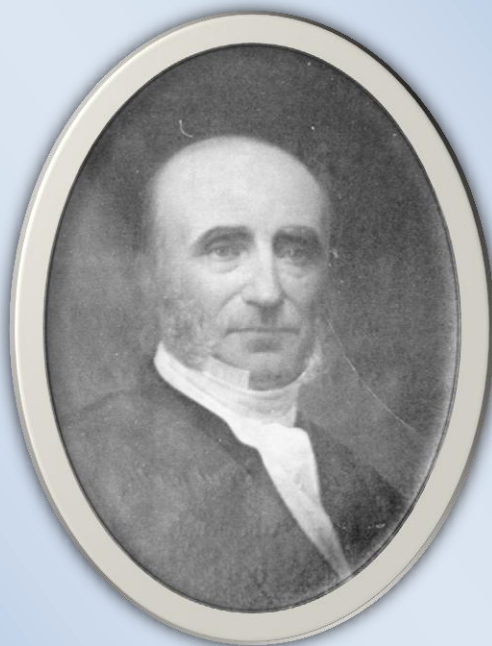


ESTHER CLARK WRIGHT ARCHIVES

ACADIA UNIVERSITY

JOHN MOCKETT CRAMP FONDS

Accession 1921.001-CRA



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John Mockett Cramp fonds. – [textual records]. – 1819-1874. – 96 cm of textual records (3 boxes)

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Scope and Content

This fonds contains two series that date from 1819 to 1874. The series are:

1. Manuscripts (mostly undated, but ca. 1819 – 1874)
2. Publications (1820)

1. Manuscripts. – [ca. 1819-1874]. – 16 folders

Series contains manuscripts that are mostly undated. Many items pertain to religious history; some are more personal, such as a journal, notes, lectures, etc.

Note:

Supplied title based on contents of series

File list included

File List

1921.001-CRA/1 *Biblical Theology* [18--], manuscript, 2 vols. Both volumes are written in English with shorthand [Pittman?] interspersed.

1921.001-CRA/2 *Ecclesiastical History* [18--], manuscript, 3 vols. All three volumes are written in English with shorthand [Pittman?] interspersed.

1921.001-CRA/3 *Common-Place Book of the Fathers of the First Five Centuries* [18--], manuscript, 2 vols.

1921.001-CRA/4 *Notes on Baptism and Letters* [18--], manuscript, bound. Includes copies of letters Cramp sent to others [ca. 1832] and notes on Evidence of Christianity, Sublimity, and Bible Society Controversy. Written in English with shorthand [Pittman?] interspersed.

1921.001-CRA/5 *Popery* [18--], manuscript. Includes newspaper clippings of letters to the Editor of the Morning Chronicle in which Cramp and John Cameron, Arichat, NS, debate the 'Distinct Schools' issue, Dec. 1868 to April 1869. Upside down, from the back of the book, 19 pages of minutes for the St. Peter's and Broadstairs Christian Instruction Association, J. M. Cramp, Superintendent. August 1828 to March 1830. Cramp was living in England at the time.

1921.001-CRA/6 *Lectures on Ecclesiastic History* [18--], manuscript, 2 vol.

1921.001-CRA/7 *The Baptists: A collection of References, Hints and Materials, and Remarks on Ecclesiastical History, commenced July 1820* [18--] manuscript, 2 vols. It is possible that this is the manuscript for the publication he refers to in his journal, 31 October 1869. Both volumes are written in English with shorthand [Pittman?] interspersed

1921.001-CRA/8 *Chronology of the World, AD 31 – 1850* [18--], manuscript. Title transcribed from library-assigned title label

1921.001-CRA/9 *Notes on Education in Various Countries* [1800], manuscript. Title transcribed from library-assigned title label

- 1921.001-CRA/10 *Manners and Customs of the Ancient Egyptians* [18--], manuscript of lecture notes. Title transcribed from item
- 1921.001-CRA/11 *Copy of Journal, 1819* (1819-1876 ; typescript, 2 copies). Note added March 1867 states: "This journal has been revised and some portions expunged or cut out. From the remainder my children may learn something more about me than they know at present. They will not see it till I am dead. J. M. C." Circumstances surrounding the acquisition of this copy of Cramp's journal are to be found in the Watson Kirkconnell fonds, Esther Clark Wright Archives, Acadia University
- 1921.001-CRA/12 *The Baptists of Nova Scotia 1760 – 1860* (1860-1863), manuscript being a scrapbook of news clippings of letters that appeared in the *Christian Messenger* January 18, 1860 to September 23, 1863, collected and annotated by Cramp, the author. Title transcribed from library-assigned title label. Includes photocopy. **Original is very fragile and so photocopy must be used.**
- 1921.001-CRA/13 notes of lectures and copies of letters sent (1874-[18--]). Written in English with shorthand [Pittman?] interspersed. Includes letters, notes, etc. on loose paper amongst the pages
- 1921.001-CRA/14 Loose sheet of notes [18--], manuscript. This sheet was found by Glen Wooden, librarian, when he was going through one of the donations of Cramp material given by the Cramp family. He found it between pages 172 and 173 of the *Baptist Magazine*, 1840
- 1921.001-CRA/15 *___?___ of the French Revolution ___?___ 3rd* [18--], manuscript, 30pp. Title transcribed from item. Written in English with shorthand [Pittman?] interspersed. Appears to be a manuscript of a book? or a lecture?
- 1921.001-CRA/16 ecclesiastical chronology [after 1850], manuscript, ca 100 pp. This is almost certainly preliminary notes and research Cramp did for his publication *Baptist History: from the Foundation of the Christian Church to the Close of the Eighteenth Century*, London: Elliot Stock, 1868

2. Publications by Cramp. – 1820. – 1 item

Series contains one publication that includes an inscription.

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File list included below

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- 1921.001-CRA/17 *A Loyal and Congratulatory Address To Her Most Gracious Majesty, Caroline, Queen-Consort of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, on the Withdrawment of the Bill of Pains and Penalties*, London: William Whittemore, 1820. An inscription, as follows, in Cramp's handwriting, on frontispiece:

Maria Cramp, Feb. 12, 1821.

The gift of her dear husband, the author – being an exact facsimile of a copy presented to her Majesty, Caroline Amelia Elizabeth, Queen Consort of Great Britain and Ireland.

Biographical Sketch

John Mockett Cramp was born in St. Peter's, Isle of Thanet, England, on July 25, 1796. the son of a Baptist minister, he was educated at Canterbury. Following his education, he went to Stepney Theological Institute in London where he was ordained a minister in 1818 at the age of 21. He married his first wife, Maria Agate, in 1820 with whom he had one daughter, and to his second wife, Anne Burls in 1826, who bore him eight children. He was a scholar and published many sermons. In 1844, Cramp was offered the presidency of the Canada Baptist College in Montreal. In 1849, the College failed because there was not enough denominational support, and in the following year he was chosen as the president of Acadia College. Perhaps fearing the collapse of Acadia, he worked hard to keep it alive, and he set about trying to gain support from the Baptist community in the Maritimes. Cramp resigned from the presidency in 1853 to head the Theological Institute of Acadia, but he was renamed president in 1860. He retired in 1869 and spent his retirement writing. Cramp died in Wolfville on December 6, 1881.

Custodial History

It is difficult to determine the donor(s) and, therefore, the custodial history of the material is unknown. The report of the Baptist Historical Committee for 1921 stated the following:

Nine volumes of bound manuscript notes by Rev. J. M. Cramp, D.D., formerly kept in College Hall, were rescued when the building was burned. These notes are on Ecclesiastical History. Because of the great prestige their compiler held in the development of our denomination in these provinces, we consider that manuscripts in his own handwriting should have a place in the historical collection.

In March and October 1921 the Acadia University library accessioned a number of Cramp's manuscript volumes; however, there were more than nine and there is no indication about the source of the others. Other manuscripts were not accessioned until 1953.

Some of Cramp's publications were accessioned in 1921, but others came in at many other times over the ensuing years. The bulk of Cramp's library was donated to Acadia University by his children in 1900.

Notes

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Records subject to the *Copyright Act*.

Accompanying material is listed in Appendix A.

Publications either by or about Dr. Cramp can be found on the Library's catalogue.

A list of material related to Cramp that is held in the Library is included in Appendix B.

For reasons of historic authenticity, all file titles provided by the author and captions provided by the photographer are transcribed unedited. The spelling of both peoples' and places' names has changed with time, so inaccuracies and inconsistencies in the titles are unavoidable. Files and captions may also contain inaccuracies or terms that would now be considered offensive.

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Access Points

Cramp, John Mockett (1796-1881)

College presidents—Canada

Ecclesiastical history

Appendix A

PHOTOCOPIES AND TRANSCRIPTIONS OF CRAMP PUBLICATIONS – ORIGINALS NOT HELD IN ESTHER CLARK WRIGHT ARCHIVES

- 1921.001-CRA/18 *The Scripture Doctrine of the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, briefly stated: Being the Substance of Two Sermons preached in the Meeting House, Dean Street, Southwark In the Lord's Day, July 28, 1822*, London: Burton and Smith, 1822, typescript transcription.
- 1921.001-CRA/19 *Special Duties of Protestants in These Times* in *The Baptist Magazine* for 1844, London: Houlston and Stoneman, 1844
- 1921.001-CRA/20 *A Sermon Preached on the Occasion* in *The Second Annual Report of the Canada Baptist Union*, Montreal: Register Office, 1845. Note: At this time, Cramp was the President of the Baptist College, Montreal. PQ
- 1921.001-CRA/21 *The Future of the Baptists* in *The Baptist Magazine* for 1852, London: Houlston and Stoneman, 1852. Note: At this time, Cramp was at Acadia College, Wolfville, NS
- 1921.001-CRA/22 *The Memory of the Nova Scotian Fathers* in *The Baptist Magazine* for 1855, London: Houlston and Stoneman, 1855. Note: Cramp wrote about Joseph Dimock, Edward Manning, Harris Harding, and Theodore Harding
- 1921.001-CRA/23 *Memoir of the Rev. William Chipman* in the *Christian Messenger*, 16 August 1865.
- 1921.001-CRA/24 *Memoir of the Rev. George Dimock* in the *Christian Messenger*, January 10 and 17, 1866.
- 1921.001-CRA/25 *An Essay on the Obligation of Christians to Observe the Lord's Supper Every Lord's Day*, London: S. Burton, 1824.
- 1921.001-CRA/26 *Memoir of Rev. Wm. Dobson (1818-1865)* in the *Christian Messenger*, August 29, 1866.

Appendix B

Partial LIST OF KNOWN MATERIAL RELATED TO CRAMP

Microfilm in Library

Register (Montreal. 1842), v.4 no.1-4 (1845: Jan 02-23), Cramp was the editor of *The Register*, a Baptist newspaper published in Montreal. Vaughan Library has a microfilm of some of the issues.

SPCOLL BR570.C65

Cramp was the editor of the *Colonial Protestant and Literature and Science Review*, a magazine published in Montreal. Vaughan Library has volume 1, January 1848

SPCOLL HV5301.A38 (incomplete)

Cramp was the editor of *The Abstainer*, a temperance newspaper published in Halifax, NS. He was editor from 1856 – 1863.

Y772.T43 Z53

David A. Steele, Miscellaneous Correspondence.
Includes letters from Cramp dated 1877 to 1881

D1900.335

David A. Steele, *John Mockett Cramp*
A ms. biography, 23 June 1926

D1952.001

*The Vaughan library's accession book states that these five volumes contain notes taken by David A. Steele while attending Cramp courses at Acadia College, as follows:

Lectures by J. M. Cramp, D.D. 1859, vol. I.

Title transcribed from volume. Cover detached. Above the title is the signature of D. A. Steele. Lecture is about Religious Denominations. Cover detached. Binding broken

Lectures by J. M. Cramp, D.D. 1859-60: 1. Religious Denominations, vol. I and 2. and First Part of the translation of the Apology of Sokrates [under Prof deMille]

Title transcribed from volume. Cover detached. Binding broken. Above the title is the signature of "D. A. Steele and 'vol. II'"

Lectures on Baptism by J. M. Cramp D.D. Acadia College, 1861-62, ms

Title transcribed from volume. Cover is detached. On the frontispiece is the signature of: "D. A. Steele, Nov. 1861, vol. III"

College Lectures: Baptism by J. M. Cramp, D.D., 1862/63. Also Christian Evidences by J. M. Cramp D.D., 1863, ms

Title transcribed from volume. Front cover is detached

Notes of Lecture on Theology and Ecclesiastical History by J. M. Cramp, D.D., *ms*,
January – May 1865
Transcribed title