Guide to the John D. Crimmins Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: John D. Crimmins Collection
Identifier: NMAH.AC.0398
Date: 1880-1919
Extent: 1.8 Cubic feet (6 boxes)
Source: Domestic Life, Division of (NMAH, SI).
Crimmins, John Daniel, 1844-1917 (contractor)
Language: English
Collection is in English.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

Provenance
Donated through Georgetown University to the Division of Cultural History, 1970s. Transferred from the Division of Domestic Life, 1984.

Processing Information
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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.


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

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.)

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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 tassels.

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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  
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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
Box 4, Folder 9  Menken S. Stanwood Honoree, November 20, 1899
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  Morgenthau 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
Box 4, Folder 22  New York City Police Department (Promotion of Roundsmen to rank of Sergeant), December 7, 1905
Box 4, Folder 23  New York City Police Endowment Association, April 8, 1912
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
Box 4, Folder 28  The New York Public Library., November 10, 1902
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
Box 4, Folder 33  The New Yorker Staats Zeitung Honoring Prince Henry of Prussia, February 26, 1902
Box 5, Folder 1  The New York Stock Exchange, April 22, 1903
Box 5, Folder 2  Noel Franco Americaine, December 29, 1918
Box 5, Folder 3  O'Brien Judge Morgan J. Honoree April 7 1900; Host, November 5, 1901
Box 5, Folder 4  O'Day Daniel Dinner for Honorable John G. Milburn and Mr. Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, January 11, ?
Box 5, Folder 5  The Ohio Society of New York, March 30, 1901
Box 5, Folder 6  The Order of the Alhambra, May 30, 1912
Box 5, Folder 7  O'Sullivan Sylvester J. Dinner for Mr. Justice Truax, October 31, 1908
Box 5, Folder 8  The Pan American Society of the United States, May 27, 1912
Box 5, Folder 9  Patterson Justice Edward Dinner for J. Pierpont Morgan, December 16, 1902
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
Box 5, Folder 13  The Pilgrims of the United States, 1906-1913
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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
Box 5, Folder 21  The Quaint Club, April 19, 1892
Box 5, Folder 22  Queen Kapiolani and Princess Liliuokalani of the Hawaiian Islands Honorees, May 21, ?
Box 5, Folder 23  Quinn Monsignor W. V.C. Honoree, May 30 1886
Box 5, Folder 24  The Railway Conductors' Club of North America, October 6, 1896
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Box 5, Folder 26  Reid Honorable Whitelaw Funeral of, January 4, ?
Box 5, Folder 27  R. M. S. "Teutonic" Shipboard Concert, July 8, 1902
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Box 5, Folder 29  The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, October 17, 1910
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, ?
Box 5, Folder 35  The St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York, 1892-1904
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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
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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
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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