



Guide to the John Franklin Crowell Records and Papers, 1883 - 1932 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

John Franklin Crowell records and papers, 1883 - 1932 and undated

Creator:

Crowell, J. Franklin (John Franklin), 1857-1931

Abstract:

John Franklin Crowell was an educator, economist, and journalist. He served as President of Trinity College (Randolph County, and Durham, N.C.) from 1887-1894. The John Franklin Crowell Records and Papers primarily consist of materials concerning Crowell's research interests and publications; his presidency of Trinity College; and his activities after leaving Trinity. The collection includes correspondence, reprints, manuscripts, memoranda, scrapbooks, photographs, printed matter, account books, cash books, and grade books. Materials range in date from 1883 to 1932. English.

Extent:

9.5 Linear Feet
9500 Items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult University Archives, Duke University.

Language:

English

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English.

Collection ID:

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Background

Scope and Content

The collection includes correspondence, reprints, manuscripts, memoranda, scrapbooks, photographs, printed matter, account books, cash books, and grade books. The correspondence includes letters about the relocation of Trinity from Randolph County to Durham and Crowell's vision for Trinity College. Research and writings include research notes, reprints, manuscripts, photographs, and memorandum books. The memorandum books include notes on a variety of subjects including NY tenements, economic and financial subjects, and personal notes. Scrapbooks include printed matter concerning Trinity College, newspaper clippings on commodity markets, and shipping reports. The printed matter consists of clippings, flyers, newspapers, announcements, and other material pertaining to Crowell's interests. The account books, cash books, and grade books are part of the Trinity College Records, and give details about college life. Major subjects of the collection include Crowell's presidency of Trinity College (Randolph County, and Durham, N. C.); his research interests and publications; and activities after leaving Trinity.

Biographical/Historical

John Franklin Crowell was born in York, Pennsylvania in 1857, and received his A.B. from Yale University in 1883. After serving as principal of Schuylkill Seminary in Pennsylvania, Crowell returned to Yale to study for one year in the Divinity School and for one year in the Graduate School.

At the age of 29, Crowell became President of Trinity College. He served as President, in Randolph County and in Durham, from 1887-1894. Crowell was instrumental in moving Trinity College to Durham and gaining the support of the Duke family. His vision was for Trinity to become a great university and he traveled across the state to publicize its programs. Crowell gradually upgraded the faculty and improved the educational facilities of the college. He was responsible for modernizing Trinity's curriculum, turning it away from recitation and towards research. Crowell was also interested in athletics and introduced intercollegiate football to the South.

After leaving Trinity, Crowell became head of the Department of Economics and Sociology at Smith College. Crowell received his Ph.D. in economics and sociology from Columbia in 1897. Two areas of interest to him were the plight of the poor in N.Y. tenement houses and the development of the cotton markets. Crowell was an economist and statistician for several years in New York and Washington. From 1906 to 1915, he was an associate editor of the Wall Street

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Journal, and later became director of the World Market Institute in New York.
Crowell retired in 1925, and died in East Orange, New Jersey in 1931.

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Processing Information

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Completed November 2003

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Related Materials

Related Material

Herbert Baxter Adams Papers, 1891-1913 (bulk 1891-1902). David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University. Board of Trustees Records. University Archives, Duke University. [Forms part of:] Duke University President Records. University Archives, Duke University. Trinity College (Randolph County, N.C.) Collection, 1836-1990. University Archives, Duke University.

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Names and Subjects

- Scrapbooks
- Universities and colleges -- Administration
- Tenement houses -- New York (State) -- New York
- Cotton trade -- United States
- Cotton -- Marketing
- Photographs
- Account books
- Duke University -- History
- Duke University. Presidents
- Trinity College (Durham, N.C.) -- History
- Trinity College (Randolph County, N.C.) -- History
- Crowell, J. Franklin (John Franklin), 1857-1931
- Crowell, J. Franklin (John Franklin), 1857-1931

Collection Inventory

Correspondence, 1883-1923 and undated

Scope and Contents note

The correspondence includes letters about the relocation of Trinity from Randolph County to Durham, the building program, means for publicizing the College, increasing the endowment, and related subjects.

1883-1887	Box 1 > Folder 1
Jan.-May, 1888	Box 1 > Folder 2
June-Aug., 1888	Box 1 > Folder 3
Sept.-Nov., 1888	Box 1 > Folder 4
Dec. 1888-Jan.1889	Box 1 > Folder 5
Feb.-March, 1889	Box 1 > Folder 6
April-May, 1889	Box 2 > Folder 7
June-July, 1889	Box 2 > Folder 8
Aug.-Oct., 1889	Box 2 > Folder 9
Nov. 1889-Jan. 1890	Box 2 > Folder 10
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April 1890	Box 2 > Folder 12
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Nov.-Dec., 1890 1890	Box 3 > Folder 19
Jan.-Dec., 1891	Box 3 > Folder 20
Jan.-June, 1892	Box 4 > Folder 21

July-Dec., 1892	Box 4 > Folder 22
Jan.-May, 1893	Box 4 > Folder 23
June-Dec., 1893	Box 4 > Folder 24
1894	Box 4 > Folder 25
1894	Box 4 > Folder 26
Physical Description: Letter press book.	
Processing Information:	
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1895-1921	Box 5 > Folder 27
1922-1923 and undated	Box 5 > Folder 28

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Writings and Research, 1887-1923 and undated

Scope and Contents note

Crowell's writings and research materials include manuscripts of "Personal Recollections of Trinity College " (1929), "Stray Notes of a Traveller " (1898), and "The Process of Social Development: Theoretical Foundations of Educational Policy from the Standpoint of Sociology" (1898). Scrapbooks, 1887-1910, include printed matter concerning Trinity College, when it was located in Randolph County and in Durham; newspaper clippings on commodity markets; shipping reports; and other matter. Memorandum books, 1890-1926 and undated, include an enumeration book and clippings from an 1894 tenement house inquiry made by the New York State Tenement Committee, of which Crowell was a member; notebooks on economic and financial subjects; plus small miscellaneous personal notebooks. The printed matter consists of clippings, flyers, newspapers, announcements, and other material pertaining to Crowell's interests, along with some personal records, including certificates of membership and honoraries.

Writings, 1888-1921 and undated

Reprints of Addresses and Outlines of Lectures, 1888-1899 and undated	Box 5 > Folder 29
Manuscript, "Stray Notes of a Traveller," 1898.	Box 5 > Folder 30

Processing Information:

Pages 19-28 are missing from Section II.

Manuscript, "The Process of Social Development: A Theoretical Foundation of Educational Policy from the Standpoint of Sociology, " 1898 Box 5 > Folder 31

Manuscript, "Cotton in the World's Market," 1912 Box 5 > Folder 32

Lecture Notes, 1912-1921 and undated Box 5 > Folder 33

Scope and Contents note

Includes poem by Crowell, "The Little Mountain Rose," 1920

Manuscript, "Personal Recollections of Trinity College, North Carolina, 1887-1894," 1929 Box 6 > Folder 34-37

Lectures, Manuscripts, and Notes, undated Box 7 > Folder 38-40

Scope and Contents note

Includes notes and copies of lectures, divided into three folders, on a wide variety of topics. Titles include "The Scientific Problem," "The Instruments and Documents of Commerce," "Slavery, " "The Economic Solution to the Social Question," and others.

Photographs, 1919-1920 and undated Box 7 > Folder 41

Scope and Contents note

Eleven black and white photographs showing several U.S. ports, wharves, and terminals, as well as cargoes of coffee, lumber, and hemp.

Memorandum Books, 1890-1926 and undated

Scope and Contents note

Includes an enumeration book and clippings from an 1894 tenement house inquiry made by the New York State Tenement Committee, of which Crowell was a member, small miscellaneous personal accounts, and notebooks on economic and financial subjects.

1890-1891 Box 7 > Folder 42

[1892] Box 7 > Folder 43

Notes and Clippings on N.Y. Tenements, 1894 Box 8 > Folder 44

2 Books, Economic Subjects, 1898	Box 8 > Folder 45
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Financial Subjects, undated	Box 8 > Folder 51

Scrapbooks, 1887-1910

Scope and Contents note

The scrapbooks contain materials collected by Crowell on a wide variety of topics. The scrapbooks from 1887-1894, 1890, and 1891-1910 deal with Trinity College, when it was located in Randolph County and in Durham. These scrapbooks contain printed matter produced by or for the college, such as application forms, commencement programs, letterhead, sample forms, notices, and advertising, along with clippings, newspaper articles by Crowell, and other material. The two scrapbooks from 1906-1908 deal, almost exclusively, with the development of agricultural markets within the United States.

Processing Information:

These scrapbooks are fragile. Please consult staff before using.

1887-1894	Box 8 > Folder 52
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1890	Box 8 > Folder 53
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1891-1910	Box 8 > Folder 54
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1906-1907	Box 9 > Folder 55
1907-1908	Box 10 > Folder 56

Printed Materials, 1888-1932 and undated

Scope and Contents note

Includes printed materials collected by Crowell to aid his writings and research, and for personal use.

Clippings, bulletins, and souvenirs, 1888-1932	Box 10 > Folder 57
Clippings, 1889-1923 and undated	Box 10 > Folder 58
Clippings, 1893-1894	Box 10 > Folder 59
Charts, 1894 and undated	Box 10 > Folder 60
Biographical Information, 1901-1905 and undated	Box 10 > Folder 61

Scope and Contents note

Includes biographical sketch and certificates of membership.

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Trinity College Records, 1886-1923 and undated

Administrative Records, [1888]-1894

Scope and Contents note

Includes petitions from students for holidays and breaks, departmental reports, notes on operating expenses, rules for awarding scholarships, the duty of monitors, room rates, student conduct, and groundskeeping activities, library reports, and athletic reports.

Petitions, [1888]-[1890?]	Box 10 > Folder 62
Proposals, [1889]-[1891]	Box 10 > Folder 63

Scope and Contents note

Includes proposals for the creation of a preparatory school (Trinity Park School?), plans for Trinity Law School and a plan for the inauguration of a hospital and medical college at Trinity.

Copy of The Doctrines and Discipline of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, South, edited by
W. P. Harrison, 1890

Box 11 > Folder 64

Scope and Contents note

Inscribed with the notation, "Presented by T.J. Gattis & Son for insertion in
the cornerstone of Trinity College, N.C., Nov. 11, 1890."

Library Reports, 1890-1894

Box 11 > Folder 65

Athletics, [1890?]-1892

Box 11 > Folder 66

History of Trinity College, [1890?]-[1893]

Box 11 > Folder 67

Scope and Contents note

Includes manuscript by W.M. Robbins, "Trinity College: Its Antecedents, Its
Early Day, Its Founders."

Committee Reports, [1890?]-1894

Box 11 > Folder 68

Scope and Contents note

Includes reports from the buildings committee, groundskeeping, a
discipline committee appointed by the faculty, and others.

Departmental Reports, 1891-1893

Box 11 > Folder 69

Scope and Contents note

Includes reports from mechanical, school of technology, biology, history,
and mathematics.

Correspondence, 1891-1894

Box 11 > Folder 70

Financial Records, 1887-1923

Scope and Contents note

Trinity College financial records consist of volumes and papers. They include
bills and receipts, many for the Trinity College Book Room, and five account
books, 1886-1890, one of which includes memoranda and minutes of faculty
meetings, 1889-1890; the remaining volumes are bookstore cash and day
books, 1889-1892.

1887-1888

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1888-1889

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Account Books, 1886-1890

Scope and Contents note

Includes list of receipts and expenditures.

1886	Box 13 > Folder 79
1887	Box 13 > Folder 80
1888	Box 13 > Folder 81
1889-1890	Box 13 > Folder 82
1889-1890	Box 13 > Folder 83

Scope and Contents note

Includes receipts for fees and tuition; expenditures for salaries, repair, equipment, and operating expenses; and minutes of faculty meetings.

Cash Books for Trinity Bookstore, 1888-1891 and undated

Scope and Contents note

Includes four cash books with receipts for purchases made at the bookstore.

Sept. 1888-June 1889	Box 13 > Folder 84
Nov. 1889-June 1890	Box 13
Sept. 1891-July 1892	Box 13
undated	Box 13

Academic Records, 1887-1894

Scope and Contents note

The academic records include a volume of prepared examinations for various courses offered between 1889 and 1894; a record of courses (1893); scholarships offered and awarded (1893-1894); roll books for 1891-1894 with lists of matriculants, class and course records; grade books and grade book stubs from 1887-1893; and what may be Trinity College's oldest thesis, "Compulsory Education: Why and How?" by Gustavus T. Adams (1889). .

Degree Applications, 1889 Box 14 > Folder 85

Thesis by Gustavus O. Adams, "Compulsory Education: Why and How, " 1889 Box 14 > Folder 86

Examination Papers Scrapbook, 1889-1894 Box 14 > Folder 87

Scope and Contents note

Includes questions from a wide variety of disciplines, such as physical geography, english history, and algebra.

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Roll Book, 1892 Box 14 > Folder 88

Absence Record, 1892 Box 14 > Folder 89

Matriculates, Record of Courses, and Scholarships Sept. 1893-June 1894 Box 14 > Folder 90

Student Grades, 1887-1893

Grade Books 1887-1891
Scope and Contents note

Each book is made up of the stubs from the grade books.

Freshman Class, 1887 Box 14 > Folder 91

Fall, 1889 Box 14

[Spring], 1890 Box 14

Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior Classes, Fall, 1890 Box 14

Freshman Class, Spring, 1891 Box 14

Sophomore Class, Spring, 1891	Box 14
Junior and Senior Classes, Spring, 1891	Box 14
Grades, 1888-1891	Box 14 > Folder 92
Scope and Contents note	
Includes weekly and semester grades.	
Grade Book, [B.B. Nicholson], 1893	Box 14 > Folder 93

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Oversize Materials

Scrapbook that was removed from Box 8, Folder 52.	Box 14 > Oversize-folder 15
Scrapbook that was removed from Box 8, Folder 53.	Box 14 > Oversize-folder 16
Scrapbook that was removed from Box 8, Folder 54.	Box 14
Examination Papers Scrapbook that was removed from Box 14, Folder 87.	Box 14 > Oversize-folder 17

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