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**PROVENANCE**

From the collection of George E. Nitzche.

**ARRANGEMENT**

This collection consist of a single item.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Crawford Williamson Long was born on November 1, 1815 in Danielsville, GA to a prosperous family. He was a member of the Medical Class of 1839, and was the first in surgeon in American to use ether as an anesthetic in a surgical operation in 1842. Long's rural location and busy practice delayed his reporting of his findings until 1849. In 1846 Henry Jacob Bigelow of Boston reported the use of esther in Massachusetts General Hospital by John C. Warren and William T. G. Morton.

This resulted in a dispute between Long and Morton over who's claim was correct. Both petitioned Congress for redress, but the events of the time precluded any action.

Long was also known for his skill and dedication as a physician. Long died on June 16, 1878.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Crawford Williamson Long Collection contains photographs of documents attesting to his use of ether as an anesthetic. The source of the letters is not indicated.

Additional biographical material on Long can be found in his Alumni Record File. Crawford Williamson Long's papers are at the Library of Congress and the University of Georgia Library in Athens.

### **CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS**

#### **Genre(s)**

- Affidavits.

#### **Subject(s)**

- Ether--History--19th century.

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**INVENTORY**

<b>AFFIDAVIT SCRAPBOOK</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Photographs of Letters, 1842-1907		

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