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THE CLIFFORD CRAIG COLLECTION

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Authors, Launceston
Historians, Launceston

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INTRODUCTION

Clifford Craig was born at Box Hill, Victoria, on 3 August 1896, the son of Walter Joseph and Jane Craig. He was educated at a small private school at Box Hill School, then at Scotch College, Melbourne.

After serving in the Australian Imperial Forces in the Middle East from 1916 to 1919 he studied medicine at the University of Melbourne, graduating in 1924. He was Resident Medical Officer at the Royal Melbourne Hospital 1924-1925, then Resident Medical Officer at the Royal Children's Hospital 1925-1926. In 1926 he gained the senior degree of Doctor of Medicine and that year was appointed Surgeon-Superintendent at the Launceston General Hospital (LGH). He became a Master of Surgery in 1930 and received the Diploma of Diagnostic Radiology in 1954.

Dr Craig entered private practice in 1931, was honorary surgeon at the LGH from 1932 to 1941, then reappointed Surgeon-Superintendent at the LGH in 1941. Following a restructure of the Surgeon-Superintendent position, he was Director of Surgery from 1949 to 1951 when a soap allergy affected his hands. He became a Radiologist, retiring from medical practice in 1977. He was a member of the LGH Board of Management for some years.

He served as President of Rotary International Launceston, the Medical Council of Tasmania, the National Trust of Australia (Tasmania) and the Australian Cancer Society.

Dr Craig received a number of honours: Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George (CMG), Fellow of the Australian Medical Association, Life Member of the Australasian College of Radiologists and Gold Medal of the Australian Cancer Society. The Clifford Craig Medical Research Trust in Launceston was named in his honour.

In 1927 he married Edith Nance Bulley and they had a daughter, Jane, and two sons, John and Warren. From 1939 the family lived at "Beulah", 21 High Street, Launceston. After his marriage Dr Craig began collecting early colonial furniture. Later he became interested in acquiring old Tasmanian books and related items, prints and paintings and wrote a number of books and articles on these subjects. He also wrote journal articles on aspects of medicine and a history of the LGH. Clifford Craig died on 5 September 1986 at Launceston.

In 1994 Miss Jane Craig gave permission to the Archives Office of Tasmania and the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery to collect items belonging to her late father, Dr Clifford Craig, from his former home "Beulah", 21 High Street, Launceston. This collection does not form a large component of material relating to Dr Craig; the Archives Office of Tasmania is the major repository of his collection of records, letters, photographs, papers and other documents.

Books written by Clifford Craig:

Hospital Technical Procedures, 1927

Entally National House Hadspen, Tasmania: catalogue of contents, 1955

The Engravers of Van Diemen's Land, 1961

First Hundred Years 1863-1963: Launceston General Hospital, 1963

Old Tasmanian Prints prepared in Great Britain, Europe and on the Mainland of Australia, 1964

Early Colonial Furniture in New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land, 1972

The Van Diemen's Land Edition of the Pickwick Papers: a general and bibliographical study with some notes on Henry Dowling, 1973

Mr Punch in Tasmania: colonial politics in cartoons, 1866-1879, 1980

More Old Tasmanian Prints, 1984

Notes on Tasmaniana, 1987 (published posthumously)

Dr John Morris' book *Dr Clifford Craig: a man for all seasons* (Launceston, 2002) is a comprehensive account of Dr Craig's life and lists all his publications.

1. Personal Papers

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| 1/1 | <i>The Scotch Collegian</i> , Dec 1909, April 1910, Easter 1910, Dec 1910, Easter 1911, Midwinter 1911, Michaelmas 1911, Easter 1912, Midwinter 1912, Michaelmas 1912, Christmas 1912, May 1913, Aug 1913, May 1914, Aug 1914, Dec 1914, May 1915, Dec 1915, May 1916, Oct 1916, Dec 1918 | 1909-1918 |
| 1/2 | Scotch College, Melbourne, C Craig's report for term ending 3 October 1910 | 1910 |
| 1/3 | <i>Scotch College, Melbourne</i> , Christmas 1911, Dec 1912, Dec 1913, Dec 1915, annual reports | 1911-1915 |
| 1/4 | <i>Scotch College, Melbourne, Diamond Jubilee 1851-1911: historical sketch</i> (Melbourne, 1911) | 1911 |
| 1/5 | Scotch College, <i>The School at War</i> (Melbourne, c1918) | c1918 |
| 1/6 | Wallet, embossed C.C. - containing photographs (family, AIF personnel) leave passes, movement order, discharge certificate, hotel and shop receipts, film and concert programmes, Anglo-Egyptian Bank card, introductory cards, Cairo souvenir serviette, notebook | 1917-1919 |
| 1/7 | <i>The Speculum, the Journal of the Melbourne Medical Students' Society</i> , no 102, Sept 1918, no 109, Nov 1921, no 111, Oct 1922 | 1918-1921 |
| 1/8 | <i>The Melbourne University Magazine</i> , vol 13, no 2, Aug 1919, vol 14, no 3, Oct 1920, vol 15, no 1, May 1921, vol 15, no. 2, Aug 1921, vol 15, no 3, Nov 1921, vol 16, no 1, May 1922 | 1919-1921 |
| 1/9 | University of Melbourne certificate book for degrees of MB and BS | 1921-1923 |
| 1/10 | University of Melbourne. Bachelor of Medicine awarded to Clifford Craig <i>Oversized item</i> | 1924 |
| 1/11 | University of Melbourne. Bachelor of Surgery awarded to Clifford Craig <i>Oversized item</i> | 1924 |
| 1/12 | Melbourne Hospital. Certification that Clifford Craig occupied the position of Resident Medical Officer for twelve months <i>Oversized item</i> | 1925 |

1/13	University of Melbourne. Doctor of Medicine awarded to Clifford Craig <i>Oversized item</i>	1926
1/14	Rupert M Downes' reference supporting Dr Craig's application for position of Surgeon-Superintendent of the Launceston Hospital	1926
1/15	University of Melbourne. Master of Surgery awarded to Clifford Craig <i>Oversized item</i>	1930
1/16	The College of Surgeons of Australia. Clifford Craig's certificate of admission as a Fellow of the College of Surgeons of Australasia <i>Oversized item</i>	1930
1/17	His Excellency the Governor General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia. Clifford Craig's appointment as an officer of the Citizen Air Force <i>Oversized item</i>	1940
1/18	Personal message of thanks from Queen Elizabeth to Dr & Mrs C Craig 're children who crossed the sea from the United Kingdom many months ago', certificate (See photograph in John Morris, <i>Dr Clifford Craig: a man for all seasons</i> , Launceston, 2002, p.30 re evacuee from England)	c1940
1/19	Wallet, embossed C.C., containing driving licence, membership cards, medical reports, Tasmanian duty stamps, receipt re Royal Empire Society	1941-1957
1/20	Wallet, containing National Trust of Australia (Tasmania) life membership card, Entally admittance card, Ansett and TAA charge cards, driver's licence	1950-1983
1/21	Rotary Club of Launceston. Certificate to express appreciation to Cliff Craig for outstanding service as president of the club 1950-51	c1984
1/22	University of Melbourne. Diploma of Diagnostic Radiology granted to Clifford Craig <i>Oversized item</i>	1954
1/23	Clifford Craig's insurance certificate for Holden sedan	1954
1/24	Medical Council of Tasmania. Clifford Craig's Medical Registration Certificate	1956
1/25	College of Radiologists of Australasia. Clifford Craig's election as a Member certificate <i>Oversized item</i>	1961
1/27	Australian Medical Association. Election of Clifford Craig as	1965

a Fellow of the Association certificate *Oversized item*

1/28	Scrapbook of newspaper cuttings concerning the sale of Dr Craig's collection of books, manuscripts, maps, prints and paintings, conducted by Christie's in Launceston <i>Oversized item</i>	1975
1/29	Dr Craig's handwritten and typed list of location of every book in his house	1975
1/30	Edith Nance Bulley (Mrs Clifford Craig), extract of birth certificate (born 3 July 1905, Bendigo)	1978
1/31	Clifford Craig, 'The Craig collection: presented to the Launceston General Hospital, March 1979, together with a cedar early colonial bookcase, descriptive notes by Dr C Craig', typescript	1979
1/32	Dr Clifford Craig, 'Early colonial furniture: recent discoveries in Tasmania', <i>Australian Antique Collector</i> , [November 1981], (includes photographs)	1981
1/33	Clifford Craig's entry for <i>Who's Who</i> , with attached list of qualifications, publications etc	1986
1/34	Dr Craig's handwritten list of furniture, pictures etc belonging to Dr and Mrs Craig at "Clarendon", near Evandale	nd
1/35	C Craig, 'A summary for the use of collectors of antique furniture', typescript	nd
1/36	C Craig, 'A brief history of medicine in Tasmania', typescript	nd
1/37	Photograph and photocopy of print of J Pitcher's Rising Sun Hotel, recorded in <i>More Old Tasmanian Prints</i> ; photocopies of covers of sheet music listed in <i>Notes on Tasmaniana</i>	nd
1/38	Clifford Craig's bookplate	nd
1/39	Documents regarding Dr C Craig's appointment as a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George	1951
1/40	<i>Valuation of antique furniture and effects as found at 21 High Street, Launceston. Account of Dr. C. Craig ... 18th September, 1973</i>	1973
1/41	Medical registration certificate of Clifford Craig	1924

2. Correspondence

2/1	Letters to and from Dr Craig (most letters date from the 1970s, includes letters concerning the Australiana Fund and letter of 13/11/1979 with copy of address by Sir William Kilpatrick on the occasion of Dr Craig receiving the Australia Cancer Society's gold medallion)	1925-1986, nd
2/2	Correspondence etc with antiquarian booksellers (London and Australia) and Tasmanian and other Australian auctioneers	1941-1970
2/3	Correspondence re the publication of <i>The Engravers of Van Diemen's Land</i>	1960-1962
2/4	Correspondence re publication of Clifford Craig and Kevin Fahy, <i>Early Colonial Furniture</i> (includes letters from Kevin Fahy, Georgian House and reviews of the book etc)	1965-1986
2/5	Correspondence concerning publication of <i>The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club</i>	1971-1973
2/6	Correspondence with Mrs E McLeod re publication of <i>Mr Punch in Tasmania</i>	1974-1979
2/7	Other correspondence concerning publication of <i>Mr Punch in Tasmania</i> ; photocopies of <i>Tasmanian Punch</i> , 21 July 1877-September 1878	1976-1978
2/8	Correspondence between Dr Craig and Christie's concerning the sale of Dr Craig's book collection	1975-1976
2/9	Correspondence to Miss Jane Craig regarding Dr Craig's internment Arrangements	1986
2/10	General correspondence of Clifford Craig	1915-1919
2/11	General correspondence of Clifford Craig	1924-1926
2/12	General correspondence of Clifford Craig	1926
2/13	General correspondence of Clifford Craig	1926-1927
2/14	General correspondence of Clifford Craig	1927-1928
2/15	General correspondence of Clifford Craig	1929-1930

2/16	General correspondence of Clifford Craig	1931-1932
2/17	General correspondence of Clifford Craig	1933-1934
2/18	General correspondence of Clifford Craig	1935-1938
2/19	General correspondence of Clifford Craig	1939-1974

3.Booksellers' Catalogues

3/1	Booksellers' catalogues A-E	1934-1961
3/2	Booksellers' catalogues F-Q	1946-1971
3/3	Booksellers' catalogues R-Z	1941-1963

4.Miscellaneous Items

4/1	William Duncan's lease of land formerly belonging to Thomas Livermore at Norfolk Plains	1839
4/3	Henry Dowling, advertisement for printing, stationary warehouse, books; 'Regulations for Henry Dowling's Circulating Library...', bookplate	c1845
4/4	'The Van Diemen's Land Establishment', journal (includes return of prisoner passholders; free and ticket of leave men; abstract of pure cattle, return of horses; abstract of horses) <i>Oversized item</i>	1849
4/6	<i>The Tasmanian Almanac 1865</i> , broadsheet <i>Oversized item</i>	1865
4/7	<i>Walch's Almanac 1868</i> , broadsheet <i>Oversized item</i>	1868
4/8	W P Bonwick, manuscript diary (commences with arrival in Liverpool on <i>Great Britain</i> , includes tour of Continent, concludes with departure on the <i>Great Britain</i> for Melbourne)	1867
4/9	Springfield East papers (Westbury Amateur Club concert invitation, 1867; part of letter re Perth Regatta, 1877; rabbit rates collected by S East in the South Esk District, 1877; Launceston Bank for Savings account book for Longford Regatta, 1877-1886; appeal for funds to build a new Anglican church at Perth, 1878; declaration by Springford East, collector of Perth Road District, 1878; letter to East re Rifle Band, 1880; S Pinkard's account re South Esk Rabbit Trust, 1880; Perth Road Trust, printed abstract of receipts and expenditure, 1880; South	1867-1882

	Esk Rabbit District, demand of rabbit rate (2), 1880; letter to S East re Governor's patronage of regatta, 1882; Northern Tasmanian Coursing Club, member's ticket, 2 admit bearer tickets, 1882; Rules of the Perth Penny Savings Bank, nd	
4/10	'Hobart Town Tasmania', unsigned watercolour	c1870
4/11	John F Ockerby, membership certificate for Batley Wesleyan Sunday School Band of Hope	1873
4/12	James Long, letter to Captain Gilmore re land on which Christ Church, Tamar Heads, is built	1883
4/13	'Notes on my life by C S Button 1896' and 'Notes on the life of William Thomas Tucker, married Marion S Button daughter of Charles Button, written by William Ewart Tucker, youngest son 1943', manuscripts in a notebook (includes photograph of Charles Button; Mrs Mary Button; Mrs Marion Tucker nursing John Tucker; William Ewart Tucker; W E Tucker and family 1954; W Tucker aged 68; bush sawmill probably in Derby area; W E Tucker's Civil Defence Legion warrant card 1942; note from Charlie Mackenzie, German prisoner of war 1942; Season's thoughts and wishes note from Sir Ernest Clark, Governor of Tasmania, 1942)	1896, 1943
4/14	<i>Reception of Imperial Troops</i> (Hobart, 1901), poster re regulations <i>Oversized item</i>	1901
4/15	'The Horrors of Convict Days', poster re display of Van Diemen's Land relics on show at New Polytechnic, George Street, Sydney	1917
4/16	<i>Hobart Town Gazette</i> , 12 August 1825, souvenir broadsheet of Antique and Art Exhibition, Albert Hall, Launceston <i>Oversized item</i>	1931
4/17	Congregational Union, centenary banquet 1840-1940, serviette on which the program is printed <i>Oversized item</i>	1940
4/18	Scrapbook of newspaper cuttings re Franklin House and National Trust etc	1960-1964
4/19	Paul Edwin LeRoy (typescript bibliography of books etc relating to Australia, with letter)	1961
4/20	National Trust of Australia (Tasmania), <i>An Exhibition of Remarkable Maps relating to Van Diemen's Land, 1596-1851, held at Franklin</i>	1963

House, Franklin Village on September 15th, 1963, and Subsequent Days, catalogue

4/21	19 black & white mounted photographs relating to publication of 'Frederick Strange, artist c1807-1873' Oversized item	1963
4/22	<i>Exhibition of Printed Source Material Relating to Tasmania: arranged by the Launceston Public Library, exhibited at the Queen Victoria Museum, 20-29th October 1967: Check list of items on show, with Synopsis</i> (2 items) (with Book Collectors' Exhibition Committee Minutes, 1/9/1967 and letter to Dr Craig, who was a member of the organising committee)	1967
4/23	<i>William Buelow Gould 1801-1853</i> , catalogue of paintings on show at Clune Galleries, Sydney (includes four paintings owned by Dr Craig)	1968
4/24	Tasmanian Hydatids Eradication Council, <i>Newsletter</i> , no 18, July 1968, no 21, April 1969, no 25, April 1970, no 26, July 1970, no 27, Oct 1970, no 28, Jan 1971, no 29, April 1971, no 30, July 1971, no 32, Jan 1972 (one of Dr Craig's first publications concerned a hydatid cyst)	1968-1972
4/25	Tasmanian Hydatids Eradication Council, <i>Annual Report</i> , 1970	1970
4/26	Tasmanian Hydatids Eradication Council, <i>Victims of Hydatids (in Tasmania): a collection of twelve case histories</i> (Hobart, 1971)	1971
4/27	Peter Webb's report on Dr Browne's Library at St John's Church, Launceston	1971
4/28	Kreffit, Gerard, <i>The Mammals of Australia</i> , Sydney, 1871, cover of facsimile edition Oversized item	1979
4/29	Anatomical plates (two) engraved by Kirkwood & Son, Edinburgh, (from unidentified book) Oversized item	nd
4/30	<i>Accidents & Emergencies. A guide for their treatment before the arrival of medical aid</i> (London, nd), poster Oversized item	nd
4/31	<i>Launceston & Western Railway Guide</i> , (single sheet) Oversized item	nd
4/32	Certificate of British registry (shipping) Oversized item	nd
4/33	Tender form for renting Crown Land Oversized item	1820s

4/34	Certificate for shipping of goods, River Tamar (printed by <i>Launceston Examiner</i> , 1850s); certificate for shipping of goods (printed by <i>Courier</i> Office, Hobart Town, nd); bill of lading (printed by A. Bent, Hobart Town, 1830s) <i>Oversized item</i>	1830s, 1850s
4/35	<i>Grange Autumn Fair</i> (National Trust, Midlands Group), poster <i>Oversized item</i>	nd
4/36	'A unique collection of hand drawn and printed property maps and of printed mining maps', typed list	nd
4/37	'Launceston building dates', 1825 to 1977, typed list	nd
4/38	Alan Lee, black & white 'best wishes' cards – Franklin House, Holy Trinity Church, Prince's Square, King's Bridge	nd
4/39	Hon T Reiby, print from woodcut	nd
4/40	'Rosedale Van Dieman's (sic) Land', sheet of writing paper with print of house and outbuildings	nd
4/41	Haywood's Port Arthur Museum, inventory of books, typed list	nd
4/42	A panoramic explanation of the Battle of Waterloo <i>Oversized item</i>	1816
4/43	<i>The Statement of Charles Routley, under sentence of death for Murder</i> [handwritten original and transcript]	1830
4/44	<i>Rex v George Downes - charged with the murder of his wife Mrs Ruby Maude Downes</i> [typed original]	1924
4/45	The papers of Capt. Stephen Addison: correspondence and Memoranda (land allotments, rental agreements, legal opinions King's School reports, financial memoranda)	1830-1871
4/46	The papers of Capt. Stephen Addison: Accounts and receipts	1830-1871
4/47	Walker's Brewery, Hobart: cash sales ledger	1853-1857
4/48	Walker's Brewery, Hobart: orders [as bundled and tied]	1882
4/49	Notice of seizure of one book, <i>The Tropic of Cancer</i> , by Henry Miller	1951
4/50	Appointment of Gordon Evans as Inspector of Police for Ballarat <i>Oversized item</i>	1855

5. Photographs

Held in the Photographs Collection

6. Ephemera

6/1	Promissory notes, 1823, 1826; various items relating to Tamar Bank, Bank of Van Diemen's Land, Commercial Bank of Van Diemen's Land, Derwent Bank	1823-1862
6/2	Various items of Tasmanian ephemera, mainly financial	1849-1892
6/3	Letterheads, accounts etc: J W Beattie, Hobart, 19--; Samuel Bennett, Launceston, 1863; Cornwall Chronicle, Launceston, 1872; Johnstone Bros., Launceston, 1936; Ludbrooks, Launceston, 1956; Dr W G Maddox, Launceston, 1898; Dr W Mason, Launceston, 1874; Rusden, Launceston, nd; Strathmore Mills, 1884; Walker's Brewery, [Hobart], 1874	1863-1956
6/4	Women's Prayer Union, Launceston (Membership card)	c1884
6/5	Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, consignment notes; Government Railways, receipt, 1891	1884, 1891
6/6	Envelope franked 'Hospital for the Insane New Norfolk Tasmania'	1897
6/7	Invitations to Dr and Mrs Craig to Royal Visit functions, Hobart and Launceston	1954
6/8	English booksellers, antique dealers etc, business cards etc	1956, nd
6/9	Y.M.C.A., invitation to annual meeting, 1964 (includes a brief of the Launceston Y.M.C.A.)	1964

OTHER SOURCES

Most Craig family correspondence is held by the Archives Office of Tasmania

Other sources for Dr Craig's war service are held by the Australian Archives and Australian War Memorial, Canberra

Most papers relating to Dr Craig's involvement with the Tasmanian Cancer Committee are held by the Archives Office of Tasmania.

Dr Craig's medical library, donated to the Launceston General Hospital's Ramsay Library in 1979, includes about 250 titles, related catalogue cards, reprints of articles by Dr Craig, Sir William Crowther and others, and some correspondence.

Launceston Library, Local History Collection, newspaper cutting file, 'Craig, C'

Christie, Manson & Woods (Australia), *The Important Collection of Books, Manuscripts, Prints, Drawings and Paintings relating to the Discovery and History of Van Diemen's Land and Tasmania ... property of Dr Clifford Craig* (London, 1975), auction catalogue

Ferrall, R A, *Tasmanian All* (Launceston, 1982), chapter on Dr Craig

Hamilton, Rhonda, 'Dr Clifford Craig - an appreciation' (*Tasmanian Historical Research Association, Papers and Proceedings*, vol. 33, no. 3, September 1986)

Sotheby's (Australia), *The Dr Clifford Craig Collection* (furniture auction catalogue, November 1994)

Morris, John, *Dr Clifford Craig: a man for all seasons* (Launceston, 2002)

William Crowther and Clifford Craig (Sydney, Royal Australasian College of Physicians, 1986)

Who's Who in Australia, 1971 and later editions, 'Craig, Clifford'