



Guide to the
*Zenas Crane and
Dr. Love Collection*

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Summary of Collection

This collection contains a variety of files related to the Zenas Crane and Dr. John J. Hervey Love families in Montclair in the 19th century. It includes an assortment of material on specific people as well as genealogy and biographical information predominantly pertaining to the Love family. Through the many types of documents in these files, we are able to gain insight into both families and therefore what life was like in Montclair in the late 19th century.

Creator(s):

Dr. John J. Hervey Love, Dr. Leslie C. Love, Edith Love Stockder, Helen Love Nelson Skeen, and possibly Ann J. Love.

Dates:

19th century-20st century, with a vast majority from the mid to late-19st century.

Location:

Clark House, 3rd Floor (upstairs Library)

Quantity:

Two archival boxes
One textile box

Scope and Content

The types of documents in this collection include (but are not limited to) letters, newspaper articles, photographs, and scrapbooks, and the majority were created between 1860-1900. It is made up of mostly original archival material with a few research documents. These items pertain to the Crane/Love family, all of whom lived in Montclair for at least a time. The majority of the records refer to family genealogy, relate to important times in family members' histories (such as military service or Dr. John and Frances Love's wedding,) or are materials written by family members (such as letters and speeches.) This collection is limited primarily to people.

History of the Zenas Crane and Dr. Love Families

Zenas Crane was born in 1793, the great-great-grandson of Deacon Azariah Crane, the original settler of Montclair. He was born in the home of his father, Aaron Crane, on Valley Road. He served in the war of 1812, enlisting in a New Jersey regiment and defended the coast at Sandy Hook. After the war, he entered the Militia and was made Lieutenant, later a captain, serving for more than 11 years. While not an official lawyer, Zenas was the nearest thing that the town had to a lawyer – he was a constable for Bloomfield Township when he was only 18 years old; served as Justice of the Peace (for

54 consecutive years); and generally consulted people on their affairs. His home also served as his office. Squire Crane, as he was called, was also an investor in the development of the first rail lines from Newark in 1856 – five partners raised \$105,000 for the grading and building of the railroad, and to purchase a locomotive, two passenger cars and one baggage car. The train made six trips daily to Newark. Zenas was a corporate member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as a Trustee for more than 20 years. He married Maria Searing on September 24, 1821 in the Bloomfield Hotel. They had six children (Sarah, Angelena, Mary Elizabeth, Theodore, and Frances Jane). Zenas died in 1884, at the age of 90. Maria died shortly after at age 86.

Dr. John James Hervey Love was born on April 3, 1833 in Harmony, New Jersey. He was the eldest child of Rev. Robert Love and Ann Thompson Fair. Robert Love died when John was five, and this resulted in his subsequent living with his uncle, Rev. Thomas Love. In 1847, John entered Lafayette College in Easton and graduated four years later. After graduating, John studied medicine with his uncle, Dr. William Foster Fair, in Pompton, New Jersey and received his medical degree in 1855. He then established his medical practice in West Bloomfield (now Montclair), New Jersey. On June 6, 1860, Dr. Love married Frances Jane Crane, daughter of Zenas Crane, and often called her “Frank.” They had three children: Edith, Marion and Leslie Clifford. Leslie would go on to become a doctor himself.

When the Civil War broke out, Dr. Love was appointed by the Governor of New Jersey as a Volunteer Surgeon and he cared for the wounded after the Battle of Williamsburg. He was later commissioned as the Surgeon of the 13th Regiment of the N.J. Volunteers, and was present at the Battles of Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge and served as a member of General A. S. Williams’ staff, in the Army of the Potomac and under Generals Hooker and Slocum. He was eventually promoted to Surgeon-in-Chief of the 1st Division of the 12th Army Corps in 1863. On January 28, 1864, Dr. Love resigned his commission and was honorably discharged. He returned to Montclair with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and resumed his medical practice.

Dr. Love was very involved in the civic life of West Bloomfield. He served as Superintendent of the township’s schools before he served in the Union Army, and afterwards he sat on the School Board in various roles until his death. Dr. Love was a founder of the Bank of Montclair and Mountainside Hospital, President of the Montclair Gas and Water Company until his death and twice President of the Montclair Club (now the Montclair Golf Club), and he belonged to a host of veterans’ organizations and medical societies. Dr. Love was a devoted member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church and served as chairman of the committee that organized the centennial celebration of the Fourth of July in 1876. During the day’s festivities, Dr. Love read the Historical

Sketch of Montclair, which was written by his friend and fellow Civil War Veteran Colonel Fred Harris. He also spoke for Memorial Day in Montclair and in two neighboring towns during subsequent celebrations of the holiday.

In the summer of 1890, Dr. Love travelled across the United States by train, visiting California, Seattle, the Columbia River and Salt Lake City. In 1895, he travelled Europe with other doctors for approximately two months, visiting Paris, Switzerland, Germany, London and Scotland. In 1896 Dr. Love took his family to visit Nova Scotia.

On July 30, 1897, Dr. Love died suddenly from a coronary rupture while assisting another doctor in delivering a baby. His passing was mourned throughout Montclair, as he was well-regarded and considered one of the three most important individuals in the development of Montclair. His funeral service was held at the Congregational Church, and around 2,500 people attended.

Arrangement Note

The files in this collection are arranged by family and then by subject. The staff and volunteers responsible for the processing of this collection felt that this was the most sensible arrangement because the materials are intended for frequent access. This collection has been entered by file folder into the PastPerfect database.

Container List

This is an inventory of the collection. It includes box numbers and box contents.

Key: **Bolded items** in the “Manilla Folders” column indicate the name of the manilla folder, while items dashed (-) underneath bolded items refer to contents of the folders.

Box Number	Hanging Folder Name	Manilla Folders
Box 1	Crane & Love Donation: Crane Items	<p>Crane Photographs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zenas Crane - Maria S. Searing - two photographs of Zenas Crane’s home on Bloomfield Ave. <p>Crane Newspaper Clippings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A clipping of Timothy A. Crane’s Obituary from April 15, 1879. - Two <i>Montclair Times</i> newspaper clippings containing photographs of Zenas Crane and the home of Mathias Crane.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A copy of a newspaper clipping about Zenas Crane voting on Election Day 1880. - “Big Area Bought for 400 Lbs. of Wampum,” mentions Alfred J. Crane. <p>Crane Misc. Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A copy of the first verse of “America” by Samuel F. Smith, which was sent to Byron C. Williams, grandson of Zenas Crane. - A postcard on the writing of <i>Record of all the Cranes in America</i> sent to Dr J. J. H. Love. - Montclair centennial pamphlet with photographs of Zenas Crane and Maria Searing.
Box 1	Crane & Love Donation: Love Items 1	<p>Death of Dr. J. J. H. Love</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Condolences to the Love family for the death of Dr. J. J. H. Love from various sources. - Dr. J. J. H. Love’s will. - Obituaries and articles on Dr. J. J. H. Love’s passing. - Financial documents relating to the passing of Dr. J. J. H. Love. <p>Death of Leslie C. Love</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two obituaries for Dr. Leslie C. Love. - A letter on the passing of Leslie C. Love from Princeton University. - A certificate of condolences for the death of Dr. Leslie C. Love from the Board of Directors of the Essex Title Guaranty & Trust Co. - A ceremonial leather booklet from the Board of Managers of the Proprietors of the Rosedale Cemetary honoring Dr. Leslie C. Love. <p>Dr. J. J. H. Love’s Military Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Documents from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and other veteran’s societies. - First-hand accounts from the Civil War. - Civil War correspondence from Governor Olden of New Jersey. <p>Love Medical Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A list of babies delivered by Dr. Leslie C. Love, 1903-1912.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. J. J. H. Love's annual commissions to Medical Examiner of the Catholic Benevolent Legion, 1884-1887. - A letter from the President of the Mountainside Hospital on the creation of a portrait of Dr. J. J. H. Love, March 11, 1895. - A program from the celebration of Mountainside Hospital's 90th anniversary containing a photograph of Dr. J. J. H. Love.
Box 1	Love Items 2	<p>Love Newspaper Clippings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newspaper clippings related to members of the Love family, 1905-1974. <p>Biographical Articles on Dr. J. J. H. Love & Dr. Leslie Love</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Copies of research on Dr. J. J. H. Love and Dr. Leslie Love by Helen Skeen <p>Financial Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal Correspondence to members of the Love family mentioning financial information. - Frances Love, check to the IRS, June 4, 1915. - Financial documents related to Aaron Crane's death, mailed to Frances Love. - Discounts on J. L. Mott Iron Works, 1889. - Ledger Book - showing income by year and list of number of births attended by year. <p>J. J. H. Love Travels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letters from J. J. H. Love from Western United States, 1890. - Letters from J. J. H. Love from Europe, 1895. <p>Miscellaneous Love Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wallet carried by Dr. Love at time of death, July 30, 1897. - Inventory of furniture, books, and instruments of J. J. H. Love, February 1, 1878. - J. J. H. Love's application for membership in The New Jersey Society of The Sons of the American Revolution - May in Montclair, booklet, 1990 (page 11, article on Dr. Love).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letters related to 12th Army Corps from various sources. - The Ogowe Band pamphlet by Joseph H. Reading. - Christ Before Pilate by M. de Munkacsy. - Scrap Book of Items related to Love Dinner, April 1895. - Harmony Centennial. Presbyterian Church of Harmony, N.J. 1807-1907 containing Historical Sketch of the Church and Congregation by M. Jennie Love. Printed Trenton, N.J. 1908. (pamphlet). - Name and Family of LOVE: Compiled by Media Research Bureau Washington, D.C. - Contract between the Montclair Water Co. and the Township of Montclair dated March 7, 1887. - The Passing of the Montclair Club - Farewell Dinner, May 24, 1924. - Trinity Presbyterian Church program, 1889-1890. - Loose papers with information on Love family members. - In memoriam, Rev. Robert Love (born 1807) by Harmony and Oxford Congregations. - A Historical Sketch of Montclair (pamphlet), 1881. - Papers in regard to the positions held by Dr. Love for New England Societies.
Box 1	Love Mail	<p>Doctor J. J. H. Love correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letters to and from Doctor J. J. H. Love. <p>Frances J. Love Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letters to and from Frances J. Love, 1864-1901. <p>Edith Love Stockder Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letters to Edith Love Stockder from W. M. Love, December 18, 1923. - Letters from Mrs. C. E. Shirk (geneological research) to Edith Love Stockder, October 29 1937. - Letter to Edith Love while at Smith College, nd. <p>Dr. Leslie C. Love Correspondence</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter to Leslie C. Love, December 18, 1937. - Letter from J. J. H. Love, to Mr. Leslie C. Love, August 6, 1890. <p>Possible Ann J. Love Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter, presumably from Ann J. Love, January 1, 1866. - Letter, presumably from Ann J. Love, June 11, 1885. <p>Miscellaneous Love Mail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter from “Mary” to “sister,” nd. - Letter from Bridget Kelley to a “friend,” April 16, 1884. - Letter from “cousin(?)” Dave, November 28, 1883. - Letter from “Angeline,” to her sister. November 7, 1884. - Letter from K. Roald Bergethon to Mr. Frances A. Nelson, Jr. June 10, 1971. - Letter from “Mary” to Frances Love, nd.
Box 1	Love Photographs	<p>Photographs of Dr. J. H. Love</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photograph of J. J. H. Love on Orange Road, 1888. - Portrait of J. J. H. Love, 1895. - Portrait of J. J. H. Love, 1864-5. - Photograph of Dr. J. J. H. Love driving on Clinton Ave, sometime in the late 80'[s]. - Photograph of J. J. H. Love, Sept. 25, 1893. - 5 undated photographs of J. J. H. Love. <p>Photographs of Frances Jane Love (nd)</p> <p>Photographs of Leslie C. Love</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photograph of Leslie C. Love, July 1896. - Photograph of Leslie C. Love, 1898. - Photograph of Leslie C. Love, 1891-96. - Photograph of 7-year-old Leslie C. Love. - Photograph of a group with Leslie C. Love. - 6 undated photos of Leslie C. Love. <p>Photographs of Love Properties (nd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 photographs of Dr. J. J. H. Love’s home at 50 South Fullerton Ave, Montclair. - Photograph of Dr. J. J. H. Love’s first home at 18 Church Street, Montclair.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photograph of Leslie C. Love's home located at Northeast Corner of Plymouth Street and Orange Road. <p>Miscellaneous Love Photographs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 photographs of Edith Love as a child, nd. - Photograph of Jennie Love, sister of Dr. J. J. H. Love, n.d. <p>Unidentified Love Photographs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collection of unidentified photographs related to the Love family, n.d.
Box 1	Miscellaneous Items	<p>Miscellaneous Photographs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 photographs of Chula Pratt and Mary Pratt, n.d. - Photograph of Una Miles, November 25, 1880. - Photograph of Louise Taylor, n.d. - Photograph of Beatrice Hille, December 1889. - Photograph of Adah Doremus(?), n.d. - Photograph of (first name illegible) Cunningham, n.d. - Photograph of Miss Carter, n.d. <p>Unidentified Photographs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collection of photographs with unidentified subjects. <p>Miscellaneous Mail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A card from Theodore C. Wallace - Card from Mercer Pottery Co. - Invitation from Simpsion, Crawford & Simpson, Autumn 1890. - Envelope from The Dingee & Conard Co., n.d. - Invitation from Mr. and Mrs. van Riper, n.d. - Letter from E. Dewitt, to their cousin, March 3, 1866. - Letter from E. Dewitt, to their cousin, April 12, 1866. - Letter from John Rafferton, to Mr. Davis, June 9, 1866. <p>Miscellaneous Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Envelope from Rutan's Print Shop - Fragment of a document, providing office hours and address. - Shipping Payment, 1884, marked by B. C. Williams.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - C. G. Gunther's Sons price booklet, Season 1887-88. - Copy of The Newarker from December, 1915, 250th Anniversary of Newark. - 250th Anniversary of Newark, Newark's \$1000 Prize Poster, May-October 1916.
Box 1	Glass Plate Negatives	Two glass plate negatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Portrait glass plate negative of Dr. Love. - Glass plate negative of Dr. Love in carriage.
Box 2	Edith Stockder Scrap Book	A scrapbook compiled by Edith Love Stockder containing items related to the Crane and Love families.
Box 2	Edith Stockder Genealogy Research	Genealogy research conducted by Edith Love Stockder, correspondence etc., Baldwin, Crane, Love, Fair families.
Box 2	Dr. J. J. H. Love Scrapbook	A scrapbook with a J. J. H. Love label.
Box 2	Objects	Military Objects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Military medals, ribbons and what appears to be a military tassle. - Two pieces of shell found on the Battlefield of Gettysburg, Seminary Bridge, July 1887. Dr. Love's Pocket Diaries, 1856-1860 Dageurrotypes of Frances Crane
Portfolio		Old Crane and Love deeds and papers
Textile Box	Wedding Dress of Frances Crane Love	Wedding dress worn by Frances Crane when marrying Dr. Love on June 6, 1860. The dress is in several parts: skirt, jacket, dodyce, pair of shoes, headpiece, and possible garter.

For more information or to view any of these documents, please email mail@montclairhistory.org or call 973-744-1796.