

Guide to the Old Indian House Papers

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Built in Deerfield by Ensign John Sheldon (1658-1733) in 1699, the Old Indian House, has long been associated with the raid of 1704, from which it received its name. The Old Indian House papers document various aspects of the building and its iconic door which still survives in Memorial Hall Museum. Included are correspondence (originals and copies), images that have appeared in various publications, copies of the broadside printed to rally support for saving the structure, articles and lectures on the building, and Historic American Building Survey (HABS) drawings and reports, and past unpublished writings by individuals who saw or visited the house before its razing in 1848. Among the correspondence are manuscript copies of six letters (1863-1868) written by Rev. Robert Crawford to Dr. Daniel D. Slade of Boston who had purchased the building's door and eventually sold it to a Board of Trustees formed to bring the door back to Deerfield.

Container List:

- Fol. 1: Correspondence, 1847-1976 (originals and photocopies)
- Fol. 2: Newspaper clippings/photocopies regarding the house, 1847-1985
- Fol. 3: Copies of 1847 broadside
- Fol. 4: Images of the house
- Fol. 5: Articles and lectures
- Fol. 6: Unpublished writings
- Fol. 7: HABS drawings and reports
- Fol. 8: Poems