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**Content Note**

Eight generations of the Craig family of Elizabethtown / Rahway, Essex Co. [later Linden Twp., Union Co.], NJ are documented in this series. Generally, the papers represent a single paternal lineage from the family's founder, Andrew Craig (who settled in Elizabethtown by 1708), as follows:

1. Andrew Craig (1662-1739)
2. John Craig (1695-1758)
3. Timothy Craig (1724-1800)
4. Dr. David Craig (1753-1781)
5. Dr. David Stewart Craig (1776-1865)
6. Washington H. Craig (born 1825)
7. children of Washington H. Craig
8. grandchildren of Washington H. Craig

Many of the papers relate to Dr. David S. Craig--especially to the debt owed to him by the estate of his step-father, John Marsh. The collection also includes documents relating to the allied families of Terrill, Anderson, Vreeland and Radcliffe, as well as several items dating from the 1870s concerning Arthur C. Danvers and Arthur Schirmacher (relationship to the Craig family unclear).

The papers were found at the Bayard W. and Ida M. Craig home, 30 Sayre Street, Elizabeth, which was purchased by Herman and Magdalena Herchet in the late 1930s. The collection was donated to the Archives in honor of the Herchets by their granddaughter, Kathleen L. Bourque. *NOTE:* A folder of research materials on the Craigs is also included at the beginning of the series.

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- Research materials.
- 1. Deed, Susanna Rawlins (daughter of Nathaniel Rawlins) to Andrew Craig for 60 acres of land in Rahway, Elizabeth Town, Essex Co., 18 May 1708.

2. Deed, Capt. John Harrison to Andrew Craig for 22.25 acres in Elizabeth Town, Essex Co., 19 February 1717.
3. Survey for Andrew Craig for 12.5 acres in Elizabeth Town, Essex Co., 27 May 1738.
4. Deed of gift, Andrew Craig of Elizabeth Town to Margery Dobbs (his daughter) for ten bushels of wheat, a brown horse, one swine, Indian corn, two heifers, a dwelling room, firewood, and pasture for three cows, 5 October 1739.
5. Deed, Joseph Kellsey Sr. to William Craig for land in Elizabeth Town, Essex Co., 15 February 1739/40.
6. Deed, Nathaniel Hubbell to Timothy Craig for 8 acres of land in Elizabeth Borough, Essex Co., 3 April 1749.
7. Deed, William Craig to Timothy Craig for 90 acres of land in Elizabeth Borough, Essex Co., 30 March 1752.
8. Deed, Ebenezer and Mary Sayre to Charles Tooker for 9.5 acres of land in Elizabeth Borough, Essex Co., 1 April 1752.
9. Deed, Elisha and Katherine Kelly to Sir George Talbot for 6.9 acres of land in Rahway, Elizabeth Borough, Essex Co., 8 January 1759.
10. Deed, John Craig [Jr.] to Timothy Craig for 6.5 acres of land in Elizabeth Borough, Essex Co., 1 January 1767.
11. Abstract of title, land of John Craig [Jr.], Timothy Craig, and Frazee Craig, [Elizabeth Borough, Essex Co.], 1784-1794.
12. Deed, George Ross the Elder to Mordecai Marsh for 9.25 acres, 25 acres, 26.5 acres, and 20.4 acres of land in Elizabeth Borough, Essex Co., 19 June 1784.
13. Deed, Jacob Crane to Timothy Craig for 2 acres of woodland (Lot No. 4) in Westfield, Essex Co., 24 March 1785.
14. Deed, Joseph and Ursula Bird to John Craig [Jr.] for 19.85 acres in Elizabeth Borough, Essex Co., 28 March 1785.
15. Deed, Henry Marsh, Esq., to Timothy Craig for 100 acres of land (Lot No. 70) in Elizabeth Town, Essex Co., 13 March 1789.
16. Deed, John [Jr.] and Sarah Craig to Moses Wood for 6 acres of land in Rahway Meadows, Elizabeth Borough, Essex Co., 27 January 1792.
17. Deed, Amos and Mary Terrill to Timothy Craig for 3.08 acres of land in Rahway, Elizabeth Borough, Essex Co., 5 December 1792.
18. Quitclaim, John [Jr.] and Sarah Craig to Timothy Craig for 30.45 acres of land in Elizabeth Borough, Essex Co., 14 June 1794.
19. Deed, Frazee and Rebecca Craig to Timothy Craig for 30.34 acres of land in Elizabeth Borough, Essex Co., 16 June 1794.
20. Deed, Elias and Catharine Williams to David S. Craig for 7 acres of land in Great Meadows, Elizabeth Twp., Essex Co., 22 September 1802.
21. Deed, John and Catherine Marsh to Dr. David S. Craig for 136.25 acres of land in Rahway Twp., Essex Co., 1 April 1806.
22. Accounts of 1808 bond of John Marsh (receipts and interest) to David S. Craig, ca. 1808-1841 [12 items].
23. Commission of Abraham Vreeland as first lieutenant, 1st Battalion, 4th Regiment, Essex Brigade, New Jersey Militia, Trenton, 28 September 1815.
24. Accounts, Samuel S. Barron with Ichabod Potter, 1817-1828 [2 items].
25. Notes on case "Thomas Lawrence and John Lawrence vs. John T. Marsh" and judgment, 1818 - after 1820 [2 items].

26. Power of Attorney, John T. Marsh of Rahway Twp., Essex Co., to Dr. David S. Craig, 14 February 1820.
27. Shipping receipt for furniture, etc., from James Vreeland to Henry Polfrey aboard the brig *Nancy* to New Orleans, New York, NY, 26 March 1820.
28. Power of Attorney, John T. Marsh of Rahway Twp., Essex Co., to David S. Craig, 11 May 1820.
29. Receipt of Catharine Marsh, widow of John Marsh, dec'd, for \$455 for moveable property of John Marsh's estate, 12 May 1820.
30. Assignment of judgment of chancellor, John T. Marsh to David S. Craig, 12 December 1820.
31. Deed, David S. Craig and Joseph Shotwell, executors of John Anderson, to John Y. Vantile for 13.25 acres and .98 acres of land [in Rahway Twp., Essex Co.], 1 April 1822.
32. Letter, David S. Craig of Rahway, NJ, to John T. Marsh of New Orleans, LA, 6 February 1824.
33. Deed, Latham and Caroline Clark to David S. Craig for .16 acres of land in Rahway Twp., Essex Co., 24 December 1825.
34. Account of monies received from Samuel S. Barron by David S. Craig, ca. 1825.
35. Agreement, Ichabod Potter, Esq., agent of Samuel S. Barron of Harford Co., MD, to David S. Craig, agreeing to pay Craig all rents received on mortgaged premises in Middlesex and Essex cos., 6 December 1828.
36. Deed, Samuel S. and Susannah Barron to David S. Craig for 12 acres of salt marsh, 2 acres, 50 acres, 146 acres, etc., in Woodbridge Twp., Middlesex Co., 26 March 1829.
37. Deed, Samuel S. Barron to David S. Craig for all stock, cattle, horses, sheep, farming utensils, hay, grain, straw, manure, poultry and every kind of personal property or lands in Middlesex and Essex cos., 26 March 1829.
38. Release, Samuel S. Barron to John T. Marsh, executor of John Marsh, dec'd, 26 March 1829.
39. Bond of indemnity, John T. Marsh of Rahway Twp., executor of John Marsh, dec'd, to David S. Craig, 1836 [undated and unsigned].
40. Deed, Louis and Eliza Wilman to James Vreeland for land in Rahway Twp., Essex Co., and receipt of Louis Wilman for \$440 from Vreeland, being the amount due on the purchase of Barnet Mills, 4 January 1837 [2 items].
41. General Release, Edward D. Dodd to David S. Craig, both of Rahway Twp., Essex Co., 28 March 1844.
42. Deed, Edward D. and Eliza Dodd to David S. Craig for 136.25 acres of land in Rahway Twp., Essex Co., 29 March 1844.
43. Letter, J. W. and Joann L. Vreeland of Mobile, AL, to Mrs. Ann Vreeland (mother) of Westfield, NJ, 5-7 May 1844.
44. Deed, David S. and Phebe Craig to Washington H. Craig for 136.25 acres of land in Linden Twp., Union Co., 4 November 1845.
45. Letter, J. W. Vreeland of Mobile, AL, to Mrs. Ann Vreeland (his mother) of Westfield, NJ, 14 December 1845.
46. Survey of Dr. David S. Craig's wood lot in Westfield Twp., Union Co., 1 March 1859.
47. Statement of the value of the produce of the farm of Washington H. Craig in 1862.
48. Receipt of Catharine Foster from David S. Craig for \$155 and \$25 from Washington H. Craig for wages, 17 January 1863.
49. Account of five bonds of \$1,000 each belonging to David S. Craig, issued by the State of New Jersey in 1861 and sold in 1865 for five others payable in 1887.
50. Wrapper, "Sundry papers relating to a debt due from S. S. Barron..." including the following note: "my Ex[ecutors] are instructed to keep them in their hands for a greater villain than John T. Marsh is not to be

found. David S. Craig" [no date--before 1865].

51. Power of attorney, Elizabeth Vreeland of Linden Twp., Union Co., to Washington H. Craig, 30 April 1866.
52. Assignment of mortgage, Washington H. Craig to Isaac Faulks, 21 September 1866.
53. Assignment of mortgage, Isaac Faulks to Washington H. Craig, 1 December 1866.
54. Promissory notes to Elizabeth W. Vreeland for \$150 and \$1,000 [signatures torn off], Linden and Rahway, NJ, 13 May 1867 and 16 January 1868 [2 items].
55. Mortgage, Washington H. and Sarah J. Craig to The Rahway Savings Institution for 136.25 acres of land in Linden Twp., Union Co., and bond for \$2,500, 24 February 1869 [2 items].
56. Mortgage, Elizabeth W. and William D. Wood to Sarah J. Craig, wife of Washington H. Craig, for land in Linden Twp., Union Co., 30 January 1872.
57. Promissory notes to Elizabeth W. Wood for \$196.40 and \$1,411 [signatures torn off], Linden, NJ, 1 April 1873; account, 1 April 1873 - 17 August 1875 [3 items].
58. Appointment of Arthur Claude Danvers as corporal, Company G, 1st Regiment, U.S. Infantry, Fort Randall, Dakota Territory, 30 July 1874.
59. Appointment of Arthur C. Danvers as sergeant, Company G, 1st Regiment, U.S. Infantry, Fort Randall, Dakota Territory, 1 October 1874.
60. Receipts of Sarah J. Craig, 1875-1892 [9 items].
61. Dispatch, Charlie [--] to [Arthur C. Danvers], re: Indian attack, Fort Randall, Dakota Territory, 20 December 1875.
62. Free pass to 1876 Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia from the Pennsylvania Railroad.
63. Letter, Sgt. Arthur C. Danvers to Lt. Allen Smith, re: epileptic seizures of Pvt. Bieraugh, New Ponca Agency, Dakota Territory, 30 October 1876.
64. Deed, Washington H. Craig to David S. Craig for 136.25 acres of land in Linden Twp., Union Co., 19 December 1876.
65. Notice of Nathaniel K. Thompson, Union Co. Sheriff, re: ownership of goods from suits of the First National Bank of Elizabeth and William T. Jones vs. Washington H. Craig, with a list of goods, and New Jersey Supreme Court deposition stating that the furniture was sold to William E. Hoole for \$100, 1877 - 21 June 1878 [3 items].
66. Letter, Capt. Richard Johnston, commanding Company G, certifying that Sgt. Arthur C. Danvers was discharged from service, Camp Sherman, Montana Territory, 22 July 1877.
67. Discharge of Sgt. Arthur C. Danvers from Company F, 1st Regiment, U.S. Infantry, Camp Sherman, Montana Territory, 22 July 1877.
68. Funeral notice for Mr. Smith from Jno. L. Derby of Cranford, NJ, to W. H. Craig of Linden, NJ, 24 June 1878.
69. Deed, Catharine C. and William E. Hoole to Sarah J. Craig for a farm in Linden Twp., Union Co., 10 October 1878.
70. Copy of the title search by Amos Woodruff for John Marsh/David S. Craig land, April 1879.
71. Naturalization certificate of Arthur Schirmacher, New York, NY, 22 October 1879.
72. 1-year leases, Myer S. Isaacs to Mrs. Sarah J. Craig for premises known as "Cherry Lawn" on St. George's Avenue, Rahway, NJ, and receipt for \$100, 29 March 1882 and 2/8 January 1885 [4 items].
73. Letter, [Arthur C. Radcliffe] to his father, re: life in Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1 July 1883 [press-book copy].
74. Letter, [Arthur C. Radcliffe] to his father, re: Mrs. Craig, etc., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 31 October 1883

[press-book copy].

75. Letter, [Arthur C. Radcliffe] to his sister Dora, re: Craig family, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 5 November 1883 [press-book copy].
76. Passport of Arthur Curtis Radcliffe and wife [Levantia (Craig) Radcliffe], Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 31 October 1884.
77. Bill of sale, William E. Hoole to Catherine C. Hoole, Elizabeth V. Craig, Cornelia G. Craig, and Emma B. Craig, all of Elizabeth, Union Co., for furniture, and letter from Hoole to Sarah J. Craig, 11 February 1885 [2 items].
78. Letter, J. Sanches to "Madam," re: trip to Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, [Argentina], 7 July 1887.
79. Monthly commutation ticket of B. W. Craig on Pennsylvania Railroad, January 1888.
80. Receipts of B. Craig from C. C. Pollard, Elizabeth Coal Company, Elizabeth, 1 April & 1 May 1909 [2 items].
81. Form letter, Hart Schaffner & Marx [men's clothing manufacturer] to George Craig, 1 March 1913.
82. Form letter, Women's Club, Beachwood, 3 September 1919.
83. Form letter, Beachwood Property Owner's Association, Newark, 26 January 1920.
84. Telegrams, Powell Craig and Horace Wemple, New York and SS *Carmania*, 2 February [1923?] [2 items].
85. Letter, B. M. Craig to Mrs. Ida M. Craig of Beachwood, NJ, re: home improvements, etc., New York, NY, September 1925.
86. Letter, [B. M. Craig to Mrs. Ida M. Craig], re: Arnold, etc., [ca. September 1925].
87. Accounts, no date [2 items].
88. Chancellor's decision re: loan application of Washington H. Craig, no date.
89. Cover page, "Evidence of value," Isaac B. Parker, Executor, vs. John Wm. Moore [?] & als., no date.

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