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A Guide to the Joseph W. Clark Papers, circa 1850s-1934, undated

Summary Information

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Title

Joseph W. Clark Papers, circa 1850s-1934, undated

Identifier

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Date

Circa 1850s-1934, undated

Physical Description

4 Hollinger boxes; 1.67 linear feet

Physical Location

The materials are located onsite in the Museum.

Language of the Material

English

Abstract

Reverend Joseph W. Clark (1854-1936) was the son of Reverend Samuel Wellman Clark (1824-1892) and Sarah Mayhew Clark (1832-1906). Born in Newark, New Jersey, Clark eventually made his home in Altamont, Albany County, New York, and was buried in Albany Rural Cemetery upon his death. Clark was very interested in his family genealogy, and spent many years compiling information, specifically on his branch of the Clark Family of Haverhill, Massachusetts.

This collection contains primarily genealogy-related materials, correspondence, and photographs.

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Biographical/Historical

Joseph W. Clark was born on November 14, 1854, in Newark, Essex County, New Jersey. One of seven children born to Reverend Samuel Wellman (1824-1892) and Sarah Mayhew Clark (1832-1906), Joseph followed in his father's footsteps and became a minister himself. He married Harriet Bailey (1859-1942) in 1880, and they had three children: Maude Clark Olmsted (circa 1881-1911), Wellman (died in infancy), and Marie

Clark Galleher (1885-1975). In about 1912, Clark accepted the position of General Superintendent of the New York State Sunday School Association, which led Joseph and Harriet's move to Albany, New York. Harriet Bailey Clark became a practicing physician in Albany, with a practice at 280 Hamilton Street.

A prolific writer who also had a deep interest in genealogy, Clark compiled materials and intended to write a book on the history of the Clark Family of Haverhill, Massachusetts. Notations in the records indicate that this was incomplete at the time of his death.

Joseph W. Clark died on September 25, 1936, in Altamont, Albany County, New York, and was buried in the Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands, New York.

Scope and Contents

The Joseph W. Clark Papers consist of genealogical materials, correspondence, writings, and photographs. The collection spans from the 1850s to 1934, with the bulk of the records from the 1900-1934. **Note:** much of the collection is printed, typed, or adhered to onionskin paper, making it very fragile. Stick pins were often used instead of paperclips, and while most were found during processing, there may still be some in the collection and researchers should use caution when handling the materials.

Genealogical Information, 1861-1934, undated, includes all of the materials Joseph W. Clark compiled while investigating his family history. These materials encompass original documents, typed copies, correspondence, handwritten notes, genealogical family trees, and photographs. His Clark Family writing projects, 50th wedding anniversary album, 80th birthday album, and address book were kept in binders, which, if unmarked, were removed from the collection as they were decaying and damaging the materials within. Pages were kept in the order in which they were found in the binder.

Church-Related Activities, circa 1920s, is comprised of writings, often composed by Joseph W. Clark, referencing work he accomplished for the church or his thoughts on a church-related subject.

Photographs, circa 1850s-1915, contains mostly identified images of Clark family members. Three images are unidentified. Images found within binders of Clark's writing project remain as originally organized by Clark, and researchers should also check those folders for family photographs.

Contents List

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

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Address Book, Joseph W. Clark, undated		6
Address Book, Joseph W. Clark, Binder	2	1
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Book, "In Memoriam, Rev. E.W. Clark," undated		3
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