

Guide to the Leicester Craig Clark Family Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1137

CREATOR: Clark, Leicester Craig, 1885-1959

TITLE: Leicester Craig Clark Family Papers

DATES: 1829-1928

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 9 linear feet (16 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Family of descendants of Justin Ely (1739-1817) with branches in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Ohio. More than half the papers consists of family correspondence and printed matter (1883-1920) collected by Leicester Craig Clark. The printed matter (ca. 1900-1920) includes advertising brochures, greeting cards, picture postcards, and pamphlets from religious and charitable organizations, which offer a sample of American popular culture for the period. Clark's sister, Margaret Clark Neal, and his mother, Bertha Ely Clark, are prominently represented. Another major portion of the papers consists of approximately four hundred photographs (1862-1925) showing members of the related Clark, Ely, Farnam, Kent, Kingsley, and Upham families, their friends, and views of places in Europe and the United States. Most of the photographs were taken by professional photographers. Also included are eighty paintings and drawings made by members of the family, most numerous being the watercolors and oil paintings of Elizabeth Ely. A number of tracings were done by Leicester Craig Clark. Additional memorabilia includes newspaper clippings, programs, invitations, and commonplace books.

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- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Henry W. Farnam, Jr., 1967.

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Biographical / Historical

For a chart outlining the genealogical relations of the Ely family, please consult the [Genealogical Chart](#).

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Arranged in three series: Series I: Justin Ely Family Papers, 1862-1928; Series II: Index to the Photographs; Series III: Leicester Craig Clark Papers

Collection Contents

Series I: JUSTIN ELY FAMILY PAPERS, 1862-1928, undated

3.75 linear feet (9 boxes)

Letters

b. 1, f. 1	Munson, M., to Martha Upham	1882 June 18
b. 1, f. 1	Olind, Mrs. C., to Mrs. J. Craig Clark	1923 January 6
b. 1, f. 1	Unidentified to Margaret	undated

Postcards

b. 1, f. 2	Yale University and New Haven, Connecticut	undated
b. 1, f. 3	Miscellaneous	1905-1915, undated
b. 1, f. 4	Greeting cards	1884-1890, 1909-1913, undated
b. 1, f. 5	Notebook of "Spoken English,"	undated
b. 1, f. 6	Miscellaneous notes	undated
b. 1, f. 7-8	Printed matter	1894, 1911-1928, undated
b. 1, f. 9	Programs, printed invitations, etc.	1884-1926, undated
b. 1, f. 10	Wooden items	undated
b. 1, f. 11	Vestments	undated

Photographs

See [Index for listing](#)

Family members and friends

b. 2, f. 2	Barton _____	undated
b. 2, f. 2	Bates, Anna Upham	undated
b. 2, f. 3	Bates, Laura and Louise	undated
b. 2, f. 4	Bellamy, Fred	undated
b. 2, f. 5	Bowles, Elizabeth (Belden) (4)	undated
b. 2, f. 6	Bowles, Walter	undated
b. 2, f. 7	C_____, B.R. (3)	undated
b. 2, f. 8	Chambers, Elsie G.	undated

Photographs > Family members and friends (continued)

b. 2, f. 9	Cheney, Genevieve H.	undated
b. 7, f. 126	Cheney, Genevieve H.	undated
b. 2, f. 10	[Clark family?]	undated
b. 2, f. 11	Clark, Bertha (2)	1862
b. 2, f. 12	Clark, Bertha (3)	undated
b. 7, f. 127	Clark, Bertha	undated
b. 4, f. 84	Clark, Bertha Kent (Ely) (2)	undated
b. 2, f. 13	Clark, J.C.	undated
b. 7, f. 128	Clark, Leicester Craig (7)	undated
b. 2, f. 14	[Clark, Lillie?] (3)	undated
b. 4, f. 85	[Clark, Lillie?] (3)	undated
b. 7, f. 129	[Clark, Lillie?] (2)	undated
b. 2, f. 15	Clark, Lillie and Bertha (2)	1865 Sep, undated
b. 2, f. 16-18	Clark, Margaret (11)	undated
b. 4, f. 86	Clark, Margaret (2)	undated
b. 4, f. 87	[Clark, Margaret and Lillie?] (3)	undated
b. 2, f. 19	Clark, Martha Upham (2)	undated
b. 2, f. 20	Cox, Samuel Hanson	1864 August 6
b. 2, f. 21	Ely, Charles	undated
b. 2, f. 22	Ely, Mrs. Charles	undated
b. 2, f. 23	Ely, Charles U. (2)	undated
b. 2, f. 24	Ely, Harriet (Kent)	undated
b. 2, f. 25	Ely, Heman	undated
b. 2, f. 26	Ely, Jessie (Kent) (3)	undated
b. 2, f. 27	Ely, Lizzie U.	undated
b. 2, f. 28	Ely, Louise Wentworth	undated
b. 2, f. 29	Ely, Mary (Day)	1892 August 13
b. 2, f. 30	Ely, Morris U. (3)	undated
b. 2, f. 31	Farnam, Henry W., and family	undated
b. 2, f. 32	Farnam, Henry W., and Louise W.	undated

Photographs > Family members and friends (continued)

b. 2, f. 33	Farnam, Julie (Kingsley) (Mrs. Henry W.)	undated
b. 2, f. 34	Farnam, Katherine	undated
b. 2, f. 35	Farnam, Louise and Katherine	undated
b. 4, f. 75	Farnam, Louise, Katherine, and Henry (2)	undated
b. 2, f. 36	Frothingham, John S.	undated
b. 2, f. 37	Frothingham, Katherine (Kent) (2)	undated
b. 3, f. 38	Greene, Mrs., and Mrs. and Miss Thatcher	undated
b. 3, f. 39	Holbrook, _____ (2)	1873
b. 3, f. 40	Jackson, Mary Crane	undated
b. 3, f. 41	Kingsley, Charles	undated
b. 3, f. 42	Kingsley, Louise Upham	undated
b. 3, f. 43	Kingsley, William L.	undated
b. 3, f. 44	L_____, K.	undated
b. 3, f. 45	Lee, John and Sibley	1893 July
b. 3, f. 46	Marshall, Harriet Ely	undated
b. 4, f. 88	Munson, Marjory F.	undated
b. 4, f. 76	Rice, Elizabeth	undated
b. 3, f. 47	Robeson, Jack	undated
b. 3, f. 48	[Saportas?], Gabrielle S. Mathilde	1878 August 4
b. 3, f. 49	[Stainack?], Sara Perry (2)	1905 July 14
b. 4, f. 89	Stevens, Alexander C.	1907
b. 7, f. 130	T_____, E.R.	undated
b. 4, f. 77	Townshend, Arthur B.	undated
b. 3, f. 50	Upham, Charlotte	undated
b. 4, f. 78	Upham, Hannah (2)	undated
b. 3, f. 51	White, Edwin	1868 February
	Unidentified Folder No. 90-97	
b. 3, f. 52-54	"George" (9)	1881, undated
b. 3, f. 55	"Leicester,"	1887

Photographs > Unidentified (continued)

b. 3, f. 56	"Meryl,"	undated
b. 4, f. 79	"Ahbuhlea Christmas Party" (2)	1911
b. 3, f. 57-74	Miscellaneous(42)	1864,1925,undated
b. 4, f. 80-83	Miscellaneous (35)	undated
b. 7, f. 132-136	Miscellaneous (15)	undated
Other subjects by geographic location		
Folder No. 116		
b. 6, f. 99	Antwerp (2)	undated
b. 8, f. 137	Antwerp	1869
b. 8, f. 138	Athens	undated
b. 8, f. 139	Constantinople	undated
b. 8, f. 140	Egypt (2)	undated
b. 6, f. 100-103	France (23)	undated
b. 8, f. 141	France (8)	undated
b. 6, f. 104	Great Britain (5)	1868, undated
b. 8, f. 142	Great Britain (8)	1874, undated
b. 6, f. 105	Italy (3)	undated
b. 8, f. 143	Italy (11)	undated
b. 8, f. 144	Jerusalem	undated
b. 6, f. 117	Moscow	undated
b. 8, f. 145	Seville	undated
b. 8, f. 146	Switzerland (2)	undated
United States		
Folder No. 121-124		
b. 6, f. 118-119	Black River, Elyria, Ohio (7)	undated
b. 6, f. 120	Greenwood Cemetery (2)	undated
b. 6, f. 106-107	Portsmouth, New Hampshire (6)	undated
b. 8, f. 147	St. Luke's Hospital, New York	undated
b. 6, f. 108	Sophia Street homestead (4)	undated
b. 6, f. 109	Woodbury, Connecticut (6)	undated
b. 6, f. 110-111	Unidentified (21)	undated

Photographs > Other subjects by geographic location > United States (continued)

b. 6, f. 112	Photograph album of unidentified location	undated
	Miscellaneous subjects Folder No. 125	
b. 7, f. 131	Nurses	undated
b. 5, f. 98	Red Cross Convention, with President Calvin Coolidge, Washington, D.C. (2)	1923 September
b. 6, f. 113	Works of art (4)	undated
b. 8, f. 148	Works of art (33)	undated
b. 6, f. 114-115	Unidentified (11)	undated
b. 8, f. 149	Unidentified (12)	undated
b. 9	Drawings, paintings, and tracings See also: Box 8 for one oversize painting	undated

Series II: LEICESTER CRAIG CLARK PAPERS

Clark, Bertha Kent Ely		
Correspondence		
b. 10, f. 1-14	1877 - 1914 October	1877 - 1914 October
b. 11, f. 15-28	1914 October - 1921	1914 October - 1921
b. 12, f. 29-37	1922-1927, undated	1922-1927, undated
Clark, Leicester Craig		
Correspondence		
b. 12, f. 38-41	1893 - 1908 December	1893 - 1908 December
b. 13, f. 42-54	1908 December - 1913 October 2	1908 December - 1913 October 2
b. 14, f. 55-66	1913 October 3 - 1918 August	1913 October 3 - 1918 August
b. 15, f. 67-79	1918 September - 1925 June	1918 September - 1925 June
b. 16, f. 80-90	1925 July - 1930	1925 July - 1930
b. 17, f. 91-94	undated	undated
b. 17, f. 95-98	Financial papers	1927-1931, undated
Others		
b. 17, f. 99-100	Clark, John Craig	1892-1909, undated
b. 17, f. 101	Ely, Anna Holbrook Perkins	1857-1887, undated
b. 18, f. 102	Ely, Charles Upham	1837-1850, undated
b. 18, f. 103-110	Ely, Eliza Upham	1849-1918, undated
b. 18, f. 111-112	Ely, Harriet Kent	1852-1893, undated
b. 18, f. 113	Ely, Jessie Kent	1874, undated
b. 19, f. 114-117	Ely, Leicester Kent	1844-1885, undated

Others (continued)

b. 19, f. 118	Lee, Bertha Craig Clark	1905-1927, undated
b. 19, f. 119	Neal, Margaret Clark	1902-1919, undated
b. 19, f. 120-125	Miscellanea	undated
b. 20, f. 126-129	Photographs	undated
b. 21, f. 130-132	Miscellanea	undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Advertising
Drawing -- 19th century
Families
Painting -- United States
Popular culture
Women painters

Genres / Formats

Albums (Books)
Photoprints
Postcards

Occupations

Artists

Names

Clark, Bertha Kent Ely, b. 1860
Clark, Leicester Craig, 1885-1959
Ely, Elizabeth W., 1815-1837
Neal, Margaret Clark

Families

Clark family
Ely family
Farnham family
Kent family
Kingsley family
Upham family