat.
12. Letter to sister from Salem Oregon September 16, 1878
He moved to the mountains and his son has gotten sick a couple of times and is worried he may have typhoid fever.
13. Letter to his sister from Salem, Oregon. May 4, 1887
Letter deals with new family news, son getting married and an Uncle Maddox and moving out west.
14. Letter to his sister and niece. n.d.
Letter talks about a death in the area from Cholera and that their mother has been sick with the same symptoms.

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15. Letter is to an unknown recipient n.d
The letter talks about his sister. Seems to be only part of the letter.
16. Copy of a newspaper article entitled The case of Roselair. The article talks about a
murder case in Oregon n.d.