

## COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: Cora CRANE Safety Deposit Box Papers

SOURCE: Presented by the State of Florida, 2 July 1974

SUBJECT: Cora and Stephen Crane

DATES COVERED: 1886-1910 NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca. 1800

STATUS (check appropriate description)  
 Cataloged:  Listed:  Arranged:  Not organized:

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxed, or shelves)  
 Bound:  Boxed: 4 Stored:

LOCATION: (Library Rare Bk & Manuscr CALL NUMBER Ms Coll/Crane, C. (VAULT) 3

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: None

## DESCRIPTION:

Correspondence, documents and financial records of Cora Howorth Crane, 1868-1910, common-law wife of Stephen Crane. The papers relate almost entirely to the last ten years of Cora Crane's life, dealing largely with the operation of her brothel, The Court, and touching on her last marriage (to Hammond P. McNeil) and her work on the invention of a new army canteen. Much of the collection consists of bills, receipts, insurance policies, cancelled checks and other fairly routine financial papers; also included is a Harold Frederic manuscript and the last known signature of Stephen Crane.

SEE VERSO FOR LIST OF CORRESPONDENTS AND CONTENTS.

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Note: These papers comprise the total contents of Cora Crane's abandoned and unclaimed safety deposit box at the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville, which were turned over to the Abandoned Properties Department of the State of Florida, and then presented to Columbia University.

Box 1:

Catalogued correspondents:

Bowen, Frederick L.  
Crane, Cora Howorth  
De Friese, Lafayette H.  
Marbury, Elisabeth (agent:  
Ada Wooldridge)

Manuscripts and documents by or about:

Bowen, Frederick L.  
Crane, Cora Howorth  
Crane, Stephen  
Frederic, Harold  
Holder, Botholphe  
McNeil, Hammond P.

Correspondence - miscellaneous  
uncatalogued

Subject file:

Canteen - miscellaneous correspondence  
Canteen - miscellaneous documents  
The Court - Architect's plans and  
building contracts  
Crane, Stephen - copies of will and  
codicil  
Sponge (or Spongie; Cranes' dog) -  
Death certificate and related item

Items relating to the presentation of  
papers by State of Florida to Columbia

Box 2:

Bills, receipts and notes, 1890-1910

Furniture leases, 1903

Mortgages, deeds, indentures and titles,  
1886-1909

Box 3:

Legal and financial documents:

Bank books  
Cancelled checks, 1893-- May 1903  
Cancelled checks, June 1903 - 1910  
Envelopes and miscellaneous items  
Legal documents - miscellaneous  
Insurance policies, 1901-1906  
Insurance policies, 1907-1910

Memorabilia:

Riding stick  
Woman's sterling watch on black cross-grain band  
Sterling stick-pin engraved "EBW"  
Gold (14K wash) ring (no set)

Box 3, continued:

Baroque pearl  
Mexican five-centavo piece  
Mother of pearl crescent and star pin  
Toy binocular charm with photographs  
Elk head stud (broken)

Box 4:

Safe deposit box (empty)

Oversize catalogued item:

Passport of Stephen Crane, bearing his  
last known signature, 1900