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CALL NUMBER: MS 18

CREATOR: Clark, Job

TITLE: Job Clark papers

DATES: 1810-1882

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.25 linear feet (5 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Notebooks of an early student at the Yale Medical School (ca.1815) on lectures by Silliman, Ives & Smith; notebooks on his medical practice; medical reference and prescription notebooks; Ravenna, Ohio, meteorological journals; miscellaneous medical notes and printed material. An addition to the collection comprises personal correspondence of Job Clark and family members, as well as journal entries and writings.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

Job Clark was born November 10, 1787 and grew up in Westfield, Massachusetts. He married Ruth Sheldon, also of Westfield. He graduated from Williams College in 1811. After attending the Yale Medical School in 1815 and 1816, he served as Surgeon's Mate with the Militia of Massachusetts until 1824. Clark later moved to Ravenna, Ohio, where he raised his family and practiced medicine until his death. He died April 4, 1867.

Scope and Contents

The Job Clark Papers consist of notes, writings, and printed material (1810-1858) relating primarily to the Yale Medical School and the practice of medicine. Clark is listed in the Catalogue of the Medical School of 1815. His medical notes on lectures by Benjamin Silliman, Eli Ives, and Nathan Smith, 1815-1816, are particularly valuable as they relate to the earliest period of medical school history--the Medical Institution was organized August 31, 1813. An addition to the collection focuses more broadly on the entire Clark family and comprises personal correspondence of its members, as well as journal entries and writings, describing their daily lives and interactions.

Collection Contents

Original accession

b. 1, f. 1	Fragment of a diary	1815
b. 1, f. 2	Meteorological Journal, Ravenna Portage Co., Ohio	1834, 1841-1842, 1847, 1852-1858
b. 1, f. 3	Note on series of discourses on systematic theology	1842
b. 1, f. 4	Admission cards to lectures in medicine and natural philosophy at Yale College	1815
b. 1, f. 5	Invitation card to Commencement Ball of Williams College	1810
b. 1, f. 6	Class notebooks on diseases and their treatment	1814-1816
b. 1, f. 7	Lecture notebook of medical instruction by Drs. Silliman, Smith, and Ives; 224 p.	1815-1817
b. 1, f. 8	Book of Reference and General Principles, indexed	1819-1821
b. 1, f. 9	Booklets and single pages with information related to his medical practice	1819-1837, undated
b. 1, f. 10	Medical diary of cases	1836 November-1837 November
b. 1, f. 11	Notebook of prescriptions and treatments, indexed	1816
b. 1, f. 12	Notebook with pharmaceutical prescriptions	1819, 1824

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Primary correspondents are Clark family members: Job and Ruth (Sheldon) Clark, son Charles, daughters Cornelia, Elizabeth, and Frances, and extended family members, and to a lesser extent, friends and acquaintances. The majority of the correspondence was identified by Lucy Swanton Clark and is in envelopes prepared by her with the name of the author, recipient, and date.

Materials are arranged alphabetically by personal name, then by type of material, and chronologically therein.

Clark, Charles (son of Job Clark)		
Correspondence, outgoing		
b. 1, f. 1-5	1841-1848	
b. 2, f. 1-3	1849-1858	
Correspondence, incoming		
b. 2, f. 4	1850-1855, undated	
b. 2, f. 4	Nutting, R.	1853 July 25
Clark, Elizabeth (Lizzie/Libby)		
b. 2, f. 5	Correspondence, outgoing	1848
b. 2, f. 6	Correspondence, incoming	1838-1870, undated
b. 3, f. 1	Correspondence, incoming (Elizabeth and Cornelia)	Undated
b. 3, f. 2	Writings Presumably the handwriting of Elizabeth, includes copies of poems, rules for a game, etc.	Undated
Clark, Francis		
b. 3, f. 3	Correspondence, incoming	1850s-1860s
Clark, Job		
b. 3, f. 4	Correspondence, outgoing	1813-1851
b. 3, f. 5	Correspondence, incoming	1813-1840s
b. 3, f. 6	Financial	1821, 1862-1864
b. 3, f. 7	Journal, handwritten	Circa 1820s
b. 3, f. 8	Journal transcripts Typed transcriptions of journal entries were prepared by Lucy Swanton Clark.	1812, 1818, circa 1850s
b. 3, f. 9-11	Writings Topics are varied, including botany, intemperance, and sermon texts.	1817, 1820s, 1835, undated

	Clark, Mary S.	1858, 1878
b. 3, f. 12	Correspondence, incoming	1858, 1878
	Clark, Ruth	
b. 3, f. 13	Correspondence, incoming	1825, 1867
b. 3, f. 14-15	Writings	Circa 1820s
	Others	
	Correspondence, outgoing/incoming	
b. 3, f. 16	"Aunt" English	1867, 1876
b. 3, f. 16	"Brother and Sister" English	1858
b. 3, f. 17	"Family" English	Undated
b. 3, f. 17	"Father" English	Undated
b. 4, f. 1	"Friend(s)" English	1868-1869
b. 4, f. 1	"Grandma" English	1874
b. 4, f. 2	"R" English	1882
b. 4, f. 2	"Sister" English	1855-1874
b. 4, f. 2	"Son" English	1850
b. 4, f. 3	"Tappan, L. P." English	1843, undated
b. 4, f. 3	Unidentified	Undated
b. 4, f. 4-9	Transcriptions of selected correspondence of family members Typed transcriptions were prepared by Lucy Swanton Clark.	1813-1850, 1857, 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

Medicine
Medicine -- United States
Meteorology
Physicians

Geographic Names

Ravenna (Ohio)

Genres / Formats

Diaries

Names

Clark, Job
Ives, Eli, 1779-1861
Silliman, Benjamin, 1779-1864
Smith, Nathan, 1762-1829

Corporate Bodies

Yale University. School of Medicine -- History
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