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Crockett and Rood Family fonds. - 1852 - 1964. - 3.25 m of textual records. - 3 maps on 3 sheets : ms., ink and hand col in pencil crayon ; 2.2m x 0.5 m and smaller. - 2 photographs : b&w ; 28 x 15 cm and 10.5 x 15 cm

Biography

This fonds contains records of four members of the Crockett and Rood families. The two families are connected by the marriage of Daniel W. Crockett of Marshdale, NS and Mary Jane (Jennie) Rood of Indian Harbour, NS. The records within the fonds have been divided into four sous-fonds, one for each member of the families for which records exist. Biographical information for each person is given at the beginning of his/her sous-fonds.

Custodial History

The records of the various family members were apparently collected and preserved by Asa James Crockett who donated them to Acadia University over a period of years. He also donated books from his library. Upon receipt, the items, whether books or archival documents, were catalogued to the library, but at some later date the archival material was removed from the library catalogue, gathered together, and an archival inventory compiled. That inventory was revised in 1989. This current revision of the inventory arranges the material by provenance and presents it in a manner that is compliant with the Canadian *Rules for Archival Description*.

Scope and Content Note

Fonds consists of four sous-fonds as follows:

1. Asa James Crockett sous-fonds
2. Daniel W. Crockett sous-fonds (father of Asa James Crockett)
3. Mary Jane (Jennie) Crockett sous-fonds (wife of Daniel W. Crockett, nee Rood)
4. Martha Rood sous-fonds (mother of Jennie Rood Crockett)

By the time of the 1989 revision to the inventory, the following item was missing:

- ✓ Memo book of John Grant, Hopewell, N.S., 1839-1856 and 1878-1882

File level finding aid available

See also the Mary Kinley Ingraham fonds, accession 1944.001, for correspondence between Asa J. Crockett and Ingraham, who was the University Librarian during the time that Crockett made his donations. There are also A. J. Crockett records deposited at Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management, Halifax, NS

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- 1 **Asa James Crockett sous-fonds. - 1852 - 1964. - 2.75 m of textual records. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 10.5 x 16 cm**

Biography¹

Asa James Crockett was born in Wine Harbour, NS on 16 July 1870, the son of Daniel W. Crockett and Mary Jane (Jennie) Rood. He grew up in Wine Harbour and Hopewell, NS, attended school in New Glasgow and was a graduate of Pictou Academy. He graduated from Acadia University with a BA in 1892 and with a MA in 1919. Following a year spent as a school teacher, Crockett attended Rochester Theological Seminary from 1893-96. Prevented by ill health from pursuing a professional career, he returned to Nova Scotia in the late 1890s and after recovering from an operation, engaged in business from 1904 to 1916, in New Glasgow, NS, where he worked for I. Matheson & Co. Ltd., R. M. McGregor & Sons, and then J. W. Carmichael & Co., Ltd.²

In 1916 Crockett was appointed a Stipendiary Magistrate, but in 1923 he was appointed the first full time juvenile court judge in Pictou County. . In addition to his service as a judge of the juvenile court, Crockett acted as chair of the court of referees under the Unemployment Insurance Act, for the counties of Pictou, Antigonish, Guysborough, and Colchester.

Crockett had many interests. He was secretary of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, 1916-23. He was a member of the Board of School Commissioners for East Pictou, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Training School, the Nova Scotia Regional Library Commission, the Maritime Home for Girls, and the Interprovincial Home for Young Women at Coverdale, NB. A member of the First Baptist Church in New Glasgow, he served as secretary of the Baptist Social Service Board. He was a Charter Member of the Canadian Association of Social Workers and was extremely active in the Childrens' Aid Society

Appointed a Governor of Acadia University in 1931, he gave many years of service to his alma mater. He also served for many years as a member of the University Senate. In 1951 he was the recipient of a D.C.L. (honoris

¹This information was taken directly from the *Acadia Bulletin*, February 1966, p 19. See also file 1900.012/1/3/16, a scrapbook of clippings compiled by Crockett about his own career.

²This information was taken from an article in file 1900.012/1/3/23 entitled *Hopewell's History Assuredly a Proud Record of Achievement*, by R. H. Ward, nd.

causa) from Acadia University.

Asa Crockett's wide ranging interests also included local history. For many years he wrote newspaper articles about Pictou County history.

Crockett married Jessie Boggs, daughter of M. F. and Louise Boggs of Hopewell. They had three daughters, Helen, Elma Louise, and Edith Marjorie. Helen and Elma were both graduates of Acadia University. Crockett was predeceased by his daughter Edith and his wife (in 1961). He died in 1966 at Hopewell, NS.

1/1 Correspondence to Asa James Crockett. - 1923 and 1963 - 1964. - 4 leaves of textual records

File contains three letters of a miscellaneous nature. Also includes a letter written in 1923 to Asa's sister, Mrs. Nellie McIver, from Sarah Rood, their aunt (married to their mother's brother Asa Rood).

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

1/2 Manuscripts. - [19-]. - 10 cm of textual records

Series contains drafts of various manuscripts of stories written by Crockett.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

1/2/1 *George Munro, the Publisher.* - [19-]. - 2 cm of textual records

File contains three typewritten, annotated drafts of a biography of George Munro.

Note: Title transcribed from item

Note: See also file 1900.012/1/6/17 for some sample issues of *Beadle's Half Dime Library*, the publication with which Munro was associated for many years

1/2/2 *Benjamin Franklin and Pictou.* - [19-]. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains typewritten and handwritten pages of notes, drafts of this account of Benjamin Franklin which was published in installments in the *New Glasgow News* between February and October 1957.

Note: Title transcribed from item

1/2/3 *The Earl of Selkirk's Visit to Pictou, 1803.* - [19-]. - 2 cm of textual records

File contains pages of holograph, rough notes of a history about Lord Selkirk's visit to Pictou, compiled by Crockett by referring to Selkirk's diary of his voyage.

Note: Title transcribed from item

1/2/4 *Pictou's Pioneer Period.* - [19-]. - 5 cm of textual records

Between November 1957 and January 1959, Crockett wrote a series of articles for the *New Glasgow News*. The articles told the history of Pictou County during the years 1748 to 1783. Files consist of handwritten and typescript manuscripts of the articles.

Note: Title transcribed from items

Note: See also file 1900.012/1/3/16, a scrapbook of Crockett's newspaper articles in which the final version of this series was pasted.

1/2/4/1 *Pictou's Pioneer Period, Parts 1 - 16.* - [19-]. - 1 cm of textual records

1/2/4/2 *Pictou's Pioneer Period, Parts 17 - 46 (incomplete)*- [19-]. - 1 cm of textual records

1/2/4/3 *Pictou's Pioneer Period, Parts 1 - 12* - [19-]. - 1 cm of textual records

1/2/4/4 *Pictou's Pioneer Period, Parts 13 - 25* - [19-]. - 1 cm of textual records

1/2/4/5 *Pictou's Pioneer Period, Parts 26 - 45 (incomplete)*. - [19-]. - 1 cm of textual records

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- 1/3 Scrapbooks. - [192-] - [195-]. - 2 m of textual records**
Series contains scrapbooks of news clippings compiled by Crockett on various topics of interest to him. Many of the scrapbooks include his handwritten notes about the topic. Scrapbook 1/3/16 is a compilation of clippings about Crockett himself.
- Note:** See also 1900.012/1/6, Reference Material, for publications collected by Crockett on similar topics.
- Note:** Supplied title based on contents of series
- 1/3/1 Acadia University – History, etc.
 - 1/3/2 Alcohol - Temperance (two volumes)
 - 1/3/3 Basic English
 - 1/3/4 Bible – New Testament Study (dated 1894)
 - 1/3/5 The Bronte Sisters
 - 1/3/6 Canada – History
 - 1/3/7 Christian Science and Faith Healing
 - 1/3/8 Church Union in Pictou County (1925-1926)
 - 1/3/9 Colleges and Universities
 - 1/3/10 Comic Books and Children's Reading
 - 1/3/11 Co-operatives
 - 1/3/12 Churches – Rural
 - 1/3/13 Churches – Rural Problems
 - 1/3/14 Crime and Punishment
 - 1/3/15 Crime and Punishment – Prisons and Probation
 - 1/3/16 A. J. Crockett – Newspaper Articles (two volumes)
 - 1/3/17 Professor James Demille (two volumes)
 - 1/3/18 Education – Aims and Objectives (two volumes)
 - 1/3/19 Families - Allowances
 - 1/3/20 Families - Relationships (marked as Vol.II, but Vol. I is not there)
 - 1/3/21 Halifax Explosion – Dec. 6, 1917
 - 1/3/22 (The Ship) Hector – 150th Anniversary
 - 1/3/23 Hopewell, Pictou Co., NS (This scrapbook contains a great many original documents, including indentures, land surveys, correspondence, etc.)
 - 1/3/24 Illegitimacy
 - 1/3/25 Juvenile Delinquency (two volumes)
 - 1/3/26 Juvenile Delinquency: The Juvenile Court and the Younger Generation
 - 1/3/27 Judaism (Jews)
 - 1/3/28 Rudyard Kipling

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- 1/3/29 Labour and Industry
 - 1/3/30 Abraham Lincoln
 - 1/3/31 Lotteries and Gambling
 - 1/3/32 Maps – World War I & II, The World, Canada (five volumes)
 - 1/3/33 Maritime Home for Girls, Truro, NS
 - 1/3/34 Mental Health (Eugenics : Mental Hygiene)
 - 1/3/35 Movies / Motion Pictures (two volumes)
 - 1/3/36 Nova Scotia History – Miscellaneous clippings (three volumes)
 - 1/3/37 Old Age Pensions
 - 1/3/38 Old Favourites (Songs)
 - 1/3/39 Pictou County – History (five volumes)
 - 1/3/40 Railways – Problems
 - 1/3/41 Refugees, 1939 - 1940
 - 1/3/42 Religious History
 - 1/3/43 Rural Life and Problems
 - 1/3/44 Russia
 - 1/3/45 Schools – England
 - 1/3/46 Social Reform and Reformers
 - 1/3/47 Social Work and the Church
 - 1/3/48 Socialism
 - 1/3/49 War and Peace – Moral Aspects
 - 1/3/50 World Problems
 - 1/3/51 World War II - Debts
 - 1/3/52 World War II – Germany
 - 1/3/53 World War II –Italy
 - 1/3/54 'World We Want' series
 - 1/3/55 Youth – Problems

1/4 **Asa James Crockett. - 1889. - 1 photo : b&w ; 10.5 x 16 cm**
Photograph shows Crockett as a young man.
Note: Photographer was A.I. Rice, New Glasgow, NS

1/5 ***East Pictou Families and Genealogies.* - [1914]. - 1.5 cm of textual records**
File contains a typewritten volume that consists of a compilation of information about the history and early families of East Pictou County, NS. The title page states that the information was taken from the 1828 *Colonial Patriot*, and from the scrapbooks of Rev. A. McLean Sinclair of Hopewell, NS. Although not dated, references in the text make it apparent that it was written ca. 1914 by an

undetermined author. The Crockett family genealogy occupies the end of the volume and it is annotated/updated in A.J. Crockett's handwriting.

Note: Title transcribed from volume

1/6 Reference material. - [19-]. - 22 cm of textual records

Series consists of reports, offprints of articles, periodicals, etc. collected by Crockett on topics that interested him. Note that some of them are similar to the topics found in his scrapbook compilations, file 1900.012/1/3.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

1/6/1 The Trend of Family Life and Marriage in our Times

1/6/2 Illegitimacy

1/6/3 Unemployment

1/6/4 Rural Libraries in Nova Scotia

1/6/5 Mental Hygiene and mental Deficiency

1/6/6 Children's Aid Societies

1/6/7 Crime and Punishment

1/6/8 Juvenile Delinquency

1/6/9 Schools and School Days

1/6/10 Social Services (two volumes)

1/6/11 Religion – Study and Teaching (The Minister)

1/6/12 Nova Scotia – History

1/6/13 Abraham Lincoln

1/6/14 Canadian Welfare Council, Delinquency and Crime Division -
The Correctional Process

1/6/15 Canadian Welfare Council, Delinquency and Crime Division -
Correspondence

1/6/16 Pictou County – Appeal Cases

1/6/17 *Beadle's Half Dime Library* - sample copies, 1881 - 1905
(incomplete)

1/7 Collected original records. - 1852 - 1917. - 22 cm of textual records

Series consists of original documents, most of which appear to have no connection to the Crockett family. It has not been possible to determine how they came into Crockett's hands and how he used them.

Note: Supplied title based on content of series

1/7/1 Union (Presbyterian) Church, Treasurer's Account Books. - 1852 - 1883. - 5 v of textual records

John Grant was the treasurer for the church and kept these account books. Located in Hopewell, the congregation of the church encompassed the areas of Foxbrook, Fish Pools, Middle River, West Branch and areas between, all in Pictou County, NS

File contains:

- a. List of subscribers to the minister's stipend, Rev. John MacKinnon, 1852 -1864
- b. List of subscribers and amounts paid to the minister's stipend, 1861 - 1868
- c. List of subscribers to the minister's stipend, Rev. John MacKinnon, 2 January 1862
- d. List of subscribers and amounts paid to the minister's stipend, 1878 -1882. Also includes amounts paid for the upkeep of the church building.
- e. List of subscribers and amounts paid to the minister's stipend, 1880 - 1883

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1/7/2 Diaries of Roderick R. Grant, Hopewell, N.S. - 1864 - 1917. - 25 v of textual records

File contains a memo book and diary dated 1864 to [1877], and annual diaries dated from 1881 to 1917 inclusive, except 1889 and 1890 missing. Grant daily recorded the work in which he was engaged, who he met, what the minister preached on Sunday, what goods he sold and how much money he received for them, etc.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1/7/3 Minute Book of the Hopewell Reading Club, Hopewell, N.S. - 1900 - 1902. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a minute book of the Hopewell Reading Club which was organized on 12 October 1900. At each meeting, a member was appointed to write a paper on a particular author for the next meeting, while the rest of the members were requested to read works of the same author for discussion purposes. Book also includes a list of members and a treasurer's statement.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1/7/4 Minute Books of the Good Fellowship Circle, Hopewell, NS. - 1913-1924. - 2 v of textual records

File contains two books in which the minutes of the Good Fellowship Circle were recorded. Includes treasurer accounts and member lists. The club met regularly and discussed literary topics of interest to the members and guests. An outside lecturer was often invited to give a paper.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1/7/5 *Four Years with the Demon Rum* / by Clifford Rose. - 1947. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a bound typescript draft of a manuscript titled *Four Years with the Demon Rum*. It was written by Clifford Rose who was a liquor inspector in Pictou County from 1925 to 1929. It was published in 1980.³

Note: Title transcribed from item

Note: Binding was done by the Acadia library when the item was received from Crockett

1/7/6 Book of Poetry / by J. Hugh MacLeod. - [19-]. - 1 v of textual records

MacLeod, son of David and Jessie MacLeod, grew up in Hopewell, Pictou, Co., NS and later settled in Edmonton, AB.

He studied to be a survey engineer but also had literary talent and many of his poems were published in Canadian dailies and weekly magazines. Many of his poems reflected a nostalgic feeling for Nova Scotia and Cape Breton.

File contains sheets of typescript poetry by MacLeod.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

Note: Pages removed from binder for preservation purposes

³Forbes, E.R. and A. A. MacKenzie, eds. *Four Years with the Demon Rum, 1925 - 1929: The autobiography and diary of temperance inspector Clifford Rose*, Acadiensis Press: Fredericton, 1980

1/7/7 Notebook of Ship Statistics. – [1-]. – 1 v of textual records

File contains a notebook in which are recorded the statistics of approximately seventy-seven brigs, brigantines and schooners, built primarily in Nova Scotia between 1837 and 1856. Statistics include date and place built, date and place registered, owner, length, breadth and depth. Occasionally includes a notation of cargo carried.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

- 2 Daniel W. Crockett sous-fonds. - 1858 - 1896. - 31 cm of textual records. - 4 maps on 3 sheets : ms., ink and hand col. in pencil crayon ; 2.2m x 0.5 m and smaller. - 1 photograph : sepia toned ; 28 x 15 cm**

Daniel W. Crockett, son of James and Mary (Munroe) Crockett, was born 12 September 1836 at Marshdale, Pictou County, NS. He married Mary Jane (Jennie) Rood of Indian Harbour (now Port Hilford), Guysborough Co., on 18 December 1867. They had 12 children, including the donor of this fonds, Asa James Crockett. (See Appendix for Crockett genealogy.)

Daniel attended the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at West River, Pictou Co., NS for one year, in 1852. He was not interested in the ministry but, rather, went there to prepare himself for a career in teaching. While there he studied Greek and Latin grammar, mathematics (including surveying and navigation), natural philosophy, history, and geography.⁴ There then followed a number of teaching appointments - at West Branch, Pictou Co. (1853); Elmsdale, Hants Co. (1856); Halifax (1856-1858); Churchville, Pictou Co. (1858 - 1860); and Green Hill, Pictou Co. (1860).⁵

In 1861, gold was discovered in Guysborough County, NS. and Crockett gave up teaching to go to Wine Harbour, Guysborough Co. In 1864, he went into partnership with two others and they established a general merchandise store known as Isaac Willett and Co. Crockett was not only a shareholder, but was the partner who ran the business on a daily basis for a wage of \$400.00 per year. He also got involved in gold mining, and ship building and shipping. He became quite prominent and eventually became a manager of the Eldorado Gold Mine. He also held the positions of Deputy

⁴This information was taken from article #55, file 1900.012/1/13/16a, entitled *Daniel Crockett at West River Seminary*, written by Asa J. Crockett, nd

⁵This information was taken from article #74, file 1900.012/1/3/16a entitled *The School at Churchville in 1858 : Daniel W. Crockett, Teacher*, by Asa J. Crockett, nd.

Land Surveyor and Deputy Gold Commissioner for the province. He later took on a contract for putting the Western Union Telegraph lines through from Canso to Halifax.⁶

After losing his Wine Harbour store to a fire in the autumn of 1881, he and his family moved to Pictou County to live in Hopewell, where he became a shareholder in the Hopewell Woollen Mills Co., functioning as its Secretary. Unfortunately, in 1888 the mill burned and it appears that Crockett then continued as a land surveyor, Commissioner of Mines, and a flour and feed merchant. A letter from his brother-in-law Captain Asa Rood, ca 1892, indicated that Crockett was considering retirement. Crockett died sometime between 1896 and 1901.

2/1 Correspondence - personal. - 1870 - 1896. - 1 cm of textual records

Series contains letters written to D.W. Crockett by family members and friends.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

2/1/1 Correspondence from Jennie Crockett. - Feb. 1875 - Aug. 1894. - 5 leaves of textual records

File contains five letters written to D.W. from his wife Jennie while he was away on business. She updated him on the family and on business callers who had stopped at the house.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

2/1/2 Correspondence from Asa Rood. - 1870 and 1892. - 3 leaves of textual records

File contains two letters from Asa Rood, the brother-in-law of Crockett.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

⁶This information was taken from file 1900.012/1/3/26, an article entitled *Hopewell's History Assuredly a Proud Record of Achievement*, by R. H. Ward, nd.

2/1/3 Correspondence from ministers in Pictou and Guysborough Counties. - 1873 - 1891. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains letters from a number of ministers: Rev. A. T. Dykeman, (Baptist) New Glasgow; Rev. P. Melville, (Presbyterian) Pictou; Rev. David Moore, (Anglican) Stellarton; Rev. Jonathan A. Cairns, Country Harbour; Rev. J. R. Edwards, (Presbyterian?) Indian Harbour and Country Harbour; Rev. John Barratt, (Anglican), Sherbrooke; Rev. Richard Johnson (Anglican) Liscombe.⁷

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

2/1/4 Correspondence from George W. Clark. - 1867 - 1896. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains letters from George W. Clark, a friend of Crockett who lived in Wine Harbour and who kept Crockett informed of people and events in the village. They also conducted some bits of business.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

2/2 Correspondence - business. - 1862 - 1896. - 11 cm of textual records

2/2/1 Letter book. - Nov. 1870 – Dec. 1875. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a bound volume of copies of outgoing correspondence written by Crockett to various business associates.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of item

Note: Copies are on onion-skin paper and fragile. Many are illegible through fading or smearing of ink.

⁷The 1871 census stated that Crockett was Presbyterian. By the 1881 census he was a member of the Church of England, although the correspondence from Rev. Johnson indicates that he did not get confirmed until 1888.

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- 2/2/2 Letter book. - Aug. 1887 – Mar. 1893. - 1 v of textual records**
File contains a bound volume of copies of outgoing correspondence written by Crockett to various business associates.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of item
Note: Copies are on onion-skin paper and fragile. Many are illegible through fading or smearing of ink.
- 2/2/3 In-coming correspondence. - May 1862 – Mar. 1884. - 1.5 cm of textual records**
File contains letters from business associates who wrote Crockett about business matters.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 2/2/4 In-coming correspondence from various correspondents. - Apr. 1873 – Nov.1881. - 1 cm of textual records**
File contains letters from business colleagues and acquaintances who wrote about gold mines and gold mining. Correspondents include John Sprague, William May, Andrew Patton, John A. Stewart, and Alexander C. Stewart, all formerly of Wine Harbour, NS.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 2/2/5 In-coming correspondence from various correspondents. - Feb. 1874 – Apr.1894. - 1 cm of textual records**
File contains letters from business colleagues and acquaintances who wrote about politics and business.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 2/2/6 In-coming correspondence from W. D. R. Cameron. - July 1874 – June 1896. - 2 cm of textual records**
File contains letters from Cameron who was the Registrar of Deeds for Guysborough County. Because Crockett was a surveyor and drew up deeds, the two men were in regular contact. Cameron also kept Crockett closely informed of political events in Guysborough County.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

2/2/7 Correspondence - miscellaneous and incomplete. - 1871 - 1894. - 5 leaves of textual records

File contains five letters that are either unaddressed, incomplete, or that it is uncertain if they relate to Crockett. Also includes one letter written to Crockett's son Edwin from his cousin Asa Rood, son of Asa Rood, brother of Jennie Crockett.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

2/3 Business records. - 1858 - 1890. - 17 cm of textual records

Series contains records that document D. W. Crockett's various entrepreneurial endeavors.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

2/3/1 Log Book of the Schooner "Esquimaux" and Time Book of the Dread Not Company. - Oct. 1858 – January 1859 and April - July 1862. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a book in which the Captain recorded the location of the ship, the weather, the conditions of its passage and accounts of wages paid the sailors. The schooner made trips between Halifax, NS and New York, and Halifax and Charlottetown, PEI. It cannot be determined what association Crockett had with this schooner; his name is written prominently on the book but the writing in the log appears to be that of the captain of the ship. It is possible that Crockett merely re-used the book since, starting on the back cover and proceeding upside-down towards the middle of the book, there are time accounts and minutes of the Dread Not Company, dated April - July 1862. At a shareholders meeting on 31 July 1862, Daniel Crockett was appointed the foreman of the company and authorized to direct and manage the claim.

Note: Title transcribed from item

2/3/2 Ledger of the Provincial Mining Co., Wine Harbour, N.S. - Sept. 1867 - July 1868. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a book in which is recorded revenue and expenses of this mining company. It appears that Crockett took care of the bookkeeping for the company.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of item

2/3/3 Ledger of D. W. Crockett, Wine Harbour, NS. - May 1868 - February 1881. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a ledger in which Crockett recorded purchases and sales of goods and services.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of item

2/3/4 Cash Book of D. W. Crockett, Wine Harbour, N.S. - July 1874 - Sept. 1877. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a cash book in which Crockett recorded purchases and sales of general merchandise. He also recorded payment by the Department of Mines in his capacity as Commissioner of Mines⁸ [for Guysborough County, NS], and he also recorded royalties received from the Eldorado Gold Mining Co. through its manager John Sprague.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of item

2/3/5 Ledger of D. W. Crockett, General Merchant, Wine Harbour, NS. - May 1876 - April 1880. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a ledger in which Crockett recorded purchases and payments of goods from his general store by various persons.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of item

2/3/6 Eldorado Gold Mining Co., Wine Harbour, NS. - Sept. 1875 - Nov. 1880. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a notebook in which was recorded the weight, value, royalty and balance of gold bought for the Eldorado company.

Note: Supplied title based contents of item

Note: The Eldorado was British-owned, and was managed at Wine Harbour by John Sprague.

⁸The 1871 census lists Crockett's occupation as Commissioner of Mines.

2/3/7 Minute Book of the Hopewell Woollen Mills Co. (Limited), Hopewell, N.S. - Sept. 1881 - Nov. 1883. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a book in which was recorded the minutes of the inaugural meeting of the company, and later monthly and annual meetings. The list of shareholders indicates that D. W. Crockett was the second largest shareholder with 40 of the 300 shares. He was also appointed the Secretary of the company, although he was not on the Board of Directors.

Note: Title transcribed from item

Note: Front cover is almost completely severed from volume

2/3/8 Shareholders' Book of the Hopewell Woollen Mills Co. (Limited). - Sept. 1881 - February 1889. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a ledger in which is recorded the payments made by shareholders for shares in the company. Also records the refund owed each one, probably as a result of insurance paid after the mill burned down.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of item

Note: Spine of book is missing

2/3/9 Time Book of the Hopewell Woollen Mills Co. (Limited), Hopewell, N.S. April 1886 – Sept 1888. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a ledger in which was recorded, monthly, the names of the employees and how much they were paid. During this time period, Crockett's son Charles worked in the mill, as did son Asa J. occasionally. The entries end when the mill burned down.

Note: Title transcribed from item

2/3/10 Ledger of the Walley Pump Co., Hopewell, N.S. - Feb. to May 1890. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a ledger in which was recorded the purchase of this company from the estate of Loran E. Walley by D.W. Crockett and Jardine McLean. The company manufactured and distributed the Walley Patent Pump.

Note: Title transcribed from item

2/4 Records of extracurricular activities. - 1885 - 1886. - 2 cm of textual records

2/4/1 Minute Book of the Radiant Lodge No. 434, Independent Order of Good Templars, Hopewell, N.S. - Oct 1885 – Aug 1886. - 1 volume of textual records

File contains a book in which was recorded the minutes of this organization. Both Daniel Crockett and his son Charles were members.

Note: Title transcribed from item

2/5 Survey maps by D. W. Crockett. - 1875 - 1896. - 11 maps on 10 sheets : ms., ink and hand col. in pencil crayon ; 2.2 m x 0.5 m or smaller and two rolls 53 x 12 cm and 67 x 3 cm in diam.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of subseries

2/5/1 Plan of a portion of Guysborough County and Halifax County, NS / [by D.W. Crockett] : Scale [1 : -] ; [1869 - 1875]. - 1 map : ms., ink and hand col. on waxed linen ; 2.2 m x 0.5 m

The map extends from the Ecum Secum harbour area, up the Liscombe River and thence over into Halifax County, in the Lake Mulgrave area. Many of the lots of land at the head of the Liscombe River were owned by Crockett.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of item

Note: Map is torn, horizontally for about half its length and is badly stained

2/5/2 Plan of Isaacs Harbor and Seal Harbor Mining Areas, Stormont District, East Division / by D. W. Crockett : Scale 1 : 6000 ; 1894. – 1 map : ms., ink on waxed linen ; roll 67 x 3 cm in diam.

This map divides the noted villages into small blocks and each block is numbered.

Note: Scale on map states: one inch = 500 feet

Note: Supplied title based on contents of item

2/5/3 Plan, New Street at Eureka from Island Road to M. Falconer's west line : [Pictou County, NS] / by D. W. Crockett : Scale 1 : 600 ; 18 March 1895. - 2 maps on 1 sheet : both sides, ms., ink and hand col. in pencil crayon ; roll 53 x 12 cm in diam.

Note: Above title is the panel title of recto. Panel title of verso states: New Road from Mart Road near Fox Brook to Eureka and Ferrona : [Pictou County, NS] / by D.W.Crockett : Scale 1 : 1980 ; 20 Oct. 1896

Note: Supplied title based on contents of items

2/5/4 Survey maps by D.W. Crockett. – 1868 – 1880. - 7 maps on 7 sheets : ms., ink and hand col. in pencil crayon ; 1m x 0.5m

With the exception of one, maps employ cartographic paper [linen] labeled Roberts and Reinhold, Lithographers, Montreal. Each page is broken into six squares which in turn are divided into 1000 numbered blocks.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of subseries

2/5/4/1 Plan of a portion of Guysborough County and Halifax County [Ecum Secum], NS / by [D.W. Crockett] : Scale 1:6000 ; [1868 – 1880]. - 1 map : ms., ink and hand col. on linen paper ; 1 m x 0.5 m

This map shows the area north west of Ecum Secum harbour. Three main roads are shown as well as the eastern and western boundary lines of two land grants. Two large holdings are shown to be the property of the Pittsburgh and Nova Scotia Mining Company. There are no individual holdings identified on this map but there is a mill located on the shoreline.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of item.

Note: Map is stained and wrinkled but very legible.

Note: Annotation, verso, handwritten [by D.W. Crockett] identifies area as being Ecum Secum.

Note: Scale on map: 1 inch = 500 feet

- 2/5/4/2** **Plan of a portion of Guysborough County, NS / by D. W. Crockett : Scale 1:6000 ; [1868-1880]. – 1 map : ms., ink and hand col. on linen paper ; 1 m x 0.5 m**
Map is restricted to only one of the six squares on the page. There are no geographic features shown. The only items recorded on the map are the Indian Harbour road and several private holdings belonging to G. W. Clark, W.H. Roode, John Cooper and D. M. McQuarrie.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of item.
Note: Map has some slight staining and wrinkled edges.
Note: Scale on map: 1 inch = 500 feet
- 2/5/4/3** **Plan of a portion of Guysborough County, NS / by [D. W. Crockett] : Scale 1:6000 ; [1868-1880]. - 1 map : ms., ink and hand col. on linen paper ; 1 m x 0.5 m**
Map shows part of the St. Mary's / Wine Harbour District. The only physical features shown are a small part of the St. Mary's River, two small unnamed brooks and Johnstone's Pit. The site of a chapel is also shown.
Note: Annotation, verso, [in handwriting of, and signed by D.W. Crockett] identifies this map as "a plan of blocks St. Mary's or S.E. Part of Wine Harbour District". A numbered grid is provided with a scale of 1 inch : 2000 feet.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of item.
Note: Map has some slight staining and wrinkled corners
Note: Scale on map: 1 inch = 500 feet

2/5/4/4 **Plan of a portion of Guysborough County, NS / [by D. W. Crockett] : Scale 1:6000 ; [1868-1894]. - 1 map : ms., ink and hand col. on linen paper ; 1 m x 0.5 m**

Map extends inland from Isaac's Harbour showing part of the New Road and a large unnamed lake. Much of the land in this area is privately owned and many of the owners names are repeated several times. Examples of this are Silver, Andrews, Bayer, Fisher and Rood. There are also two large parcels held by the Richardson Gold Mining Company. Several roads and part of a large lake are also featured.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of item

Note: Map has some staining verso

Note: Unlike the other maps, this one is done on cartographic paper marked with the name Burland Lithographic Co. of Montreal

Note: Scale on map: 1 inch = 500 feet

2/5/4/5 **Plan of a portion of Guysborough County, NS / by D. W. Crockett : Scale 1: 24000 ; [1868-1880]. - 1 map : ms., ink and hand col. on linen paper ; 1 m x 0.5 m**

This map covers the east side of the Indian Harbour – Wine Harbour district. The physical features shown are the shoreline and the Roaring Creek. Five houses are shown in Blocks 50:976, 50:976, 50:790 and 52:69. Several lots in this are owned by the Rood family.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of item.

Note: Map has some moderate staining.

Note: Annotation, verso [in handwriting of, and signed by D. W. Crockett] identifies this map as "A Plan of Block of areas east side Indian Harbour - Wine Harbour District". A numbered grid is provided with a scale of 1 inch : 2000 feet.

2/5/4/6 **Plan of a portion of Guysborough County, NS / by D. W. Crockett : Scale 1: 6000 ; [1868-1880]. - 1 map : ms., ink and col. on linen paper ; 1 m x 0.5 m**
Map shows the area surrounding the Indian River as it flows inland from Indian Harbour. Some physical features shown are the Main River, Rocky Stillwater and Larner's Brook. Numerous private landholdings are shown with Charles Lamont holding the most property. A farm can be seen in the centre of map.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of item.
Note: Map has staining, verso.
Note: Scale on map: 1 inch = 500 feet

2/5/4/7 **Plan of a portion of Guysborough County, NS / by D. W. Crockett : Scale 1: 6000 ; [1868-1880]. - 1 map : ms., ink and col. on linen paper ; 1 m x 0.5 m**
Map focuses on a portion of shoreline in the St. Mary's and Wine Harbour area. A dock is shown along the shore as is the site of a graveyard. Several private holdings are shown along the shore and just inland, where John Rood's name figures prominently. Further inland, not far from a partially drawn lake (Gillies Lake) are more private holdings. At the outer extremity of the map is an unnamed river and the notation Gillan's Fishing Hut.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of item
Note: In the left upper corner of the map is a handwritten notation [by D.W. Crockett] which reads [Solom Preder's old house 135 acres]
Note: Scale on map: 1 inch = 500 feet

2/6 **Wine Harbour Gold Mine, Guysborough County, NS. - [18-]. - 1 photograph : sepia toned ; 28 x 15 cm mounted on cardboard**
Note: Annotation, verso, in handwriting of Asa James Crockett states: "The earliest picture of Wine Harbor Gold Mines Guysboro Co. Evidently photographed from a sketch."

2/7 Maps, deeds and documents. - [186-] - [189-]. - 10 cm of textual records

Files contain original plans, maps, deeds, indentures, payroll lists for gold mines, cargo lists for ships, vessel insurance agreements, correspondence, and other material.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

Note: All items in the volumes were created by Daniel Crockett, but it is clear that his son Asa assembled and sorted them by county and then glued them into 'books' and bound them together.

2/7/1 Maps, deeds and documents re: Guysborough Co., NS, and in particular the Wine Harbour area. - [186-] -[187-]. - 1 v of textual records

2/7/2 Maps, deeds and documents re: Pictou Co., NS. - [188-] - [189-]. - 1 v of textual records

3 Mary Jane (Jennie) Crockett sous-fonds - 1878 - 1926. - 3 cm of textual records

Mary Jane (Jennie) Rood was born ca 1845, the daughter of Martha Rood (father's name not determined) and the sister of Captains Asa Rood and James Rood. The family lived in Indian Harbour (now Port Hilford), Guysborough County, NS. On 18 December 1867 she married Daniel W. Crockett and they had 12 children.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of sous-fonds

3/1 Correspondence from Daniel W. Crockett. - Jan. 1878 – Oct. 1894. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains twenty-eight letters written to Jennie from her husband. Daniel was frequently away from home on business and wrote to her about how his business was proceeding, that he missed his home and family, and who he saw in his travels. He also frequently gave Jennie instructions about collecting on bills owed.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/2 Correspondence from Asa Rood. - Feb. 1880 – Feb. 1893. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains letters written by Captain Asa Rood, Jennie's brother. He wrote often, from ports around the world as well as from his home in Hantsport, NS, and, later, his homes in Chelsea, MA and Brooklyn, NY. He told her of his voyages, his health and that of his family, events in Hantsport, the decision of the family to move from Hantsport to the United States (1882), and of events within his family. Through his responses to letters he received from her (not preserved), we are able to piece together some of the events in the lives of the Crockett family.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/3 Correspondence from Sarah Rood. - 1904. - 3 leaves of textual records

File contains two letters from Jennie's sister-in-law, widow of Jennie's brother Captain Asa Rood.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/4 Correspondence, miscellaneous. - Dec. 1898 - Jan. 1926. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains twenty-five letters to Jennie from various correspondents, all of whom appear to have been childhood friends and relatives. Correspondents include Savilla Suttis, Port Hilford, NS; Maggie Blaikie, Halifax, NS; Jessie Thompson, Halifax, NS; John Rood, Danvers, MA; and Nellie Kaizer, Wine Harbour, NS

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

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- 4 Martha Rood sous-fonds. - 1856 - 1879. - 2.5 cm of textual records**
Martha Rood was the mother of Jennie (Rood) Crockett James Rood and Asa Rood. She lived in Indian Harbour (now Port Hilford), NS. As she became elderly she lived with son James and his wife Martha in Indian Harbour, but sometime in 1879 she went to live with her daughter Jennie Crockett in Wine Harbour, NS until her death in late 1879.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of sous-fonds
- 4/1 Correspondence from Asa Rood. - October 1871 - November 1879. - 1 cm of textual records**
File contains forty-three letters written to Martha from her son Captain Asa Rood. He wrote from all over the world, as well as from his home in Hantsport, NS. He related his experiences in foreign ports, the weather during his trips, the welfare of his family, and events in Hantsport - especially a religious revival that took place in 1876 - as well as about who had died or who was ill. In 1879 he often mentioned 'going to meeting' and the pastors Rev. Whitman and Rev. Eagles. He was particularly solicitous of Martha's well-being and often enclosed money for her to buy the provisions she would need to live.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 4/2 Correspondence from Sarah Rood. - February 1873 to September 1878. - 5 leaves of textual records**
File contains correspondence written from Sarah's home in Hantsport, NS. Sarah tells her mother-in-law about her children, Magruder, Asa and Boneta. She also describes a religious revival taking place in Hantsport, led by Mr. Murray with help from 'Mr. Burgess of Wolfville'.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 4/3 Correspondence from James Rood. - October 1874 and October 1875. - 2 leaves of textual records**
File contains two letters from Martha's son James, a sea captain.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

4/4 Correspondence from Charles Magruder Rood. - December 1877. - 1 leaf of textual records

File consists of a letter from Martha's grandson Charles Magruder Rood, son of Captain Asa Rood. It is addressed from Bremerhaven, Germany. Apparently Charles' father took him and his mother and his brother Asa and sister Boneta on a trip with him.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

4/5 Correspondence from Silas T. Rand and F. E. Rand. - January 1856 and January 1870. - 2 leaves of textual records

File contains two letters. The identity of F. E. Rand has not been determined. The letter from Baptist missionary Silas T. Rand is a letter of encouragement 'to cheer you in your wilderness journey'. It was sent to Martha from Hantsport, NS where he lived. He met Martha when she visited her son Asa in Hantsport.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Note: Attached to the S.T. Rand letter is a note written by Asa Crockett in which he identifies the writer and recipient.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX**CROCKETT GENEALOGY⁹**

John Crockett (born ca 1740) and his wife Margaret Young (born ca 1743) emigrated from Dumfriesshire, Scotland to Georgetown, Prince Edward Island in 1774. In 1776 they removed to Nova Scotia and settled along the Middle River, Pictou County. Their family was: James, **William**, Joseph, John, Nancy, Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret and Sarah. John Sr. died 21 February 1790, aged 50 years. Margaret Young died 25 September, 1817, aged 74 years.

Second child:

William Crockett married Mary McLean. They had a family of five boys and four girls: John, Alex, Margaret, **James**, Joseph, William, Katherine, Jean and Mary. They settled in Marshdale, Pictou County. William Sr. died in 1837 and is buried at Marshdale.

Fourth child:

James Crockett married first Mary Munroe and second Nancy McKay. By Mary he had three children: Jennie, Mary Jane and **Donald W.** (Daniel)

Third child:

Donald (Daniel) W. Crockett married Mary Jane (Jennie) Rood of Indian Harbour, NS. on 18 December 1867. D.W. was born 12 Sept. 1836¹⁰ and Mary Jane was born ca 1845.

⁹This information is taken from the incomplete genealogy contained in file 1900.012/1/5. It appears to have been compiled ca. 1914. It has not been determined who recorded the information, but it appears that Asa James Crockett annotated/updated that part of it that related to his family.

¹⁰See letter to Charles White, Halifax, dated 22 March 1871, in file 1900.012/2/2/1

They had eleven children:

Charles Mason, born December 1868

Asa James, born July 1871

Albert Edwin, born ca 1870

Daniel William, born ca 1874

Harry Rood, born ca 1875

John Sprague, born ca 1876

James Holly Austin, born ca 1877. Died 14 Feb. 1886

Jennie, born ca 1878, died in late 1879

Frederick Newton Gisborne, born March 1881

Arthur, born ca

Eliza Louise, born ca (unmarried)

Nellie, born ca (m. D. S. McIver)

Second child:

Asa James Crockett married Jessie E. Boggs in February 1900. They had three daughters:

Helen Chipman, born 1900

Elma Louise

Edith Marjorie

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