Guide to the Christine Laidlaw Collection

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Summary

This collection was donated by the daughter of the late Christine Laidlaw. The collection contains photographs and related objects from the photo study of Montclair houses by Laidlaw (study done circa 1970's - 1980's), as well as photographs, slides, and other documents related to Laidlaw's work for the Montclair Historical Society and other organizations. Laidlaw was a professional photographer and writer, with a PHD in Art History, and was a docent at the Crane House.

Creator(s):

Christine Laidlaw, Christine I. Laidlaw Cooney (daughter)

Dates:

Ca. 1970s-1980s

Location:

Library (upstairs)

Quantity:

5 boxes

Scope and Content

The types of documents in this collection include (but are not limited to) framed photographs, photographic prints, photo negatives, and slides. Some of the documents were created as early as 1973, but the majority was created in the later 1970s. They consist mainly of original photographs taken by Christine Laidlaw. They pertain to the buildings in Montclair and the programming and history of the Montclair Historical Society/Montclair History Center (MHS/MHC). The photographs pertaining to the MHS/MHC make up a majority of this collection. Box 4 of the collection is comprised of Laidlaw's files and slides generally representing her work as a photographer (and perhaps other matters related to her work). A substantial number of the file folders and

slides are related to her work with the MHS/MHC. In addition, there are folders and slides related to the Victorian Society, the Montclair Art Museum, and other organizations. Dates are mostly between 1973 - 1981.

Arrangement Note

The files in this collection were arranged by Laidlaw and have been kept in relatively the same order. While most of the boxes in this collection contain larger, framed photographs, one box contains an assortment of manila folders with negatives of Laidlaw's photographs related to the MHS/MHC. The manila legal-size folders have been titled by Laidlaw. This collection has been entered as a whole into the PastPerfect database.

Container List

This is an inventory of the collection. It includes the box number, folder title (if applicable), and the folder contents (if applicable). Note: The following photographs of Montclair houses and other structures are documented with the following information (if known): original owner, date built, address.

Box Number	Folder Title	Folder Contents
1	N/A	• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF CLARK HOUSE. 1894. 108 Orange Road.
		• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF LIVERMORE HOUSE. 1875. 66 South Fullerton Avenue.
		• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF BILLINGS HOUSE. 1872 - 1887. 41 South Mountain Avenue.
		• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF SMITH HOUSE. 1902. 90 Union Street.
		• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF FERRIS HOUSE. 1870. 240 Claremont Avenue.
		• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF HOUSE. C.1870. 51 Park Street.

		 FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF NATHANIEL CRANE HOUSE. 108 Orange Road. FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF HOUSE. 1908. 129 Orange Road.
2	N/A	FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF HOUSE.
_	11/11	C.1860's. 166 Orange Road.
		• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF SHULTZ HOUSE. 1892. 30 North Mountain Avenue.
		• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF HOUSE. No information. Appears to be mid-20th century house, perhaps in the hills above town.
		• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. 1915. 40 South Fullerton Avenue.
		• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF ISRAEL CRANE HOUSE. 1796. 110 Orange Road.
		• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF ISRAEL CRANE HOUSE (PORCH DETAIL). 1796. 110 Orange Road.
		FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF JEWETT HOUSE. 1884. 20 Van Vleck Street.
		• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH (PORCH DETAIL). North Fullerton Avenue.
3	N/A	• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF HARRISON HOUSE (PORCH DETAIL). 249 Valley Road.
		• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF EDUCATION BUILDING. 1860 - 1873. Valley Road.
		• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF HOUSE. 185 Valley Road.
		• FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF HOUSE. No information. House with large gingerbread porch (three windows with shutters above porch).
		FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF UNITARIAN CHURCH ANNEX, ORIGINALLY CARNEGIE

		LIBRARY. 1904. 67 Church Street.
		• UNFRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF HOUSE. 1881. 71 South Mountain Avenue.
		FOLDER WITH 2 PHOTOGRAPHS OF HOUSE. Likely exterior and interior of same Montclair house.
		SMALL FOLDER WITH ABOUT 38
		PHOTOGRAPHS (4' X 6" PRINTS and
		negatives). Includes some buildings shown in above framed photos, and other buildings, e.g., Montclair Public Library on South Fullerton Avenue.
		BINDER PRIMARILY CONTAINING ABOUT 300 COLOR SLIDES OF MONTCLAIR BUILDINGS. Slides include some buildings shown in above framed photos and other buildings. Binder also contains many pages of notes, presumably written by Ms. Laidlaw, concerning Montclair (and vicinity architecture). Binder also contains Local Architecture Walking Tour informational pages.
		BOOK: IMAGE OF AMERICA, MONTCLAIR,
		BY P. JAEGER. 1998, 2004.
		SOFT COVERED BINDER: THE RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION OF
		THE ISRAEL CRANE HOUSE AND THE COUNTRY STORE, BY J.L. BERRALL. March
4	Miscellaneous	 Israel Crane House tote bag "Description of Dolls Lent to the Montclair Art Museum," 1975 Photo negatives, "Back Porch Fire Damage 1/28/74"
		 Photo negatives, "A Honda muffler, Sept 1974" Photo, "Anna May O'Sullivan fall 1978, Christmas week"
		Photo, "Christi Laidlaw and Jenny Evans/ Gary Evans Photo c.1973"
		Faded copy of image, 2 women holding garland up by hearth, 1979
		• Green velvet bow, tag marked "3.25 Sec. II Montclair 1881 G-11"
4	Slide Catalog	• Letter, from Norine Cashman, to Vendors of Art Slides, 03/29/1984

		• "Questionnaire for the Slide Buyers' Guide, 5 th Edition"
		• Letter, from The Colorado College, to Christine Laidlaw, 05/12/1982
		• "U.S. Architecture Slides" (2 copies)
		• Letter, from Texas A&M University, to Christine
		Laidlaw, 01/31/1983
		Postcard, from Williams College, to Christine
		Laidlaw, 05/05/1982
		 Letter, from Hobart & William Smith Colleges, to Christine Laidlaw, 04/26/1982
		• Letter, from University of Ottawa, to Christine
		Laidlaw, 08/1985
4	Published Photo	 "Victorian Society Plans Field Trips,"
		Montclair Times, 11/04/1982
4	Victorian Society	Various negatives
4	1875 Chinese	• Copies from <i>Wonder of the Lowlands</i> by
	Object from Indian	L.J. DuPre, 1875
4	Mound 1973 kids, dolls,	D1
4	horse crocks	• Photo negatives, "Nov. 12, 1973 Crane House
		Early American crocks and Temple House []"
		and "Nov 1973 Crane House Exhibit Early
		American Crocks
		 Photos of horse toy
		 Photos of unidentified boy with glasses
4	Richmondtown, [],	 Photos of young woman with glasses
	Miller-Cory House	• Photo negatives, "Van Ripper=Hopper House
	Westfield 1973, Van Ripper-Hopper	Wayne, NJ April 28, 1973"
	House Wayne	Photo negatives, "April 1974 Montclair
	, and the second	Historical Society Tour, Richmondtown
		Restoration, Staten Island, Miller-Cory House
		in Westfield
		 Montclair Historical Society newsletter, 03/1973
4	1974 Historical Society and YWCA	• Photo negatives, "1974 YMCA Reception at
	Our House Kitchen	Crane House 4/21/74"
	+ Tea, April	Photo, "Libby Skinner and Sally Williams
		YWCA Reception at Crane House Apr. 21, 1974
		• Photo negatives, "Apr. 21, 1974 Our house"
		• Photo negatives, "Crane House Interior Sept.
		1974
4	1974 Kenzie May	 Photos and negatives of young boy with glasses
4	1974 Monvilles on Cape in June	• Photo negatives, "Monvilles at Cape Cod, June

			1974"
4	1974 Historical Society (Herb Garden) also dolls and Connecticut clock	•	Photo negatives
4	74-NBC interview w. Anges	•	Photo negatives, one labeled "NBC News Interview Oct 25, 1974 w/Carl Stokes and Garden Thomas"
4	1974- Teddy + Kite making	•	Photo negatives
4	1974 Ocean Grove and silver and furnace	•	Photo negatives, one labeled "Vic Arch Chris 7/74"
4	Japanese Dolls	•	Photo negatives Labels for photos Photographs of dolls
4	1975 Samplers	•	Photo negatives
4	Barbara Johnson's hooked rugs	•	Photo negatives
4	Loom for Charity	•	Photo negatives
4	My dolls in Montclair Art Museum – horse rug	•	Photo negatives
4	Finger wearing charm	•	Photo negatives, one labeled "Finger wearing charm, 3/1/76" and one labeled "Finger wearing diamond stripe, Feb. 1976"
4	Furniture- Salem Chest, Empire Chair, [] Chest of Drawers	•	Photo negatives, one labeled "Historical Society Fritzie's store stocking committee" and one labeled "4-drawer chest of drawers, 2 Empire chairs, 7 drawer 18 th century chest"
4	Hiroshige Basil Stewart	•	Photo prints, one labeled "1. Station 4: Kanagawa", and one labeled "1. No. 76 of the Hundred Views of Yedo" Photo negatives labeled "Basil Stewart Subjects portrayal in Japanese color prints"
4	[] in Tokyo National Museum Basil Stewart	•	Photo negatives, labeled "Basil Stewart subjects portrayal in Japanese color prints", "Shucho? 4print Sept. 9 th ", and "Japanese prints Tokyo

		37.4/136
		Nat'l Museum vol. 2 [] Oct 27, 1976"
		"Louis V. Ledoux- A Descriptive Catalogue of an
		exhibition of Japanese Figure Prints"
4	Toyokuni I in Boller- Masterpiece	Photo negatives, one labeled "Toyokuni I in Boller Masterpieces of the Japanese color woodcut"
		Copies of photos of various piecesPhotos prints of pieces
4	Libby with loom,	Photo negatives
	Kenz, Christy, Gwen	Photo print, "Libby Skinner at Loom 1976"
		Photo print, "Libby Skinner 1976"
4	Quilts [] CWL	Photo negatives, labeled "Silver [] and
		candlestick portraits Tibeton pot Sept 25, 1974",
		"Silver 1/22/73", and "Quilts, tulip, eight
		pointed broken star, album, wrench"
4	Camera test-FE lens tool	Photo negatives, various camera tests from 1979
4	[] house porch,	Photo negatives, one labeled "slate roof wash-
	Teddy	strobe tend clock, Chinese jacket portrait"
		Envelope marked "Kerry + Christy sleeping
		with []" – negatives inside
4	Me passport	Photo negatives, "Me for passport, 78"
4	Camp Nejeda	Photo print, marked "Montclair Social, Caption- Budding Artist with story camp Nejeda Dinner []"
		Photo negatives, one labeled "Camp Nejeda
		publicity photos Sept 25 th "
4	Leno + Double Weave	Photo negatives, one labeled "Linen runner,
	vvcave	Brooke Bouquet Lano" and one labeled "Leno +
		Double weave June 1978″
4	IMPA, Battcher, Durkin, Casmillo	Photo prints
4	Boy Scouts	Photo negative, labeled "Boy scouts, Lindholm
		and McDermetts", "Cliff Lindholm + Tom
		McDermett becoming Eagle Scouts 3/21/77",
		and "Boy Scouts McDermett + Brogle with grille

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		+ fortune March 24"
4	T/ D l D ' I	Photo printsCopy of photo print
4	K's Eagle Project +	 Photo negatives, various and related to Eagle
	pictures by him	Scout Project
4	Hist Soc Garden	• Photo negatives, "Hist Soc Garden after trees
	after trees down, Bergen County Hist.	down before planting. Bergen County Hist Soc
	Soc.	at Crane House, May 13"
4	Montclair	Negatives and prints related to various
4	Architecture	buildings in Montclair, not identified
4	Historical Society Fourth of July Float	Based on Trumbull's "Declaration of
		Independence"
		Photo negatives
		• 3 photo prints, "Robert Ferris trying on
		costume for Historical Society float Feb. 1976
4	Hist Soc Scout Day	Photo negatives, May 8, 1976
4	Charter + New	Scout Day Schedule
4	Tustees – also party,	Photo prints- "Amy Hatrak, Lloyd +Julia
	Betty + drop spindle	Berrall," "Trustee Dinner Oct 1974," and "Betty
	Betty + drop spinare	Stevenson + Betty Chance, 1974" (2 copies)
		Photo negatives, one labeled "Historical Society
		October 74, Board of Directories Spinning,
		Trustees Dinner"
4	Monmouth	Photo negatives, "Hist Soc Sunday docents in
	Museum, Clinton's	afternoon dress, May 18, Eleanor Lawrence
	Headquarters	Turner," "Lincroft-NJ crafts exhibit, boys at
		History Fair exhibit May 10,16, 1975," "Sunday
		Docents in news dresses, 1975," and "Historical
		Society bus tour- Monmouth Country Hist
		Assoc. Museum Freehold, NJ. Clinton's
		Headquarters c. 1786, Freehold, NJ"
		Photo print of children looking at model of
		building
		Monmouth County Bus Trip itineraryList of names
4	Scout Day	Photo negatives, "Historical Soc. Scout Day,
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4	Higt Coa Cunder	May 31 ^{st"}
4	Hist Soc-Sunday docent dresses,	Photo negatives, "Montclair Historical Society
	Platform Day,	Antiques Market, Barbara Frye, manager +

	Antiques Market	helper" and "Village Market Day at Lackawanna Plaza 6/21/1975, Reception for Sunday Docents"
4	Cooking class, spinning class, work on our kitchen	Photo negatives, "Spinning class, Nov. 1975," "Kitchen Hist Soc Cooking class, spinning class, Nov," "His Soc Cookbook signing, Jane Vorhees spinning + spinning class, Nov. 23+25"
4	Hist Soc- Wooden ware exhibit	Photo print of older woman with girl, looking at display case
4	Woodbury league mtg, Ladd's castle, clock	 Photo negatives, "Ladd's Castle Woodbury, NJ, April 19, 1975,""Woodbury, NJ Friends Meeting House- clock in restaurant in Woodbury- house at battlefield by Fort Mercer- April 19, 1975" Booklet- "Open House in Gloucester County, May 13, 1972"
4	Hist Soc Operation Sail, Montclair History Exhibit	 Photo negatives, "Hist Soc Operation Sail Collection, April 28, 1976. Also Sue Nolan with Jake, April 25 or 28. And Jack + Betty Chance with Montclair's Military Exhibit"
4	Historical Society Amy's Party	• Photo negatives, "Hist Soc Amy's party, May 2, 1976
4	Historical Society County Store- exterior	Photo negatives, "Country Store Museum exterior" 1976
4	Fritzie Mills + her committee (on stocking Country Store)	Photo negatives, 1976
4	Historical Society Opening of Country Store	Photo negatives, "Hist Soc Country Store Opening- Sept. 11 th "
4	Historical Society Country Store interior with Christina Way	Photo negatives, "Country Store Aug. 20, 1976, with Chris Way"
4	Hist Soc- Bridge 100 Sister's Choice Quilt	Photo negatives, "Hist Soc pix for Bridge 100," "Hist Soc pictures for Bridge 100- Sister's Choice Quilt"
4	Hist Society- Helen Breen	Photo negatives, "Historical Society Helen Breen Oct 27 th "

	Hist Soc- Lucille Chance + Museum Store	Photo negatives, "Hist Soc Lucille Chance in Museum Shop 11/3/76"
4	Hist Soc- Emrich smithing, Jane Vorhees spinning	 Photo negatives, "Hist Soc Gordon's Michael Emrich tin smith, Betty Bail in kitchen, Jane Vorhees at wheel, Nov 1976," "Hist Soc Peg Newspaper + at door with dress, Jane Vorhees with wheel, Nov. 24, 1976 Photo print, "Jane Vorhees spinning Nov. 21, 1976" (2 copies)
4	Historical Society, Dec 1976	 Photo negatives, "Hist Soc Eleanor Lawrence + Tina Shirman 12/8/76" Photo print, "Eleanor Lawrence Dec. 6, 1976"
4	Hist Soc Museum Council	 Photo negatives, "Museum Council Mar 4, 1977" Photo prints, "Betty Carrie, rug hooking- Museum Council Mtg, Mar 4, 1977" (2 copies)
4	Historical Society- Platform Day	 Photo negatives, "Hist Soc Platform Day, June 4th" Photo print of close-up of gentleman's face, pointing
4	Platform Day, Edison Exhibit, Costume Exhibit	Photo negatives, "Hist Soc Platform Day Oct. 8th, Edison exhibit, Costume exhibit, Bea Bowie + Betty Bell in kitchen Oct 9th
4	Soup Group	Photo negatives, "Soup Group Sept. 2 nd "
4	Summerhouse Open, crafts	• Photo negatives, "Summerhouse Dedication, June 5, 1977," "Hist Soc craft docents dedication at Summerhouse, June 5 th "
4	Hist Soc League Mtg Mens Day	Photo negatives, "League of Historical Societies mtg at Crane House Sept 17, 1977"
4	Christmas Week Hist Soc	 Photo negatives, 1977 Photo print, "Revolutionary Ballads-Christmas Week 1977- Edith Steblecki on Guitar, Elaine Steblecki on Recorder"
4	Costume Exhibit, Herb Sale, Craft Exhibit	Photo negative, "Hist Soc Craft Exhibit, Herb Sale, Christening Dresses, May 4+5"
4	Hist Soc Pottery Exhibit	Photo negatives, "Hist Soc Pottery exhibit, with Anne Owen and Sue de Decker"

4	Hist Soc School exhibit, Costume exhibit Hist Soc Smocking	Photo negative, "Hist Soc Sue de Decker with school room exhibit, Kathy Marinwich with costume, Sept 21+26" Photo posstive, "Hist Soc Smooking Class Harb."
7	Class, Herb Day Sale	Photo negative, "Hist Soc Smocking Class, Herb Sale"
4	Herbal Workshop	Photo negative, "Hist Soc Herbal Workshop 10/22/78, Herbal Workshop, Betty Bell + Pat Fornoff"
4	Christmas Week	Photo negative, "Christmas Week, Montclair Hist Soc, Dec, 1978"
4	Store Sale, Jenia Loreatgen in kitchen	Photo negative, "Hist Soc Jenia Loreatgen in kitchen, Marianna Smith + Liz Stearns in museum shop, Nov. 1978"
4	Quilting + Blue + White exhibit	• Photo negative, "Hist Soc Blue + White exhibit 2/13/79, quilt 2/7/79"- featuring star quilt by Maria Searing, wife of Zenas Crane (ca. 1800-
4	Antique Dealers at Montclair	Photo negatives, "ADAM officers May 29, 1979
4	Herbs + the Country Doctor Exhibit	 Photo print, "Dr. Robert Muller at 'Herbs, Folk Remedies, and the Country Doctor' exhibit, May 1979" Photo negatives
4	Hist Soc party for Ron	Photo negative, "Hist Soc party for Ron, with Lloyd Berrall, Paul Thompson, Jacob Chance, and Ron Perez"
4	Craft Classes, House Opening	 Photo negative, "Hist Soc Folk Art + Anne Owen Aug 22, 1979," "Hist Soc Opening of Folk Arts + Charlotte Seymour/ Craft Classes Sept 9+12" Photo print, "Amy Hatrak, June + Gordon Emrich, Sept 1979" Photo print, "Charlotte Seymour will teach weaving"
4	Herbal Workshop	Photo negative, "M Hist Soc Herb Workshop 10/24/79"

4	Cooking class + portrait Craft Day in May,	 Photo negatives, "Cooking class" related, March 5, 1979; Portrait class March 2, 1979 Photo print of portrait of old man with white frock Photo negative, "Marianna Smith + Lucillo
	Herb Day Sale, School Tour	Chance Herb Sale + Keith Honaman woodworking Men's crafts day May 1979" and "Hist Soc Herb Sale, School Tour, Dick Ellis in Store" Photo print of man wearing colonial clothes and woodworking
4	Christmas week and sale	 Envelopes marked "1979 Christmas Weekend"-inside are negatives Photo print, "Christmas Week preparations 1979, Mary McGeown" PR for Christmas Open House, 1979 Photo print, "Mary Ellen Kar on left and Betty Hurst of Lake Valhalla Garden Club decorating for Christmas Open House 1979"
4	Staffordshire Exhibit	• Photo negative, "Staffordshire + Anne Owen Hist Soc"
4	Arts Council	 Photo prints Photo negative, "Arts Council Studio Tour April 17th"
4	Banjo Clock	Photo negative, "Banjo Clock. Also Mr+Mrs. Irving Jewgli donors of quilt made by Maria Dearing, wife of Zenas Crane. Banjo Clock Gordon Emre Richard S. Barrete + Julia Berrall"
4	Clement Conger Fundraiser	• Photo negative, "Anne Owen + Sue? Crowther- 15 th Anniversary Gala Benefit- April 16, 1980 + Silver Heirloom
4	Weaponry Exhibit	Photo negative, "April 1980, Hist Soc Oscar Appel Weaponry Crane House move award"
4	Herb Sale, Chair carving, Canton Woodworking	Photo negatives, "Canton exhibit MHS, woodworking char carving" and "Herb Sale, Mont Hist Soc, April 21"
4	Montclair Hist Soc	 Photo negative, "35 Union St., Peter Stock,

	Preservation Award	Janet Dodge, Gordon Emrich, preservation award MHS"
4	Spinning, rug hooking	Photo negative, "Peggy Hanson spinning. Rug
		hooking demonstration day, Oct. 11, 1981"
4	Mont Hist Soc, 1981- 1982	 Photo negatives, "Barbara Malcolm presents award to Mr+Mrs. William Rivet- Camilla Rust," MHS Dining Room- Cleo Nesbit + Betty Bell in Garden," Montclair Hist Soc, various house and store shots, Christina Way in Store April 1982," "Dining room, tool collection," "Crane House Christmas Crafts," "Hackensack chest 1981-1982," and "Montclair Historical Society New Trustees- Oct 1981" Photo print, "Lecture on stoneware, Christina
		Way will discuss collection on April 18, 1982"
5	Box of slides	 Various boxes related to the Montclair Art Museum (MAM) Scout Day, May 31, 1975 Folk Art Exhibit Montclair North + Mtclr Crane Store Move Dec, 1974 Spinning Class at Hist Soc. Yellow rabbit by Howard Church Nov, 1975 Cookery class at Crane House Nov 11, 1975. Spinning class at Crane House Nov. 17, 1975 Christmas gardens + plants RISD (possibly Rhode Island School of Design) [] gardens, plants [] Docent party June 11, 1976 Country Store Opening Crane House. Cookbook authors in kitchen Hist Soc meeting, tours, craft demonstrations [] 1979. May pole 1980 Lackawanna Station, Crane House Cooking Crane House Xmas 1979 Crane House Mayor Gotz, Docent lunch [] furniture Crane House Christmas Decorating Dec, 1975 Crane House Christmas week 1976. Kitchen,

	 crafts, quilt Sunday Docents in dresses, May. Docents at a party on June 22, 1975 X-mas at Crane House, Amy Hatrak Amy slides on table setting Cooking, Christmas week for Crane House. Crafts- Christmas week. Virginia Haycock Photo prints, one of a young woman in colonial garb working on quilt, another of a young man dressed in colonial garb looming
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