

Guide to the Ethel Fogg and William Brooks Clift Memorial Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 817

CREATOR: Whitcomb, John Merrall, 1907- , collector

TITLE: Ethel Fogg and William Brooks Clift memorial collection

DATES: 1769-1992

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5.5 linear feet (9 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: A collection assembled by John M. Whitcomb of the letters and other papers of European and American cultural and political figures from the eighteenth to the twentieth centuries. With the collection is the correspondence (1948-1989) of John M. Whitcomb with writers, historians and political figures on subjects such as the Russian Revolution, Communism, the Sacco-Vanzetti case, Woodrow Wilson, and American foreign policy. Also included is biographical material relating to Ethel Fogg Blair and William Brooks Clift, parents of actor Montgomery Clift.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of John M. Whitcomb, 1975-1995.

Conditions Governing Access

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Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents

The Clift Collection is divided into three series. Series I consists of letters and other papers of European and American cultural and political figures from the eighteenth through the twentieth centuries. These papers are arranged alphabetically by author. Series II contains the correspondence of John Merrill Whitcomb (1907-, Y. 1930) with writers, historians, and political figures on subjects such as the Russian Revolution, communism, the Sacco-Venzetti case, Woodrow Wilson, and American foreign policy. These papers are arranged alphabetically by correspondent. Series III consists of material relating to Ethel Fogg Clift.

Yale University received this collection through the generosity of John M. Whitcomb, who donated the papers in honor of Ethel Blair Fogg Clift and William Brooks Clift in a series of gifts beginning in 1975.

Arrangement

Arrangement by accession.

Collection Contents

Series I: CLIFT COLLECTION: LETTERS AND PAPERS OF CULTURAL AND POLITICAL FIGURES

| | | |
|-------------|---|--|
| b. 1, f. 1 | Anderson, Robert (1805-1871) | 1861 January 6 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Bayard, Thomas Francis (1828-1898) | 1868 January 8 |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Blair, Montgomery (1813-1880) | 1861 December 16, 28 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Buchanan, James, Pres. U.S. (1791-1861) | 1852 May 19, July 21 |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Cleveland, Grover, Pres. U.S. (1837-1908) | 1887 July 4 |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Cluseret, Gustave Paul (1823-1900) | 1869 June 19 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | Comte, Auguste (1798-1857) | 1844 April 4 |
| b. 1, f. 8 | Davis, Jefferson (1808-1889) | 1861 September 14 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Du Ponceau, Pierre Etienne [i.e. Peter Stephen] (1760-1844) | 1898 August 13 |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Eads, James Buchanan (1820-1887) | 1874 June 15 |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Fanning, Edmund (1737-1818) | 1815 March 7 |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Frankfurter, Felix (1882-1965) | 1938 August 22 |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Freiligrath, Ferdinand (1810-1876) | 1844 November 28 |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Freiligrath, Ida (Melos) (1817-1899) | 1852 June 4 |
| b. 1, f. 14 | Girard, Stephen (1750-1831) | 1791 November 12, 1826 November 13 |
| b. 1, f. 15 | Gorkii, Maksim (1868-1936) | 1925 March 2 |
| b. 1, f. 16 | Hardie, James Keir (1856-1915) | 1906 August 30 |
| b. 1, f. 16 | Holyoake, George Jacob (1817-1906) | 1876 December 23 |
| b. 1, f. 17 | Herriot, Edouard (1872-1957) | [1924?] |
| b. 1, f. 18 | Howe, John | 1866 January 4 |
| b. 1, f. 19 | James, Henry (1843-1916) | 1904 October 8, n.y. March 6 |
| b. 1, f. 20 | Johnston, Joseph Eggleston (1807-1891) | 1859 January 14 |
| b. 1, f. 21 | Latude, Jean Henry Masers de (1725-1805) | 1790 May 21 |

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|-------------|--|---------------------------------|
| b. 1, f. 22 | Lincoln, Abraham, Pres. U.S. (1809-1865) | 1861 June 17 |
| b. 1, f. 23 | Morris, Robert (1734-1806) | 1799 May 20 |
| b. 1, f. 24 | Oxford and Asquith, Herbert Henry Asquith, 1st earl of (1852-1928) | 1911 February 27 |
| b. 1, f. 25 | Polk, James Knox, Pres. U.S. (1795-1894) | 1844 December 5, 1849 May 17 |
| b. 1, f. 26 | Proudhon, Pierre Joseph (1809-1865) | 1863 July 9 |
| b. 1, f. 27 | Quincy, Edmund 4th (1703-1788) | 1769 October 25 |
| b. 1, f. 28 | Roland de la Platiere, Jean Marie (1734-1793) | 1792 April 13, May 26 |
| b. 1, f. 29 | Roosevelt, Franklin Delano, Pres. U.S. (1882-1945) | 1926 July 8 |
| b. 1, f. 30 | Saint-Simon, Claude Henri, comte de (1760-1825) | undated |
| b. 1, f. 31 | Stephens, Alexander Hamilton (1812-1883) | 1869 October 10 |
| b. 1, f. 32 | Tocqueville, Alexis de (1805-1859) | 1843 August 13 |
| b. 1, f. 33 | Webb, Beatrice (1858-1943) | 1920 September 17 |
| b. 1, f. 34 | Whitney, Asa (1797-1872) | 1860 January |
| b. 1, f. 35 | Wilson, Woodrow, Pres. U.S. (1856-1924) | 1890 March 8, 1900 July 18 |

Series II: CORRESPONDENCE OF JOHN M. WHITCOMB

| | | |
|-------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| b. 2, f. 36 | Aron, Raymond (1905-) | 1977, 1978 |
| b. 2, f. 37 | Bell, Daniel (1919-) | 1966 April 14 |
| b. 2, f. 38 | Berle, Adolf Augustus (1895-1971) | 1963 January 4 |
| b. 2, f. 39 | Copeman, Frederick B. | 1959 November 10 |
| b. 2, f. 40 | Gavin, James M. | 1980 June 9 |
| b. 2, f. 40 | Geyer, Georgie Ann(1935-) | 1973 November 13 |
| b. 2, f. 41 | Hersey, John Richard (1914-) | 1963 November 21 |
| b. 2, f. 42 | Kennan, George Frost (1904-) | 1971 May 25 |
| b. 2, f. 43 | Lattimore, Owen (1900-) | 1971 January 23 |
| b. 2, f. 44 | Lichtheim, George (1912-) | 1967 August 2 |
| b. 2, f. 44 | Link, Arthur Stanley (1920-) | 1978 August 11 |
| b. 2, f. 45 | MacLeish, Archibald (1892-) | 1972 May 5, [ca. 1978 Jul] |
| b. 2, f. 46 | McLellan, David (1904-) | 1974 May 29 |
| b. 2, f. 47 | Manuel, Frank Edward (1910-) | 1976 May 24 |
| b. 2, f. 48 | Morison, Samuel Eliot (1887-1976) | 1972 March 1 |
| b. 2, f. 49 | Payne, Robert (1911-) | 1972 June 6 |
| b. 2, f. 50 | Roosevelt, James (1907-) | 1979 January 29 |
| b. 2, f. 50 | Rosenman, Samuel Irving (1896-) | 1970 January 15 |
| b. 2, f. 51 | Russell, Francis (1910-) | 1971 June 9 - 1980 September 29 |
| b. 2, f. 52 | Seldes, George (1890-) | n.y. August 13 |
| b. 2, f. 53 | Struik, Dirk Jan (1894-) | 1974 July 18 |
| b. 2, f. 54 | Thomas, Norman Mattoon (1884-1968) | 1951 November 12 |
| b. 2, f. 54 | Thompson, Dorothy (1894-1961) | 1948 March 30 |
| b. 2, f. 55 | Toland, John Willard (1912-) | 1974 October 26 |
| b. 2, f. 56 | Trotsky, Lev (1879-1910) | |
| b. 2, f. 56 | 3 TLS (electrostatic copies) of letters from Trotsky | 1930, 1933 |

Trotsky, Lev (1879-1910) (continued)

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| b. 2, f. 56 | Correspondence of John M. Whitcomb re: Trotsky | 1962, 1963, 1979 |
| b. 2, f. 57 | Utley, Freda (1898-) | 1973 March 4 |
| b. 2, f. 58 | Wedemeyer, Albert Coady (1897-) | 1973, 1978, 1979 |

Series III: ETHEL FOGG CLIFT MATERIAL

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|-------------|---|-----------------------|
| b. 3, f. 59 | Biographical material of the Anderson family: Robert Anderson, Maria Latham Anderson (daughter), Duncan L. C. Anderson (son), Robert Anderson (son), and Esther (Hall) Alley (relative) | 1976-1984, undated |
| b. 3, f. 60 | Biographical material of the Blair family | 1977, undated |
| b. 3, f. 61 | Biographical material of the Clift family: Ethel Fogg Clift and William Brooks Clift | 1967-1976, undated |
| b. 3, f. 62 | Biographical material of the Fogg family: Charles and Elizabeth | 1970-1972, undated |
| b. 3, f. 63 | Biographical material of Edward E. Montgomery | 1961-1971, undated |
| b. 3, f. 64 | Photographs, miscellaneous material | 1911, undated |

ADDITION 1982 Feb and 1983 Apr, 1932-1981*6 folders*

Preliminary Inventory by Mary C. LaFogg 1984 Nov

Received from: John M. Whitcomb, 1982 Feb 10 and 1983 Apr 25

| | | |
|------------|---|---------------------|
| b. 4, f. 1 | Russell, Francis | 1981 October 10 |
| b. 4, f. 2 | Michener, James | 1980 December 26 |
| b. 4, f. 3 | Hall, Edward T. | 1968 August 16 |
| b. 4, f. 4 | Gropius, Walter Breuer, Marcel Hagerty House, Cohasset, Massachusetts | 1939, 1979 |
| b. 4, f. 5 | Dietzgen, Joseph Kerr, Charles Hope Untermann, Gehard Ernest | 1972-1973 |
| b. 4, f. 6 | Wright, Frank Lloyd | 1932 February 1 |

ADDITION 1984 Oct, 1927-1983*3 Folders*

Preliminary Inventory by Mary C. LaFogg 1984 Nov

Received from: John M. Whitcomb, 1984 Oct 30 and 1984 Nov 2

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|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| b. 4, f. 7 | Kennan, George | 1965 October 22 |
| b. 4, f. 8 | Penfold, Joseph W. | 1955-1973 |
| b. 4, f. 9 | Janeway, Charles Alderson | 1927-1983 |

**ADDITION 1985 June, Aug, and Nov; ACCESSION 1986-M-069 and ACCESSION
1987-M-007**

1985 June Addition

Letters and papers of John M. Whitcomb

| | | |
|-------------|--|-----------------------|
| b. 4, f. 10 | Fleming, Edward McClung | 1958-1982 |
| b. 4, f. 11 | Hazlehurst, Cameron | 1980-1982 |
| b. 4, f. 12 | Janeway, Charles Alderson | 1975-1983, undated |
| b. 4, f. 13 | Oxford and Asquith, Herbert Henry Asquith, 1st earl of | 1964-1984, undated |
| b. 4, f. 14 | Roosevelt, James | 1985 |

1985 Aug Addition

Letters and papers of John M. Whitcomb

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| b. 4, f. 15 | Oxford and Asquith, Herbert Henry Asquith, 1st earl of | 1964, undated |
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1985 Nov Addition

Letters and papers of John M. Whitcomb

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| b. 4, f. 16 | Roosevelt, James | 1985 |
| b. 4, f. 16 | Lincoln, Abraham (to Simon Cameron) | 1861 June 7 |

ACCESSION 1986-M-069

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| b. 4, f. 17 | Brandeis, Louis D.: correspondence, photographs, and papers | 1957-1986 |
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ACCESSION 1987-M-007

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| b. 4, f. 18 | Berlin, Isaiah (1973-1981) and Davidson and Hibben families (1959-1976) | |
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ACCESSION 1987-M-026: Additional Material

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| b. 3 | Genealogical chart: Ethel Fogg Clift [in tube] |
| b. 4 | Photocopied articles: Walter Lippman and Dorothy Thompson |
| b. 4 | "Miscellaneous Articles and Letters dealing with Contemporary Issues" English |
| b. 4 | "Iwo Jima Naval Task Force" English |

ACCESSION 1987-M-051: Additional Material

b. 3

Copies of biographical documents re: Ethel Fogg Clift:

1888-1889

ACCESSION 1988-M-014: Additional Material*1 Folder*

Inventory by Joseph P. Papagoda 1987 October

Received from: John M. Whitcomb 1987 Sep 4

| | | |
|------|---|-----------------|
| b. 4 | Correspondence between Robert C. Tucker and John M. Whitcomb | 1982, 1986 |
| b. 4 | Correspondence from Lucian Pye to John M. Whitcomb | 1981, 1986-1987 |
| b. 4 | Correspondence between Charles Arbuthnot and John W. Whitcomb | 1985-1986 |
| b. 4 | Correspondence between Beirne Lay and John Whitcomb | 1956 |

ACCESSION 1988-M-023: Additional Material, 1910-1986*4 Folders*

Addition inventory by Nancy Lyon 1988 January

Received from John M. Whitcomb, 1987 Nov 9

| | | |
|------|---|----------------------|
| b. 5 | Correspondence, photographs, and photocopies relating to Thorstein Veblen | 1980-1986 |
| b. 5 | Photocopy of an address given by Franklin D. Roosevelt | 1940 November 2 |
| b. 5 | TLS from James M. Gavin | 1987 September 30 |
| b. 5 | Photograph of Charles A. Janeway and his family | Circa 1910 |
| b. 5 | Correspondence, photographs and photocopies relating to Karl Marx and his London home | 1967-1981 |

ACCESSION 1988-M-029: Additional Material, 1987

1 Folder

Addition inventory by Nancy Lyon 1988 January

Received from John M. Whitcomb, 1987 Nov 25

b. 5 *Iwo Jima Naval Task Force: Journey Into A Combat Zone*, by John M. Whitcomb, 1987
revised version

ACCESSION 1988-M-090: Additional Material, Circa 1910-1988*3 Folders*

Addition inventory by Nancy Lyon 1988 June

Received from John M. Whitcomb, 1988 Jun 6

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| b. 5 | Photographs and photocopies relating to Charles A. Janeway | Circa 1910-1983 |
| b. 5 | Typescript by Alistair Beard Merrall (nom-de-plume) entitled "Yale Graduates and the 5th Anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution-- with accompanying photographs | 1985 |
| b. 5 | Letters to John M. Whitcomb from Daniel Hardenbergh, Beekman Cannon, and William Nordhaus | 1981; 1982; 1988 |

ACCESSION 1990-M-040: Additional Material, 1970-1989

1 Folder

Addition inventory by Carol King 1990 March

Received from: George Pierson, 1989 Sep 7

b. 5 Additional papers of John M. Whitcomb, including correspondence, writings, and 1970-1989
 photographs

ACCESSION 1991-M-063: Additional Material, 1990

1 Volume

Addition inventory by Carol King 1991 Mar

Received from: John M Whitcomb, 1991 Feb 14

b. 5

The Pineapple Air Force: Pearl Harbor to Tokyo, by John W. Lambert

1990

ACCESSION 1991-M-097: Additional Material, 1982

1 Item

Addition inventory by Carol King 1991 Jun

Received from: John M. Whitcomb, 1991 Jun 3

b. 5

The Long Campaign: The History of the 15th Fighter Group in World War II, by John W. Lambert 1982

ACCESSION 1992-M-033: Additional Material, 1971-1976

0.25 linear feet (1 box)

Addition inventory by Carol King 1992 Jan

Received from: John M. Whitcomb, 1991 Nov 8

b. 6, f. 1

Accounts of seven visits by John M. Whitcomb with Ethel Fogg Clift at "The Gregory" apartment, New York

1971
January-1976
June

ACCESSION 1993-M-021: Additional Material, 1992

0.25 linear feet (1 box)

Addition inventory by Carol King 1993 Feb

Received from: John M. Whitcomb, 1992 Sep 17

b. 1, f. 1

Iwo Jima Naval Task Force: Journey Into A Combat Zone, by John M. Whitcomb,
second revision

1992

ACCESSION 1993-M-038: Additional Material, 1919-1990, undated*0.25 linear feet (1 box)*

Addition inventory by Carol King 1993 Feb

Received from: John M. Whitcomb, 1992 Dec 18.

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|------------|---|-----------------------|
| b. 1, f. 1 | Correspondence, writings, and other papers of John M. Whitcomb | 1930-1990, undated |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Photocopies of newspaper articles relating to the murder of William A. Whitcomb | 1946 June |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Photocopy of a legal document concerning Ethel F. Clift | 1933 October 31 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Photographs of Leon Trotsky | 1919-1939 |

ACCESSION 1999-M-071: Additional Material

Received from John M. Whitcomb, 1991 Jun 3.

- b.1 *Iwo Jima Naval Task Force: Journey Into A Combat Zone, January-February 1945*, by undated
John M. Whitcomb, third revision
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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

Communism
Sacco-Vanzetti Trial, Dedham, Mass., 1921

Geographic Names

Soviet Union -- History -- Revolution, 1917-1921
United States -- Foreign relations

Names

Aron, Raymond, 1905-1983
Bell, Daniel, 1919-2011
Berle, Adolf A., Jr., 1895-1971
Clift, Ethel Fogg, 1888-1988
Copeman, Frederick B.
Geyer, Georgie Anne, 1935-
Hersey, John, 1914-1993
Kennan, George F. (George Frost), 1904-2005
Lichtheim, George, 1912-1973
Link, Arthur S. (Arthur Stanley), 1920-1998
MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982
Manuel, Frank Edward, 1910-
McLellan, David, 1940-
Morison, Samuel Eliot, 1887-1976
Payne, Robert, 1911-1983
Roseman, Samuel Irving, 1896-1973
Russell, Francis, 1910-1989
Seldes, George, 1890-1995
Struik, Dirk J. (Dirk Jan), 1894-2000
Thompson, Dorothy, 1893-1961
Toland, John, 1912-2004
Trotsky, Leon, 1879-1940
Utley, Freda, 1899-1978
Wedemeyer, Albert C. (Albert Coady),
1896-1989
Whitcomb, John Merrall, 1907-
Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924