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Collection Overview

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Title: John D. Crimmins Collection
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Crimmins, John Daniel, 1844-1917 (contractor)
Language: English

Administrative Information

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Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

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Biographical / Historical

John Daniel Crimmins, Senior, contractor and philanthropist, was born May 18, 1844 in New York City, of parents who earlier had immigrated from Ireland. After graduating from college he joined his father's
contracting business, becoming a partner in 1864 and head of the firm in 1873. The firm was involved
in the construction of public works, churches, hospitals and other projects and buildings. Mr. Crimmins
belonged to and held office in many organizations civic, social, and philanthropic. He was an active
member of the Democratic party and served as New York City Park Commissioner, Presidential elector,
and member of the New York State Constitutional Convention. Presumably, he was an active member of
the Tammany Hall group. A Roman Catholic, Mr. Crimmins worked for the church in a variety of roles, from
university trustee to waiter at a Christmas dinner for the poor. Through business contacts and affiliation
with various organizations, Mr. Crimmins as guest or host attended numerous public and private functions,
many of which involved well known figures of the time. John D. Crimmins died November 9, 1917.

Sources Who Was Who in America. Volume I, 1897 1942 and The New York Times, November 9, 1317,
page 13.

Scope and Contents

This collection is comprised primarily of menus. There are also programs, seating plans, invitations,
announcements and admission cards from functions attended by John D. Crimmins. Some material bears
autographs of other guests and/or rotations made by Mr. Crimmins. There are many items from civic,
political, business, Roman Catholic and Irish American organizations.

Numerous programs or menus produced especially for each occasion by firms such as Dempsey
and Carroll, Malcolm and Hayes and Tiffany are uniquely designed and decorated with photographs,
embossing or water color paintings. There are a few menus printed on ribbons and one, from the Vulcan
Detinning Company, printed on metal. Included in the collection are three programs dated after Mr.
Crimmins’ death and one example of political humor.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by host or sponsoring organization. Where no host is named or
there are several hosts, the material is filed by the name of the guest of honor or the event.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Types of Materials:
  Admission tickets
  Announcements
  Invitations
  Menus
  Programs

Names:
  Domestic Life, Division of (NMAH, SI).
Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 2  The American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia, February 6, 1896

Box 1, Folder 3  The American Committee for the Celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of Peace Among English Speaking Peoples, December 13, 1912; May 9, 1913

Box 1, Folder 4  The American Fine Arts Society, December 3, 1892

Box 1, Folder 5  The American Irish Historical Society, April 19, 1899; January 8, 1916

Box 1, Folder 5  Eighteenth / Annual Dinner / American Irish / Historical Society / January 8th 1916 / Waldorf-Astoria. [Souvenir menu for the eighteenth annual dinner of the American Irish Historical Society : booklet,], 1916

2 Items (7 leaves plus cover; 11 x 8-1/2").

Image(s)
American Irish Historical Society, Sponsor
Levins, Anna Frances, Photographer

Menu honoring Thomas Addis Emmet, M.D. Event held at the Waldorf Astoria on January 8, 1916. Cover illustration: frontal and profile portraits, apparently depicting Thomas Addis and Robert Emmet, surrounded by emblems of his accomplishments, including medals awarded. Inside is a photogravure reproduction of a photograph of Thomas Addis Emmet (with a reproduction of his signature) by Anna Frances Levins, who is listed as the official photographer on the officers' page. The last page contains the text of the song "America." Menu tied with red, white, and blue ribbon. 2 copies, one containing seating chart.

Both copies damaged with severe brown stains.

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In Box 1, Folder 5.

Topic: Ethnic Imagery Project, Archives Center
       Patriotism
       Women photographers -- New York (State) -- New York

Genre/ Form: Menus

Place: Waldorf-Astoria Hotel (New York, N.Y.)

Culture: Irish Americans

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Image(s)

135th Anniversary Dinner of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in the City of New York held at the Commodore Hotel, March Seventeenth, 1919 [menu and program in booklet form]

1 item (6 pp. plus cover; 12 x 9 in.)

Image(s): 135th Anniversary Dinner of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in the City of New York held at the Commodore Hotel, March Seventeenth, 1919 [menu and program in booklet form].

Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in the City of New York, Sponsor
Menu for the 135th anniversary dinner of the Society, held at the Hotel Commodore, New York, March 17, 1919. Cover illustration shows army officer leading charge. Includes motto: "In far foreign fields / From Dunkirk to Belgrade / Lay the soldiers and chiefs / Of the Irish Brigade." Illustration hand-colored photogravure, signed Malcolm & Hayes, N.Y. Menu tied with cord and tassels.

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