## **McLean County Museum of History**

## **A. Elwell Crissey Collection**

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## **Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	Twelve boxes: 3 boxes correspondence completed; 9 unprocessed boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1930s-1990s
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Crissey correspondence organized in three boxes (Boxes 1 through 3). Remainder of collection, including research notes, working manuscripts, published writings, etc., remains unprocessed.

## **Collection Overview**

Arthur "Elwell" Crissey, sometimes called "Cris," was born February 1, 1899, in Windsor, Missouri, the son of William Ernest and Dora (Greene) Crissey. He had three siblings, two

brothers and one sister, all who preceded him in death. He attended Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri, for his undergraduate degree. After college, he worked as a staff reporter at the Kansas City *Star and Times* newspaper, and then worked on several campaigns (some political) in public relations and fundraising. He married Julia (John) (Crissey) Moose in the 1930s. They had one son, William Elwell Crissey. Shortly after William's birth, Julia and Elwell divorced. Crissey worked at the Associated Press' Philadelphia bureau as a day news editor. He moved to New York and attended Colombia University where he received his master's degree. During World War II, he did public relations work for the military. While living in New York, he met his second wife, Denise Virene (Lawsha) Crissey. They married in New Jersey on June 9, 1948. They had two children, Faith Lenore (Crissey) (Fahrenbach) Campbell, and Brian Laird G. Crissey. After his marriage to Denise, Crissey moved to Bloomington, Illinois to help direct building and public relations for Illinois Wesleyan University, the Baby Fold, and several Methodist institutions. He also began his own company, Superior Insurance Letters/Words at Work, for assisting insurance companies in public relations—specifically in the field of letter writing.

Aside from his professional interests, Crissey was interested in Abraham Lincoln. He wrote and published at least one book about Abraham Lincoln, titled *Lincoln's Lost Speech: The Pivot of His Career*. He began research on several other potential books including, *Abraham Lincoln: The Orator* (a book investigating the speaking style of Abraham Lincoln, including a psychiatric analysis of Lincoln's speech delivery), and *Ann Rutledge: The Real Story*. In addition to his Lincolniana research, Crissey published and researched other books. He later lost interest in Lincoln, believing that he (Lincoln) was no longer a great American figure. In 1989, Crissey published *Horse Preacher: A Methodist Circuit Rider Travels the Prodigious Tallgrass Prairies of Illinois during the 1830s*. This book followed the story of Crissey's great-grandfather, the Rev. William Stoddard Crissey, who preached the first sermon by an ordained clergyman in Bloomington and fought at Chickmauga in the Civil War. He also began research for a book evaluating the faith of George Washington (*Washington: Colossus of Faith*), and another on the history of Scottish Rite Freemasons.

Crissey was related to General Nathanael Greene of the Revolutionary War—an aspect of his heritage of which he was very proud. He strongly believed in a good education—preferably from a storied institution out East, which was why his son Brian ended up transferring to Johns Hopkins. Crissey was not shy in voicing his opinions to others, whether they were a friend, family member, acquaintance, or political figure.

Crissey was very active late in life, evident in his copious letters, ongoing research, participation in organizations such as the Civil War Roundtable, and speaking engagements. He died on February 28, 1992 at BroMenn Regional Medical Center in Normal. He was survived by his wife, Denise, his three children, and eight grandchildren. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Decatur, Illinois.

#### **Key Figures in Crissey's life:**

Julia John (Crissey) Moose

Born May 30, 1904, in Wichita, Kansas, Julia was Crissey's first wife. They eventually divorced because of Crissey's extended absences due to his work (see letter of January 9, 1987, to William). In the time leading up to their divorce, and afterwards, Julia became very possessive of their son, William Elwell Crissey. She lived in Texas for the majority of her life. Julia later remarried Joe Moose, the dean emeritus of the Graduate School at the University of Nevada, Reno. Joe Moose was a distinguished, wealthy widower. Julia passed away in December 1981

#### William Elwell "Chris" Crissey (aka: Christ Singh Khalsa)

Born January 20, 1941, William's original name was supposed to be Doneghal (Don), but Julia changed it to William, unbeknownst to Elwell, who commonly referred to his son as "Chris." William's first wife was Sharon (Mays). After William flunked out of Texas A&M his freshman year, he transferred to North Texas State where he met his first wife. They continued to live in Texas, and had two children, David and Stephanie. William worked for Texas Instruments for a while where he did highly technical work dealing with manufacturing of small computer parts. Feeling unfulfilled in his work, he resigned at age 30 and decided to go back to school. He tried to attend several schools for his doctoral degree (Rice University, University of Houston) in the field of ecology. However, William did not have the funds to continue his degree work. It appears that around this time he divorced Sharon, and joined the Sikhs, later going to live in their community, known as the Ashram. After living in the Sikh community for a while (without much success in finding and holding down a job) William married Linda (Russell). She had two young girls already, and they all lived in the Ashram. It's not known when they married or subsequently divorced, but it was a relatively short marriage. After the divorce, William married his third wife, Sherry. He moved to a new Ashram colony in San Antonio, where he and Sherry changed their names to Christ Singh Khalsa and Prabu Prakash Kaur Khalsa respectively. Elwell Crissey worked tirelessly to convince his son to abandon the Sikh faith and return to the Christian fold. The majority of the correspondence between William and Elwell was friendly, though there were a few letters featuring lengthy arguments.

#### **Denise Crissey**

Denise was Elwell's second wife. They were married in New Jersey on June 9, 1948. Elwell met her while living in New York. They had two children together, Faith Lenore (Crissey) (Fahrenbach) Campbell and Brian Laird G. Crissey. She worked as the office manager for Illinois State University in the Math Department.

#### Faith (Crissey) (Fahrenbach) Campbell

Daughter of Elwell and Denise Crissey. She attended graduate school at the University of Illinois. She married Alan Fahrenbach (date unknown). They later divorced. She had at least two children, Sean and Julie. The last correspondence indicates that she lived in Wisconsin.

#### **Brian Crissey**

Son of Elwell and Denise Crissey. He attended Illinois State University in Normal, and later transferred to Johns Hopkins University. While at Johns Hopkins, he studied computers and engineering. He earned a doctorate from Johns Hopkins. He married Pat (date unknown) and at

last correspondence was still married. They have at least one daughter. Brian taught at a number of universities, including Illinois State.

## **Stephanie & David Crissey**

Elwell and Julia's grandchildren. Their father is William Crissey, and their mother, Sharon (Mays). The children were raised in Texas by their mother, although they did have visits with their father from time to time. Stephanie is also referred to by her nickname "Taffy."

#### **Virgil Crissey**

Older brother of Elwell. He was born September 30, 1892, and died November 29, 1977, from an extended illness. There is very little correspondence with Virgil. He was a World War I veteran and served during the occupation in Germany on the Rhine River. In November 1920, he married Margaret Joyce Hughes. She died in 1957. They had one son, Barry, who died in 1964 (cause unknown).

## **BOX 1: ELWELL CRISSEY CORRESPONDENCE (A-H)**

## Folder 1: Alwin, Walter "Wally"

- **1.1.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Walt dated 15 November 1961
- **1.1.2.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Wally dated 6 December 1961
- **1.1.3.** Correspondence from Wally Alwin to "Cris" dated 14 December 1961
- **1.1.4.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Wally dated 18 December 1961

#### Folder 2: American Friends Service Committee

- **1.2.1.** Correspondence from American Friends Service Committee to Elwell Crissey dated 23 May 1962
- **1.2.2.** Correspondence from American Friends Service Committee to Elwell Crissey dated 25 August 1969
- **1.2.3.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to American Friends Service Committee dated 10 September 1969
- **1.2.4.** Correspondence from American Friends Service Committee to Elwell Crissey dated 10 September 1969
- **1.2.5.** Correspondence from American Friends Service Committee to Elwell Crissey postmarked 22 July 1975

#### Folder 3: Ames, Marilyn

- **1.3.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Marilyn Ames dated 10 April 1974
- **1.3.2.** Correspondence from Marilyn Ames to Elwell Crissey dated 18 November 1974
- **1.3.3.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Marilyn Ames dated 10 December 1974
- **1.3.4.** Correspondence from Marilyn Ames to Elwell Crissey dated 28 January 1975
- **1.3.5.** Correspondence from Marilyn Ames to Elwell Crissey dated 2 March 1975

- **1.3.6.** Christmas Card from Marilyn and John Ames to Elwell Crissey postmarked 20 December 1975
- **1.3.7.** Correspondence from Marilyn Ames to Elwell Crissey dated 5 February 1976
- **1.3.8.** Correspondence from Marilyn Ames to Elwell Crissey dated 7 February 1977
- **1.3.9.** Correspondence from Marilyn Ames to Elwell Crissey dated 20 October 1978
- **1.3.10.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Marilyn Ames dated 27 October 1978

#### Folder 4: Arnold, Ben (Attorney)

- **1.4.1.** Correspondence from Ben Arnold to Elwell Crissey dated 13 October 1959
- **1.4.2.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Ben Arnold dated 21 October 1959
- **1.4.3.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Ben Arnold dated 12 November 1959
- **1.4.4.** Correspondence from Ben Arnold to Elwell Crissey dated 18 December 1962
- **1.4.5.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Ben Arnold dated 20 December 1962

#### Folder 5: Banks

- **1.5.1.** Correspondence from Peoples Bank of Bloomington to Elwell Crissey dated 23 June 1961
- **1.5.2.** Correspondence from the Aspegren Agency, inc. to Elwell Crissey dated 27 July 1977
- **1.5.3.** Correspondence from U.S. Bank to Elwell Crissey dated 27 February 1978
- **1.5.4.** Correspondence from U.S. Bank to Elwell Crissey dated 28 March 1980

#### Folder 6: Becker, Dorothy

- **1.6.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dorothy Becker dated 8 April 1970
- **1.6.2.** Correspondence from Dorothy Becker to Elwell Crissey dated 24 April 1970
- **1.6.3.** Correspondence from Dorothy Becker to Elwell Crissey dated 11 May 1970
- **1.6.4.** Correspondence from Dorothy Becker to Elwell Crissey dated 5 June 1970
- **1.6.5.** Correspondence from Dorothy Becker to Elwell Crissey dated 19 July 1970
- **1.6.6.** Correspondence from Dorothy Becker to Elwell Crissey dated 23 July 1970
- **1.6.7.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to "My very deal long-ago Sweetheart" (Dorothy Becker) dated 28 July 1970
- **1.6.8.** Correspondence from Dorothy Becker to Elwell Crissey dated 10 September 1970
- **1.6.9.** Correspondence from Dorothy Becker to "Dear Friend of the Past & Present" (Elwell Crissey) dated 20 September 1970
- **1.6.10.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dorothy Becker dated 21 September 1970
- **1.6.11.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to "Dot" (Dorothy Becker) dated 26 September 1970
- **1.6.12.** Correspondence from Dorothy Becker to Elwell Crissey dated 27 September 1970
- **1.6.13.** Correspondence from Dorothy Becker to Elwell Crissey dated 30 September 1970
- **1.6.14.** Correspondence from Dorothy Becker to Elwell Crissey dated 13 October 1970
- **1.6.15.** Correspondence from Dorothy Becker to Elwell Crissey dated 31 October 1970
- **1.6.16.** Christmas Card from Dorothy Becker to Elwell Crissey postmarked 4 December 1970

#### Folder 7: Bell, Mayme

- **1.7.1.** Correspondence from Mayme Bell to Elwell Crissey dated 21 August 1963
- **1.7.2.** Correspondence from Mayme Bell to Elwell Crissey dated 13 July 1965
- **1.7.3.** Correspondence from Mayme Bell to Elwell Crissey dated 8 August 1967
- **1.7.4.** Correspondence from Mayme Bell to Elwell Crissey postmarked 8 February 1968
- **1.7.5.** Correspondence from Mayme Bell to Elwell Crissey dated 13 February 1968
- **1.7.6.** Correspondence from Mayme Bell to Elwell Crissey dated 18 February 1968
- 1.7.7. Correspondence from Mayme Bell to Elwell Crissey postmarked 19 February 1968
- **1.7.8.** Correspondence from Mayme Bell to Elwell Crissey postmarked 17 January 1978

## Folder 8: Blanton, Smiley and Margaret

- **1.8.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. Smiley and Mrs. Margaret Blanton dated 10 May 1966
- **1.8.2.** Correspondence from Smiley Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 12 May 1966
- **1.8.3.** Correspondence from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 1 June 1966
- **1.8.4.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Margaret Blanton dated 8 June 1966
- **1.8.5.** Correspondence from Smiley Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 13 June 1966
- **1.8.6.** Correspondence from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 28 June 1966
- **1.8.7.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. and Mrs. Smiley Blanton dated 9 September 1966
- **1.8.8.** Correspondence from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 12 September 1966
- **1.8.9.** Correspondence from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 27 September 1966
- **1.8.10.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. Smiley Blanton dated 29 September 1966
- **1.8.11.** Correspondence from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 7 October 1966
- **1.8.12.** Telegram from Elwell Crissey to Margaret Blanton dated 31 October 1966
- **1.8.13.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Margaret Blanton dated 8 November 1966
- **1.8.14.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Margaret Blanton dated 1 December 1966
- **1.8.15.** Correspondence from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 6 December 1966
- **1.8.16.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Margaret Blanton dated 28 December 1966
- **1.8.17.** Correspondence from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 5 September 1967
- **1.8.18.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Margaret Blanton dated 9 September 1967
- **1.8.19.** Correspondence from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 14 September 1967
- **1.8.20.** Correspondence from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 2 October 1967
- **1.8.21.** Correspondence from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 1 November 1967
- **1.8.22.** Christmas Card from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey postmarked 7 December 1967
- **1.8.23.** Misc. Cards from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated December 1967
- **1.8.24.** Card from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 29 February 1968
- **1.8.25.** Postcard from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey postmarked 12 June 1968
- **1.8.26.** Correspondence from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 20 November 1970
- **1.8.27.** Telephone Message from Margaret Blanton to Elwell Crissey dated 27 April
- **1.8.28.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. and Mrs. Smiley Blanton dated 10 May 196

#### Folder 9: Broomall, Bill

- **1.9.1.** Postcard from Charlotte and Bill Broomall to "Crisseys" dated 2 June 1980
- **1.9.2.** Correspondence from Bill and Charlotte Broomall to "Friends in that Bloomin' Spot o' Bloomington" (Elwell and Denise Crissey) dated 5 March 1984
- **1.9.3.** Correspondence from Bill and Charlotte Broomall to "Our dear and cherished friendlies" (Elwell and Denise Crissey) bdated 25 September 1984
- **1.9.4.** Correspondence from Denise and Elwell Crissey to Charlotte and Bill dated 1 October 1984
- **1.9.5.** Correspondence from Bill and Charlotte Broomall to Elwell and Denise Crissey dated 30 November 1984
- **1.9.6.** Correspondence from Bill and Charlotte Broomall to "People" (Elwell and Denise Crissey dated 22 February 1985
- **1.9.7.** Correspondence from Denise Crissey to Charlotte and Bill Broomall dated 6 March 1985
- **1.9.8.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Bill Broomall dated 6 March 1985
- **1.9.9.** Correspondence from Bill and Charlotte Broomall to Elwell and Denise Crissey dated 11 September 1985
- **1.9.10.** Correspondence from Elwell and Denise Crissey to Bill and Charlotte Broomall dated 9 November 1985
- **1.9.11.** Correspondence from Bill and Charlotte Broomall to "Cris" and Denise Crissey dated 1 January 1986
- **1.9.12.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Bill and Charlotte Broomall dated 4 January 1986
- **1.9.13.** Correspondence from Elwell and Denise Crissey to Bill and Charlotte Broomall dated 12 February 1986
- **1.9.14.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Bill Broomall dated 5 May 1986
- **1.9.15.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Bill and Charlotte Broomall dated 5 May 1987
- **1.9.16.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Bill and Charlotte Broomall dated 25 July 1987
- **1.9.17.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Bill and Charlotte Broomall dated 18 January 1988
- **1.9.18.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Bill Broomall dated 29 January 1988
- **1.9.19.** Correspondence from Bill and Charlotte Broomall to "Cris" and Denise Crissey dated 20 February 1988
- **1.9.20.** Correspondence from Bill and Charlotte Broomall to "Cris" Crissey dated 26 March 1988
- **1.9.21.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Bill Broomall dated 5 April 1988
- **1.9.22.** Correspondence from Bill and Charlotte Broomall to "Cris" and Denise Crissey dated 12 April 1988
- **1.9.23.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Bill Broomall dated 7 May 1988
- **1.9.24.** Correspondence from Bill and Charlotte Broomall to Elwell and Denise Crissey dated 27 August 1988
- **1.9.25.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Bill Broomall dated 3 April 1989
- **1.9.26.** Correspondence from Bill and Charlotte Broomall to "Crisseys" dated 5 April 1989
- **1.9.27.** Correspondence from Bill and Charlotte Broomall to "Cris" and Denise Crissey dated 16 April 1989

- **1.9.28.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Bill and Charlotte Broomall dated 20 April 1989
- **1.9.29.** Correspondence from Bill and Charlotte Broomall to "Cris" and Denise Crissey dated 31 April 1959 <sic>

## Folder 10: Campbell, (Fahrenbach) (Crissey), Faith (E. Crissey's daughter w/ Denise)

- **1.10.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Miss Kathryn Kuhlman (re: Faith Crissey) dated 17 September 1971
- **1.10.2.** Correspondence from Faith and Al postmarked 25 June 1977
- **1.10.3.** Correspondence from Elwell to Faith dated 6 December 1987
- **1.10.4.** Correspondence from Faith (et al) dated 28 January (no year)
- **1.10.5.** Correspondence from Elwell to Faith dated 20 June (no year)
- **1.10.6.** Correspondence from Faith and Al dated "Thursday" (no date)
- **1.10.7.** Correspondence from Faith to Dad (no date)
- **1.10.8.** Card (Father's Day) from Faith and Al (no date)
- **1.10.9.** Card (Mother's Day to Dad) from Faith (no date)
- **1.10.10.** Card (Birthday) from Faith (no date)
- **1.10.11.** Card (Father's Day) from Sean and Julie (Faith's children—pictures enclosed) (no date)
- **1.10.12.** Postcards from Daddy to Faith (and Brian) (no date)

#### Folder 11: Campbell, William

- **1.11.1.** Correspondence from William Campbell to Elwell Crissey dated 1 August 1980
- **1.11.2.** Correspondence from William Campbell to Elwell Crissey dated 26 August 1980

#### Folder 12: Cards (Christmas, Thank-you, etc.) 29 items.

#### Folder 13: Case School of Applied Science (Research Letters)

- **1.13.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Professor of Scandinavian Literature, Colombia University dated 7 March 1938
- **1.13.2.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Professor of Scandinavian Literature, Yale University dated 8 March 1938
- **1.13.3.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Professor of French Literature, Harvard University dated 8 March 1938
- **1.13.4** Correspondence from Horatio Smith (Colombia University) to Elwell Crissey dated 14 March 1938
- **1.13.5.** Correspondence from Clarence A. Manning (Colombia University) to Elwell Crissey dated 15 March 1938
- **1.13.6.** Correspondence from To\_ten Peterson (Princeton University) to Elwell Crissey dated 17 March 1938
- **1.13.7.** Correspondence from Illegible (Harvard University) to Elwell Crissey dated 18 March 1938
- **1.13.8.** Correspondence from F. Stanton Cawley (Harvard University) to Elwell Crissey dated 4 April 1938

- **1.13.9.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Prof. Andre Morize (Harvard University) dated 8 April 1938
- **1.13.10.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Professor Seronde (Yale University) dated 8 April 1938
- **1.13.11.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Prof. Harvey W. Hewett-Thayer (Princeton University) dated 8 April 1938
- **1.13.12.** Correspondence from Marvey W. Hewett-Thayer (Princeton University) to Elwell Crissey dated 11 April 1938
- **1.13.13.** Correspondence from Andre Morize (Harvard University) to Elwell Crissey dated 12 April 1938

## Folder 14: Casselo, Elaine

- **1.14.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Elaine Casselo dated 23 August 1988 (2 copies)
- **1.14.2.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Elaine Casselo dated 8 September 1988
- **1.14.3.** Correspondence from Elaine Casselo to Elwell Crissey (no date)
- **1.14.4.** Correspondence from Elaine Casselo to Elwell Crissey (no date)

## Folder 15: Central Methodist College

- **1.15.1.** Correspondence from Central Methodist College News to Elwell Crissey dated 27 July 1970
- **1.15.2.** Correspondence from Lillian B. Donley to Elwell Crissey dated 11 August 1970
- **1.15.3.** Correspondence from Sanford C. Wise to "Classmates of 1918-1922" dated October 1970
- **1.15.4.** Correspondence from R. Philip Morris to Elwell Crissey dated 14 December 1970
- **1.15.5.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. Hayes Richardson dated 20 May 1971
- **1.15.6.** Correspondence from Linda L. Montemurro to Elwell Crissey dated 26 May 1971
- **1.15.7.** Correspondence from Sanford C. Wise to "Alumni of the Class of '22" dated 1 September 1971
- **1.15.8.** Correspondence from Robert H. Bray to Elwell Crissey dated 29 February 1972
- **1.15.9.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Robert H. Bray dated 1 March 1972
- **1.15.10.** Correspondence from Virginia and Sanford (no surname) to Denise and "Cris" dated 2 May 1972
- **1.15.11.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Murtagh dated 2 May 1972
- **1.15.12.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Robert W. Norris dated 14 May 1972
- **1.15.13.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Judge Joseph M. Bone dated 14 May 1972
- **1.15.14.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mrs. Wesley Eastman dated 14 May 1972
- **1.15.15.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. Paul Allen Grigsby dated 14 May 1972
- **1.15.16.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. Charles Cavanaugh Hancock dated 14 May 1972
- **1.15.17.** Correspondence from Joe M. (Murtagh) to Mr. and Mrs. Crissey dated 23 June 1972
- **1.15.18.** Correspondence from Ewin Rich to Elwell Crissey dated 13 February 1973
- **1.15.19.** Correspondence from W.B. Selah (Bill) to Elwell Crissey dated 24 March 1973
- **1.15.20.** Correspondence from Joe A. Howell to Elwell Crissey dated 13 October 1977

- **1.15.21.** Correspondence from Wayne W. Hoffmann to Elwell Crissey dated 14 October 1977
- **1.15.22.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Joe A. Howell dated 2 November 1977
- **1.15.23.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. Wayne W. Hoffman dated 5 November 1977
- **1.15.24.** Correspondence from Don K. Muschany to Elwell Crissey (no date)
- **1.15.25.** Christmas Card from President and Mrs. Joe A. Howell to Elwell Crissey (no date)
- **1.15.26.** Correspondence from Doug Dalzell to Mr. Crissey (included—1981 Distinguished Alumni Awards and Annual Alumni Banquet Program) (no date)

#### Folder 16: Church Misc.

- **1.16.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. F.E. Fuhrman dated 28 March 1959
- **1.16.2.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to the Rev. Robert Reed dated 27 December 1960
- **1.16.3.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. Jose A. Rodriguez dated 20 March 1962
- **1.16.4.** Correspondence from Kathryn Kuhlman to Elwell Crissey dated 21 October 1964
- **1.16.5.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Kathryn Kuhlman dated 11 November 1964
- 1.16.6. Correspondence from Elder Vernon Hill, Elder Francis Wilkin, Reverend James Hine, Reverend Harmon Reeder, Reverend Calvin De Vries (Chairman Ministerial Relations Committee) to the members of Second Presbyterian Church dated 17 November 1966
- **1.16.7.** Correspondence from Edward G. Klapproth Sr. to Elwell Crissey dated 25 January 1968
- **1.16.8.** Correspondence from Paul J. Glazier to Mr. and Mrs. Elwell Crissey dated 15 September 1968
- **1.16.9.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. Paul J. Glazier dated 23 September 1968
- **1.16.10.** Correspondence from Stephen Gritten to "Board Member" (Elwell Crissey) dated 26 March 1970
- **1.16.11.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. Phares G. O'Daffer dated 11 April 1970

#### Folder 17: Civil War Round Table

- **1.17.1.** Correspondence from Dean Franklin Coffman, Jr. to Elwell Crissey dated 1 December 1971
- **1.17.2.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mrs. R.E. Mulrooney dated 15 March 1972
- **1.17.3.** Correspondence from Amelia D. Mulrooney to Elwell Crissey dated 15 February 1972
- **1.17.4.** Correspondence from Jack Davis to Elwell Crissey dated 1 March 1972
- **1.17.5.** Correspondence from Jack Davis to Elwell Crissey dated 1 May 1972
- **1.17.6.** Correspondence from Jack D. Davis to Elwell Crissey dated 1 June 1972
- **1.17.7.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. Early A. Reitan dated 9 March 1973
- **1.17.8.** Correspondence from (Unknown) to Elwell Crissey dated 1 September 1973
- **1.17.9.** Correspondence from Darlyen H. Grimes to Elwell Crissey dated 1 February 1974
- **1.17.10.** Correspondence from Darlyen H. Grimes to Elwell Crissey dated 1 March 1974
- **1.17.11.** Correspondence from Darlyen H. Grimes to Elwell Crissey dated 1 April 1974
- **1.17.12.** Correspondence from Darlyen H. Grimes to Elwell Crissey dated 1 July 1974
- **1.17.13.** Correspondence from Darlyen H. Grimes to Elwell Crissey dated 1 February 1975

- **1.17.14.** Correspondence from Darlyen H. Grimes to Elwell Crissey dated 1 April 1975
- **1.17.15.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mally (no surname) dated 17 June 1984
- **1.17.16.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Tim Mulrooney dated 15 November 1985
- 1.17.17. Correspondence from (Unknown) to Elwell Crissey dated January 1986
- **1.17.18.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. R. James Mulrooney dated 19 January 1986
- **1.17.19.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. R. James Mulrooney dated 12 February 1986
- **1.17.20.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. R. James Mulrooney dated 1 April 1986
- **1.17.21.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. Robert Shipley dated 13 June 1988
- **1.17.22.** Correspondence from Jean Patrick to Elwell Crissey postmarked 4 March 1988

#### Folder 18: Cooper, Mary

- **1.18.1.** Correspondence from Mary Cooper to Elwell Crissey dated 15 September 1967
- **1.18.2.** Correspondence from Mary Cooper to Elwell Crissey dated 9 August 1968

## Folder 19: Corr. w/ Bookshops

- **1.19.1.** Correspondence from A. Elwell Crissey to Longworth's Book Shop dated 28 June 1944
- **1.19.2.** Postcard from Leary, Stuart Co. to Elwell Crissey dated 30 June 1944
- **1.19.3.** Postcard from \_\_\_\_ Fletcher to Elwell Crissey postmarked 23 July 1944
- **1.19.4.** Postcard from Archway Book Store to Elwell Crissey dated 27 July 1944
- **1.19.5.** Correspondence from F. C. Long to Elwell Crissey dated 6 July 1944
- **1.19.6.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to "Gentlemen" dated 1 August 1944
- **1.19.7.** Correspondence from Edgar Kimsey to A. Elwell Crissey dated 8 August 1944
- **1.19.8.** Correspondence from Ra Brown to A. Elwell Crissey dated 18 August 1944
- **1.19.9.** Correspondence from Ben Abramson to Elwell Crissey dated 23 August 1944
- **1.19.10.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. Ben Abramson dated 5 September 1944
- **1.19.11.** Correspondence from A. Elwell Crissey to Mr. R. A. Brown dated 6 September 1944
- 1.19.12. Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. Edgar Kimsey dated 7 September 1944
- **1.19.13.** Correspondence from Philip C. Duschnes to Mr. A. Elwell Crissey dated 4 October 1944
- **1.19.14.** Correspondence from Philip C. Duschnes to Mr. A. Elwell Crissey dated 27 October 1944
- **1.19.15.** Correspondence from Doris B. Adams to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 1 July 1969
- **1.19.16.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mrs. Dorothy B. Davies dated 1 September 1971
- **1.19.17.** Correspondence from Douglas Wornom to Elwell Crissey dated 11 September 1971
- **1.19.18.** Correspondence from Owen Davies to Elwell Crissey dated 19 December 1977
- **1.19.19.** Correspondence from B.T. Batsford Ltd. to Elwell Crissey dated 25 February (no year)
- **1.19.20.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. T.D. Burrows (no date)
- **1.19.20.** Correspondence from Kroch's Booksellers-Stationers to Elwell Crissey (no date)

#### Folder 20: Corr. Re: Freemasons

- **1.20.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. Laurence R. Taylor dated 3 June 1959
- **1.20.2.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. Laurence Taylor dated 5 June 1959
- **1.20.3.** Correspondence from Laurence R. Taylor to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 9 June 1959
- **1.20.4.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. Laurence R. Taylor dated 13 July 1959
- **1.20.5.** Correspondence from Laurence R. Taylor to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 17 July 1959
- **1.20.6.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. Lawrence R. Taylor dated 25 April 1960
- **1.20.7.** Correspondence from Laurence R. Taylor to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 27 April 1960
- **1.20.8.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Oswell G. Treadway dated 10 September 1964
- **1.20.9.** Correspondence from Clarence P. Schwarz to Elwell Crissey dated September 1964
- **1.20.10.** Correspondence from Everett McKinley Dirksen (cc Elwell Crissey) to Mr. Louis Williams dated 12 January 1968
- **1.20.11.** Correspondence from Ralph E. Whipple to Elwell Crissey dated 20 July 1968
- **1.20.12.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. James R. DePew dated 11 December 1969
- **1.20.13.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to George A. Newbury dated 7 January 1972
- **1.20.14.** Correspondence from George A. Newbury to Elwell Crissey dated 18 January 1972
- **1.20.15.** Correspondence from J. (Jim) Fairbairn Smith to Elwell Crissey dated 18 August 1972
- **1.20.16.** Correspondence from George A. Newbury to Elwell Crissey dated 30 August 1972
- **1.20.17.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to George A. Newbury dated 5 September 1972
- **1.20.18.** Correspondence from Louis L. Williams, Norris G. Abbott Jr., John H. Van Gorden, Franklin G. Hinkley, John A. Lloyd to "The Supreme Council" dated 26 September 1972
- **1.20.19.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. Keith Arrington dated 22 November 1972
- **1.20.20.** Correspondence from Keith Arrington to Elwell Crissey dated 13 November 1972
- **1.20.21.** Correspondence from Charles T. Jackson to Elwell Crissey dated 28 November 1972
- **1.20.22.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Charles T. Jackson dated 5 December 1972
- **1.20.23.** Correspondence from Charles T. Jackson to Elwell Crissey dated 8 December 1972
- **1.20.24.** Correspondence from Aaron Brooks to Elwell Crissey dated 18 December 1972
- **1.20.25.** Correspondence from Keith Arrington to Elwell Crissey dated 20 December 1972
- **1.20.26.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. Keith Arrington dated 8 February 1973
- **1.20.27.** Correspondence from Keith Arrington to Elwell Crissey dated 18 July 1973
- **1.20.28.** Correspondence from Keith Arrington to Elwell Crissey dated 12 March 1974
- **1.20.29.** Postcard from Charles T. Jackson to Elwell Crissey dated 16 April 1974
- **1.20.30.** Postcard from Charles T. Jackson to Elwell Crissey dated 2 January 1975
- **1.20.31.** Correspondence from Keith Arrington to Elwell Crissey dated 21 January 1975
- **1.20.32.** Correspondence from Charles T. Jackson to Elwell Crissey dated 24 January 1975
- **1.20.33.** Correspondence from John S. Reid to Elwell Crissey dated 25 January 1975
- **1.20.34.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. John R. Reid dated 29 January 1975
- **1.20.35.** Correspondence from George A. Newbury to Elwell Crissey dated 1 July 1975
- **1.20.36.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to George A. Newbury dated 14 July 1975
- **1.20.37.** Correspondence from George A. Newbury to Elwell Crissey dated 25 July 1975
- **1.20.38.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to D. Hodge Fuller dated 2 December 1975
- **1.20.39.** Correspondence from D. Hodge Fuller to Elwell Crissey dated 15 December 1975

- **1.20.40.** Correspondence from George A. Newbury to Elwell Crissey dated 2 December 1976
- **1.20.41.** Correspondence from George A. Newbury to Elwell Crissey dated 2 December 1976
- **1.20.42.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Barbara Franco dated 30 January 1982
- **1.20.43.** Correspondence from Edward R. Ahlenius to Elwell Crissey dated 18 May 1986

## Folder 21: Crigler, Dr. Edgar and wife Mary

- **1.21.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. Edgar M. Crigler dated 22 March 1986
- **1.21.2.** Correspondence from Edgar M. Crigler to Elwell Crissey dated 28 February 1986
- **1.21.3.** Correspondence from Edgar M. Crigler to Elwell Crissey dated 13 April 1986
- **1.21.4.** Correspondence from Mary Crigler to Elwell Crissey dated 7 November 1986
- **1.21.5.** Correspondence from Mary Crigler to Elwell Crissey dated 10 January 1987
- **1.21.6.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mary Crigler dated 22 January 1987

#### Folder 22: Crissey, Brian (Elwell's son w/ Denise)

- **1.22.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Faith and Brian Crissey dated 18 March 1970
- **1.22.2.** Correspondence from Brian Crissey to Elwell Crissey dated 19 May 1974
- **1.22.3.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Brian Crissey dated 6 December 1987
- **1.22.4.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Brian Crissey dated 8 January 1988
- **1.22.5.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Brian Crissey dated 7 March 1988
- **1.22.6.** Christmas Card from Brian (Pat, and Robin) Crissey (no date)
- **1.22.7.** Correspondence from Brian Crissey to Elwell Crissey dated 16 January (no year)
- **1.22.8.** Newspaper article with note written from Brian Crissey to Elwell Crissey (no date)

#### Folder 23: Crissey, Denise (Elwell's second wife)

- **1.23.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Denise Crissey dated 28 October 1966
- **1.23.2.** Correspondence from Denise Crissey to Elwell Crissey dated 29 October 1966
- **1.23.3.** Correspondence from Caryl B. Conely to Mrs. (Denise) Crissey dated 12 June 1972
- **1.23.4.** Correspondence from Robert K. Ritt to Elwell Professor Robert M. Thrall (letter written by Denise Crissey, secretary to Robert K. Ritt) dated 26 January 1972
- **1.23.5.** Correspondence from Robert M. Thrall to Prof. Robert K. Ritt dated 3 February 1972
- **1.23.6.** Anniversary Card from Denise "Dee Dee" Crissey to Elwell Crissey dated 9 June 1982
- **1.23.7.** Mother's Day Card from "Cris" William Crissey to Denise Crissey (no date)

#### Folder 24: Crissey (Russell), Linda (W.E. Crissey's second wife)

- **1.24.1.** Correspondence from Linda (Russell) Crissey to "Dad" Elwell and Denise dated 9 May 1974
- **1.24.2.** Correspondence from Linda Russell to (Unknown) dated May 1974
- **1.24.3.** Correspondence from Elwell and Denise Crissey to Linda Russell dated 17 June 1974
- **1.24.4.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Linda (Russell) Crissey dated 17 July 1974
- **1.24.5.** Correspondence from Linda (Russell) Crissey to "Dad" Elwell and Denise Crissey dated 15 August 1974

## Folder 25: Crissey (Mays), Sharon (W.E. Crissey's first wife, mother of his 2 children)

- **1.25.1.** Correspondence from Sharon (Cris and David) to Dad and Denise postmarked 19 February 1969
- **1.25.2.** Correspondence (pictures included) from Sharon to "Dad" Elwell and Denise Crissey dated 31 July 1970
- **1.25.3.** Correspondence from Sharon (Cris, David, and Stephanie) to "Dad" and Denise dated 12 August 1970
- **1.25.4.** Correspondence from Sharon (Cris, Sharon, David, "Taffy" Stephanie, Aristotle and Alice) to Dad and Denise Crissey dated 13 August 1970
- **1.25.5.** Correspondence from Sharon to Dad and Denise Crissey dated September 1970
- **1.25.6.** Correspondence from Sharon to Dad and Denise dated 6 November 1970
- **1.25.7.** Correspondence from Sharon to Dad and Denise Crissey dated 2 March 1973
- **1.25.8.** Correspondence from Sharon to Dad Crissey postmarked 17 April 1974
- **1.25.9.** Correspondence from Elwell to "Sharon Dear" dated 6 June 1982
- **1.25.10.** Correspondence from Sharon to Dad Crissey 30 January (no year)
- **1.25.11.** Correspondence from Sharon (Cris, David, Stephanie) to Dad and Denise Crissey dated 23 March (no year)
- **1.25.12.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Sharon dated 7 January (no year)
- **1.25.13.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Sharon "honey" dated 10 May (no year)
- **1.25.14.** Correspondence from Sharon to Dad and Denise Crissey (no date)
- **1.25.15.** Correspondence from Sharon to "Mom" dated Friday morning (no date)
- **1.25.16.** Correspondence from Sharon to "Mom" dated Friday morning (no date)
- **1.25.17.** Two-page explanation of Elwell's (?) knowledge concerning the life and character to Sharon (Mays) Crissey

## Folder 26: Crissey, Stephanie (Taffy) & David (E. Crissey's grandchildren, W.E.C.'s children)

- **1.26.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to "My very Dear Taffy and David" dated Christmastime 1975
- **1.26.2.** Correspondence from David to "Grandaddy <sic> Crissey" (no date)
- **1.26.3.** Correspondence from Elwell to "Stephanie Dear" dated 6 June 1982
- **1.26.4.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to David (responding to previous correspondence) dated 4 March 1989

# Folder 27: Crissey, William E. "Chris," aka: Christ Singh Khalsa, Donegal (Donny) – (Elwell's son w/ Julia)

- **1.27.1.** Correspondence from William Elwell Crissey to Daddy dated 21 January 1952
- **1.27.2.** Correspondence from William to Daddy (with postscript added by Julia) dated 24 January 1954
- **1.27.3.** Correspondence from William to Daddy dated 23 January 1957
- **1.27.4.** Correspondence from William to Dad dated 14 August 1959
- **1.27.5.** Correspondence from William to Dad dated 2 January 1960
- **1.27.6.** Correspondence from Chris to Dad dated 11 April 1960
- **1.27.7.** Correspondence from Chris and Sharon to Dad dated 21 September 1966

- **1.27.8.** Correspondence from Chris to Dad dated 5 April 1970
- **1.27.9.** Correspondence from Chris (Sharon, David, and Taffy) to "Dad" and Denise dated 20 January 1971
- **1.27.10.** Correspondence from Chris and Sharon to Dad postmarked 29 October 1971
- **1.27.11.** Correspondence from Robert K. Ritt (on behalf of Denise Crissey) to Robert M. Thrall (concerning William Elwell Crissey—includes "History and Background of William Elwell 'Chris' Crissey") dated 26 January 1972
- **1.27.12.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to "My dear Son" dated 9 August 1972
- **1.27.13.** Correspondence from Chris to Dad and Denise dated 5 March 1973
- **1.27.14.** Correspondence from Chris to Dad and Denise postmarked 25 April 1973
- **1.27.15.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Chris (with postscript added by Denise Crissey) dated 13 February 1974
- **1.27.16.** Correspondence from Chris to Dad and Denise dated 20 June 1974
- **1.27.17.** Postcard from Chris to Mr. and Mrs. Elwell Crissey dated 1974
- **1.27.18.** Correspondence from Christ to Dad and Denise dated 25 February 1975
- **1.27.19.** Correspondence from Denise Crissey to Chris dated 12 March 1975
- **1.27.20.** Correspondence from Chris to Dad and Denise dated 29 September 1975
- **1.27.21.** Correspondence from Christ to Dad and Denise postmarked 14 July 1975
- **1.27.22.** Postcard from Christ to Mr. and Mrs. Elwell Crissey dated 11 August 1975
- **1.27.23.** Correspondence from Elwell and Denise Crissey to Chris dated 6 January 1976
- **1.27.24.** Postcard from Chris to Mr. and Mrs. Elwell Crissey postmarked 12 April 1977
- **1.27.25.** Correspondence from Chris to Dad and Denise (included with Chris's letter—Letter received from Julia re: Chris's life and decisions. Chris's letter to Elwell and Denise discusses Julia's letter) postmarked 7 May 1977
- **1.27.26.** Postcard from Chris to Mr. and Mrs. Elwell Crissey postmarked 22 December 1977
- **1.27.27.** Wedding invitation from Singh Sahib Christ Singh Khalsa (William) to Mr. and Mrs. Elwell Crissey postmarked 11 May 1979
- **1.27.28.** Correspondence from Chris to Dad and Denise dated 10 April 1978
- **1.27.29.** Card from Prabu Prakash Kaur and Christ Singh to Dad and Denise dated13 February 1980
- **1.27.30.** Correspondence from Christ to Dad and Denise postmarked 29 February 1980
- **1.27.31.** Correspondence from Denise Crissey to "Exciting Pair" (Christ Singh and Prabu Prakash) dated 3 March 1980
- **1.27.32.** Correspondence from Elwell and Denise to "Son" (Chris) dated 21 September 1981
- **1.27.33.** Correspondence from C.S. (Christ Singh) to Dad and Denise (Will of Julia Moose included) postmarked 22 September 1982
- **1.27.34.** Correspondence from Dad to Chris dated 27 September 1982
- **1.27.35.** Correspondence from C.S. to Dad postmarked 7 October 1982
- **1.27.36.** Correspondence from C.S. to Dad dated 20 October 1982
- **1.27.37.** Correspondence from Elwell to "Son" dated 9 January 1987
- **1.27.38.** Card from Prabhu Prakash to Denise and Dad postmarked 25 March 1987
- **1.27.39.** Correspondence from C.S. and Prabhu Prakash postmarked 22 October 1987
- **1.27.40.** Correspondence from Elwell to Chris (attached—undated response from C.S. and Prabhu Prakash) dated 28 January 1988
- **1.27.41.** Correspondence (Promissory Note) from Christ Singh and Prabhu Prakash to Elwell and Denise Crissey dated 10 February 1988

- **1.27.42.** Card from C.S. and Prabhu Prakash to Mr. and Mrs. Elwell Crissey postmarked February 1988
- **1.27.43.** Correspondence from Elwell to Chris and Sherry dated 20 May 1988
- **1.27.44.** Card from C.S. and Prabhu Prakash to Dad dated 15 June 1988
- **1.27.45.** Correspondence from Elwell to "Son" dated 7 January (no year)
- **1.27.46.** Correspondence from Christ Singh and Prabhu Prakash to Dad and Denise dated 28 January (no year)
- **1.27.47.** Correspondence from Elwell to "Son" dated 17 February (no year)
- **1.27.48.** Correspondence from Elwell to "Son" dated 20 August (no year)
- **1.27.49.** Correspondence from Elwell to Chris dated 8 December (no year)
- **1.27.50.** Correspondence from Denise and Elwell to Chris dated 29 December (no year)
- **1.27.51.** Correspondence from Chris to Dad and Denise dated "Sunday early"
- **1.27.52.** Correspondence from Chris to Elwell and Denise dated "Sunday afternoon"
- **1.27.53.** Correspondence from C.S. and Prabhu Prakash to Dad and Denise dated "Friday noon"
- **1.27.54.** Card from Chris, Sharon, David, and Taffy to Dad (no date)
- **1.27.55.** Card from Chris and Sharon to Dad (no date)
- **1.27.56.** Card from William to Dad (no date)
- **1.27.57.** Card from Chris to Elwell and Denise (no date)

#### Folder 28: Culver, Helen

- **1.28.1.** Correspondence from Helen to Cris dated 11 April 1970
- **1.28.2.** Correspondence from Helen to Cris dated 4 September 1980
- **1.28.3.** Correspondence from Helen to Cris (newspaper clipping enclosed) dated 11 September 1980
- **1.28.4.** Correspondence from Helen to Denise and Cris dated 6 November 1980
- **1.28.5.** Correspondence from Elwell to Helen dated 18 November 1980
- **1.28.6.** Correspondence from Helen to Cris dated 25 January 1982
- **1.28.7.** Correspondence from Helen to Denise and Cris postmarked 7 July 1986
- **1.28.8.** Correspondence from Helen to Denise and Cris dated 7 February 1988
- **1.28.9.** Correspondence from Helen to Denise and Cris dated 18 February 1988
- **1.28.10.** Correspondence from Helen to Denise and Cris dated 19 February 1988
- **1.28.11.** Correspondence from Helen to Denise and Cris dated 9 April 1988
- **1.28.12.** Correspondence from Elwell to Helen dated 7 May 1988
- **1.28.13.** Correspondence from Helen to Denise and Cris dated 23 May 1988
- **1.28.14.** Correspondence from Helen to Denise and Cris dated 12 July 1988
- **1.28.15.** Correspondence from Helen to Denise and Cris dated 13 July 1988
- **1.28.16.** Correspondence from Helen to Denise and Cris (diagram of cemetery, certioficate of death for Samuel "Bassett" Hamacher, newspaper clipping, enclosed) postmarked 10 August 1988
- **1.28.17.** Correspondence from Elwell to Helen dated 23 April 1988
- **1.28.18.** Correspondence from Helen to Denise and Cris (newspaper clipping enclosed) dated 20 March 1989
- **1.28.19.** Correspondence from Elwell to Helen dated 27 April 1989
- **1.28.20.** Correspondence from Helen to Cris dated 22 August 1989
- **1.28.21.** Correspondence from Helen to Denise and Cris dated 26 October 1989

#### **1.28.22.** Card from Helen and Bassett Hamacher (no date)

#### Folder 29: Daley, Vivian

- **1.29.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Vivian dated 18 May 1967
- **1.29.2.** Correspondence from Vivian Daley to Elwell dated 27 May 1967
- **1.29.3.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Vivian dated 8 June 1967
- **1.29.4.** Correspondence from Vivian to Elwell dated 21 June 1967
- **1.29.5.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Vivian dated 11 August 1967
- **1.29.6.** Correspondence from Vivian to Elwell dated 1 September 1967

#### Folder 30: Davis, Burke

- **1.30.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to "Sir" dated 29 June 1985
- **1.30.2.** Correspondence from Pete Cruikshank to Elwell Crissey dated 9 July 1985
- **1.30.3.** Correspondence from Burke Davis to Mr. Crissey dated 15 July 1985
- **1.30.4.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Burke Davis dated 13 August 1985

#### Folder 31: Diorio, Elaine

- **1.31.1.** Correspondence from Elaine to "dearest Friends" dated 21 January 1978
- **1.31.2.** Correspondence from Elaine to Elwell dated 21 November 1978
- **1.31.3.** Correspondence from David P. Holmes to Mr. Elwell Crissey (letter re: Elaine Diorio) dated 8 March 1979
- **1.31.4.** Correspondence from Elwell to Elaine dated 23 July 1979
- **1.31.5.** Correspondence from Kathleen Elaine to Elwell dated 28 July 1979
- **1.31.6.** Correspondence from Kathleen Elaine to Elwell (card attached) dated 19 December 1979
- **1.31.7.** Correspondence from Kathleen Elaine to Elwell dated 26 May 1980
- **1.31.8.** Correspondence from Frank and Elaine to Elwell (card attached) dated 20 December 1981
- **1.31.9.** Correspondence from Elaine to "Dear Ones" (card attached) dated 22 December 1982
- **1.31.10.** Correspondence from Elaine to "Dear Ones" (card attached) dated 19 December 1983
- **1.31.11.** Correspondence from Elwell to Elaine (no date)

#### Folder 32: Dooley, Raymond

- **1.32.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. Raymond Dooley dated 1 April 1967
- **1.32.2.** Correspondence from Raymond Dooley to Mr. Elwell Drissey dated 3 April 1967
- **1.32.3.** Correspondence from Raymond Dooley to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 19 April 1967
- **1.32.4.** Correspondence from Raymond Dooley to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 29 November 1967
- **1.32.5.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. Raymond Dooley dated 8 December 1967
- **1.32.6.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. Raymond Dooley dated 30 March 1968
- **1.32.7.** Correspondence from Raymond Dooley to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 29 April 1968
- **1.32.8.** Correspondence from Raymond Dooley to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 4 September 1968

- **1.32.9.** Correspondence from Raymond Dooley to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 6 September 1968
- **1.32.10.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Dr. Raymond Dooley dated 10 September 1968
- **1.32.11.** Correspondence from Raymond Dooley to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 20 February 1969

## Folder 33: Extended Family Corr. (Brother, Cousins, Uncle)

- **1.33.1.** Correspondence from Bill Perry to Denise and Chris dated 30 July 1945
- **1.33.2.** Correspondence from Mildred Perry to Elwell dated 1 November 1945
- **1.33.3.** Correspondence from William Harris Johnson to Elwell Crissey postmarked 1 November 1962
- **1.33.4.** Correspondence from Virgil Crissey to Elwell Crissey dated 12 May 1965
- **1.33.5.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mrs. Harold W. Nahring dated 30 December 1966
- **1.33.6.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Uncle Will Johnson (attached, letter from Uncle Will to Elwell—not date) dated 13 February 1967
- **1.33.7.** Correspondence from Cousin Sharon Johnson Doliante to Elwell Crissey dated 3 April 1967
- **1.33.8.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Cousin Sharon dated 27 April 1967
- **1.33.9.** Correspondence from Cousin Sharon to Cousin Elwell dated 29 April 1967
- **1.33.10.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Uncle Will Johnson dated 10 June 1967
- **1.33.11.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Jewel/Marge dated 7 July 1967
- **1.33.12.** Correspondence from Lynne to "My Dear Denise and Cris" dated 13 December 1967
- **1.33.13.** Correspondence from Jewel to Elwell dated 20 May 1968
- **1.33.14.** Correspondence from Cousin Judy to Elwell (picture enclosed) dated 19 July 1968
- **1.33.15.** Correspondence from Cris to Pee Jay dated 16 July 1970
- **1.33.16.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fahrenbach dated 21 June 1972
- **1.33.17.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mrs. Lora Poor dated 5 August 1972
- **1.33.18.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to "Brother" dated 10 August 1972
- **1.33.19.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Ollie and Earl dated 13 October 1972
- **1.33.20.** Card from Judy Adair to Elwell Crissey postmarked 6 December 1973
- **1.33.21.** Correspondence from Judy to Elwell dated 9 March 1974
- **1.33.22.** Correspondence from Al Fahrenbach to Elwell Crissey (resume for Elwell to look over) dated 19 December 1975
- **1.33.23.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Earl dated 15 January 1976
- **1.33.24.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Chester Gould dated 31 March 1976
- **1.33.25.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. Ed Derman dated 4 October 1976
- **1.33.26.** Correspondence from Warren L. Turner to Elwell Crissey (re: Estate of Virgil Crissey) dated 6 January 1978)
- **1.33.27.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mr. Robert C. Monninger (re: Virgil Crissey) dated 26 January 1978
- **1.33.28.** Correspondence from Elwell to Ambra and Garland dated 21 November 1986
- **1.33.29.** Correspondence from Ambra and Garland to Denise and Elwell dated 28 November 1986

- **1.33.30.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Cousin Judy dated 18 January (no year)
- **1.33.31.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to "Judy Honey" dated 13 April (no year)
- **1.33.32.** Correspondence from Judy to Elwell dated Saturday Morning (no date)
- **1.33.33.** Correspondence from William Harris Johnson to Elwell Crissey (no date)
- **1.33.34.** Correspondence from William Harris Johnson o Elwell Crissey (no date)
- **1.33.35.** Correspondence from Bob Monninger to Elwell Crissey (no date)

#### Folder 34: Fahrnkopf, Harrison

- **1.34.1.** Correspondence from Harrison Fahrnkopf to Elwell Crissey dated 20 April 1968
- **1.34.2.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to the Reverend Harrison Fahrnkopf dated 3 May 1968
- **1.34.3.** Correspondence from Harrison Fahrnkopf to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 9 May 1968
- **1.34.4.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to "Mr. (not Rev.) Harrison Fahrnkopf" dated 11 May 1968
- **1.34.5.** Correspondence from Harrison Fahrnkopf to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 15 May 1968

#### Folder 35: Fargis, Paul

- **1.35.1.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 20 January 1967
- **1.35.2.** Correspondence from E.C. to Paul Fargis dated 23 January 1967
- **1.35.3.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 24 January 1967
- **1.35.4.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 30 January 1967
- **1.35.5.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 6 February 1967
- **1.35.6.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 10 February 1967
- **1.35.7.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 23 February 1967
- **1.35.8.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 2 March 1967
- **1.35.9.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 10 March 1967
- **1.35.10.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 15 March 1967
- **1.35.11.** Correspondence from Marge Kotkofsky to Paul Fargis (re: Lincoln's Lost Speech) dated 16 March 1967
- **1.35.12.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 17 March 1967
- **1.35.13.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 22 March 1967
- **1.35.14.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 28 March 1967
- **1.35.15.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 30 March 1967
- **1.35.16.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 17 April 1967
- **1.35.17.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 27 April 1967
- **1.35.18.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 28 April 1967
- **1.35.19.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 3 May 1967
- **1.35.20.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 5 May 1967
- **1.35.21.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 8 May 1967
- **1.35.22.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 16 May 1967
- **1.35.23.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 29 May 1967
- **1.35.24.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 31 May 1967
- **1.35.25.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 12 June 1967
- **1.35.26.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 16 June 1967
- **1.35.27.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 11 July 1967

- **1.35.28.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 19 July 1967
- **1.35.29.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 24 July 1967
- **1.35.30.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 24 July 1967
- **1.35.31.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 31 July 1967
- **1.35.32.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 3 August 1967
- **1.35.33.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Elwell Crissey dated 8 August 1967
- **1.35.34.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 16 August 1967
- **1.35.35.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 29 August 1967
- **1.35.36.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Mr. Elwell Crissey dated 31 August 1967
- **1.35.37.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 12 September 1967
- **1.35.38.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 26 September 1967
- **1.35.39.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 4 November 1967
- **1.35.40.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Elwell Crissey dated 7 November 1967
- **1.35.41.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 12 November 1967
- **1.35.42.** Telegram from Paul and Beth Fargis (and Hawthorne Staff) to Elwell Crissey dated 17 November 1967
- **1.35.43.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 8 December 1967
- **1.35.44.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Fred Dolan Jr. (cc Elwell Crissey) dated 9 January 1968
- **1.35.45.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Elwell Crissey dated 11 March 1968
- **1.35.46.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 12 April 1968
- **1.35.47.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 16 April 1968
- **1.35.48.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Elwell Crissey dated 25 April 1968
- **1.35.49.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Elwell Crissey dated 8 July 1969
- **1.35.50.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 11 July 1969
- **1.35.51.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Elwell Crissey dated 24 July 1969
- **1.35.52.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis dated 21 October 1969
- **1.35.52.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to Elwell Crissey dated 5 November 1969
- **1.35.53.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Paul Fargis (no date)
- **1.35.54.** Correspondence from Paul Fargis to The Honorable Otto Kerner (written by Mr. Elwell Crissey on behalf of P.F.) (no date)

#### Folder 36: Flasher, Florence

- **1.36.1.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Mrs. F. Flasher dated 20 February 1967
- **1.36.2.** Correspondence from Florence Flasher to Elwell Crissey (newspaper clipping enclosed) dated 25 October 1967
- **1.36.3.** Correspondence from Florence Flasher to Elwell Crissey (excerpts from book chapters included) dated 13 May 1968
- **1.36.4.** Correspondence from Florence Flasher to Elwell Crissey dated 22 May 1968
- **1.36.5.** Correspondence from Elwell Crissey to Florence Flasher dated 24 May 1968
- **1.36.6.** Correspondence from Florence Flasher to Elwell Crissey dated 30 July 1970
- **1.36.7.** Correspondence from Florence Flasher to Elwell Crissey postmarked 16 December 1970
- **1.36.8.** Correspondence from Florence Flasher to Elwell Crissey (no date)
- **1.36.9.** Telegram from Florence Flasher to Elwell Crissey (no date)

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- \*2. American Friends Service Committee
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- \*4. Arnold, Ben (Attorney)
- \*5. Banks
- \*6. Becker, Dorothy
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- \*8. Blanton, Smiley and Margaret
- \*9. Broomall, Bill
- \*10. Campbell, (Fahrenbach) (Crissey), Faith (E. Crissey's daughter w/ Denise)
- \*11. Campbell, William
- \*12. Cards (Christmas, Thank-you, etc.)
- \*13. Case School of Applied Science (Research Letters)
- \*14. Casselo, Elaine
- \*15. Central Methodist College
- \*16. Church Misc.
- \*17. Civil War Round Table
- \*18. Cooper, Mary
- \*19. Corr. w/ Bookshops
- \*20. Corr. Re: Freemasons
- \*21. Crigler, Dr. Edgar (and wife, Mary)
- \*22. Crissey, Brian (Elwell's son w/ Denise)
- \*23. Crissey, Denise (Elwell's second wife)
- \*24. Crissey (Russell), Linda (W.E. Crissey's second wife)
- \*25. Crissey (Mays), Sharon (W.E. Crissey's first wife, mother of his 2 children)
- \*26. Crissey, Stephanie (Taffy) & David (E. Crissey's grandchildren, W.E.C.'s children)

- \*27. Crissey, William E. "Cris", aka: Christ Singh Khalsa, Donegal (Donny) (Elwell's son w/ Julia)
- \*28. Culver, Helen
- \*29. Daley, Vivian
- \*30. Davis, Burke
- \*31. Diorio, Elaine
- \*32. Dooley, Raymond
- \*33. Extended Family Corr. (Brother, Cousins, Uncle)
- \*34. Fahrnkopf, Harrison
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- \*36. Flasher, Florence
- \*37. Forbes, Ben (Jr. and Sr.)
- \*Foss, Oliver
- \*Frailey, L.E. Cy
- \*Frederick, Flora
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- \*Halsan Products Company
- \*Hamacher, Bassett
- \*Hamilton, Harold (President- Central Methodist College)
- \*Hammitt, William A.
- \*Hathaway, Mary
- \*Hawthorne Books
- \*Hendricks, John Arthur "Jack" (& wife, Jerri)
- \*Hindman, Albert Henry "Hank"
- \*Hutschnecker, Dr. Arnold A.
- \* Hybrid Corn Article

#### Box 2

- \*Illinois State University
- \*Illinois Wesleyan University
- \*Junk Mail
- \*Kara, Miles
- \*Kyle, Otto R. (Editor, The Decatur Review)
- \*Laminated Letters re: Lost Speech Book
- \*Lashar, Tom & Alma
- \*Lawrence, B.I.
- \*Legal
- \*Letters to the Editor (The Rotarian, Newsweek, New York Times, The Decatur Tribune, The Decatur Herald, etc.)
- \*Letters of Praise and Congrats for "Lost Speech" Book
- \*Letters seeking permission to print in book
- \*Light, Ivan
- \*Lincoln/Historical Associations
- \*Lloyd, John A.
- \*Lundberg, George D. "Dewey"

- \*Mann, Paul (and wife, Hazel)
- \*Mays, Rachel (Sharon's mother)
- \*McLean County Historical Society/Museum
- \*Miles, Roy T. & Barbie (wife)
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- \*Misc.
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- \*Moore, Basil
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- \*Morris, Hobart (Hobie) and Lois

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- \*National Education Association
- \*Nelson, Frank and Charlotte
- \* New Life Clinic
- \*Newspaper Clippings (w/ letters)
- \*Nicles, Clayton A.
- \*The Pantagraph
- \*Patrick, James C.
- \*Paxton, Gene & Betty
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- \*Political Letters
- \* Potential Publishers
- \*Programs Int'l (aka National Lecture Bureau)
- \* Re: Books
- \*Re: Books (non research)
- \*Readers Digest
- \*Research Re: "Abe Lincoln the Orator"- Psychiatric Evaluations of Lincoln's Speeches
- \*Research Re: Elder Edda
- \*Research on proposed book cover picture for "Lincoln's Lost Speech"
- \*Requests for Meetings
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- \*Rich, Ewin
- \*Romano, Lynn & Vincent
- \*Ropp, Mavis and Richard
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- \*Shambaugh, George E. Jr., M.D.

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- \*Thompson, Harrison
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- \*Windsor, Missouri
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