



## Western Kentucky University

UA37 Faculty Personal Papers

Series 2 Alfred Crabb

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**Biographical History:** Alfred Leland Crabb was born in Plum Springs, Warren County, Kentucky on January 22, 1884. He attended Bethel College and the Southern Normal School, and received a Life Certificate in 1910 from the Western Kentucky State Normal School. He married fellow student Bertha Gardner in 1911. He received a B. S. from George Peabody College, an M. A. from Columbia, and a Ph.D. from Peabody. He served as principal of schools in Louisiana and Kentucky before joining the faculty of Western in 1916 and serving as dean. He left in 1927 to join the faculty of Peabody College. Crabb was editor of the Peabody Journal of Education from 1932-1967, and wrote numerous historical novels set in Nashville.

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**Dates:** 1916-2003

**Extent:** .25 cu. ft.

### Subject Analytics:

Authors

Cherry, Henry Hardin, 1864-1937

Education

Western Kentucky University

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# Finding Aid Report

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## Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Creator</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
Box 1	1-5, 7, 15	Crabb, Alfred Leland, 1884-1979	1916-1975	Correspondence
Description	Burbank, S.M. Cherry, Henry Hardin McLean, Mattie			Subjects Alumni & alumnae
Box 1	7, 10-12, 14-15, 20	Crabb, Alfred Leland, 1884-1979	1916-1975	Essays
Description	Cherry, Thomas Crittenden Class of 1910 Founders Day - available online at: <a href="https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/188/">https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/188/</a> Peabody College Peace at Bowling Green The Sixth of Nine Strong Sons The Teachers College President: A Case Study of WKSTC at Bowling Green, nd.			
Box 1	12	Crabb, Alfred Leland, 1884-1979	1955	Souvenirs
Description	Kentucky Building			
Box 1	12	Crabb, Alfred Leland, 1884-1979	1955	Alfred & James Crabb
Description	Crabb, Alfred Leland Crabb, James Wade			