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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	John D. Crimmins Collection
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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, 1917, 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/ Menus
 Form:
 Place: Waldorf-Astoria Hotel (New York, N.Y.)
 Culture: Irish Americans
- Box 1, Folder 6 The American Museum of Natural History President and Trustees, November 2, 1892; October 23, ?
- Box 1, Folder 7 The American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, April 23, 1897

Box 1, Folder 8	The Ancient Order of Hibernians Atlantic City N. J., March 17, 1892
Box 1, Folder 9	Arnold Honorable John H. V. Honoree, December 28, 1893
Box 1, Folder 10	The Arts Commission of the City of New York, May 13, 1913
Box 1, Folder 11	Asarog Club, April 19, 1897
Box 1, Folder 12	The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, February 20, 1899
Box 1, Folder 13	The Atlantic Union London England, May 29, ?
Box 1, Folder 14	Barbour Mr. and Mrs. William Reception for the Vice President and Mrs. Hobart, November 10, 189?
Box 1, Folder 15	Barry Major General Thomas H.1 Honoree, May 15, 1908; February 12, 1914
Box 1, Folder 16	Bolivar General Simon Inauguration of Equestrian Statue of, June 17, 1884
Box 1, Folder 17	The Borough of Queens, January 11, 1912; January 28, 1913
Box 1, Folder 18	The Borough of Richmond The President of, May 21, 1904
Box 1, Folder 19	Brady Daniel M., December 8, 1911; May 6, 1914
Box 1, Folder 20	The Brownson Catholic Club, January 20, 1916
Box 1, Folder 21	Cantor Honorable Jacob A. Honoree, May 9, 1896
Box 1, Folder 22	Carr Albert Honoree, March 22, 1900
Box 1, Folder 23	Catholic Club of the City of New York, 1892 1914
Box 1, Folder 24	The Catholic Encyclopedia, December 29, 1913
Box 1, Folder 25	The Centennial Celebration of the Inauguration of George Washington as President of the United States, April 29 -May 1, 1889
Box 2, Folder 1-3	The Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, 1886-1910
Box 2, Folder 4	Charter Revision Commission, January 1901

- Box 2, Folder 5 Chinese Merchants and Business Men of New York City, November 23, 1897
- Box 2, Folder 6 Church of Nuestra Senora de la Esperanza Consecration, April 20, 1913
- Box 2, Folder 7 The City of New York, April 27, 1893; December 19, 1903; December 30, 1903
- Box 2, Folder 8 Clancy The Most Reverend John J. Honoree, September 30, 1997
- Box 2, Folder 9 Cleveland The President and Mrs. Washington D.C., January and February, 1895; January and February, 1896
- Box 2, Folder 10 The Colonial Club, February 4, 1893; December 23, ?
- Box 2, Folder 11 The Columbian Club, October 15, 1896
- Box 2, Folder 12 Commissioners of the World's Columbian Exposition Chicago Illinois, 1892-1893
- Box 2, Folder 13 Contractors' Protective Association, January 10, 1903
- Box 2, Folder 14 The Cooper Union, May 29, 1897
- Box 2, Folder 15 Corrigan Archbishop Michael A. Honoree, May 13, 1901
- Box 2, Folder 16 Crimmins John D., May 9, 1893; November 29, 1903
- Box 2, Folder 17 Crimmins Thomas Honoree, June 3, 1897
- Box 2, Folder 18 Daly Honorable Joseph F. Honoree, January 24, 1899
- Box 2, Folder 19 De Pew Honorable Chauncey Mitchell Honoree, May 5, 1914
- Box 2, Folder 20 Early Dance and Comedy Circle, January 30, 1888
- Box 2, Folder 21 Earthquake Relief Charleston South Carolina, 1886
- Box 2, Folder 22 Farley Most Reverend John M. D. D. Archbishop of New York Solemn Investiture of, August 12, 1903
- Box 2, Folder 23 The Fifth Avenue Association, November 21, 1911
- Box 2, Folder 24 The Fifth Avenue Club, December 12, 1916

Box 2, Folder 25 Mr. Flagler Dinner for Sir William Grey Wilson K. C. M. G. Governor of the Bahamas, undated

Box 2, Folder 26 Flower Roswell P. Host, January 16, 1894; November 24, 1896

Box 2, Folder 27 Fornes Charles Vincent, December 1, 1904

Box 3, Folder 1-2 Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, 1899-1919

[Image\(s\)](#)

135th / Anniversary Dinner / of / The Society of the / Friendly Sons of St. Patrick / in the City of New York / Hotel Commodore - 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 / Hotel Commodore - March Seventeenth / 1919 \[menu and program in booklet form\].](#)

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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 tassles.

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Names: Patrick, Saint
Topic: Ethnic Imagery Project, Archives Center
Soldiers -- 1910-1920
World War, 1914-1918 -- Ireland
Place: New York (N.Y.) -- 1910-1920
Genre/
Form: Hand coloring
Menus
Photogravures
Programs -- 1890-1930
Culture: Irish
Irish Americans

Box 3, Folder 3 Frye Honorable William Pierce Honoree, April 26, 1899

Box 3, Folder 4 Gaynor William J. Memorial Meeting in Honor of, October 9, 1913

Box 3, Folder 5 Georgetown College Washington D. C., December 8, 1904

Box 3, Folder 6 Grand Army of the Republic Post #327, May 31, 1886

Box 3, Folder 7 Grand Union Hotel Saratoga Springs New York, July 25, 1883

Box 3, Folder 8 Grout Honorable Edward M. Honoree, December 21, 1905

Box 3, Folder 9 Haffen Honorable Louis F. Honoree President Borough of the Bronx, October 2, 1905

Box 3, Folder 10 Hall Captain Charles H., undated

Box 3, Folder 11 Hamburg Amerika Line "Deutschland" Kaiser's Birthday, January 27, 1904

Box 3, Folder 12 Hayes Right Reverend Patrick J. Consecration as Auxiliary Bishop of New York, October 28, 1914

Box 3, Folder 13 The Hibernian Society Savannah Georgia, May 1, 1912

Box 3, Folder 14 Highland Park Hotel Aiken South Carolina Washington's Birthday, February 22, ?

Box 3, Folder 15 The Hobby Club Of New York, December 19, 1912

Box 3, Folder 16 The Holland Society of New York, January 12, 1898

- Box 3, Folder 17 The Hudson Fulton Celebration, September 30, ?
- Box 3, Folder 18 The International Navigation Company, February 22, 1893
- Box 3, Folder 19 The International Peace Forum Luncheon honoring President William H. Taft,
January 4, 1913
- Box 3, Folder 20 The Irish Ball Committee, October 29, 1910
- Box 3, Folder 21 The Joan of Arc Exhibition Opening ceremonies, January 6, ?
- Box 3, Folder 22 The Lakewood Opening Banquet Lakewood New Jersey, January 17, 1891
- Box 3, Folder 23 Leary Arthur Memorial Chapel Dedication of, February 27, 1897
- Box 3, Folder 24 Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition Portland Oregon, June 1, 1905
- Box 3, Folder 25 Lipton Sir Thomas Host and Honoree, 1900 -1909
- Box 3, Folder 26 Locke William J. Honoree, October 9, 1910
- Box 3, Folder 27 The Lotos Club 1880-1905 Honorees include General Ulysses S. Grant and Sir
Henry Irving
- Box 3, Folder 28 The Loyola School Knickerbocker Tea, May 29, 1901
- Box 4, Folder 1 The Manhattan Club, February 28, 1893; April 14, 1896; December 1, 1904
- Box 4, Folder 2 Manhattan College, October 14, 1896
- Box 4, Folder 3 Manhattanville (Sacred Heart School) Golden Jubilee, May 20, 1897
- Box 4, Folder 4 The Marquette Club St. Louis Missouri Honoring Archbishop Peter Richard
Kenrick's Golden Jubilee, December 2, 1891
- Box 4, Folder 5 Martin Frederick Townsend, January 21, 1908; May 26, 1908
- Box 4, Folder 6 Mayor of the City of New York, 1897 -1915
- Box 4, Folder 7 McAdoo Honorable William, January 15, 1906
- Box 4, Folder 8 McAneny Honorable George President Board of Alderman City of New York
Honoree, December 10, 1915

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Box 4, Folder 10	The Metropolitan Museum of Art, November 5, 1894; October 9, 1913
Box 4, Folder 11	Metropolitan Street Railway Company, February 2, 1898
Box 4, Folder 12	Military Order Loyal Legion United States Commandery of the State of New York, December 7, 1898
Box 4, Folder 13	Morganthau Honorable Henry Ambassador to Turkey Honoree, October 30, 1913
Box 4, Folder 14	The Municipal Grant Monument Committee, April 28, ?
Box 4, Folder 15	The National Association of Manufacturers U.S.A., January 27, 1898
Box 4, Folder 16	The National Capital Press Club Washington D.C., February 13, 1892
Box 4, Folder 17	The National Democratic Club
Box 4, Folder 18	The New England Society in the City of New York, 1892-1898
Box 4, Folder 19	The New York Academy of Medicine, January 29, 1897
Box 4, Folder 20	The New York and Brooklyn Bridge Opening Ceremonies, May 24, 1883
Box 4, Folder 21	New York Citizens Peace Banquet, December 30, 1911
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Box 4, Folder 24	New York Columbian Celebration (Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Discovery of America), October 10 and 13, 1892
Box 4, Folder 25	The New York Homeopathic Medical College and Hospital, October 6, ?
Box 4, Folder 26	The New York Peace Society, May 17, 1911
Box 4, Folder 27	The New York Produce Exchange, May 6, 1884
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Box 4, Folder 29	The New York Railroad Club, July 14, 1898
Box 4, Folder 30	The New York Southern Society, December 22, 1894
Box 4, Folder 31	The New York State Bankers' Association, February 8, 1898
Box 4, Folder 32	The New York State Bar Association, October 11, 1883
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Box 5, Folder 2	Noel Franco Americaine, December 29, 1918
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Box 5, Folder 5	The Ohio Society of New York, March 30, 1901
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Box 5, Folder 8	The Pan American Society of the United States, May 27, 1912
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Box 5, Folder 10	The Pennsylvania Society, December 12, 1905
Box 5, Folder 11	Philadelphia Peace Jubilee Philadelphia Pennsylvania, October 27, 1898
Box 5, Folder 12	Phi Lambda Xi Eta Chapter Georgetown College Washington D.C., June 4, 1917
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Box 5, Folder 15	The Playground Association of America, March 31, 1908

Box 5, Folder 16	The Plaza Republican Club, May 4, 1901
Box 5, Folder 17	Political Humor President William H. Taft, 1909
Box 5, Folder 18	Port Richmond Borough of Richmond, December 31, 1897
Box 5, Folder 19	Prince Henry of Prussia, February 25, 1902
Box 5, Folder 20	Prison Ship Martyrs Monument Dedicatory Ceremonies, November 14, 1908
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Box 5, Folder 26	Reid Honorable Whitelaw Funeral of, January 4, ?
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Box 5, Folder 28	Robinson John D. Honoree, December 15, 1904
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Box 5, Folder 30	The Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, November 20, 1902
Box 5, Folder 31	Roosevelt Mr. and Mrs. Robert B., March 22, ?
Box 5, Folder 32	Roosevelt Theodore President of the United States, February 24, 1902
Box 5, Folder 33	Ryan Most Reverend P.J. D.D. L.L.D., April 22, 1897
Box 5, Folder 34	The Sail Fish Club of Florida, February 26, ?
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Box 5, Folder 37 The St. George's Society of the City of New York, April 23, 1892, 1894, and 1898

Box 5, Folder 38 St. Joseph's Seminary of New York Dedication of, August 12, 1896

Box 6, Folder 1 The St. Louis Missouri High School Columbus Day Celebration, October 21, 1892

Box 6, Folder 2 The Saint Nicholas Society, 1886 -1897

Box 6, Folder 3 Shanley John F., December 12, 1901

Box 6, Folder 4 Sheriff's Jury Second Panel, December 15, 1892, January 27, 1898

Box 6, Folder 5 The Sixty ninth Regiment N.G.N.Y., 1897-1912

Box 6, Folder 6 Smith James D. Dinner for the Earl of Dunraveii, October 2, 1893

Box 6, Folder 7 Smith James Jr. U.S. Senator elect from New Jersey Honoree, February 3, 1893

Box 6, Folder 8 S. M. S. "Moltke" Shipboard visit, June 11, ?

Box 6, Folder 9 The Society of Art Collectors, November 15, 1904

Box 6, Folder 10 Stern Louis, December 2, 1900

Box 6, Folder 11 Stevenson Honorable James W. Commissioner of Bridges Honoree, April 27, 1909

Box 6, Folder 12 Storrs Henry J. Honoree, December 16, 1907

Box 6, Folder 13 Straus Honorable Oscar S. and Mrs. Straus Honorees, April 28 1909

Box 6, Folder 14 Sulzer Honorable William, December 21, 1912

Box 6, Folder 15 Tammany Hall General Committee Thomas Jefferson Birthday Dinner, April 13, 1903

Box 6, Folder 16 Tenth Anniversary of the Constitutional Convention of the State of New York, July 27, 1904

Box 6, Folder 17 United Charities Building Formal Opening of, March 6, 1893

Box 6, Folder 18 United States Battleships "Kearsarge" and "Kentucky" Launching of, March 24, 1898

Box 6, Folder 19	Vulcan Detinning Company, May 9, 1913
Box 6, Folder 20	Whitney Honorable William C., July 1, 1897
Box 6, Folder 21	Willcox Honorable William R. Honoree, January 7, 1905
Box 6, Folder 22	Willcox Honorable William R. and Low Honorable Seth Honorees, April 21, 1913
Box 6, Folder 23	Winslow Rear Admiral, June 25, ?
Box 6, Folder 24	Woolworth F. W., April 24, 1913
Box 6, Folder 25	World's Columbian Exposition Chicago Illinois, October 19, 1892
Box 6, Folder 26	Yglesias Rafael President of Costa Rica Honoree, December 8, 1898
Box 6, Folder 27	Miscellaneous Menus, 1893 -1913; some undated
Box 6, Folder 28	Miscellaneous Tickets and Cards, 1894-1912; undated