



**Western Kentucky University**  
**UA37 Faculty Personal Papers**  
**Series 12 W.J. Craig Personal Papers**

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**Biographical History:** Owensboro, Kentucky native, W.J. "Uncle Billy" Craig was hired to teach chemistry and physics at Western in 1908. During the 1920s he created the Alumni Association and served as its secretary. He was also the director of the placement bureau. Uncle Billy served Western for forty-five years and retired in 1953. Upon his retirement he was presented with a volume of appreciation letters solicited from faculty, staff, students and alumni.

**Description:** Correspondence of W.J. "Uncle Billy" Craig during and in appreciation for his work at Western Kentucky University.

**Dates:** 1912, 1954

**Extent:** 5 folders

**Subject Analytics:**

Speeches, addresses, etc.  
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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	Craig, William J., 1872-1959	1912-1940	Correspondence	
Description	Barnes, P.M. Baxter, J.W. Beauchamp, Katie Coates, T.J. Craig, W.J. Ficklin, Gertrude Hollins, Dixie Lloyd, A.L. McLain, T.C. Public Health Institute Whitmer, J.R.				
Box 1	5	Craig, William J., 1872-1959	1954	Correspondence	
Description	Bound volume of correspondence of appreciation sent to W.J. Craig upon his retirement. The volume contains photocopies of the originals and has an index at the beginning.				
Box 1	2	Craig, William J., 1872-1959	1935-1940	Extra Curricular Activities Reports	
Box 1	3	Craig, William J., 1872-1959	1928-1937, nd	Articles & Speeches	
Description	Boat Ride Cedar House (WKU) Chestnut Hunt Cleaning Up Days County Superintendents Meetings Craig, Hardin Eastern Kentucky University Early Laboratory Methods in Teaching Physics, 1935 In Memory of Thomas Crittenden Coates, 1928 Is the Rotarian Loyal to His Craft or Professional Association in These Turbulous Times?, nd John Henry Clagett as a Scholar KEA Kentucky Education Association, nd Mental Growth, nd Moving to the Hill Our American Youth Problem, 1937			Subjects	Chautauquas Speeches, addresses, etc. World War I, 1914-1918

Resolutions on the Death of Dr. T.J. Coates  
Rural Chautauquas  
Rural Life Conferences  
Tribute to H.H. Cherry, 1936  
Trip to Mammoth Cave  
Western Breakfast at Kentucky Education Association, nd  
Western in the War - [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/wku\\_timeline/93/](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/wku_timeline/93/)

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