

# Guide to the *Crane Family Papers*

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## Summary

This collection contains documents pertaining to the Crane family, the founders of Montclair, New Jersey. They established themselves as a prominent family of the Newark area and remained so throughout the nineteenth century, which is when the majority of the collection was created. The materials are primarily legal documents, such as deeds and indentures either addressed to or signed by a member of the Crane family. The collection also includes some materials relating to other families that were affiliated with the Cranes. The materials in this collection were acquired through donation. The majority was most likely donated to the Society by Ken Crane, a living member of the Crane family.

### Creator:

Many of the documents were created or signed by Zenas Crane, a well-known magistrate and civil engineer. Other creators include (but are not limited to) Azariah Crane, Israel Crane, Aaron Crane, Joseph Crane, David D. Crane, Elias Crane, Elizabeth Crane, Job Crane, Noah Crane, John Crane, Oliver Crane, Amos Crane, and Jephtha Crane, as well as other members of the Crane family and its branches.

### Dates:

The documents date from 1752 – 1903. The bulk is from the early to mid-nineteenth century (approximately 1800-1850).

### Quantity:

8 manuscript boxes and 5 flat file boxes (13 boxes total)

### Language:

English

### Location:

Library (upstairs)

### Catalogue Number:

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## Biographical Sketch of the Crane Family

The Cranes are the founding family of Montclair. Jasper Crane (1608 – 1681) came from Hampshire, England in the early 17th century. He is listed as one of the first colonists of New Haven, Connecticut, and later settled in Newark, New Jersey. In 1694, Jasper's son Azariah (d. 1730) built one of the first houses in what is now Montclair on the three

hundred acres of land that Jasper had willed to him.<sup>1</sup> The area became known as Cranetown. Azariah was very involved in the development of both the town and the church in Newark. His son Nathaniel (1680 – 1760) was also active within the town, and played a crucial role in the establishment of a new church that was closer and more convenient than the church in Newark. Nathaniel's son Noah (1719 – 1800) contributed to the building of a third church in the area.<sup>2</sup>

The Cranes were an extremely prolific family with many divisions and branches. Many of them were prominent citizens and were well-known in Cranetown and its surrounding area. Zenas Crane, a descendant of Azariah and a member of the family whose name appears quite frequently in this collection, was a distinguished magistrate and civil engineer. Israel Crane (1774 – 1858) was perhaps the most prominent and successful member of the Crane family. He was a respected businessman and ran a large general store.<sup>3</sup> His store eventually became so important that he organized the construction of the Newark-Pompton Turnpike to connect Cranetown to the farming regions. This road is still in use today as a major road between several towns. Israel Crane was considered the wealthiest man in the area at that time. His home, a 1796 Federal-style mansion, was acquired by MHS in 1965.<sup>4</sup>

## Scope and Content

The documents contained in this collection are dated as early as 1752, and continue to 1889. The bulk of the collection was created in the early to mid-nineteenth century (approximately 1800-1850). For the most part, the collection is made up of legal documents, such as deeds, quit claims, indentures, commissions and wills. Many of them are real estate transactions, dealing mostly with land in Montclair and Bloomfield. The Cranes were very influential in these areas. In some documents, Montclair is referred to by its previous names (Cranetown and West Bloomfield). Zenas Crane appears quite often in the documents; other significant names include (but are not limited to) Azariah Crane, Israel Crane, Aaron Crane, Joseph Crane, David D. Crane, Elias Crane, Elizabeth Crane, Job Crane, Noah Crane, John Crane, Oliver Crane, Amos Crane, and Jephtha Crane.

Most of the documents in the collection are either completely or partially handwritten in ink on paper. Many of the deeds are printed legal forms, filled out by hand and signed in ink. Several of the indentures that deal with land are also printed forms. All of the apprenticeship indentures are completely handwritten. In regards to their physical condition, many of the documents are very fragile. The paper has become very thin and crumbles easily. Most of the deeds had been folded into eighths due to the large size of the paper. The folds are quite vulnerable to tearing, so the documents must be unfolded with the utmost caution. Some of the other documents that were created on smaller pieces of paper and were in particularly fragile conditions had previously been placed in clear plastic

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<sup>1</sup> "The Nathaniel Crane House: History," *Montclair Historical Society*, Accessed April 19, 2012, <http://montclairhistorical.org/nathaniel-crane-house/history/>.

<sup>2</sup> Philip Doremus, *Reminiscences of Montclair* (Montclair, N.J., 1908), 5.

<sup>3</sup> "The Nathaniel Crane House: The Old General Store," *Montclair Historical Society*, Accessed April 19, 2012, <http://montclairhistorical.org/nathaniel-crane-house/the-old-general-store/>.

<sup>4</sup> "The Israel Crane House: The Crane Family Years," *Montclair Historical Society*, Accessed April 19, 2012, <http://montclairhistorical.org/israel-crane-house/the-crane-family-years/>.

protective sleeves. The collection also contains a number of books and bound items, such as journals, ledgers, copybooks, genealogy books, and Bibles. Some are leather-bound, while others are either paperback or uncovered. The type of binding for each of these items has been noted in the **Container List**.

## Arrangement Note

As a result of various changes in ownership and location of the materials, the collection has been shuffled around quite a bit. Whatever original order the documents may have been in at one time has long been disregarded. The collection was found in a series of manila folders in boxes. For the most part, the documents have been left in the order in which they were most recently found; however, in some cases, documents that clearly did not belong with the documents with which they were found were relocated to a part of the collection that made more sense. Many of the folders contain only one item or very few items due to the age and fragility of the paper. The books and bound items have also mostly been left in the order in which they were found. The smaller books, such as the ledger books, copybooks, and journals, had been previously arranged in the manuscript boxes, and the larger, hardcover books such as the Bibles had been previously placed in flat clamshell boxes. This arrangement was deemed sufficient and thus was not changed.

## Subject and Name Headings

All of the subject and authorized name headings were taken from the Library of Congress Authority Files.<sup>5</sup>

***Note:** This list of headings is not meant to be comprehensive and does not include all of the names and subjects included in the collection. It is intended to highlight some of the key subjects, figures and creators in order to facilitate access.*

### Subjects:

Apprenticeship

Deeds--New Jersey.

Indentures

Montclair (N.J.)--History.

Montclair (N.J.)--Genealogy.

New Jersey--History--1765-1865.

New Jersey--History--19th century.

New Jersey--History, Local.

New Jersey--History--Sources--Manuscripts--Catalogs.

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<sup>5</sup> Library of Congress Authority Files. [www.loc.gov/authorities](http://www.loc.gov/authorities).

Names (authorized):

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Crane, Aaron Treat, d.1819        | Crane, Israel          |
| Crane, Charles                    | Crane, John            |
| Crane, David D., 1763-1838        | Crane, Joseph          |
| Crane, Elizabeth, 1775-1828       | Crane, Noah, 1782-1810 |
| Crane, Ellery Bicknell, 1836-1925 | Crane, Stephen         |
| Crane, Evelina, 1807-1882         |                        |

Names (unauthorized):

- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Crane, Amos        | Crane, Jarvis G. |
| Crane, Azariah     | Crane, Jephtha   |
| Crane, Caleb       | Crane, Job       |
| Crane, Elias       | Crane, Oliver    |
| Crane, Frank Smith | Crane, Sarah     |
| Crane, Hannah      | Crane, Simeon    |
| Crane, James       | Crane, Zenas     |
| Crane, Janus       | Crane, Zophar    |

## Container List

This is an inventory of the collection. For Boxes 1-8, which are the manuscript boxes, the title and contents of each folder have been listed. Boxes 9-13 are the flat clamshell boxes, which contain the books. These boxes do not have folders, so only the contents are described.

Box Number	Folder Number	Folder Title	Contents
1	1	Miscellaneous deeds, indentures and quit claims to/ signed by Zenas Crane 1825 - 1862	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Russell Wheeler to Zenas Crane, 1842</li> <li>• George Cobb to Zenas Crane, 1862</li> <li>• H. Coghill, P. Alling, I. Condit and their wives to Zenas Crane, 1833, 1835 &amp; 1836</li> <li>• William Garland and wife to Elias Crane and Zenas Crane, 1835</li> <li>• William Whitehead and wife to Elias and Zenas Crane, 1833</li> <li>• Robert Baldwin and wife to Zenas Crane, 1835</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elijah Pierson to Zenas Crane, 1836</li> <li>• Isaac Ward and wife to Zenas Crane, 1825</li> </ul>
1	2	Miscellaneous deeds, indentures and quit claims to/ signed by Zenas Crane 1820 - 1885	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aaron Crane, 1825</li> <li>• Joseph Baldwin, 1820</li> <li>• Aaron, Tabatha, Timothy, Matilda, Elias, Nancy, Abigail &amp; Polly Crane &amp; Nancy &amp; Isaac Pierson, 1820</li> <li>• John (last name?) and wife, 1820</li> <li>• Elias Crane, 1825</li> <li>• John Berry and wife, 1826</li> <li>• James Gamble, 1873</li> <li>• Matthias Saylor and wife, 1826</li> <li>• To William Gould and David Banks from Zenas Crane, 1831</li> <li>• John Airdson and wife, 1831</li> <li>• Joseph Jacobus and wife, 1827</li> <li>• S. Van Rensselaer, 1881</li> <li>• Daniel Crane, 1861</li> <li>• Robert Robinson, Sheriff, 1836</li> <li>• Isaac Miller and wife, 1843</li> <li>• James Andrus, 1870</li> <li>• John Maze and wife &amp; William Day and wife, 1842</li> <li>• J.J.H. Love to Samuel Meeker, signed in the presence of Zenas Crane, 1885</li> <li>• John Hamel and wife to Thomas Jessup, signed by Zenas Crane, 1874</li> <li>• Joseph Munn(?), 1827</li> </ul>
1	3	David D. Crane 1823	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indenture: Jacob Francisco, Robert Young to Sarah Searing, 1823</li> </ul>
1	4-7	Transfer of apprentice/ indenture of apprenticeship, signed by Zenas Crane 1832 - 1846	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer: Daniel Cotteral, 1844 (4)</li> <li>• Indenture: Martin Brower, 1844 (5)</li> <li>• Indenture: John Rooney, 1832 (5)</li> <li>• Indenture: Nelson Eveland, 1843 (5)</li> <li>• Transfer: Peter Post, 1844 (6)</li> <li>• Indenture: Sarah Gillen, 1846 (7)</li> </ul>
1	8	Dower rights 1804	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estate of Job Crane, 1804</li> </ul>
1	9-10	Aaron Crane: Bonds/ bond indemnity 1806	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enos Martin to Aaron Crane, 1806 (9)</li> <li>• Bond to Aaron Crane, 1806 (10)</li> </ul>
1	11-14	Aaron Crane vs. Elizabeth Crane 1802 - 1803	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quit claim, Elizabeth Crane, 1803 (11)</li> <li>• Deed, Elizabeth Crane, 1803 (12 &amp; 13)</li> <li>• Court proceeding? 1802 (14)</li> </ul>
1	15-17	Aaron Crane: land purchases/indentures/ deeds 1779 - 1799	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joseph Ward, 1799 (15)</li> <li>• John &amp; Sarah Smith, 1791 (16)</li> <li>• James Hedden, Sam Hayes, and Thomas Canfield, 1779 (17)</li> </ul>
1	18	Land purchase/ indenture 1819	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isaac and Nancy Pierson to Simeon Crane, 1819</li> </ul>
1	19	Land indenture 1850 - 1851	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret Noonan to Smith Jenkins, signed by Zenas Crane, 1850</li> <li>• George Noonan (deceased) to Smith Jenkins,</li> </ul>

			signed by Zenas Crane, 1851
1	20	Job Crane 1786	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of land to his son, Aaron Crane, 1786</li> </ul>
1	21	Noah Crane 1785	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rental of home to Yellice Brown, 1785</li> </ul>
1	22	Pew purchases 1814 - 1838	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zenas Crane (West Bloomfield Presbyterian Church), 1838</li> <li>William Kelly &amp; Linas Williams (First Presbyterian Church in Orange), 1814</li> </ul>
1	23	Map 1832	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map of lands of Peter Cooman, 1832 (by Zenas Crane?)</li> </ul>
1	24	Property rebate 1874	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zenas Crane, 1874</li> </ul>
1	25	Letter 1825	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zophar Crane to his brother Amos, 1825</li> </ul>
1	26	John Crane 1782	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indenture to Noah and Aaron Crane, 1782</li> </ul>
1	27	Zenas Crane: Military Commissions 1821 - 1871	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of the Interior - War of 1812 Survivor's Pension, 1871</li> <li>Army voucher, 1884</li> <li>Department of the Interior - Pension Office, 1871</li> <li>Indenture of apprenticeship for Zenas Crane, 1833</li> <li>Commission as Captain, First Infantry, Second Independent battalion, Essex county brigade of NJ militia, 1827</li> <li>Commission as Lieutenant, First Company, Second battalion, Fifth regiment, Essex county brigade of NJ militia, 1821</li> </ul>
1	28	Zenas Crane: Legal Commissions 1829 - 1877	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commission as NJ Justice of the Peace, 1829</li> <li>Commission as NJ Commissioner, 1830</li> <li>Appointment as Master of Chancery, 1853</li> <li>Commission as NJ Justice of the Peace, 1836</li> <li>Commission as a Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, 1837</li> <li>Commission as NJ Justice of the Peace, 1841</li> <li>Commission as a Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, 1842</li> <li>Commission as NJ Justice of the Peace, 1845</li> <li>Commission as a Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, 1848</li> <li>Commission as NJ Justice of the Peace, 1850</li> <li>Commission as NJ Justice of the Peace, 1855</li> <li>Commission as NJ Justice of the Peace, 1860</li> <li>Commission as NJ Justice of the Peace, 1867</li> <li>Commission as NJ Justice of the Peace, 1872</li> <li>Commission as NJ Justice of the Peace, 1877</li> <li>License for the occupation of conveyancer, 1866</li> </ul>
1	29	Zenas Crane 1849 - 1850	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miscellaneous property deeds and disputes, 1849-1850</li> </ul>
1	30	Zenas Crane: Last Will and Testament 1881 - 1889	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receipts from estate of Zenas Crane created by its executors, 1884-89</li> <li>Probate copy of the will of Zenas Crane (Essex County Surrogate's Office, 1884</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will of Zenas Crane, 1881(2 copies)</li> </ul>
1	31	Joseph Crane 1797	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quit claim, 1797</li> </ul>
	32	Jeptha Crane 1807	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indenture to Jeremiah Crane, 1807</li> </ul>
1	33	College of NJ (Princeton) 1852	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catalogue of the Officers and Students, 1852-53 (a Crane is named.)</li> </ul>
2	1	Baldwin Family Materials 1802-1865	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deeds, quit claims, etc. 1802-1865</li> </ul>
2	2	Baldwin Family Materials 1783-1880	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deeds, quit claims, etc. 1783-1880</li> </ul>
2	3	Crane and Baldwin Deeds 1845-1878	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crane and Baldwin deeds 1845-1878</li> </ul>
2	4	Crane and Lyon Deeds 1836, 1886	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crane and Lyon deeds 1836, 1886</li> </ul>
2	5	Indenture Contract - Baldwin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indenture (half page), John Baldwin and Samuel Seveulwart (?) 18(??)</li> </ul>
2	6	Crane Deeds 1845, 1875	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crane deeds 1845, 1875</li> </ul>
2	7	Charles Crane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charles Crane - fancy script</li> </ul>
2	8	Quit Claim - Israel Crane to Zenas Crane 1857	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quit claim deed from Israel Crane to Zenas Crane 1857</li> </ul>
2	9	Crane Mortgage & Sigler Executor's Deed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crane mortgage 1874</li> <li>• Sigler executor's deed 1890</li> </ul>
2	10	Simeon Crane - Deed & Sigler Warranty Deed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simeon Crane deed 1875</li> <li>• Sigler warranty deed 1874</li> </ul>
2	11	Sigler Warranty Deeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sigler warranty deeds 1869, 1870, 1871, 1885</li> </ul>
2	12	John Crane - Copy Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy book of John Crane, 1814</li> </ul>
2	13	Deed - Church Pew in Old First Presbyterian Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deed to church pew in Old First Presbyterian Church, Montclair, September 10, 1838</li> </ul>
2	14	Deeds 1867, 1872	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I to Sawford, 1872; Tattersall to Gassabrant, 1867</li> </ul>
2	15	Crane Deeds & Indentures 1830-1836	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crane deeds and indentures 1830-1836</li> </ul>
2	16	Crane Family Exhibit Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crane family exhibit materials - description cards, etc.</li> </ul>
3	1	Janus Crane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janus Crane letter</li> </ul>
3	2	Jeptha Crane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bond of indemnity-Polly Crane and John Burnet to Zenas Crane, etc 1820</li> <li>• Receipt 1820</li> <li>• Account of Jeptha Crane by Zenas Crane 1815</li> <li>• Lease-Jeptha Crane to Aaron Crane 1807</li> <li>• "Release for a specific legacy" - Margery Crane, widow of Jeptha Crane to Noah Payne, Daniel Beach, Matthias Smith, executors 1815</li> </ul>



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release of Dowry – Margery Crane 1819</li> <li>• Inventory of the good chattel of Jephtha Crane 1813</li> <li>• Inventory of household furniture of Jephtha Crane 1820</li> <li>• “I of agreement from Aaron Crane to the legatees of Jephtha Crane” 1819</li> <li>• Deed- Noah Payne, Daniel D. Beach, Zenas Crane and Matthias Smith to Isaac Pierson 1819</li> <li>• Agreement from Aaron Crane 1816</li> <li>• Sketch of the land of Jephtha Crane</li> <li>• “Articals of vendue for the sale of real estate” estate of Jephtha Crane 1819</li> <li>• Margery Crane receipt of interest 1820</li> <li>• Isaac Pierson note for \$3000</li> <li>• Deed – Margery Crane, Zenas Crane and executors of Jephtha Crane 1819</li> <li>• Daniel Crane release 1816</li> <li>• Deed – Aaron Crane to Jephtha Crane 1815</li> <li>• Deed – Rodney Wilbur to Jephtha Crane 1813</li> <li>• Deed – Aaron Crane to Jephtha Crane 1812</li> <li>• “ “ 1808</li> <li>• Deed – Gen. Richard (?) Dey and wife to Israel Crane, Joseph Mun and Jephtha Crane 1807</li> <li>• Deed – Samuel Crane and Mary Crane to Jephtha Crane 1806</li> <li>• Deed – Jephtha Crane 1805</li> </ul>
3	3	Hannah Crane / Job, Aaron, Elizabeth Crane	<p><i>(Both very fragile)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hannah Crane 1802?</li> <li>• Job Crane, Aaron Crane and Elizabeth Crane – “deposition on the part of defendants ... Filed 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1802” 1782</li> </ul>
3	4	Mount Prospect Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents relating to the Mount Prospect Institute – deeds, etc. between Almanza Baldwin, Zebina Dodd and Warren Holt (in the presence of Zenas Crane) 1842, 1853</li> </ul>
3	5	West Bloomfield Presbyterian Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents relating to the West Bloomfield Presbyterian Church, 1871-1877</li> </ul>
3	6	Deed to Rosedale Cemetery 1885	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deed to Rosedale Cemetery 1885</li> </ul>
3	7	Exhibit Cards for Crane Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibit cards for Crane documents</li> </ul>
3	8	Estate of Daniel Crane / Burial for Abbey Crane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertakers bill for Abbey Crane 1860</li> <li>• Last will and testament of Daniel Crane 1861 (and related docs)</li> <li>• Estate of Daniel Crane 1861</li> </ul>
3	9	Williams Family Papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Williams Family papers 1768-1868</li> </ul>
3	10	Jephtha Crane – Will	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jephtha Crane’s will 1815 (VERY FRAGILE)</li> </ul>
3	11	Certificates of Indenture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificates of indenture c. 1770 (VERY FRAGILE)</li> </ul>
3	12	Receipt and Undated Photo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receipt – Mrs. Bacon to Selden and son 1840</li> <li>• Photo of stone house (undated)</li> </ul>

3	13	Pen Used by Member of Love Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pen used by member of Love family, c. 1797</li> </ul>
3	14	Hannah Crane's Will	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hannah Crane's Will, 1831</li> </ul>
4	1	Fair Family Papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fair family papers</li> </ul>
4	2	James Crane Mortgage / Job Crane Deeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1857 – James Crane and wife and Crane mortgage in Township of Bloomfield</li> <li>• 1756 – Job Crane deed</li> <li>• 1753-Job Crane – debt document</li> </ul>
4	3	Deeds and Indentures 1773-74, 1857	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1773 – Deed from George Perforsythe (?) to Job Crane</li> <li>• 1774- Job Crane indenture</li> <li>• 1857 – Deed from Israel Crane to Mary Crane, has complete description property, sale price \$1</li> </ul>
4	4	Deeds and Indentures 1784-1802	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1784-Deed for 20 acres from William Baldwin of Newark to Job Crane</li> <li>• 1786- Claim from Stephen Crane to Job Crane</li> <li>• 1787 – Indenture of land from Stephen Crane to Job Crane</li> <li>• 1786 – Job Crane to Aaron Crane recording paid, describes holdings , Received in the office, January 5, 1802, recorded January 11<sup>th</sup>, 1802 in the Book of deeds for Essex County, pages 41 &amp; 42</li> </ul>
4	5	Job Crane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date? – Job Crane Property Map</li> <li>• 1771- Deed from Noah Crane to Job Crane</li> <li>• 1784- Job Crane Last Will &amp; Testament</li> <li>• 1784- Codicil to Job Crane Will</li> </ul>
4	6	Job Crane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1764 –Deed from Robert Ward to Job Crane</li> <li>• 1767 – Deed from Stephen Crane to Job Crane</li> <li>• 1767- Deed from Stephen Crane to Noah Crane and Job Crane, mentions “Eastern Division of the Colony of New Jersey”</li> <li>• 1765-Deed from Josaf (?) Crane of Hanover to Job Crane</li> </ul>
4	7	Deeds and Indentures 1759, 1761	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1759-Crane Family Obligation of payment</li> <li>• 1761- Deed land to Sandford Enoch and William Sandford, near Stephen Morris. Job Crane given power to determine land boundaries</li> <li>• 1761- Indenture from Job Crane to the widow Sandford</li> </ul>
4	8	Apprenticeship Indentures (Zenas Crane as Justice of the Peace)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1799- Indenture for John Rooney apprenticeship; Zenas Crane &amp; Elizabet Hall (justices of the peace) to Isaac Cockfair</li> <li>• 1842- Indenture for Nelson B. Eveland apprenticeship; Zenas Crane &amp; Elizabet Hall (justices of the peace) to Owen Doremus (?)</li> <li>• 1844- Indenture of Peter Post to Charles O'Corbey until age 21 (smaller document)</li> <li>• 1844- Indenture of Peter Post to Charles O'Corbey until age 21, “said apprentice to be taught to read and write”</li> </ul>
4	9	Indenture of Apprenticeship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indenture of apprenticeship – Zenas Crane</li> </ul>
4	10	Azariah Crane's Last	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Azariah Crane's Last Will and Testament, 1752</li> </ul>

		Will and Testament 1752	
4	11	Auction Poster (w/ map) for James Crane's Estate 1903	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auction poster (w/ map) for James Crane's estate, 1903</li> </ul>
4	12	Caleb Crane & Stephen Crane – Article of Agreement 1767	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caleb Crane and Stephen Crane – Article of Agreement, 1767</li> </ul>
4	13	Inventory of the Personal Property of Israel Crane, Deceased	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inventory of the Personal Property of Israel Crane, Deceased – May 1, 1858 (copy)</li> </ul>
4	14	Crane Correspondence / Misc. Homestead Photo & Clipping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crane Correspondence / Misc. Homestead Photo &amp; Clipping</li> </ul>
4	15	Crane Deeds and Documents, 1857-1902	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crane Deeds and Documents, 1857-1902</li> </ul>
4	16	Descriptions of Furnishings in Crane House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Descriptions of furnishings in Crane House (cards)</li> </ul>
4	17	Promissory Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment record of note against estate of Cyrus Crane; receipt given by Israel Crane on August 9, 1828 to Nathaniel Crane for payment in full</li> </ul>
5	1	Oliver Crane – Ledger Book of Accounts (leather-bound) 1787	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oliver Crane – leather-bound ledger book of accounts, 1787</li> </ul>
5	2	Oliver Crane – Ledger/Mathematics Book (uncovered)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oliver Crane – ledger/mathematics book (uncovered)</li> </ul>
5	3	Oliver Crane – Book of Mathematics Tables and Computations (leather-bound) 1784	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oliver Crane – leather-bound book of mathematics tables and computations, 1784</li> </ul>
5	4	Amos Crane – Trigonometry and Surveying Copy Book 1814	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amos Crane – trigonometry and surveying copy book (uncovered), 1814 (lineage on the back)</li> </ul>
5	5	Amos Crane – Mathematics Copy Book (leather-bound) 1808-1813	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amos Crane – mathematics copy book (leather-bound), 1808-1813</li> </ul>
5	6	Mathematics Book 1818	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathematics Book, 1818</li> </ul>
6	1	Dodd Family Deeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leather box containing Dodd Family deeds</li> </ul>
7	1	Crane Family Journals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Note: Folder 1 serves here as a divider – the items listed below are not actually housed within the folder</b></li> <li>• Marked from December 2011 Israel Crane Basement Display Cabinet (5) C.D. Crane Family Journals:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Begins November 1879, includes letters, cards</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Begins March 1884, includes shareholder certificate for New Morning Star Vessel, schedule for Second Congregational Church, Newcastle, ME; business card for Mitchell's Boys School in Mass?</li> <li>○ June 1838, July 1840 – minutes of annual meetings of Clinton Academy Board of Trustees, held before Annie Campbell (Crane) was alive; then scrapbook</li> <li>○ November 1877- Annie Campbell Crane</li> <li>○ Annie Campbell Crane, Waterville, Maine, binding broken, starts approx June 7, 1905, religious notes</li> <li>● Framed photograph – The Old Crane Homestead – occupied as Washington's Headquarters, October 26 &amp; 27, 1780</li> <li>● Small Book – The Seasons by James Thomson – 1846</li> </ul>
7	2	Picture from Display Case in I. Crane Basement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Framed oval photograph, Phoebe Harrison Crane, James Beach Crane, Augustus Morrington, older woman (Phoebe's mother?)</li> </ul>
8	1	Crane Family Genealogical Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crane Family Genealogical Material (1 of 4) Gathered by Vance Moser</li> <li>● Crane Family Genealogical Material (2 of 4) Gathered by Vance Moser</li> <li>● Crane Family Genealogical Material (3 of 4) Gathered by Vance Moser</li> <li>● Crane Family Genealogical Material (4 of 4) Gathered by Vance Moser</li> <li>● Email from Mike Farrelly with Crane family history</li> </ul>
8	2	Crane Genealogy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crane Family Genealogy presentation (Second through Sixth Generation)</li> </ul>
8	3	Crane Genealogy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crane family genealogy – compiled by Vance Moser; Beverly Crane Perry Osborne</li> </ul>
8	4	Crane Genealogy Manuscript – Jo Ann Crane-Coriston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crane genealogy manuscript by Jo Ann Crane-Coriston</li> </ul>
8	5	Crane House and Family – Peg Newman 1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crane House and Family docent talk – Peg Newman, 1976</li> </ul>
8	6	Crane Genealogy/ Bibliography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crane genealogy/ bibliography</li> </ul>
8	7	Crane Genealogy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crane genealogy</li> </ul>
8	8	Crane Genealogy – Crane Family Tree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Handwritten Crane family tree, fragile (in envelope)</li> </ul>
9	--	Crane Genealogy Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Book (2 copies – 1 hardbound, 1 paperback) – Genealogy of the Crane Family. Volume 1. Descendants of Henry Crane, of Wethersfield and Guilford, Conn. With Sketch of the Family in England. By Ellery Bicknell Crane. Worcester, Mass. Press of Charles Hamilton. 311 Main Street. 1895.</li> </ul>
10	--	Crane Genealogy Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Book (Hardbound, needs repair) – Genealogy of the Crane Family. Volume II. Descendants of Benjamin Crane, of Wethersfield, Conn. And John</li> </ul>

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11	--	Crane Bible 1793	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book (Hardbound) 1793 Crane Bible – contains birth record of Joanna Crane – March 30, 1802</li> </ul>
12	--	Crane Bible 1834	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book (Hardbound) 1834 Holy Bible, Ann Elizabeth Crane from Uncle Mahlon Day, given 1837</li> </ul>
13	--	Cash Books 1822-1870	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash Book (Paperbound) Concord, 1822-1846</li> <li>• Cash Book (Hardbound) 1860-1870</li> </ul>
14	Binder		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family genealogy binder of Evelina Crane, 1807-1882 and Nathaniel R. Dodd, 1799-1889.</li> </ul>

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