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### **Abstract**

The Biddle and Craig families became linked when Nicholas Biddle (1786-1844) married Jane Craig (1793-1856) in 1811. Nicholas Biddle was a member of the prominent, attended Princeton, and served as member of the Pennsylvania state legislature and president of the Bank of the United States. Jane Craig was the daughter of the wealthy trader John Craig (d. 1807). After leaving the Bank of the United States, Nicholas lived as a retired gentleman at Andalusia, a country estate the Biddles inherited from the Craig family in northwest Philadelphia.

This collection consists of correspondence from members of both the Biddle and Craig families. There are both business and personal letters covering such topics such illness, deaths, travels, the Craig family's estates in Ireland and Philadelphia. The letters are arranged according to family member in five boxes. Additionally, Box 5 contains carbon copies of letters from members of the Craig family.

### **Related Collections**

At the Historical Society of Pennsylvania:

- Adele Biddle Papers (no collection number)
- Biddle Family Album (call number Bb 96 B47)
- Biddle Family Papers, 1683-1954 (Collection 1792)
- Biddle Family Papers, 1688-1883 (Collection 2146)
- Clement Biddle Papers (Collections 48 & 49)
- Biddle and Craig Family Papers 1748-1866 (Collection 1451B)
- James Cornell Biddle (Collection 1881)
- James Stokes Biddle Papers (Collection 1621)
- John Craig Biddle Papers (no collection number)
- Nicholas Biddle Papers (Collection 2039)
- Thomas A. Biddle Business Records (Collection 50)
- Thomas Biddle (Collection 1339)

At other repositories:

- Biddle Family Papers, University of Delaware Library
- Alexander Biddle Papers, Duke University, Durham, NC
- Nicholas Biddle Papers, Library of Congress Manuscript Division, Washington, DC

**Subjects**

Family life – Pennsylvania – 19<sup>th</sup> century

Upper class families – Pennsylvania – Philadelphia – Social life and customs

Women – Social life and customs – 19<sup>th</sup> century

Biddle family

Biddle, Jane Craig, 1793-1856

Biddle, Nicholas, 1786-1844

Craig family

**Restrictions**

The collection is open for research.

**Acquisition information**

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## Box and folder listing

<b>Box number</b>	<b>Brief description</b>	<b>Approximate date range</b>	<b>Extent</b>
Box 1	Correspondences of John Craig and Mrs. John Craig	1783-1812	14 Folders
Box 2	Correspondences of Mrs. John Craig	1783-1813	26 Folders
Box 3	Correspondences of Mrs. John Craig, Charles Craig, George Craig, James Craig, and Nicholas Biddle	1779-1820	11 Folders
Box 4	Correspondences of Nicholas Biddle and Mrs. Nicholas Biddle	1809-1832	25 Folders
Box 5	Carbon Copies of Correspondences of John Craig, Mrs. John Craig, George Craig, and James Craig	1779-1812	10 Folders