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## Summary

**Title:** Cross Collection

**Accession Number:** 2016-02

**Creator:** Dr. Ira Brown Cross (1880-1977)

**Extent:** 33 file folders (1670 pages)

**Language:** English

## Abstract

The Cross Collection contains family history research compiled by Ira B. Cross. The bulk of the collection is correspondence with family members, other researchers, and repositories. The letters reveal a serious interest in finding sources and documenting the correct lineage of the different family lines. The files also include descendant reports, family group sheets, copies of vital records, copies of Bible records, and biographical sketches. There are copies of published summaries of Dr. Cross's research.

Prominent surnames include Cross, Bradford, Havley, Mobley, Hessey, Dillman, Pendleton, and Roher. Locations include Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Illinois.

## Administrative Information

**Provenance:** The genealogical collection of Ira B. Cross was acquired by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in 2016.

**Processing History:** Processing and description of the Cross Collection began in late 2016 and was completed in 2021.

**Retention and Access:** Scanned images of the collection are currently retained by the GFO Manuscripts Committee in three separate digital storage locations and can be accessed at the GFO library or by contacting [manuscripts@gfo.org](mailto:manuscripts@gfo.org).

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## Biographical Note

Ira Brown Cross was born 1 December 1880 in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois. His parents were Bradford Cross and Orietta Clemmons. He married Blanche Julia Mobley in 1911 and together they raised two sons. After receiving a Ph. D. in Economics, Dr. Cross served on the faculties of Stanford University and the University of California at Berkeley until his retirement in 1951.

Dr. Cross's lineage stretches back to Governor William Bradford and Priscilla Alden of the Plymouth Colony. His research and collaboration with other researchers spanned several decades. Dr. Cross died on 24 March 1977 in San Mateo County, California.

## Finding Aid

FILE #	Description	Prominent Surnames	Locations	Pages
1	Correspondence, research notes	Cross	New York, Vermont, Michigan, Connecticut	76
2	Research notes, correspondence	Cross, Fuller, Evans	New York, Connecticut	100
3	Descendant report, notes, biographical sketches	Burdick, Fuller, Cross, Bowen, Wilmarth	Rhode Island, Massachusetts	27
4	Research notes	Cross, Pendleton		4
5	Correspondence	Stanton, Pendleton, Bradford, Dickens	Connecticut, Rhode Island	104
6	Correspondence, pedigree chart, "Rhorer Family Notes" by Edythe Whitley, biographical sketches, research notes	Rohrer, Dillman, Mobley, Roush	Oklahoma, Indiana, Pennsylvania	143
7	"Descendants of Tristram Dodge," correspondence, copies of probate records	Dodge	Massachusetts, Rhode Island	16
8	Correspondence	Dodge, Burdick, Dickens, Bradford	Rhode Island	22
9	"The Descendants of Robert Burdick of Rhode Island" by Nellie Johnson	Burdick	Rhode Island	9
10	Correspondence	Cross, Davis	Maryland	3
11	Correspondence, research notes about wills, land records, marriages, etc.	Bradford, Stanton, Rogers, Cross	Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Illinois	105
12	Correspondence	Bradford, Pendleton, Dickens	Connecticut	4
13	Research notes, correspondence, transcripts of wills and pension records, descendant reports, family group sheets	Mobley, West, Dillman, Rhorer	Indiana, Maryland, Illinois, South Carolina, Iowa	100
14	"Alden Genealogy" by Mrs. Charles L. Alden	Alden		12
15	Descendant report, correspondence, notes	Clemons, Clemonts, Wheeler	Massachusetts, Tennessee, Virginia, Illinois	58

16	Descendant report for the children of Daniel and Desire Cross	Cross	Connecticut	12
17	Report "Crosses of Michigan" by Mae R Perkins (1933), correspondence	Cross	Michigan, Massachusetts	59
18	Correspondence, biographical sketches, research notes	Fuller, Wilmarth, Bowen	Massachusetts, New York	38
19	Correspondence, notes	Pendleton, Bradford	Rhode Island	6
20	Correspondence, research notes including land transactions	Bradford	Rhode Island	14
21	Correspondence, notes, Havelly family histories	Drake, Brower, Haverly, Havelly	New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia	33
22	Notes, correspondence, family histories	Hessey, Canady	North Carolina, England, Texas, Kentucky	51
23	Correspondence including probate abstracts, research notes	Cross, New York, Massachusetts	Connecticut	44
24	Correspondence, photo, research notes, biographical sketch of Columbus Cross	Harris, Cross	Illinois, New York	22
25	Correspondence, descendant chart	Cross	New York	8
26	Correspondence including probate abstracts, research notes	Bradford, Pendleton, Stanton	Massachusetts, Rhode Island	30
27	Correspondence with the Mayflower Association and others	Bradford		35
28	Research notes, correspondence	Corey, Cross, Tobey	Illinois, New York, Massachusetts	33
29	Correspondence, photos	Cross, Ellis, Hiser, Garver	New York, Connecticut, Virginia, Michigan	33
30	"Captain Gershom Bradford and Some of His Descendants" by Ira B Cross, 1947, <i>NEHG Register</i>	Cross		13

31	Correspondence, Mayflower Descendants application, biographical sketches, probate excerpts	Cross, Bradford	New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut	176
32	Ira B Cross biography, "Some Genealogical Data Concerning the Cross, Bradford, Clemmons, Havley, Mobley, Hessey, Dillman, and Roher Families" by Ira Brown Cross, 1932, Research notes	Cross, Bradford	Illinois	137
33	Descendant lists	Cross		143
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