T.L. Crumbaugh family papers

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Biographical information

Thomas Lee Crumbaugh was born on April 7, 1872 in Paducah, Kentucky, to George Chalmers (born 1838) and Alice Mills Crumbaugh. His siblings were John, Charles and Julia. Their mother died in 1874 and George married Evalin Parker (1842-1911) in 1875 and had four children: Alice P., George, Margery and Katie. Thomas married Frances Gibbs (May 2, 1872-October 2, 1949), the daughter of John Preston Gibbs and Elizabeth Bowers of Dresden, Tennessee, on May 8, 1892. The couple had four children: Lee Simmons (1894-1963); Frank Boyd (1897-1969), Robert Chalmers (1900-1961), and Alice Evelyn born in 1902. At the age of 20, Crumbaugh went to work for the Southern Express Company and became the company's youngest superintendent in 1909 based in Meridian, Mississippi. The company became part of the American Railway Express Company in 1918. Crumbaugh resigned his position to become sales manager of the Broadway Coal and Ice Company in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1919, and was soon appointed manager of the company. Thereafter, he lived at 2069 Harbert Avenue, Memphis. On July 16, 1931, he died of heart disease at his Memphis residence and was buried in Mt. Kenton Cemetery, Paducah.

Lee Simmons Crumbaugh, married Frances Jameson (1902-1995) in 1920 and they had a daughter, Frances Lee (born 1927). He worked as a traveling salesman for the Armour Soap Works and later for the Jefferson Island Salt Company. Frank Boyd Crumbaugh married Eleanor Bell Parker (1897-1976) in 1920 and they had a son, Frank B., Jr. (1927-1994). Frank, Jr. attended the University of Mississippi and married Jennie Sue Mayes in 1948 who was attending Texas State College for Women.

Robert Chalmers Crumbaugh attended the University of Mississippi for two years (1918-1920) and transferred at the beginning of his junior year to Vanderbilt University. He married Jane Louise Finnegan (1899-1988) in 1924 and they had two children: Jane Louise (1927-2017) and Robert C., Jr. (1929-1991). Alice Evelyn Crumbaugh attended Miss Hutchinson's School for Girls in Memphis and later married James Andrew Humphreys (born 1898). They had a son, James A., Jr. (born 1929).

Scope and contents

The collection comprises the records of three generations of the Crumbaugh family. It includes personal correspondence, business and financial papers, publications and photographs and the papers are arranged by family member. The correspondence of Thomas Lee Crumbaugh and Lee Simmons Crumbaugh give insights into their business roles while that of Robert Chalmers Crumbaugh is predominately from young women while at college. The papers of other family members are mostly personal correspondence.

Processing information
The collection was originally processed in 1978. Later additions were listed in 1984 and 1993 and some material was separated. In 2020, the collection was reorganized and the separated material reincorporated. The individual item information from the lists was retained in the inventory.

Subject terms

Crumbaugh, Jennie Sue.
Crumbaugh, Lee Simmons, 1894-1963.
Crumbaugh, Robert Chalmers, 1900-1961.
Crumbaugh, Thomas Lee, 1872-1931.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

1 Genealogical materials.

**Thomas Lee Crumbaugh:**

2 Family correspondence, 1909-1921.
3 General correspondence, 1908-1909. Includes leases.
4 General correspondence, 1910.
5 General correspondence, 1911. Includes lease.
6 General correspondence, 1912-1913. Includes deposition.
7 General correspondence, 1914-1915. Includes advertising booklet for Cellular Lath Company, St. Louis, Missouri, 1914.
8 General correspondence, 1916. Includes deposition.
9 General correspondence, 1917.
10 General correspondence, 1918-1919.
12 Calling cards and invitations, 1912-1913 and undated.
13 Greeting cards, 1909-1918. Includes Christmas cards and postcards.
15 Greeting cards, undated. Mostly Christmas cards.
16 Telegrams, 1911-1917.
17 Railroad passes, 1906-1916.
19 Notebook; daybook, 1910.
20 Bills, 1906-1917.
21 Miscellaneous:
   1. Poem: "To ‘Bobby Jane' April 22nd, 1928", re: Jane Louise (daughter of Robert?).
   2. War Ration Book One (#567298-321), 1942, assigned to Mrs. Frances Gibbs Crumbaugh, also signed by Mrs. Eleanor Parker Crumbaugh, 2069 Harbert, Memphis.
   3. Various cards, including driver’s license, voter registration card, and membership cards, 1961-1963.

Box 2
1 Check Books (stubs), 1917-1918.
2 American Railway Express Company, balance sheets and circulars, 1919.
   Includes blank and draft forms.
3 "The New Case for Increased Railroad Rates", 1914. Railroads argue case for higher rates before the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D.C.
4 Frances Gibbs Crumbaugh: Correspondence, General, 1934-1949:
   2. Kate (Katherine C. Croach?), Family Service Society of Paducah, Ky. to Mrs. T.L. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., August 23, 1934.

Lee Simmons Crumbaugh:
5 Family correspondence, 1918-1932.
6 Armour Soap Works, 1930. Memoranda, advertising.
7 Armour Soap Works, 1931 January-June.
8 Armour Soap Works, 1931 July-December.
OS1 Chips newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 11, 1931 November.
   1931 Treasure Chest advertisement.
9 Armour Soap Works, 1932 January-April.
OS Armorita soap advertisement, 1932.
10 Armour Soap Works, 1932 May-December.
11 Armour Soap Works, 1933 and undated.
Correspondence, General, 1934-1953:
1. Mrs. T.L. Crumbaugh, Paducah, Ky. to L.S. Crumbaugh, September 15, 1934.
2. Mrs. T.L. Crumbaugh, Selma, Ala. to L.S. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., October 6, 1934.
3. Mrs. T.L. Crumbaugh, Selma, Ala. to L.S. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., October 22, 1934. Also Robert Crumbaugh to Mrs. T.L. Crumbaugh, October 18, 1934.
5. Sam Caldwell, Jefferson Island Salt Company, Louisville, Ky. to L.S. Crumbaugh, August 6, 1943, speaks of an inability to visit New Orleans.
7. Sam Caldwell, Jefferson Island Salt Company, Louisville, Ky. to L.S. Crumbaugh, August 23, 1943, speaks of joining the army.
8. Pvt. Joseph U. VanDeventer, Camp McQuaide, Calif. to L.S. Crumbaugh, New Orleans, La., September 11, 1944. Discusses his sentence of three months hard labor in the army and loss of two-thirds of his pay due to overstaying a pass. Thus cannot pay back loan yet.
10. Robert Crumbaugh, Birmingham, Ala. to Mr. and Mrs. L.S. Crumbaugh, New Orleans, La., May 5, 1945. Also L.S. Crumbaugh to Robert Crumbaugh, May 11, 1945. "Everyone here is ... elated over VE day”.
11. Sam Caldwell, 7th U.S. Army, Heidelberg, Germany, to Lee S. Crumbaugh, New Orleans, La., September 11, 1945, discussing his hope that he will be discharged from the army and sent home. Encloses below.
12. Sam Caldwell, Germany, to Frances L. Crumbaugh, New Orleans, La., March 19, 1945. Encloses a typed letter found on a dead German soldier: To Herbert in Norway from his father in Perchtolsdorf, Vienna, December 12, 1944, written or translated into English, describes Vienna after the air raid attacks, and in particular "four
waves of enemy planes" that bombed railroads and railroad stations. Also discusses how the "bandits" use bombs with "long-delayed time fuses and often we hear the detonations days after an attack which unfortunately causes many casualties of the clean-up crews." Also describes the low morale of the people in cities, and the anger and helplessness one feels during an air raid, as well as how the Germans from Germany and German companies have left Vienna and moved back to Berlin.


13  Correspondence, Business, 1942, 1948:

1. Memoranda: A.F. Backer to L.S. Crumbaugh, December 16, 1942. Refers to whiskey shipments, a salt order with the Gulf Fish & Shrimp Co., and the selling of 162 second hand 100# bags of salt at 58 cents.


3. Bachman to Crumbaugh, January 16, 1948, advances $900 on bonus for daughter’s wedding?; Crumbaugh to Bachman, January 28, 1948, offers congratulations on the engagement of Bachman's daughter;

4. R.S. Hall, Assistant Treasurer, Jefferson Island Salt Company, Louisville, Ky. to L.S. Crumbaugh, July 7, 1948; Crumbaugh to Hall, July 13, 1948; Re: Fidelity Bond application.

Box 3

1  Miscellaneous, 1. Includes letters, 1932 and undated; hotel stationery, and;

1. Slip, handwritten, figures of costs of funeral and hospital expenses; letter, handwritten, Lee S. Crumbaugh to May (Priestley, Tallahassee?), discussing amount of funeral expenses to be paid, December 7, 1951. Re: funeral of mother-in-law?

2. Scrap, handwritten, Lee S. Crumbaugh, March 1, 1936, and account statement from Dr. Cecil Mathis, Memphis, Mr. Lee S. Crumbaugh, July 2, 1932.


5. Pocket notepad, lists names and date of births for Crumbaugh family 1872-1929.


9. Name card printing plate: Mrs. Lee Simmons Crumbaugh.

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Diploma: Lee Crumbaugh, First Methodist Sunday School, 1905 October 22.

Clipping: *Daily Clarion-Ledger*, Jackson, Miss., 1928 January 22, re: award of car to Lee S. Crumbaugh of Vicksburg office by Armour & Co. as best branch manager.

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**Frances Jameson Crumbaugh:**

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Correspondence, General, 1934-1964 and undated:


2. Mary Powell, Gunnison, Miss. to Mrs. L.S. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., July 25, 1934.

3. Frances Gibbs Crumbaugh, Birmingham, Ala. to Mrs. L.S. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., July 31, 1934.

4. Mrs. Katy Streub?, Helena, Ark. to Mrs. Lee S. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., August 6, 1934, speaks of having to start full time work.

5. Mary Powell, Miss. to Mrs. L.S. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., August 19, 1934, speaks of her divorce and her ex-husband's request to keep their son.


9. Mrs. A.M. Jameson, Dallas, Tex. to Mrs. L.S. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., September 15, 1934.

10. Frances Gibbs Crumbaugh, Paducah, Ky. to Mrs. L.S. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., October 1, 1934.


12. Mary Powell, Gunnison, Miss. to Mrs. Lee Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., October 26, 1934.


15. Gertrude B. Stuart, Backer & Green, New Orleans, La. to Mrs. L. S. Crumbaugh, Dickinson, Tex., January 6, 1964, expresses sympathy
over death of Lee Crumbaugh.
16. Liz to Mrs. L.S. Crumbaugh, undated.

Correspondence, Mother, 1934:

1. Postcard: Mother, Miami, Fl. to Frances J. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., June 16, 1934.
3. Mother, Miami, Fl. to Frances J. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., August 14, 1934, speaks of conditions in Miami and Betty's singing career.
4. Mother, Miami, Fl. to Frances J. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., August 27, 1934, discusses moving to Tallahassee.
5. Mother, Tallahassee, Fl. to Frances J. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., September 3, 1934, re: trip to Tallahassee.
7. Mother, Tallahassee, Fl. to Frances J. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., 4, 1934, speaks of a golf tournament, and how "things seem to be getting better for most people."
8. Mother, Tallahassee, Fl. to Frances J. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., October 14, 1934.
9. Mother, Tallahassee, Fl. to Frances J. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., October 22, 1934.
10. Mother, Tallahassee, Fl. to Frances J. Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn., November 1, 1934, Notes Lee Crumbaugh’s unemployment.
11. Mother to Frances J. Crumbaugh, undated.

Frances Lee Crumbaugh:

Correspondence, General:

2. Tax Withholding statement from Alumnae Association of Sophie Newcomb College, New Orleans, La., for Frances Lee Crumbaugh, New Orleans, La., 1947; Lowell B. Damonte, Equitable Life Assurance Society, New Orleans, La. to Frances Lee Crumbaugh, July 5, 1945, agreeing to pay $18.00; Lee S. Crumbaugh, New Orleans, La. to Lowell B. Damonte, February 4, 1948, states that Frances Crumbaugh was underpaid and requests Damonte pay an additional $18.00 for tax purposes; figures of payments.
3. Frances Lee (Boog) to Mother, April 21, discusses retiring to Memphis.


Robert Chalmers Crumbaugh:

Family correspondence, 1918-1919 and undated.
8 Correspondence: Agnes Ezell, 1919 and undated.
9 Correspondence: Agnes Ezell, 1919 and undated. Includes letters from Rozelle, 1918, 1919.
10 Correspondence: Jeanne Kirkpatrick, 1921-1922 and undated.
11 Correspondence: Eleanor, 1919 and undated.
12 Correspondence: Helen, undated.

Box 4
1 Miscellaneous personal, 1919-1920 and undated.
3 Vanderbilt University classwork.
4 Miscellaneous, 1920-1921 and undated. Includes University of Mississippi report cards.
6 Frances Gibbs Crumbaugh to Robert Crumbaugh, undated.
8 Frank Boyd Crumbaugh, 1918-1921.
9 Ethel Bowers and Ida May Bowers, 1918-1921 and undated.
OS1 Miscellaneous: Pennant: Purple and white with image of a stag and word “Detroit”.

Frank Boyd Crumbaugh, Jr.:
10 Correspondence, General, 1945-1950:
   1. Frank Crumbaugh, Jr. to Nanny, March 22, 1945, mentions going into the Navy.
   2. John T. Smith, Veterans Administration, Jackson, Miss., to Frank B. Crumbaugh, Jr., University of Mississippi, August 17, 1948. Re: disability compensation claim.
   3. Gift card: Mrs. Susie Davis, Newport, Ark. to Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Crumbaugh, Jr., Memphis, Tenn., September 8, 1948.
   5. The Wesley Foundation, University of Mississippi to Mr. & Mrs. F.B. Crumbaugh, Jr., Oxford, Miss., October 6, 1948, re: membership in local Methodist Church.
   7. Postcard: Veterans Administration Hospital, Jackson, Miss. to F.B. Crumbaugh, Jr., Oxford, Miss., October 18, 1948.
   8. Mary Lee Black, Memphis, Tenn. to Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Crumbaugh, Oxford, Miss., October 27, 1948.
   9. Eleanor Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn. to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Crumbaugh, November 8, 1948. Includes check for $10.00 for
football tickets.
10. Arthur L. Savage, Jr., to Mr. & Mrs. F.B. Crumbaugh, Oxford, Miss., November 9, 1948.
12. Mrs. F.W. Mayes, Memphis, Tenn. to Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Crumbaugh, Jr., November 16, 1948.
13. Eleanor Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn. to Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Crumbaugh, Jr., Oxford, Miss., November 18, 1948.
16. Postcard: Veterans Administration Hospital, Jackson, Miss. to Frank Crumbaugh, Jr., Oxford, Mississippi, November 30, 1949.
18. Christmas card: Ma Davis, Newport, Ark. to Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Crumbaugh, Jr., Oxford, Miss., December 20, 1948.
24. Veterans Administration, Memphis, Tenn. to Frank B. Crumbaugh, Jr., Oxford, Miss., April 13, 1949. Includes Voucher for Per Diem and/or Reimbursement of Expenses Incident to Official Travel.
25. Telegram: Pop, Helen, Ark. to Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Crumbaugh Jr., Memphis, Tenn., August 28, 1950.

11 Miscellaneous, 1: Naval ROTC materials, University of Mississippi, F.B. Crumbaugh, Jr., 1947.

12 Miscellaneous, 2, 1948-1949 and undated:
1. Kappa Sigma Fraternity pledge receipt, Frank B. Crumbaugh, University of Mississippi, October 7, 1948.
2. Appointment slip for "Ole Miss" student yearbook photograph, F. Crumbaugh, October 8, 1948.
3. Receipt: Arent’s Dairy for $2.89 from Mr. Crumbaugh for milk bill, December 6, 1948.
7. Program: Greeks Joint District Conclave of Districts Ten and Eleven, University of Mississippi, April 8-10, 1949.
9. Card: Jack and Helen Hickman to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Crumbaugh, Jr., wedding congratulations.
10. Scrap torn from envelope, note to Jennie Sue and Frank from Jo.
11. Scrap: Kappa Sigma.
12. Rate schedules for Hotel Taneycomo and Hotel Rockaway, Rockaway Beach, Missouri.
13. Notebook page, handwritten names and items scratched out with a pen.
15. Scrap, handwritten, states: "Burk's Book Store, Poplar, Passed St. Mary's Cathedral, 600 Block, Jennie Sue Crumbaugh."
16. Notes from Jennie Sue Crumbaugh written on Western Union telegram blanks.
17. Lists of songs.
18. Red button, with purple and red ribbon and a small football, souvenir of Mississippi Delta Bowl. Probably from University of Mississippi vs Texas Christian University game played on January, 1, 1948 at Crump Stadium, Memphis, won by Ole Miss 13-9; RCA 1970 new model (The Stockholm TV) sweepstakes token.

**Jennie Sue Mayes:** Correspondence, General, 1948-1949:
1. Mrs. F.W. Mayes, Memphis, Tenn. to Jennie Sue Mayes, Denton, Tex., April 17, 1948.
2. Invitation to Delian Buffet dinner to Jennie Sue Mayes, Denton, Tex., April 23, 1948.
3. Mrs. F.W. Mayes, Memphis, Tenn. to Jennie Sue Mayes, Denton, Tex., May 1, 1948.
6. Frank Crumbaugh, University of Mississippi to Jennie Sue Mayes, Denton, Tex., May 10, 1948.
7. Mrs. F.W. Mayes to Jennie Sue Mayes, with Texas State College for Women record of academic achievement, April 23, 1948, for Jennie Sue upon her withdrawal.

8. Eleanor Crumbaugh, Memphis, Tenn. to Jennie Sue Mayes, Denton, Tex., May 12, 1948.

9. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Mayes, Memphis, Tenn. to Jennie Sue Mayes, Denton, Tex., May 13, 1948. Mentions landing of the “Royal Barge” and Cotton Carnival parade.

10. Lallie Burnell, Port Isabel, Tex. to Jennie Mayes, Memphis, Tenn., June 14, 1948.

11. Note: Little Lu Lu to Jennie Sue Mayes, July 1, 1948. Includes clipping of poem by J.J. Metcalfe.

12. Letter: Mary Rose to Jennie Sue, August 18, 1948.


14. Easter card, from mother and daddy to daughter Jennie?.

15. Note from Jennie and Sallie.

16. “List of things to be found in the kitchen in "a scrambled state," Jennie Sue Mayes.

Box 5

Photographs:

1. Thomas L. Crumbaugh, 1930 and undated.
2. Thomas L. Crumbaugh, 1911.
3. Lee S. Crumbaugh, 1918-1930 and undated.
4. Frank B. Crumbaugh, undated.
5. Robert C. Crumbaugh, undated.
7. Alice Crumbaugh, undated.

OS1 Unidentified family standing in front yard of a house, undated (late 19th century). Possibly George C. Crumbaugh family, Paducah, Ky.

9. Railroad yard under construction near Meridian, Miss., undated. Possibly connected with T.L. Crumbaugh when in Meridian, Miss.

10. Miscellaneous: Small photograph holder. Contains a lock of hair and 5 snapshots including: unidentified young women, late 1940s?; man identified as Bradford Lang; young man identified as Dix, May 4, 1947. Snapshot of dog.

Separated materials
The following material was separated from the collection and disposed of as follows:
Tithe token: front reads: "One tenth is the Lords"; back reads: "Bring ye all the tithes and I will pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Separated to Special Collections currency collection.