



John Alexander Crawford Motion Pictures

Accession number 2918

Date 1930s - ca. 1960s

Author / Creator

Crawford, John A. (John Alexander), 1914-1990.

Scope and content Original motion pictures in various formats, including 9.5 mm film, of home movies in Queensland.

System of arrangement Arranged into 1 series.

Description 35 film reels

Additional format Digital copies available for selected items.

Administrative / Biographical history John A. Crawford (1914-1990) was born near Belfast on 15 August 1914. He came to Australia as a 6 year old with his parents, almost dying from illness on the journey. He lived in Hendra as child and was a interested in sailing, building a sailing boat with friends. He met his wife, Isobel Marjorie Corrie, while he was still a teenager (she was his friend's sister), but they married years later, during the war (on 13 March 1943). They had four daughters and the children grew up at "Ingleneuk", 55 Paradise Street, Highgate Hill. A keen photographer and home movie maker, Crawford documented his family life as well as his war service, during which he served in the Royal Australian Engineers on Thursday Island. After the war, he worked as an engineer for H. Platt & Associates, an electrical and mechanical engineering firm specialising in air-conditioning.

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Series 1: Motion pictures (Visual works) (1930 - 1969?)

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Series title Motion pictures (Visual works)

Date 1930 - 1969?

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

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Other

Notes

First shots underexposed- no image.

Items in this series:

Home movie (1930-1939?)

Unit ID 2918/1

Date 1930-1939?

Scope and content

Aeroplane VH-UHY. Pilot and passenger, take off and flight. Image of beach.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W reversal, 9.5mm film, silent.)

Approx. 12-15 feet

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Home movie (1930-1949?)

Unit ID 2918/2

Date 1930-1949?

Scope and content

Streaked and distorted footage of children swimming in pool and playing in garden.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (Colour reversal, 9.5mm film, silent.)

Approx. 20 feet

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Other

Notes

Footage distorted.

Home movie (1940-1959?)

Unit ID 2918/3

Date 1940-1959?

Scope and content

Out takes from home movies. Man feeding parrots in nature park, kangaroo, peacock. View over houses to sea.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W and colour reversal, 9.5mm film silent, 16fps)

Approx. 15-20 feet

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Silent film

Unit ID 2918/4

Scope and content

Title: Sonja Henie, World Champion Skater'. Images of Sonja ice skating inter cut with titles.

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W print, 9.5 mm, silent, 16fps.)

Approx. 15-20 feet

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Home movie (1920-1939?)

Unit ID 2918/5

Date 1920-1939?

Scope and content

Out takes of home movies. Crowd on dock. Crowd on beach. People playing golf in garden. People on beach.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W print, 9.5 mm, silent, 16fps.)

Approx. 20 feet

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Motion picture (1930-1939?)

Unit ID 2918/6

Date 1930-1939?

Scope and content

Scenes of a beach. Shot of car. Shot of woman and girl at back of house. Leader reads: 'Familyitrites'. Shot of Koala. Leader: 'Joan'.'

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W and colour reversal, 9.5 mm, silent.)

Approx. 15-20 feet

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Motion picture (1930-1939?)

Unit ID 2918/7

Date 1930-1939?

Scope and content

Home movie film (possibly out takes) of a sea plane landing, crowd of people on dock.

Author / Creator

Alexander, John

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W reversal, 9.5mm film, silent, 16 fps)

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Motion picture (1930-1939?)

Unit ID 2918/8

Date 1930-1939?

Scope and content

Family and baby at beach - extreme under exposure, image barely visible.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W reversal, 9.5mm film, silent)

Approx. 30 feet

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Other

Notes

Images barely visible: extreme under-exposure.

Motion picture (1937)

Unit ID 2918/9

Date 1937

Scope and content

Adults and children gathered for a wedding. Clock tower visible in background. Title in film: 'Wedding Bells, Winnie and Bob, Ann St Presbyterian, 4.30pm Sat Dec 8 1937'. Cars arriving, bride exiting from car. Bride and groom exit from Presbyterian building and greeting guests.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W reversal, 9.5mm film, silent)

Approx. 30 feet, 1 minute and 33 seconds

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Motion picture (1940-1949?)

Unit ID 2918/10

Date 1940-1949?

Scope and content

Very short takes (out takes) in home movie. Image of rose, a face laughing from a magazine. Man mowing in garden. Images of trees, picket fence, beach. Shot from a silent film.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W reversal and colour, 9.5mm film, silent)

Approx. 30 feet

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Bell and Howell Focus Leader (1944)

Unit ID 2918/11

Date 1944

Scope and content

Bell and Howell focus leader for aligning image and sound in projector.

Author / Creator

Bell and Howell

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W 16mm release print, sound)

45 feet, approx. 1 minute 30 seconds

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Motion picture

Unit ID 2918/12

Scope and content

Can lid descriptions: 'Ex...' (unreadable), 'Luna Park' and 'Brisbane'.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W reversal, 16 mm, silent.)

Approx. 100 feet

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Other

Notes

Material in extreme decay.

Motion picture (1959)

Unit ID 2918/13

Date 1959

Scope and content

Kodak safety film leader. Short home movie of baby crawling.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (Colour reversal, 16 mm, silent)

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Other

Notes

Strong Magenta fade.

Blank stock

Unit ID 2918/14

Scope and content

Blank/ Unexposed stock in advanced decay.

Description

Description 1 film reel (16 mm)

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Other

Notes

In advanced decay.

Motion picture (1945)

Unit ID 2918/15

Date 1945

Scope and content

Compile of mostly film leaders. Image and title reads: 'A lovely girl must have a lovely home' (magenta tinted footage), followed by shots of a homestead. Leaders only, reads: 'Amateur Cinema League'. Agfa leader. Warn and Jefferson leader.

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W reversal, 16 mm, silent)

Approx. 20 feet

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Other

Notes

Magenta faded.

Home movie (1943)

Unit ID 2918/16

Date 1943

Scope and content

Film labeled Judy. Images of a small girl playing in garden.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W reversal, 16mm film, silent)

Approx. 15 feet

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Motion picture (1932)

Unit ID 2918/17

Date 1932

Scope and content

Oro Bay war time/ related (brief) images: scene of tropical tress and pitched tent, shots of a truck, a field, a tank, a sign reads : 'Oro Bay', men digging, cannon and jeep, men sitting on dock (in black and white), brief shot of flowerbed (in colour).

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (Standard 8mm, B&W reversal, silent. 18fps.)

Approx. 25 feet

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Other

Notes

One shot Colour Reversal.

Motion picture

Unit ID 2918/18

Scope and content

Film contains images of logging taking place in a forest. Scenes of a tractor and large felled tress etc.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W film, 35mm, silent, 18fps or 24fps.)

254 feet

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Other

Notes

Shrinkage approximately 0.5% or less

Motion picture

Unit ID 2918/19

Description

Description 1 film reel (35 mm film. No spool or reel. 120mm film diameter.)

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Access

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Other

Notes

Film stored in steel canister 185mm diameter with item 2918/18.

Motion picture

Unit ID 2918/20

Description

Description 1 film reel (16 mm film. Steel reel. 180mm reel diameter.)

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Motion picture

Unit ID 2918/21

Description

Description 1 film reel (16 mm film. Steel reel. 180mm reel diameter.)

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Tractor life

Unit ID 2918/22

Description

Description 1 film reel (16 mm film. Steel reel. 180 mm reel diameter.)

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Other

Notes

AD Level 3

Motion picture

Unit ID 2918/23

Description

Description 1 film reel (16 mm film. Steel reel. 180 mm reel diameter.)

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Motion picture

Unit ID 2918/24

Description

Description 1 film reel (6 mm film. Cardboard box containing 16mm and 8mm loose film.)

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Home movie (1930-1949?)

Unit ID 2918/25

Date 1930-1949?

Scope and content

(In Black-and-white): Home movie of children playing in garden, in a sandpit, in the bathtub etc. Small elephant and trainers in field. Mother and daughters 'dressed up' in front of house. (In colour): Children swimming in a lake, swimming in a pool. (in Black-and-white): Family at pond with swans.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (Black-and-white reversal and colour reversal, 9.5mm, silent.)
400 feet, 10 minutes 19 seconds

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Motion picture (1938)

Unit ID 2918/26

Date 1938

Scope and content

Film labelled "Buffalo holiday 1938". Film includes:

- Images of people on a skiing holiday in Mt. Buffalo, Victoria; the ski fields, driving in jeep.
- Images of the streets of Melbourne; various buildings including the Melbourne Technical College, tram designated for Spencer Street.
- Images of people on a cruise ship; images of people playing tennis, ship decks and sea
- Images of a female sculptor at work in a studio.
- End of reel contains a commercially released Micky Mouse cartoon titled 'All Hands to the Pumps'.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W reversal, 9.5mm acetate film, silent, 16 fps.)

Approx. 400 feet

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Other

Notes

Shrinkage approx. 0.5% or less

Motion picture (1939-1940)

Unit ID 2918/27

Date 1939-1940

Scope and content

Film labelled "Darwin 1939-1940". Home movie contains:

- Images of a farm property with goats and dogs, fields, and wooden houses, building a water tower.
- Images of Darwin; streets with cars, pedestrians and buildings, military aircraft formation in sky, the Darwin Mobile Force building and an officer, a pier, naval officers, military memorial statue and officers with a cannon, military base in Darwin, a safe being unlocked, men carrying buckets, man fixing jeep, view from driving jeep through bush, men on the beach/ river bank with boats (canoe and sails), men sharing a loaf of bread on the pier, Aboriginal man with boats and smoking with military men on beach, military men at shooting practice in the bush, men fencing in backyard.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W reversal, 9.5mm acetate film, silent, 16 fps.)

Approx. 400 feet

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Other

Notes

Shrinkage approx. 0.5% or less

Motion picture

Unit ID 2918/28

Scope and content

Film labelled "Buffalo holiday Reel 1".

Description

Description 1 film reel (9.5mm film. Steel reel. 180mm reel diameter.)

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Motion picture (1940; 1943)

Unit ID 2918/29

Date 1940; 1943

Scope and content

Film labelled Sydney 1940, Troops 1940, Troops 1942 Thursday Island, Troops 1943 Thursday Island". Boats on bay. WW II ship. Troops marching in street. Troops digging (in Thursday Island). Troops cooking fish for meal. Troops being entertained by accordion player. Local Thursday Island Troops in uniform standing to attention. Troops in bayonet training.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W reversal film, silent, 9.5mm)
15 minutes 55 seconds

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Motion picture

Unit ID 2918/30

Scope and content

Film labelled "Joan, Graham and Sandra".

Description

Description 1 film reel (9.5 mm film. Steel reel. 180mm reel diameter.)

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Motion picture (1930-1949)

Unit ID 2918/31

Date 1930-1949

Scope and content

Film labelled "The Crawford girls". Home movie of children and babies at home and in garden. Images include newborn baby being bathed, children and baby in garden, children at beach, children and baby playing with cart, children in garden, and children having a tea party with dolls.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (Black and white reversal, 9.5mm film, silent, 16 fps.)
420 feet, 12 minutes 18 seconds.

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Motion picture (1938-1939)

Unit ID 2918/32

Date 1938-1939

Scope and content

Film labelled Institute of Engineers inspection visit of Story Bridge 1938, and Somerset Dam 1938; Grenadier Guards visit to Brisbane 1939; British submarine visit to Brisbane 1939; HMS British ship visit to Brisbane 1939. Excerpt from Charlie Chaplin film spiced to end of roll.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W reversal, silent, 9.5mm film, 16 fps.)
400 feet, 14 minutes 12 seconds

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Home movie (1937)

Unit ID 2918/33

Date 1937

Scope and content

Images of group of people boating. Various boats on water - sail and liner, ship 'Alondra'.
Person holding starfish. Large family group posing for film on boat. Wooden structure of ship.

Author / Creator

Crawford, John Alexander

Description

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400 feet

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Motion picture

Unit ID 2918/34

Scope and content

Film labelled "Buffalo holiday Reel 1".

Description

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Motion picture

Unit ID 2918/35

Description

Description 1 film reel (B&W 9.5mm film.)
400 feet

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