

# Craft Family Collection

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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1861-1919, n.d.

### Language

English .

### Abstract

The Craft Family Collection includes correspondence to and from Jacob Craft during the Civil War, and also includes correspondences written to his daughter Blanche from various soldiers during World War I.

### Creator

Craft, Jacob M.

### Creator

Craft, Catherine

### Creator

Craft Family (Botetourt County, Virginia)

### Extent

0.3 Cubic Feet 1 box

## Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

# Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

## Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from Craft Family Collection must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

## Acquisition Information

The Craft Family Collection was donated to Special Collections prior to 2009.

## Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Craft Family Collection was completed in December 2013.

## Preferred Citation

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# Biographical Note

Jacob Moore Craft was born on May 2, 1837 in Botetourt County, Virginia. His parents were David and Catherine Craft. Jacob Craft married Amanda Matheny Craft in 1873, and they had 10 children. He was a mercantile businessman. He volunteered to fight in the Civil War in Company K, 57th Regiment, Virginia Infantry and served alongside his father. He died on April 10, 1904.

Nellie "Blanche" Craft Nicholls is the daughter of Jacob and Amanda Craft. She married George Nicholls in 1925. They had two children George and Rodney Nicholls.

Sources: [Find a Grave-Jacob](#) [Find a Grave-Blanche](#) [Botetourt County Virginia Heritage](#)

# Scope and Content

The Craft Family Collection includes correspondence to and from Jacob Craft during the Civil War, as well as correspondence written to his daughter Blanche from various soldiers during World War I. There are also several envelopes and drawings not clearly related to letters in the collection.

The letters to Craft are mostly from his mother, though a few are from other family members including his brother and sister. Jacob Craft wrote letters to both his mother and father. The letters to and from Jacob Craft describe life during the Civil War and various battles. They also discuss people who have passed away in the war.

Also in this collection are letters written to Blanche Craft during World War I. Most of the letters are written by Sergeant Cline Young and William Branske(?). The letters written to Blanche go into great detail about the War and both men are stationed in France. They describe the daily events to Blanche.

# Keywords

World War, 1914-1918

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Botetourt County (Va.)

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Civil War

Craft, Jacob M.

Craft, Blanche

Craft Family (Botetourt County, Virginia)

# Arrangement

The Craft Family Collection is organized into folders based on correspondent. Envelopes and ephemera are

group in a single folder. Within each folder, materials are in chronological order whenever possible.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Letters to Jacob Craft**

**Unit Date** 1861-1864, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### **Letters by Jacob Craft**

**Unit Date** 1861-1864

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### **Letters to Blanche Craft**

**Unit Date** 1918-1919

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### **Envelopes**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)