Finding Aid for the John Walkinshaw Craufurd Papers 1746-1831

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Descriptive Summary

Title: John Walkinshaw Craufurd Papers,

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Collection number: MS.1994.003

Creator: Craufurd, John Walkinshaw 1720 or 1-1793

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Abstract: This collection contains letters, memoranda, bills and notes retained by John Walkinshaw Craufurd, a Scottish landowner and army officer, between 1746 and his death in 1793. Also included are letters regarding the disposition of Craufurdland Estate after his death.

Physical location: Clark Library

Language of Material: Collection materials in English

Access:

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Acquisition Information

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Biography

John Walkinshaw Craufurd of Craufurdland was born in 1720/21 at Craufurdland Castle, near Kilmarnock, Scotland. He entered the army at an early age and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel over the course of his career, distinguishing himself at the battles of Dettingen in 1743 and Fontenoy in 1745. In 1761 he was appointed falconer to the King and in 1762 he received the freedom of the city of Perth. He occasionally appears in Boswell's Journals, often as a dinner companion.

Craufurd died, unmarried, on February 19, 1793 in Edinburgh, leaving Craufurdland Estate to his friend Thomas Coutts, an eminent banker. The will was contested by his aunt, Elizabeth Craufurd, and her daughter, also Elizabeth. The elder Elizabeth died in 1802, but the legal battle waged on until 1806 when the matter was decided in favor of her daughter, Elizabeth Houison Craufurd of Craufurdland and Braehead. The younger Elizabeth was married to Reverend James Moody, who assumed the name James Houison Moody Craufurd. He appears in this collection as the primary correspondent regarding this matter.

Scope and Content

This collection contains letters, memoranda, bills and notes retained by John Craufurd, a Scottish landowner and army officer, between 1746 and his death in 1793. The letters refer to local politics, elections, his finances, and the management of his estate.

Also included in this collection are posthumous letters regarding the Craufurdland Cause, the legal process that reversed Craufurd's settlement of his estate upon his friend Thomas Coutts.

The collection is organized into the following series:

Series 1. Craufurd Correspondence, 1746-1793. 16 folders, 118 items

Series 2. Posthumous Correspondence Regarding Craufurdland Estate, 1793-1831. 8 folders, 39 items

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Subjects

Hay family
Boswell, John, 1743-ca. 1798
Craufurd, John Walkinshaw, 1720 or 1-1793
Crichton, Patrick McDouall, Earl of Dumfries, 1726-1803
Cunningham, William
Erskine, Henry, 1746-1817
Fairlie, Alexander
Fraser, Alexander
Kennedy, David, Earl of Cassillis, 1727-1792
McGregor, Lewis Drummond
Miller, William, 1755-1846
Inheritance and succession--Scotland--18th century

Genres and Forms

Letters--Scotland--18th century

Series 1. Craufurd Correspondence 1746-1793

Physical Description: 16 folders, 118 items
Scope and Content Note
This series contains letters, memoranda, bills, and notes retained by John Craufurd relating to local politics, elections, finances, legal matters and estate management. Correspondents include Lord Cassillis, Sir William Miller, Henry Erskine, Lord Dumfries, Alexander Fraser, Margaret Craufurd, John Boswell, Sir William Cunningham, Lewis Drummond McGregor, Alexander Fairlie, and a member of the Hay family.

Arrangement
This series is arranged chronologically. Undated notes and correspondence have been placed at the beginning of the series. Undated letters from William Cunningham were designated as being from 1792 by a previous collector. Since their chronology is unclear, they have been left in this order.

Box 1, Folder 1
Correspondence Undated
Physical Description: 10 letters
Scope and Content Note
Letters written to Craufurd regarding legal matters, personal invitations and other general matters. Correspondents include Alexander Fairlie and Lord Dumfries. Three of the letters include notes and lists added by Craufurd.

Box 1, Folder 2
Miscellaneous Undated
Physical Description: 6 items
Scope and Content Note
Items include, “List of Witnesses against T. Gemmel,” minutes from a county meeting, recipe to cure mange in dogs, list of “Things to be done about the house,” and two envelopes.

Box 1, Folder 3
Letters 1746-1759
Physical Description: 4 items
Scope and Content Note
Three misc. envelopes and a letter from Andrew Hunter regarding health and financial issues.
Box 1, Folder 4  Letters 1760-1764  
Physical Description: 9 items  
Scope and Content Note  
This folder contains letters regarding Craufurd's father's death in 1763, domestic issues and various accounts.

Box 1, Folder 5  Letters 1765-1769  
Physical Description: 4 items  
Scope and Content Note  
This folder contains two receipts, a copy of a letter from Craufurd to William McDowall and a letter from Margaret Craufurd regarding Craufurd Sr.'s estate.

Box 1, Folder 6  Letters 1771-1779  
Physical Description: 10 items  
Scope and Content Note  
The letters in this folder cover military, political and household affairs. Correspondents include Lord Dumfries, Alexander Fairlie, and Lewis Drummond McGregor. The letter from Fairlie includes additional notes by Craufurd on various household matters.

Box 1, Folder 7  Letters 1780  
Physical Description: 5 items  
Scope and Content Note  

Box 1, Folder 8  Letters 1781-1782  
Physical Description: 5 items  
Scope and Content Note  
Letters regarding business and legal affairs. Correspondents include John Boswell, Alexander Fairlie and John Stone.

Box 1, Folder 9  Letters 1784-1786  
Physical Description: 5 items  
Scope and Content Note  
Letters regarding legal and estate matters. This includes a letter from a Margaret Steele addressed "Dear Madam," and a letter from John Boswell.

Box 1, Folder 10  Letters 1787-1788  
Physical Description: 4 items  
Scope and Content Note  
Letters regarding estate and political matters. Correspondents include Alexander Fairlie and John Glen. One of the Fairlie letters is missing the top half and has notes by Craufurd written on the back.

Box 1, Folder 11  Letters 1789  
Physical Description: 8 items  
Scope and Content Note  
Letters regarding local and other general matters. Correspondents include a member of the Hay family, Sir William Cunningham, Lord Cassillis, and Sir William Miller. The Miller letter is a funeral letter announcing the death of Sir William Miller Sr.
Box 1, Folder 12  Letters 1790
Physical Description: 11 items
Scope and Content Note
Letters and notes regarding personal accounts, politics and legal matters. This includes a list of decisions by jury members in the poaching trial of a Capt. Thompson and a letter from the War Office announcing peace with Spain. Correspondents include Alexander Fairlie and Mr. Ferguson.

Box 1, Folder 13  Letters 1791
Physical Description: 14 items
Scope and Content Note
Letters regarding business, estate and legal matters. Correspondents include James Dalrymple, John Boswell, William Cunningham, and Alexander Fairlie. Also included is an envelope with notes by Craufurd regarding accounting matters on the reverse.

Box 1, Folder 14  Letters 1792 March-May
Physical Description: 7 items
Scope and Content Note
Letters regarding estate and political matters. Correspondents include Henry Erskine.

Box 1, Folder 15  Letters 1792 June-August
Physical Description: 5 items
Scope and Content Note
Letters regarding legal, political and financial matters. Correspondents include John Boswell, Alexander Walker and John Peebles.

Box 1, Folder 16  Letters from William Cunningham 1792-1793
Physical Description: 11 items
Scope and Content Note
Letters from William Cunningham regarding business and inquiries into Craufurd's health. Includes a letter, with an enclosure, written to Craufurd shortly before his death in February 1793.

Note
Some of the letters in this folder do not include dates, but were designated as being from 1792 by a previous collector. Since the chronology of these letters is unclear, they have been left in the previously designated order.

Series 2. Posthumous Correspondence Regarding Craufurdland Estate 1793-1831
Physical Description: 8 folders, 39 items
Scope and Content Note
The series primarily contains letters relating to the Craufurdland Cause, the legal process that reversed John Craufurd's deathbed settlement of his estate upon his friend Thomas Coutts. Primary correspondents include James Houison Moody Craufurd, James Beveridge, and a Mr. Ferguson. Also included in this series are two letters written by the granddaughter of James Houison Moody Craufurd and Elizabeth Houison Craufurd in 1831.

Arrangement
This series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1, Folder 17  Letters 1793
Physical Description: 9 items
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence from James Beveridge to Rev. James Moody regarding the Craufurdland Cause.
Box 1, Folder 18  
**Letters 1799 March**  
Physical Description: 3 items  
Scope and Content Note  
Letters between Rev. James Moody, Mr. Ferguson and James Beveridge regarding the Craufurdland Cause.

Box 1, Folder 19  
**Letters 1799 April 2-20**  
Physical Description: 6 items  
Scope and Content Note  
Letters between Mr. Chalmer, Mr. Beveridge and Rev. Moody regarding the Craufurdland Cause.

Box 1, Folder 20  
**Letters 1799 April 22-30**  
Physical Description: 6 items  
Scope and Content Note  
Letters between Mr. Chalmer, Mr. Beveridge and Rev. Moody regarding the Craufurdland Cause.

Box 1, Folder 21  
**Letters 1799 May**  
Physical Description: 2 items  
Scope and Content Note  
Letters from Mr. Beveridge to Rev. Moody regarding the Craufurdland Cause.

Box 1, Folder 22  
**Letters 1808**  
Physical Description: 5 items  
Scope and Content Note  
Letters regarding the Craufurdland settlement from Mr. Ferguson to Rev. Moody.

Box 1, Folder 23  
**Letters 1810**  
Physical Description: 8 items  
Scope and Content Note  
Letters from Mr. Ferguson to Rev. Moody regarding the settlement of the Craufurdland Cause.

Box 1, Folder 24  
**Letters 1831**  
Physical Description: 2 items  
Scope and Content Note  
Letters from Constance Craufurd to her brother, J. Reginald Florison Craufurd.