

Reference code: GB165-0066

Title: Frank Cramer-Roberts Collection

Name of creator: Roberts, Frank Cramer- (d.1943), Engineer

Dates of creation of material: 1801-1916; ?1930s

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 boxes

Biographical history: CRAMER ROBERTS, Frank W. (d.1943)

Irrigation engineer in Egypt until 1930. Further details unknown.

Scope and content: Research materials and notes by Cramer Roberts on the Egyptian Campaign, 1801, with engravings, maps and plans.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

Conditions governing reproduction: No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

Custodial history: In Frank Cramer Roberts' possession.

Immediate source of acquisition: Acquired from Esmé Cramer Roberts (widow), October 1965. Elizabeth Monroe helped her sell some original letters from the collection through Sotheby's, May 1966.

Location of originals: No record of purchaser of original documents (in files 3 and 4a) sold by Sotheby's.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds level description created by C. Brown 17 August 1998 and revised by D. Usher 26 September 2003.

**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE FRANK CRAMER-
ROBERTS COLLECTION**

- FILE 1 “The British Campaign in Egypt 1801 – as recorded in the diary of Surgeon Thornton edited with comments by Lt Col W H Thornton” Privately published 1933
- FILE 2 Note by Cramer-Roberts on the landing of the British Army at Abu-Kir 1801, with a short account of the events which led up to the campaign and the preparation of the expeditionary force
- FILE 3 Copy of an official despatch from Major General Hely Hutchinson to Secretary of State for war – Dundas, 3 April 1801
- FILE 4 (a) Photocopies of the original letters from Major General Sir Eyre Coote to H.R.H. Duke of Gloucester 13 December 1800 – 9 October 1801
(b) Typescript transcriptions of (a) made by F.W. Cramer – Roberts
(c) Mss transcriptions of (a)
- FILE 5 Statements of General Belliard’s account of the Fall of Cairo, 19 March 1801 – 27 June 1801
- FILE 6 Note on conference of 27 June 1801, giving terms of French withdrawal – safe conduct etc
- FILE 7 Brief notes on the state of the French army in Egypt 1798 – 1801
- FILE 8 French scheme for Battle at Abu Kir. Brief chronology of main events March – October 1801
- FILE 9 Miscellaneous final drafts of various sections of Cramer-Roberts proposed book on the British campaign
- FILE 10 Text of a lecture (and list of slides shown) entitled “A Short description of difficult actions fought between the French and British armies in Egypt in 1801”
- FILE 11 Drafts of Chapter dealing with French activity 1797-1800 (death of General Kleber)
- FILE 12 & 13 Miscellaneous early notes and drafts
- FILE 14 Draft of a chapter on the Turkish army
- FILE 15 Text of a lecture given in Egypt
- FILE 16 Collection of engravings, photographs and small maps/plans
(a) Engraving of Sir Sidney Smith at the breach of Acre, 9 May 1799. Engraved by Richard Bentley London 1848

- (b) Engraving of Rt Hon G.K. Elphinstone. Painted by J Hoppner R.A. Engraved by W Hall. Fisher Son & Co. London 1837
- (c) Engraving of Brueys. Painted by A Lacauchie, engraved by Leguay (undated)
- (d) Kleber. Published by Furne Paris (undated)
- (e) Engraving showing the Battle of the Nile. Painted by G Arnold Esq A.R.A. engraved by J Le Petit (undated)
- (f) Engraving showing the Battle of the Nile. Painted by Captain James Weir R.A. engraved by A.H. Payne (no date)
- (g) Engravings of Lt Gen Sir Eyre Coote. Painted by Willian Lodder, engraved by H.R. Cook (undated)
- (h) Engraving of Sir Ralph Abercromby. Engraved by W. Finden. Published by Harding & Leppard., Pall Mall 1831
- (i) Engraving of Sir Ralph Abercromby published by Kirkwood & Sons, Edinburgh. June 1801
- (j) Engraving of Kleber. Painted by Lacauchie, engraved by Leguay (undated)
- (k) Engraving of Lord Nelson. Painted by J Hoppner R.A. engraved by H Robinson (undated)
- (l) Engraving showing the death of Sir Ralph Abercromby. Published by Thomas Kelly. London 1916
- (m) Two framed compilations each containing four photographs of portraits of Generals Valetin, Reyneir, Lanusse, Destaing, Boussart, Rampon, Fraint and Damens
- (n) Photograph of an engraving of General Lord Hutchinson. Original engraved by J Heath from a drawing by Knight. First published 1815 by G Robinson of London
- (o) Plan showing the Battle of the Nile fought off Abi-Kir. 1 August 1798 (C.R. undated)
- (p) Plan showing the disposition of the French army on the arrival of the British in Abu Kir Bay on 2 March 1801 (C.R. undated)
- (q) Plan of the action of Mandora fought on 13 March 1801 (C.R. 1934)

Rolled Maps/Plans

- 1 Larger version of (p); plan showing the landing of the British forces at Abi-Kir 8 March 1801; copy of an engraving by C Turner showing the Battle of Alexandria 21 March 1801
- 2 Larger version of (q); plan of the investment of Grand Cairo by the British forces commanded by General Lord Hutchinson 1801