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Guide to

David C. Crockett Papers (1925-1994)

CH.MS.Coll.5

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

David C. Crockett (1909-2005) joined The Trustees of Reservations in 1954 as a member of the Standing Committee. A year later, he became the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations and Organization. The Committee was assigned the task of looking at the Trustees and how it was organized and run over the last 60 plus years. The Trustees wanted to bring in younger leadership and adjust how the Standing Committee was organized, including adding term limits to positions. Crockett came from a professional fundraising background. Having worked for Massachusetts General Hospital after his wartime service as an officer in the Strategic Services he was able to acquire charitable gifts and grants with ease. He served as a volunteer on 17 charitable organizations ranging from committee member to president.

Crockett's greatest love was serving as Vice President and President of the Castle Hill Foundation from 1954-1975. He always welcomed the crowds and introduced the performers before concerts. He assisted with booking entertainment, raising funds, and even helped to furnish The Great House after The Trustees acquired it from the Crane family. He retired from the Castle Hill Foundation in 1975 passing his duties onto David C. Scudder. Crockett later served as President of The Trustees from 1980-1982. He passed away in 2005.

Source:

Abbott, Jr., Gordon. *Saving Special Places*, The Ipswich Press, 1993.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPERS

The David C. Crockett Papers focuses on the Castle Hill Foundation career of David C. Crockett. The papers are organized into five series: Correspondence, Crane Estate Records, Castle Hill Foundation Records, Library, and Photographic Material. The papers were previously located in the CH.MS.Coll.1, Boxes 32 to 35.

Series I, Correspondence, includes letters regarding the Crane Memorial Reservation, Castle Hill Foundation, and personal notes.

Series II, Crane Estate Records, includes meeting minutes and financial records related to the Crane Estate in Ipswich, Massachusetts.

Series III, Castle Hill Foundation Records, includes meeting minutes, reports, auditor's reports relating to the Castle Hill Foundation, and promotional material for concerts at Castle Hill.

Series IV, Library, includes a Trustees newsletter, a catalogue of negatives for the Essex Institute, and a Simplex Manual.

Series V, Photographic Material, includes postcards, photographs, and negatives.

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Series I. Correspondence

0.4' (1 box)

Dates: 1952-1973

Series I, Correspondence includes letters regarding the Crane Memorial Reservation, Castle Hill Foundation, and personal notes.

CORRESPONDENCE

1	1	Correspondence	1952-1953
1	2	Correspondence	1954
1	3	Correspondence	1955-1963
1	4	Correspondence	1964
1	5	Correspondence	1965
1	6	Correspondence	1966
1	7	Correspondence	1967-1969
1	8	Correspondence	1970-1973
1	9	Correspondence and Stationery	1973, n.d.

Series II. Crane Estate Records

0.2' (4 boxes)

Dates: 1952-1963

Series II, Crane Estate Records, includes meeting minutes and financial records related to the Crane Estate in Ipswich, Massachusetts.

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
CRANE ESTATE RECORDS			
2	1	Belosselsky-Crane Foundation Includes correspondence and meeting minutes	1952-1954
2	2	Crane Memorial Reservation Includes Meeting minutes, reports, agendas, memos	1953-1963
2	3	Crane Memorial Reservation Financial records	1954-1957
2	4	Crane Memorial Reservation Financial records	1960-1963

Series III. Castle Hill Foundation Records

1.4' (4 boxes)

Dates: 1951-1973

Series III, Castle Hill Foundation Records, includes meeting minutes, reports, auditor's reports relating to the Castle Hill Foundation, and promotional material for concerts at Castle Hill.

CASTLE HILL FOUNDATION RECORDS

2	5	By-Laws	1951
2	6	Meeting minutes, reports	1953-1955
2	7	Meeting minutes, reports	1957-1958
2	8	Meeting minutes, reports	1963-1971
2	9	Auditor's Reports	1953-1959
2	10	Auditor's reports	1960-1973
3	1	Financial Records	1953-1954

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
CASTLE HILL FOUNDATION RECORDS			
3	2	Financial Records	1955-1956
3	3	Financial Records	1957-1959
3	4	Financial Records	1962-1965
3	5	Financial Records	1966-1969
3	6	Financial Records	1970-1974
3	7	Financial Records	1975-1976
4	1	Invoices, estimates, proposals	1960-1972, n.d.
4	2	Membership, mailing lists, sponsor lists, guest lists	1964-1973
4	3	Press releases	1964, 1969, 1972
4	4	Newspaper clippings	1954-1969
4	5	Photocopies of articles and Castle Hill tour information	1984, n.d.
4	6	Castle Hill Concert Series, contracts, promotional material	1951-1972
4	7	Castle Hill Concert Series promotional material	1954, n.d.
5	1	Castle Hill Concert Series, promotional material	1953-1994, n.d.
5	2	Castle Hill Concert Series, scrapbooks	1969

Includes material relating to Nina Simone,
Arlo Guthrie, Pentangle C

Series IV. Library

.2 (1 box)
Dates: 1925-1994, n.d.

Series IV, Library, includes a Trustees newsletter, a catalogue of negatives for the Essex Institute, and a Simplex Manual.

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
LIBRARY			
5	3	TTOR Newsletter	1968 May
5	4	<i>Catalogue of Negatives in the Essex Institute Collections</i>	1925
5	5	Other institutions publications	1990, 1994
5	6	Publications	n.d.
5	7	<i>The Simplex Manual: Containing Tables and Data for Electrical Engineers, Contractors and Wiremen.</i>	1947

Series V. Photographic Material

.2 (1 box)

Dates: 1961, n.d.

Series V, Photographic Material, includes postcards, photographs, and negatives.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL

5	8	Postcards, Photographs, Negatives	1961, n.d.
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