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Dr. Albert B. Craig, Jr. &
Mr. Gregory Craig
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Dear Dr. Craig & Mr. Craig:

On behalf of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, I would like to thank you for donating two copies of your publication entitled *Burchfield-Craig: Two Pittsburgh Families (2nd edition)*. We are very pleased to accept this gift and add them to the library of the Historical Society at the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center.

Enclosed you will please find finding aids for the Papers of Edwin S. Craig and the Journal of Joseph W. Craig. I hope that you will review these documents to familiarize yourselves with the materials in our holdings related to your family. Please don't hesitate to inform me of any errors contained in the documents. Your family history will fill in many of the gaps that are not covered in our brief biographical sketches.

On your next visit to Pittsburgh, I hope that you will make the History Center one of your destinations. I would be pleased to walk you through the neighborhood where the Staunton house once stood on the North Side. I live only a few short blocks from the site. Please let me know if you plan on making a visit, I would be delighted to meet both of you.

The Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center's success continues to be strengthened by contributions from individuals like you. Once again, thank you for your support of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,



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Joseph W. Craig, Journal, (1888-1898)
Catalog Designation: MFF# 4845
1 Volume; .20 linear feet

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

Biographical Sketch of Joseph W. Craig (1860-1921)

Joseph Watson Craig was a well known oil broker and land owner in Pittsburgh and the surrounding area. Craig was born on July 14, 1860 to Joseph Craig and Matilda Staunton. His father, Joseph, emigrated from County Fermanagh, Ireland, to the United States with his parents in 1822 and settled in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. In 1846, Joseph established his grocery business in Allegheny on the Diamond, which eventually moved to Ohio Street. Joseph and Matilda married and had nine children: William J., Mary E., Edwin S., Margaret A., Joseph W., Matilda "Daisie," George L., Percy L., and Pressly T.

Craig was born in the family home between Washington Street and Church Avenue. He attended the Fourth Ward School of Allegheny but left to enter B.D. Moore's cooperage factory. Later Craig worked as the superintendent of the Empire Oil Works. In 1882, he was employed by J.C. Fisher & Co, where a year later he became partner. The firm dissolved and Craig & Lowrie was formed. Between 1886 and 1896, Craig organized five oil and gas business: Chartiers Oil Company, Western and Atlantic Pipe Line Company, Freedom Oil Works Company, Craig Oil Company of Toledo, and Greensboro Gas Company. He was also involved in banking as the president of the Freedom National Bank; a director of the Farmers Deposit National Bank of Pittsburgh, the Reliable Life Insurance Company, and the First National Bank of Sewickley; and was a stockholder in other banking companies. He had an office in downtown Pittsburgh on Wood Street from 1890 to 1901. Craig moved to Fourth Avenue and then to the Tradesmen's National Bank Building, later known as the Columbia Bank Building.

In 1888, Craig married Ida L. Mitchell and by 1890 they were living on Bank Street in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. Craig died on March 5, 1912 at the age of 51. His brothers, Edwin S. and George L., became the executors of his estate.

For more detailed information on the Craig family, please see *Burchfield-Craig Two Pittsburgh Families* by Albert B. Craig, Jr. and Gregory L. Craig, 2007. Copies of this publication can be found in the Library of the Heinz History Center

Scope and Content Note

The Joseph W. Craig Papers contain one journal (1888-1898), which was separated out from the Edwin S. Craig Papers. The journal details the financial transactions of Craig and includes financial transactions from some of his businesses such as the Chartiers Oil

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Company, Freedom Oil Works Company, and Craig Oil Company of Toledo. Craig lists the transactions chronologically without detail in journal.

Provenance: The Joseph W. Craig journal and the papers of Edwin S. Craig were received as a single donation in January of 1989..

Acc#1989.0003—Transfer from the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation.

Restrictions: None.

Separations: The Joseph W. Craig journal and the papers of Edwin S. Craig were separated at the time of processing. The papers of Edwin S. Craig have been assigned the catalog designation of MSS# 436.

Processor: June 21, 2006; Journal was examined and the inventory written by Jaclyn Esposito, an intern from Duquesne University. Finding aid revised, July 2007 by David R. Grinnell, Chief Archivist.

Container List:

Volume 1 June 1888- December 1898

Edwin S. Craig, Papers, 1883-1921
Catalog Designation: MSS# 436
3 boxes (Boxes 1-3); 1.5 linear feet

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Biographical Sketch of Edwin S. Craig (1856-1921)

Edwin Staunton Craig was a well known attorney in Allegheny, Pennsylvania from 1881 to 1921. Little is known about his life except what can be discerned from city directories, obituaries, and census reports. Craig was born on March 4, 1856, to Joseph Craig and Matilda Staunton. His father, Joseph, emigrated from County Fermanagh, Ireland, to the United States with his parents in 1822 and settled in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. In 1846, Joseph established his grocery business in Allegheny on the Diamond, which eventually moved to Ohio Street. Joseph and Matilda married and had nine children: William J., Mary E., Edwin S., Margaret A., Joseph W., Matilda "Daisie," George L., Percy L., and Pressly T.

Craig grew up in his mother's childhood home between Washington Street and Church Avenue. From 1874 to 1880, he was a clerk. Craig attended the Western University of Pennsylvania, now the University of Pittsburgh, but the dates for his enrollment are unknown. On June 2, 1877, he registered with the Allegheny County Bar and on December 31, 1880, he was admitted. In the city directories he is first listed as an attorney in the 1881-82 edition. His first office was in downtown Pittsburgh at 100 Diamond Street and later at number 98 on the same street. About 1891, his office moved to the St. Nicholas Hotel, later known as the St. Nicholas Building. The office was located on Fourth Avenue just a couple blocks from the courthouse.

Craig continued to live in Allegheny on his family property between Washington Street and Church Ave until he moved in February 1902. He went to live with his brother, Joseph, in Sewickley but later that month moved down the street to live with his sister and her husband, Daisie and Emile Heck. In 1914, he opened another office in downtown Pittsburgh at the Columbia Bank Building and by 1916 the St. Nicholas office closed. Craig used his office at the Columbia Bank Building until his death on December 27, 1921.

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*Edwin S. Craig, page 2*Scope and Content Note

The Edwin S. Craig Papers are housed in three archival boxes and are arranged in three series. In the papers, series have been designated for journals, ledgers, and memorandums. Additionally, there are newspapers clippings and notes.

Series I contains five volumes of journal. They are arranged in chronological order from December 1885 to October 1908. There are no entries from January 1891 to June 1894 in the journals. The journals detail the financial transactions of Craig and give a small explanation. In the journals of Craig, the numbers in the first column corresponds to the page number in the ledgers where the transactions appear.

There are three ledgers (1883-1906) in Series II. The ledgers contain listings of monetary transactions and personal expenses organized by the accounts. They are lettered but only Ledgers "C," "D," and "F" are present. In the beginning of each ledger is a listing of accounts found in the volume. Entries in the ledgers correspond to those in the journal. The fourth column of the ledger gives the page number in the journal where the transaction is discussed.

Series III includes four memorandum books (1892-1921). They contain notes on work done for clients and in later years contain personal details. The memorandum books are number 2 through 5. For Memorandum No. 2, the work completed is organized by date and is roughly chronological. The other memorandums are arranged by the client with the work completed listed chronologically. Additionally, Craig notes when the client was charged for the services and the date listed corresponds to entries made in the ledgers and journals. Two folders were created to house the loose newspaper clippings and notes from the memorandum volumes

Provenance: These records came in as a single accession in January 1989

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Restrictions: None.

Separations: A single volume created by Joseph W. Craig was separated from the Edwin S. Craig papers. The Joseph W. Craig journal is cataloged as MFF# 4845.

Processor: May 24, 2006; Papers arranged and inventory written by Jaclyn Esposito, an intern from Duquesne University. Finding aid revised July 2007 by David R. Grinnell, Chief Archivist.

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Box 1 Volume 1 December 1885-December 1890
Volume 2 July 1894-July 1897
Volume 3 July 1897-April 1900
Volume 4 May 1900-December 1903

Box 2 Volume 5 January 1904-October 1908

Series II: Ledgers (1883-1906)

Box 2 Volume 6 Ledger C, October 1883-May 1887
Volume 7 Ledger D, December 1885-December 1892
Volume 8 Ledger F, January 1899-December 1906

Series III: Memorandum Books (1892-1921)

Box 3 Volume 9 No. 2, May 1892-March 1900
Volume 10 No. 3, Oct 1899-December 1902
Volume 11 No. 4, January 1903-December 1906
Volume 12 No. 5, October 1907- October 1921
Folder 1 Newspaper clippings and notes
Folder 2 Newspaper clipping of Miss Mary Lockhart