

# William James Crawford papers, 1949-1970

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Crawford, William James, 1907-1970
<b>Title</b>	<a href="#">William James Crawford papers</a>
<b>Dates</b>	1949-1970 (inclusive) 1949 1970
<b>Quantity</b>	1.5 linear feet, (1 container)
<b>Collection Number</b>	Ax 636
<b>Summary</b>	William James Crawford was an attorney in Oregon. The collection contains selected case files. The major case is before the Indian Claims Commission, number 17, Snake River or Piute Indians v. United States, a suit to recover value of reservation land.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives.</a> UO Libraries--SCUA 1299 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1299 Telephone: 541-346-3068 <a href="mailto:spcarref@uoregon.edu">spcarref@uoregon.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Collection is open to the public. Collection must be used in Special Collections and University Archives Reading Room. Collection or parts of collection may be stored offsite. Please contact Special Collections and University Archives in advance of your visit to allow for transportation time.
<b>Additional Reference Guides</b>	<a href="#">See the Current Collection Guide for detailed description and requesting options.</a>
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Historical Note

William James Crawford lived from 1907 to 1970 and worked as an attorney in Oregon. Crawford was born in The Dalles, Oregon and educated at the University of Oregon. He was an attorney in Burns and Portland, Oregon.

## Content Description

The collection contains selected case files from 1949 to 1961. The case files in this collection were removed from a miscellaneous file that was later destroyed. The cases are: 1) First Baptist Church of La Grande, Oregon vs. Oregon State Baptist Convention, 1941-1953, a civil suit over money loaned for the construction of a church. 2) Indian Claims Commission, number 17, Snake or Paiute Indians

vs. United States, 1941-1961, a suit to recover value of reservation land. The case files includes photocopies of U. S. Army and Bureau of Indian Affairs documents, 1864-1881, depositions by Indians, and correspondence. Among the documents is "1879 Appraisal of the Former Malheur Reservation, Eastern Oregon, Volume 1," Henry T. Murray, 1958. 3) National Labor Relations Board vs. Pacific American Shipowners Association, et al. This is a series of labor arbitration cases, 1951-1955, in which Crawford was referee. The collection also contains documents on several malpractice investigations by the Oregon Bar Association, 1950-1956.

## Administrative Information

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

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## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Arbitration, Industrial--United States  
Indians of North America--Oregon--Treaties  
Lawyers--Oregon--Burns  
Lawyers--Oregon--Portland  
Malpractice--United States  
Paiute Indians  
Shoshoni Indians

### Personal Names :

Crawford, William James, 1907-1970  
Murray, Henry T.

### Corporate Names :

First Baptist Church (La Grande, Or.)  
Oregon State Baptist Convention  
Oregon State Bar  
Pacific American Shipowners Association  
United States. Bureau of Indian Affairs  
United States. Indian Claims Commission  
United States. National Labor Relations Board

### Geographical Names :

Malheur Indian Reservation (Or.)

### Form or Genre Terms :

Correspondence

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