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THE CLIFFORD CRAIG COLLECTION

Doctors, Launceston
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 Tasmania, 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>Oversize item</i> | 1924 |
| 1/11 | University of Melbourne. Bachelor of Surgery awarded to Clifford Craig <i>Oversize item</i> | 1924 |
| 1/12 | Melbourne Hospital. Certification that Clifford Craig occupied the position of Resident Medical Officer for twelve months <i>Oversize item</i> | 1925 |

1/13	University of Melbourne. Doctor of Medicine awarded to Clifford Craig <i>Oversize 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>Oversize 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>Oversize 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>Oversize 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>Oversize 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>Oversize item</i>	1961
1/26	Newspaper, magazine cuttings: Launceston General Hospital	1961-1985

Ex-trainees Association *Newsletter*, July 1961, re Dr Craig's retirement; account of Dr Craig's *Launceston General Hospital: First Hundred Years*, 2/3/1963; letter to Editor by Dr Craig re John Glover, 16/5/1963; Mrs Craig's collection of old boxes, 9/9/1970; article on Dr and Mrs Craig's furniture and pictures; 23/8/1972; article on *More Old Tasmanian Prints*, 1984; review by Dr Craig of *Punishment Short of Death*, 20/10/1984; article on Dr Craig's collection of colonial furniture, 7/5/1985
Oversize item

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| 1/27 | Australian Medical Association. Election of Clifford Craig as a Fellow of the Association certificate <i>Oversize item</i> | 1965 |
| 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>Oversize 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

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 *The Engravers of Van Diemen's Land* 1960-1962
- 2/4 Correspondence re publication of Clifford Craig and Kevin Fahy, *Early Colonial Furniture* (includes letters from Kevin Fahy, Georgian House and reviews of the book etc) 1965-1986
- 2/5 Correspondence concerning publication of *The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club* 1971-1973
- 2/6 Correspondence with Mrs E McLeod re publication of *Mr Punch in Tasmania* 1974-1979
- 2/7 Other correspondence concerning publication of *Mr Punch in Tasmania*; photocopies of *Tasmanian Punch*, 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

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

4/2	<i>The Macquarie</i> [Hotel, Hobart], photograph of lithograph by Thomas Browne <i>Oversize item</i>	1840s
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>Oversize item</i>	1849
4/5	Newspaper cuttings about Tasmanian subjects from <i>The Examiner, Illustrated London News, The Leader, Weekly Courier and Tasmanian Mail</i> <i>Oversize item</i>	1856-1986
4/6	<i>The Tasmanian Almanac 1865</i> , broadsheet <i>Oversize item</i>	1865
4/7	<i>Walch's Almanac 1868</i> , broadsheet <i>Oversize 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 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	1867-1882
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	1896, 1943

- 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)
- 4/14 *Reception of Imperial Troops* (Hobart, 1901), poster re regulations ***Oversize item*** 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 *Hobart Town Gazette*, 12 August 1825, souvenir broadsheet of Antique and Art Exhibition, Albert Hall, Launceston ***Oversize item*** 1931
- 4/17 Congregational Union, centenary banquet 1840-1940, serviette on which the program is printed ***Oversize item*** 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), *An Exhibition of Remarkable Maps relating to Van Diemen's Land, 1596-1851, held at Franklin House, Franklin Village on September 15th, 1963, and Subsequent Days*, catalogue 1963
- 4/21 19 black & white mounted photographs relating to publication of 'Frederick Strange, artist c1807-1873' ***Oversize item*** 1963
- 4/22 *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* (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 *William Buelow Gould 1801-1853*, catalogue of paintings on show 1968

at Clune Galleries, Sydney (includes four paintings owned by Dr Craig)

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	Kreffft, Gerard, <i>The Mammals of Australia</i> , Sydney, 1871, cover of facsimile edition Oversize item	1979
4/29	Anatomical plates (two) engraved by Kirkwood & Son, Edinburgh, (from unidentified book) Oversize item	nd
4/30	<i>Accidents & Emergencies. A guide for their treatment before the arrival of medical aid</i> (London, nd), poster Oversize item	nd
4/31	<i>Launceston & Western Railway Guide</i> , (single sheet) Oversize item	nd
4/32	Certificate of British registry (shipping) Oversize item	nd
4/33	Tender form for renting Crown Land Oversize 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 Office</i> , Hobart Town, nd); bill of lading (printed by A. Bent, Hobart Town, 1830s) Oversize item	1830s, 1850s
4/35	<i>Grange Autumn Fair</i> (National Trust, Midlands Group), poster Oversize item	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,	nd

Holy Trinity Church, Prince's Square, King's Bridge

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| 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 | <i>Victorian Celebrities Past and Present</i> , large poster published by Gordon & Gotch Limited, comprising 35 identified caricatures
<i>Oversize item</i> | nd |

5. Photographs

This collection includes photographs of Dr Craig, Tasmanian scenes and First World War photographs, many of them photographs of Middle East scenes. They are registered on the Community History photograph database

6. Ephemera

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| 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 |

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| 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'