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## Cora Crane papers4078663

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Crane, Cora, 1865 or 1866-1910
<b>Title:</b>	Cora Crane papers
<b>ID:</b>	4078663
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0303
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1886-1910
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 linear feet 4 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Cora Crane papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Common-law wife of Stephen Crane.

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## Summary

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Correspondence, documents, and financial records relating almost entirely to the last ten years of Cora Crane's life, dealing largely with the operation of her brothel, The Court, and touching on her last marriage to Hammond P. McNeil and to her work on the invention of a new army canteen. Much of the collection consists of bills, receipts, insurance policies, cancelled checks,

and other fairly routine financial papers. Also, a Harold Frederic manuscript and the last known signature of Stephen Crane.

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## Arrangement

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Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged.

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### Revision Description

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### Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--State of Florida. Method of acquisition--Presented; Date of acquisition--07/02/74. Accession number--M-74-07-02.

## Ownership and Custodial History

These papers comprise the total contents of Cora Crane's abandoned and unclaimed safety deposit box at the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville, which were turned over to the Abandoned Properties Department of the State of Florida, and then presented to Columbia University in 1974.

## Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 06/--/89.

## Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact [rbml@columbia.edu](mailto:rbml@columbia.edu) for more information.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Prostitution
- architectural drawings (visual works)
- Autographs (manuscripts)
- Contracts
- Deeds
- Financial records
- Indentures
- Manuscripts (documents)
- Mortgages
- Passports
- Wills
- Crane, Stephen, 1871-1900

- McNeil, Hammond P
- Frederic, Harold, 1856-1898

## Collection Inventory

### Series I: Cataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Bowen, Frederick L.	box 1
Crane, Cora Howorth	box 1
De Friese, Lafayette H.	box 1
Marbury, Elisabeth (agent: Ada Wooldridge)	box 1

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### Series II: Cataloged Manuscripts and Documents

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains manuscripts and documents by or about the persons listed in the container list.

Title/Description	Instances
Bowen, Frederick L.	box 1
Crane, Cora Howorth	box 1
Crane, Stephen	box 1
Crane, Stephen--Passport, 1900	box Oversized
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Passport of Stephen Crane, bearing his last known signature, 1900.	
Frederic, Harold	box 1
Holder, Botholphe	box 1
McNeil, Hammond P.	box 1

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### Series III: Correspondence--Miscellaneous

**Scope and Contents**

Correspondents are not cataloged.

**Title/Description****Instances**

Correspondence--Miscellaneous

box 1

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**Series IV: Subject File****Title/Description****Instances**

Canteen - miscellaneous correspondence

box 1

Canteen - miscellaneous documents

box 1

The Court - Architect's plans and building contracts

box 1

Crane, Stephen - copies of will and codicil

box 1

Sponge (or Spongie; Cranes' dog)--Death certificate and related item

box 1

Items relating to the presentation of papers by State of Florida to Columbia

box 1

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**Series V: Legal and Financial Files****Title/Description****Instances**

Bills, receipts and notes, 1890-1910

box 2

Furniture leases, 1903

box 2

Mortgages, deeds, indentures and titles, 1996-1909

box 2

Legal and Financial Documents

Bank books

box 3

Cancelled Checks, 1893-1903 May

box 3

Cancelled Checks, 1903 June-1910

box 3

Envelopes and miscellaneous items

box 3

Legal documents--miscellaneous

box 3

Insurance policies, 1901-1906

box 3

Insurance policies, 1907-1910

box 3

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<b>Series VI: Memorabilia</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Riding Stick	box 3
Woman's sterling watch on black gross-grain band	box 3
Sterling stick-pin engraved "EBW"	box 3
Gold (14K wash) ring (no set)	box 3
Baroque pearl	box 3
Mexican five-centavo piece	box 3
Mother of pearl crescent and star pin	box 3
Toy binocular charm with photographs	box 3
Elk head stud (broken)	box 3
Safe deposit box (empty)	box 4

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