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Series 3 – Alfred Crabb



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Biographical/Historical Note

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.

Description:

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Dates: 1916-1975

Subject Analytics:

Authors, American – Kentucky

Cherry, Thomas Crittenden, 1862-1947

Crabb, Alfred Leland, 1884-1979

Educators – Kentucky

Western Kentucky University

Accession Information: These records were transferred to the University Archives upon its creation.

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Box 1	12	Crabb, Alfred Leland	1955	Souvenirs
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