

**Crane-Goff Family  
Papers, 1975-1999  
Doc 465**

**Introduction**

The Crane-Goff papers, collected during the last half of the twentieth century, is a collection composed of family genealogies, correspondence, photographs, and information about several Danville, Vermont, community institutions in which the family played an active part. The papers also contain architectural studies of the Crane-Goff House in Danville. This collection was given to the Vermont Historical Society by Mary Elizabeth Goff Robinson in 1999 (ms. acc. no. 99.8). The collection is housed in one document storage box (1 linear foot).

**Scope and Content**

The Crane-Goff family was active in the Danville area, serving as library trustees, donating a window to the Danville Congregational Church in memory of Eva Crane Goff (1891-1983), and being involved in the Danville Historical Society and the Peacham Academy Alumni Association. The family settled in the area in the early 1800's, but much of the collection details their activities in the late twentieth century.

The collection contains material detailing the Crane-Goff, Fisk-Crane, and Bacon family genealogies. The emphasis in the Crane-Goff section is on family members living in the twentieth century; family members in the first half of the nineteenth century receive mention related to property owned. The donor is descendant of Charles Crane (1819-1907) of St. Johnsbury. There are photographs of family members in the last quarter of the twentieth century, and of Woodside House in Danville.

The Fisk family genealogy contains birth and death records dating from 1745 through the early eighteen hundreds. The file contains correspondence related to the process of genealogical search. The donor is a descendant of Aaron Fiske (1748-1839) who served in the Battle of Bennington during the Revolutionary War.

The Bacon Family genealogy includes information from 1732-1980. Eva Crane Goff and Glenn Crane were descendents of Mark and Betsy Clark Bacon, who were married December 14, 1815, in Bath, N.H. There is significant architectural history of the building known as Woodside House, formerly the Crane House, built ca. 1790 in Danville.

The collection also includes extensive correspondence from the last quarter of the twentieth century with various family members and information regarding Danville town activities. The will of Glenn Crane (1897-1980) and documents relating to the charitable trust and will of Eva Crane Goff (d. 1983) are included.

## Related Collections

A bentwood box made in Danville ca. 1840, given by the donor at the same time as the rest of this collection, has been transferred to the VHS museum collection (1999.49.1). A Danville Bicentennial (1986) letter opener has also been moved to the museum collection (1999.49.2).

Researchers should check the VHS main catalog and manuscript indexes for additional information about these families and the town of Danville, Vermont.

## Organization

The collection is organized in the following series: genealogy, wills and estate settlements, correspondence, community activities, Woodside House, and other. Many of the folder headings established by the donor have been retained; the series were established by the Vermont Historical Society.

### I. Genealogy

- Doc 465:1 Crane Family genealogy
- 2 Fisk(e) Family genealogy
- 3 Bacon Family Genealogy
- 4 Doris Deene
- 5 Eva Crane; includes photographs.
- 6 Crane Reunions

### II. Wills & Estates

- 7 Material related to Glenn Crane (1897-1980), his death and estate
- 8 Material related to Eva Crane Goff (1891-1983), her will and trust

### III. Danville community involvement of Crane family

- 9 Dedication of memorial window in Danville Congregational Church in honor of Eva Crane Goff and other women
- 10 Dedication of Eva Crane Goff Memorial Window, Danville Congregational Church, 1980
- 11 Clippings, town reports, notices of town events and organizations
- 12 Danville Historical Society
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_, gifts
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_, correspondence, book publishing, archives room, etc.
- 15 Peacham Academy Alumni
- 16 Barnet Historical Society

### IV. Correspondence

- 17 Crane Cemetery monuments, Danville
- 18 Marjory Crane Hunter (Mrs. Leonard); includes photographs
- 19 Gloria Morse
- 20 Beattie Family

- 21 Margaret Springer
- 22 Miscellaneous

V. Woodside House

- 23 Correspondence with J. Lewandoski re architectural dating
- 24 Photographs
- 25 Miscellaneous

VI. Other

- 26 Obituary, Arthur Lincoln Whitehill, 2/1/00
- 27 Book, *Newell D. Goff: The Life of a Young Entrepreneur at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*, 1992, by Mary Elizabeth Goff Robinson

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