

NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Manuscripts

No. 116

Date processed: June 16, 1980

- I. Title **New Haven Political Miscellany 1814-1932**
- II. The papers of **New Haven political organizations including The Young Men's Republican Club Company and Delmer E. Croft**
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: **one**
Approximate number of items: **158**
- IV. Restrictions:
none
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of
in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of
the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated
to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
- VI. Press release was issued on
- VII. Biographical note: **The Young Men's Republican Club Company was organized in July, 1892, to hold property for the Young Men's Republican Club. It was dissolved in February, 1932.**
Delmer Eugene Croft was born in Franklin County, Vermont, July 27, 1864. He attended the University of Vermont and Dwight L. Moody's Bible School at Mount Hermon. Following his ordination in 1888, his first pastorate was in New Bedford, later in Boston. Delmer Croft toured the Chatauqua Lecture Circuit enjoying much success throughout the country until 1912, when he burst upon the Connecticut scene as the organizer of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's presidential campaign in this state.
The New Haven area was the scene of Croft's most vigorous political activities.
- VIII. Analysis: **The collection consists of two boxes and one oversize item. All material is arranged chronologically where dated. It is divided into three parts:**
The first part is political miscellany including signatures of petitioners for the organization of The New Haven Grant (Ulysses S. Grant) Club in 1867. There is also a scrapbook of news clippings (1904-1905) concerning the administration and reelection campaign of New Haven's Mayor Studley.
The second part is made up of material relating to the New Haven political scene and the Young Men's Republican Club Company of New Haven. The papers are arranged chronologically, from 1892 to the dissolution of the company in 1932.
The third part relates to Delmer Croft and has been separated as to his political and promotional interests (1912-1915). Included, are items detailing his interest in astrology, health practices, medicine sales, and the Emerson Rest Home.

Tariff Reform Poster removed from I/A
TABLE OF CONTENTS and cataloged as BR 74.

- Box I. City of New Haven Political Memorabilia (8)
- A. Printed campaign miscellany 1814-1905 (8)
Included is one notice from The Citizen's League, New Haven, 1905, with list of members.
 - B. Lists of candidates in local, state, and national elections 1850 ca. (20)
 - C. Signatures of Petitioners for Organization of New Haven Grant Club (1868) (24)
 - D. Campaign speech for Grant and Colfax addressed to "Boys in Blue" n.d. mss. (1)
 - E. Scrapbook of news clippings during campaign and administration of Mayor Studley 1904-1905 (1)
 - F. Ballots for soldier vote (printed forms) 1916, 1918 (2)
- Box II. Young Men's Republican Club Co.; Delmer Croft
- A. Records of Sec. Treas. Albert McC. Mathewson 1892-1932 Y.M.R.C. Co. Bd. Vol. 147 p. (1)
 - B. Letters of Pres. James A. Howarth, 1896 (copies) (2)
 - C. Miscellaneous papers regarding the dissolution of club and sale of property:
 - Copies of notarized statement of Albert Mc C. Mathewson (1)
 - Correspondence regarding dissolution and sale (4)
 - Statements concerning sale of property (4)
 - D. Scrapbook detailing the political career of Delmer Croft in New Haven (New Haven Material begins on p. 119) ca. 80p. 1890-1915 (1)
 - E. Miscellaneous news clippings of political career of Delmer Croft 1914-1915 (48)
Speech for Progressive-Republican Unity
 - F. Memorabilia of Delmer E. Croft
News clippings, brochures, advertisements for Emerson Home; Health remedies; poetry clippings; (30)
 - G. Portraits and photographs (unlabeled, undated) (10)
- MOVED TO FOLDER G
- ~~Overseas:~~ Photograph of Reunion Dinner July 10, 1913
Young Men's Republican Club Co.
"Old Crowd from Early Nineties" (1)

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Box/Folder Contents

Additions to the Collection

1/G	Records of the Republican League, 1884-1891
1/H	<u>The Republican News</u> , s.d., (1950's)
1/I	Elaine M. Noe for Mayor campaign posters and brochures
3/A	Photographs of Richard C. Lee, returned to the City by publishers, 1968.
3/B	Photographs of Richard C. Lee and Robert Kennedy, campaigning.