

Papers from the Office of Alvah Augustus Clark
1836 - 1915

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:

Creator:	Fred Sisser III
Title:	Papers from the office of Alvah Augustus Clark
Collection Number:	118
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Volume:	1.2 linear feet in 2 containers
Restrictions:	None
Accession Date:	April 15, 2004 from Mrs. Kenneth B. Zorzi
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Related Collections:	None
Abstract:	<p>The collection consists of certain papers from the law offices of Alvah Augustus Clark relating to (i) personal matters relating to Mr. Clark's farm in Lebanon, New Jersey, Hunterdon County; (ii) legal matters having a Hunterdon County connection; (iii) an account book of Samuel Johnston, a workman/glazier from Tewksbury, New Jersey; and (iv) the Ordinances of High Bridge, 1915.</p>
Biographical Information:	<p>Alvah Augustus Clark (September 13, 1840 - December 27, 1912) was an American lawyer and Democratic Party politician who represented New Jersey's 4th congressional district in the United States House of Representatives from 1877 to 1881.</p> <p>Born in Lebanon, New Jersey, Clark attended public and private schools as a child, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1863, commencing practice in New Germantown, New Jersey. He was licensed as a counselor in 1867 and moved to Somerville, New Jersey later the same year where he continued to practice law.</p> <p>Clark was elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth Congresses, serving in office from March 4, 1877-March 3, 1881, but was not a candidate for re-nomination in 1880.</p> <p>After leaving Congress, Clark resumed practicing law, was appointed postmaster of Somerville, serving until 1899 and,</p>

once again, resumed practicing law until his death in Somerville on December 27, 1912. He was interred in New Somerville Cemetery in Somerville.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection comprises (i) 5 folders of documents relating to the farm in Lebanon, NJ; (ii) 12 folders of correspondence relating to Hunterdon County legal matters; (iii) a booklet of the ordinances of High Bridge; and (iv) an account book of Samuel Johnston, a Tewksbury workman and glazier. The collection provides information on Hunterdon County legal matters, and various attorneys in Hunterdon County.

Location	Container No	Folder No	Description of Folder	Date or Dates	Detail
Vault 1	Box 1	1	Correspondence regarding Whitehouse Manufacturing Co.	1893	Invoice (A. A. Clark Pres.); Sale to L. H. Trimmer
Vault 1	Box 1	2	Correspondence relating to Clark Farm, Lebanon, NJ	1906-1907	includes J. C. Dorland, Well Driller of Whitehouse Station, J. P. Exton, Lime Burner
Vault 1	Box 1	3	Correspondence from J. H. DeMott Director of Hunterdon County Board of Freeholders regarding road through Clark Farm	1906-1907	
Vault 1	Box 1	4	Correspondence from J. N. Pidcock	1907	nephew of Alvah Clark
Vault 1	Box 1	5	Correspondence from George Clark	1907-1908	Brother of Alvah Clark
Vault 1	Box 1	6	Correspondence from Attorney John T. Bird, Flemington, NJ	1876	
Vault 1	Box 1	7	Correspondence from Attorney John N. Voorhees, Flemington, NJ	1876-1889	
Vault 1	Box 1	8	Correspondence regarding Pickell Case	1890	Letter from Henry Fluck, Esq.; Letter from Sherrif's Office

Vault 1	Box 1	9	Correspondence from Irma B. Gano, New Germantown Hotel (later Oldwick)	1906	
Vault 1	Box 1	10	Correspondence from Attorney W. C. Gebhart, Clinton NJ, Jersey City, NJ	1906-1907	
Vault 1	Box 1	11	Correspondence from Hunterdon County Clerk's Office	1906-1907	
Vault 1	Box 1	12	Correspondence from Attorney Paul Queen, Flemington NJ	1906-1913	
Vault 1	Box 1	13	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1876	Documents from M. W. Shurtz, Bennet Leigh (Cashier, Clinton national Bank), John Hunt, M. Mil
Vault 1	Box 1	14	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1884-1889	Documents from Doc Hodgkiss, Junction NJ; George L. Bryant, Trainmaster, Central Railroad of NJ, High Bridge, Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools, Pidcock Brothers
Vault 1	Box 1	15	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1890-1895	P&L Statement of Rockaway Valley Railroad Letter from Richard Kuhl, Flemington
Vault 1	Box 1	16	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1900-1908	Documents from J. H. Moore (Middle Valley Justice of the Peace); Attorney Willard Parker, Flemington; Nora Gano, Whitehouse Station; George Ball; James Rapp, Riegelsville PA; Samuel Dalrymple, Flemington; 1st National Bank of High Bridge; Attorney John Co

Vault 1	Box 1	17	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1911-1912	Documents from E. D. Trimmer, High Bridge; Farmer's Mutual Insurance Co., Aaron Thompson, Three Bridges; Elden Cooly, Frenchtown; F. H. Van Syckel, Three Bridges; J. R. Stevenson, New Germantown; 1st National Bank of White House Station; H. L. Stout, Soli
Vault 1	Box 1	18	Ordinances of High Bridge	1915	Although this item was part of the collection, the booklet dates from after Mr. Clark's death.
Vault 1	Box 2	19	Account Book of Samuel Johnston, New Germantown	1836-1871	Workmans account book. Several entries regarding glazing and windows, including those for the Mechanicsville Methodist Church.