

**Sturgis Library Archives
Town and Local History Collection**

**Dave Crocker Historical Manuscript & Document Collection
MS. 96**

Extent: 15 clamshell boxes + 1 oversized box

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of historical manuscripts and documents, including store ledgers and accounts, business transactions, journals, voting lists, court transactions, justice records, political writings, (deeds for property, saltworks, pews, wharfs, and piers), wills, writs, letters, receipts, correspondence, etc. **This is an open collection.**

Historical and Biographical Information: Dave Crocker is a Barnstable Village native, and though he now resides in Mashpee, his Barnstable roots go back many generations.

William Crocker
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Loring Crocker, Sr.
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Loring Crocker Jr.
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Alfred Crocker, Sr.
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Alfred Crocker, Jr.
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John H. Crocker
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Dave Crocker

Dave Crocker's family can be traced back to the Pilgrims. When his father John died in 1997, Dave discovered a collection of hundreds of historic photographs, documents, manuscripts, and artifacts, which have been passed down through the generations of the Crocker family. Much of the collection centers on documents related to Barnstable Village and the Town of Barnstable, neighboring towns, the County court system, and related Cape Cod history. Close relatives of the Crocker family were trusted office holders, such as Abner Davis (a very early Justice of the Peace), his son Lothrop Davis, who preceded him, as well as Daniel Crocker and Alfred Crocker Sr., both early Clerks of the Superior Court in Barnstable. It is surmised that these men made duplicates of the court documents for safekeeping, because many of the original documents would have been burned up in the fire of 1827 that destroyed the original courthouse. Luckily for us, the Crocker men were packrats, and never threw anything away!

The Crockers resided in the house that is located at the northwest corner of Main Street and Mill Way in Barnstable Village. During his youth, Dave spent many hours speeding up and down the dunes of Sandy Neck before the vehicle restrictions applied – he owned many beach buggies and

explored the Sandy Neck dunes frequently. He was personally acquainted with the owner of the Sandy Neck Girl's camp and their staff. Dave has been instrumental in the restoration of the Sandy neck lighthouse. The lightkeeper's log, which is part of this collection, is an invaluable piece of Barnstable history.

Related Material: In addition to this collection, the Sturgis Library has other collections that contain items purchased from or donated by Dave Crocker. They include the Cape Cod Post Card Collection (MS.76), the Barnstable Woman's Club Collection (MS. 79), the Schooner Bloomer collection (MS. 89) , the Barnstable County Fair Collection (MS. 97), the Cape Cod Canal Collection (MS. 101), and others.

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Contents: The collection is divided into two series:

SERIES I: Manuscripts Collection

SERIES II: Documents Collection

Series I	Box 1	Fldr 1	Index to Barnstable Probate Records 1686-1838
		Fldr 2	Transcribed Records, Town of Barnstable circa 1650 – 1820
		Fldr 3	Records of the Barnstable [Book] Review Club 1830s – 1845
		Fldr 4	Journal of the Beach Point Light Lighthouse Sandy Neck 1833 – 1844 by Captain Henry Baker, Lighthouse Keeper
		Fldr 4a	Enclosures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Article from June 23, 1988 edition of <i>Summerscape</i>, a supplement to the <i>Barnstable Patriot</i> newspaper• Photocopied postcard with image of lighthouse• List of Sandy Neck Lighthouse keepers
		Fldr 5	F.(Ferdinand) G. Kelly List of Properties, Receipts, etc. 1840s – 1921
		Fldr 6	Book of Census 1855 + statistical information taken by D. S. Marchant, 6 School Districts, August – September 1855. <i>Copied November 1937 by James F. McLaughlin, Consulting Engineer, Hyannis, MA</i>

MS. 96 Series I (Continued)

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| Series I | Box 2 | Fldr 1 | Journal & Ledger, Amos Otis Store, 1828-1845 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entries for Barnstable and Yarmouth.• Commenced January 1, 1828 by double entry. After folio 32, used as a Waste Book and journal. |
| | | Fldr 2 | Journal & Ledger, Amos Otis Store, 1846-1870 |
| | | Fldr 3 | Frank Crocker (Auctioneer). Ledger. 1870-1886. |
| | | Fldr 4 | Frank Crocker political writings, circa 1872. |
| Series I | Box 3 | Fldr 1 | Lothrop Davis, Justice Records, 1841-1853 |
| | | Fldr 2 | Lothrop Davis, Justice Records, 1853-1856 |
| | | Fldr 3 | Lothrop Davis, Courthouse Actions & Accounts, 1851-1891
Note: On cover says " <i>Records of the East Barnstable Temperance Society</i> " |
| Series I | Box 4 | Fldr 1* | Ledger, Old Corner Store, Millway, Barnstable 1828-1843
+ Enclosures |
| | | Fldr 2* | Ledger, Old Corner Store, Millway, Barnstable 1885-1886
+ Enclosures |
| | | Fldr 3 | Company & Brigade Register for Barnstable Militia, 1829 |
| | | Fldr 4 | Ledger, Sturgis Livery Stables, 1872-1876 |
| | | Fldr 5 | Republican Votes of Barnstable, 1879-1892
+ Enclosures |
| Series I | Box 5 | Fldr 1 | Daniel Davis – His Book 1749-1791
Legal and financial accounts + Enclosures |
| | | Fldr 2* | Ledger, Old Corner Store, Millway, Barnstable 1825-1829 |

*SEE ALSO BOX 4 for additional ledgers for Old Corner Store, Millway

MS. 96 Series I (Continued)

Series I	Box 6	Fldr 1	Phinney Family Scrapbook circa 1815-1935
		Fldr 2	Records of the Harmonium Society 1823-1827
		Fldr 3	Weather Journal 1827-1834, 1850
		Fldr 4	Orderly Book of the Company Commander by Capt. Loring Crocker Jr. 1831-1836 [Company of Infantry, 3 rd Brigade, 5 th Division of the Militia of Massachusetts...]
		Fldr 5	Phinney Family Scrapbook 1890-1894

Go to the following page for a list of documents in MS 96 Series II.

MS 96 Series II – Documents Collection

This collection consists of documents, court records, deeds, correspondence, writs, supeonas, executions, legal papers, receipts, bills, etc.

The majority of the collection consists of personal and legal papers of the following men and their families:

- Thomas Stetson – Postmaster, furniture builder
- Calvin Stetson – Thomas Stetson’s son, also Postmaster and furniture builder
- Abner Davis, Justice of the Peace / Clerk
- Lothrop Davis, Justice of the Peace / Clerk
- Loring Crocker, Justice of the Peace / Clerk

Series II	Box 1	Miscellaneous Legal and Personal Documents
	Fldr 1	Barnstable deeds 1736-1799
	Fldr 2	Barnstable deeds 1800-1815
	Fldr 3	Barnstable deeds 1816-1900
	Fldr 4	Non-Barnstable Deeds A. Bedford B. Chatham C. Eastham D. Falmouth E. Harwich F. Sandwich G. Wellfleet H. Yarmouth I.
	Fldr 5	Barnstable Pew Deeds
	Fldr 6	Wills, estate papers, etc. Miscellaneous 1696-1940

Series II	Box 2	Miscellaneous Legal and Personal Documents
	Fldr 1	Blank legal documents
	Fldr 2	19 th century money/bank notes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Metropolitan Bank 1862 -- \$1• First National Bank of Hyannis 1885 -- \$409.32

- Series II Box 2
- Fldr 3 An Act for Providing for the Government and Regulation of the State Prison 1828
- Fldr 4 Menus (2)
- Young's Hotel Annual Dinner of the Corn Exchange January 15, 1864
 - Bacon Farm Inn & Restaurant, Barnstable Village, circa 1960 (?)
- Fldr 5 Letters and Correspondence
- A. Miscellaneous letters 1818-1820
 - B. From Lizzie and Thomas 1853-1861
 - C. From Grandmother to Rebecca 1856-1888
- Fldr 6 **Miscellaneous Documents**
- A. Miscellaneous writings**
 - B. Miscellaneous receipts and notes**
 - C. Joseph Otis documents**
 - D. Deeds and property documents**
 - E. Pension records and military documents**
- Fldr 7 Speeches (9 items)
1. Inaugural Message of William H. Bissell. Governor of Illinois (undated)
 2. Kansas & Nebraska. Speech of the Hon. T. D. Eliot of Massachusetts, May 10, 1854
 3. Speech of Hon. J. R. Giddings of Ohio, on the Bill Organizing Territorial Governments in Kansas and Nebraska, May 17, 1854.
 4. Speech of Hon. T. Wentworth of Massachusetts on the Kansas and Nebraska Question, May 18, 1854
 5. Duties of Massachusetts at the Crisis – A Speech of Hon. Charles Sumner, Delivered at the Republican Convention at Worcester, September 7, 1854.
 6. Speech of Hon. I. Washburn of Maine, oh the President's Message Vetoing the French Spoliation Bill, February 26, 1855.
 7. Kansas Affairs in the Senate – Minority Report at the Senate Committee on Territories, March 12, 1856 by Judge Collamer of Vermont.

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8. Defence [sic] of Massachusetts. Speech of Hon. Anson Burlingame of Massachusetts in the House of Representatives, Jun 21, 1856.
9. Assault on Senator [Charles] Sumner. Speech of Hon. Linus B. Comins of Massachusetts, July 10, 1856.

Fldr 8

Documents relating to Alfred Crocker (8 items)

1. Copy books with records of Frank Hallett in account with Alfred Crocker, 1885-1894
2. Post Office receipts 1886
3. Post Office receipts 1886
4. Barnstable County Mutual Fire Insurance Company 1887
5. Meeting notes 1888
6. *Men of Barnstable* – a paper read by Alfred Crocker at the Fortnightly Club on Barnstable Night
7. United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company document. Freeman Taylor, Alfred Crocker, Edwin S. Phinney, and Marcus Hawes.
8. Warranty deed, 1939 for a certain tract of woodland known as Uncle Franklin's lot.

Fldr 9

Calvin Stetson documents Part 1

A. Invitations

- To Mr. L. & Mrs. H. Nye from Mr. & Mrs. S. Ainsworth, February 12, 1842
- To Mr. Stetson from Mr. & Mrs. H. Crocker & Ms. Farris, March 18, 1839
- To Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Stetson from Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Baxters, March 17th
- To Mr. Calvin Stetson & Lady from Mr. Hinckley, January 28th
- To Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Stetson from Mr. & Mrs. S. B. Phinney, February 8, 1842
- To Mr. Calvin Stetson from Misses O & L. L. Lewis, February 15th
- To Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Stetson from Misses Ainsworth, April 18, 1842
- To Mr. Calvin Stetson from Mrs. Tuck, April 23rd

B. Land deeds and related documents

C. Letters and correspondence

D. Miscellaneous documents

E. Pew deeds and documents

F. Receipts, invoices, notes, etc.

Series II Box 2 Fldr 10 Calvin Stetson documents Part 2

A. Intentions of marriage

- Abner W. Lovell to Olive Crocker, 16 Sep 1841
- Obed (?) Coffins to Violet Coates/Cuff (?), 10 Dec 1784
- Capt. W. Davis to Abby A. Farris, 27 Aug 1839
- Unknown to Unknown, 17 Aug 1841
- Ferdinand G. Thelley to Florilla A. Lewis, 25 Dec 1840
- Henry Tuck to Caroline Crocker, 07 July .
- Isaac Bodfish to Hannah Jones, 27 May 1841
- Asa Jones Jr. to Sophronia T. Jones, Dec 1840
- Isaac Bodfish to Hannah Jones, 27 May 1841
- David Fish to Betsey F. West, 05 Oct 1839
- John Hamblen to Temperance Fish, 20 Dec 1839
- Moses Sturgis to Sarah Nickerson, 28 Dec 1839
- Thomas J. Norris to Eliza Crowell, 06 Dec 1839
- Charles T. Perry (New York) to Caroline Goodspeed, 06 Dec 1839
- Capt. Orlando Basset to Martha Babbidge (Boston), 08 Aug 1839
- Matthias Smith to Rhoda Holway (Sandwich), 05 Dec 1839
- John F. Howland to Cynthia L. Hallett, 21 Aug 1840
- Frederick Lewis to Eleanor Loring, 15 Mar 1840
- Oliver A. Nickerson to Nancy C. Hinckley, 01 Feb 1840
- Abram E. Perkins to Charlotte L. Ely, no date
- Capt H.to ? , no date
- John Hamblen, to Temperance Fish, 21 Jan 1840
- David Fish to Betsey F. West, no date

B. Post Office documents

C. Town of Barnstable documents

Fldr 11 Thomas Stetson Documents

A. Estate papers

- Will of Thomas Stetson, Children: Calvin Stetson, Thomas Stetson, Mary (Stetson) Ainsworth
Grandchildren: Sally & William, 14 Feb 1844
- Probate Document, Nymphas Marston, Judge of Probate, Executors: Calvin Stetson and Thomas Stetson, 08 Jan 1850
- Probate Document , N. Marston, Executors: Calvin Stetson and Thomas Stetson, 08 Jan 1850

B. Land deeds

C. Letters and correspondence

D. Receipts, invoices, etc.

- Series II Box 2 Fldr 12 Calvin & Thomas Stetson newspaper articles, advertisements, photographs, etc.
- Series II Box 3 Fldr 1 **Abner Davis Family Papers – Miscellaneous**
 A. Land transactions and deeds 1795-1830
 B. Receipts for school fees 1810-1832
 C. Ship documents – schooners, brigs, sloops – 1810-1832
- Fldr 2 Abner Davis Family Papers relating to Davis family members
 A. Davis, Abner, will 1840
 B. Davis, Joseph, will, 1801
 C. Davis, Mary, will, 1819
 D. Estate of Davis, Alisha, 1808-12
 E. Estate of Davis, John, 1826-31
 F. Receipts of Davis, Job, 1827-28
 G. Receipts and correspondence of Davis, Aldoplphus, 1831-1838
 H. Receipts of Davis, Bethia, for rent from Blossom, Edward, 1812-16
 I. Receipts, bills & documents of Davis, Nancy, 1840-60
 J. Receipts of Davis, Ruth, 1808-10
 K. Receipts of Davis, Timothy, 1809-15
- Fldr 3 Abner Davis Family Papers – Abner Davis receipts, bills, etc.
 A. 1810-19
 B. 1820-29
 C. 1830
 D. 1831
 E. 1838-9
- Fldr 4 Abner Davis Family Papers – Non-Davis Family receipts, documents, etc. – Part 1
 A. Miscellaneous receipts & documents
 B. Receipts of Bacon, Otis, 1827-31
 C. Receipts & documents of Bangs, G. W., 1826-30
 D. Receipts & documents of Gray, John, 1827-72
 E. Documents related to Halsey, Thomas Lloyd, 1792-1827
 F. Estate of Marston, John, 1782-1818

- Series II Box 3 Fldr 5 Abner Davis Family Papers – Non-Davis Family receipts, documents, etc. – Part 2
- A. Correspondence of Prince, James, 1816-18
 - B. Receipts of Savage, Dr. Samuel, 1818-31
 - C. Receipts and documents relating to Scudder, David, 1810-18
 - D. Correspondence of Sprague, James, 1818
 - E. Accounts and documents relating to Tilden, Calvin, 1817-22
- Fldr 6 Abner Davis Family papers -- Documents and receipts for the care and schooling of the Easterbrook children
- A. Miscellaneous documents and receipts 1808-18
 - B. Documents & receipts for Emily Easterbrook, 1810-16
 - C. Documents & receipts for John E. Easterbrook, 1810-16
 - D. Documents & receipts for Joseph Easterbrook, 1810-16
 - E. Documents & receipts for Louisa Easterbrook, 1810-16
 - F. Documents & receipts for Mercy Easterbrook, 1810-16
 - G. Documents & receipts for Nabby Easterbrook, 1810-16
 - H. Documents & receipts for Robert D. Easterbrook, 1810-16
- Fldr 7 Abner Davis Family papers -- Abner Davis guardianship documents
- A. Probate Court findings, estate of Elisha Davis, Joseph Easterbrook, 1864
 - B. Will of Joseph Easterbrook, 1807
 - C. Miscellaneous documents relating to the Easterbrook guardianship, 1810-26
 - D. Discharges, Emily and Joseph Easterbrook, 1822, 1826

- Series II Box 3 Fldr 8 Abner Davis Family papers -- Daniel Davis Documents (3 items)
1. Covenant March 8, 1781 – signed by Davis
 2. Appointment document for Davis, 1785 (COPY)
 3. Probate record signed by Daniel Davis, 1829
- Series II Box 4 Fldr 1 Abner Davis Family papers – Legal Part 1
- A. Legal correspondence 1829-33
 - B. Miscellaneous legal documents and receipts, undated and multiple dates
 - C. Miscellaneous legal documents and receipts, 1809-35
- Fldr 2 Abner Davis Family papers – Legal Part 2
- A. Receipts for court fees 1826-28
 - B. Receipts for jury fees 1822-29
 - C. Receipts for justice fees 1822-29
 - D. Receipts for retail licenses 1820-29
 - E. Receipts for Sherriff's fees 1831
 - F. Receipts for Tavern licenses 1822-32
 - G. Combined receipts for jury fees, tavern & retail licenses, court fees, etc. 1819-28
- Fldr 3 Abner Davis Family papers – Legal writs, executions, etc. 1816-1819 A-J (Need to list)
- Fldr 4 Abner Davis Family papers – Legal writs, executions, etc. 1820 A—Z, AA-EE (Need to list)
- Fldr 5 Abner Davis Family papers – Legal writs, executions, etc. 1821 A-R (Need to list)
- Fldr 6 Abner Davis Family papers – Legal writs, executions, etc. 1822, 23, 26, 28, 31 A-T (Need to list)

Series II Box 5

Lothrop Davis Papers

- Fldr 1 Miscellaneous
- A. Deeds 1837-1858
 - B. Letters and correspondence 1837-1859
 - C. Loring Estate guardianship 1853-1855
 - D. Miscellaneous legal documents 1831-1861
 - E. Miscellaneous personal papers, appointment document, etc.
 - F. Shares in schooner and schoolhouse, 1842
- Fldr 2 Receipts and paid bills 1797-1850
- Fldr 3 Receipts and paid bills 1851-1853
- Fldr 4 Receipts and paid bills 1854-1856
- Fldr 5 Receipts and paid bills 1857-1858

Series II Box 6

Lothrop Davis legal documents (writs, summonses, subpoenas, executions, complaints, etc.)

Legal cases, filed chronologically by year and then alphabetically by plaintiff. Crimes include drunkenness, debt, assault, vagrancy, theft, threats, larceny, child out of wedlock, gambling and gaming, adultery, disturbing the peace, selling liquor without a license, etc.

- Fldr
1 A-K Legal documents 1833-1835
- Fldr
2 A-G Legal documents 1836
- Fldr
3 A-O Legal documents 1837
- Fldr
4 A-K Legal documents 1838-1839

Series II Box 6

Fldr
5 A-Q Legal documents 1840

Fldr
6 A-T Legal documents 1841

Fldr
7 A-E Legal documents 1844

Fldr
8 A-L Legal documents 1845

Fldr
9 A-G Legal documents 1846

Series II Box 7 Lothrop Davis Legal documents (continued from Box 6)

Fldr
1 A-M Legal documents 1847

Fldr
2 A-O Legal documents 1848

Fldr
3 A-Y Legal documents 1852

Fldr
4 A-P Legal documents 1853

Fldr
5 A-Z,
AA-EE Legal documents 1854

Fldr
6 A-H Legal documents 1856-1858

Series II Box 8

Loring Crocker documents

Fldr 1 A. Miscellaneous
 B. Deeds 1802-1868

Fldr 2 Receipts 1827-1849
 A. Undated
 B. 1827-1829
 C. 1830-1839
 D. 1840-1845
 E. 1846-1849

Fldr 3 Receipts 1850-1853
 A. 1850-1851
 B. 1852
 C. 1853

Fldr 4 Receipts 1854-1860
 A. 1854-1856
 B. 1857-1860

Series II Box 9
 Over-
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11 items

Oversized documents and photographs

1. Panoramic view of Barnstable & Harbor looking north, circa 1890 (rolled)
2. Panoramic view of Barnstable Village before St. Mary's Church was built, circa 1890
3. Old Salt Works Common Fields Barnstable Harbor circa 1900
4. Pond Village – Coggins/Hinckley Pond circa 1915
5. Advertisement from Country Life, May 1926 for Englewood Shores of Hyannis, JJ Gallagher Construction
6. Barnstable Fire Department Second Annual Ball, July 22, 1936
7. Aerial photograph of Route 6A, railroad overpass, Barnstable Harbor and Millway, 1935
8. Aerial photograph of Route 6A, Barnstable Harbor and Millway, 1935
9. Aerial photograph of Old Jail, Millway, Barnstable Harbor, 1935
10. Salt Acres barn, circa 1940
11. Salt Acres barn and house, 1940