

# Guide to the Clark Family Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 679

**CREATOR:** Clark family

**TITLE:** Clark family papers

**DATES:** 1673-1918

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Scrapbook containing correspondence, legal and financial records, genealogies and newspaper clippings of the Clark family of Saybrook, Connecticut and Darien, New York. The principal figure in the scrapbook is Orlando E. Clark, lawyer, politician and University Regent of Wisconsin, among whose correspondents is Robert M. La Follette. Of special interest among the Connecticut papers is an order from Governor Gurdon Saltonstall to Major John Clark (1718) to suppress the disturbances at Saybrook protesting the removal of Yale College to New Haven.

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

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Ballard Clark and Ruth M. Keeney in 1967.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Scope and Contents

The Clark Family Papers, 1673-1918, consist mainly of these kinds of material: deeds, surveys, commissions, and judicial records, 1673-1872, related to the Clark family of Saybrook, Ct. (1673-1810), and Darien, N.Y. (1815-72), and other inhabitants of those towns; genealogical notes, transcriptions, and correspondence, 1884-1918, related to the ancestry of Orlando Elmer Clark (1850-1919), who traced his descent from John Clark of Saybrook, Ct., Thomas Carter of Woburn, Mass., Nehemiah Wheeler of Acton, Mass., and John Drury of Boston, and of his wife, Leda A. (Ballard) Clark (1854-); personal papers of Orlando E. Clark, a lawyer, politician, and University Regent of Wisconsin; Clark, Wheeler, Drury, and Ballard family letters, 1807-54; and newspaper clippings related to genealogy and local history. The papers are mounted in a scrapbook, with the majority of non-genealogical items in rough chronological order.

A few items have an interest independent of their connection with the Clark family: a letter, 1725 May 26, from Joseph Talcott (1669-1724) (p. 130); an order of Governor Gurdon Saltonstall (1666-1724) to Major John Clark (1655-1736), 1718 Dec 4, to suppress the disturbances at Saybrook protesting the removal of Yale College to New Haven (p. 203); a Democratic broadside, [1841-44], denouncing Daniel Webster's extravagance as Secretary of State; and three letters, 1901-16, by Robert M. La Follette (1855-1925) to Orlando E. Clark (pp.418-19).

The Clark Family Papers were given to Yale University Library by Ballard Clark and Ruth M. Keeney in 1967.

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## Collection Contents

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b.1	<a href="#">Scrapbook of deeds, receipts, correspondence, newspaper clippings, etc.</a>	1653-1918
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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**

Families  
Lawyers

### **Geographic Names**

Darien (N.Y. : Town)  
Saybrook (Conn.)  
Wisconsin -- Politics and government

### **Genres / Formats**

Albums (Books)  
Deeds

### **Occupations**

Politicians

### **Names**

Clark, Orlando E., d. 1919  
La Follette, Robert M. (Robert Marion),  
1855-1925

### **Families**

Clark family

### **Corporate Body**

Yale University -- History