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English

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Clay family

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16 items

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated to the Law School by the Clay family through the UVA Foundation in October of 1994.

Biographical / Historical

Buckner Clay was one of the younger members of the distinguished Clay family of Kentucky, and the early associations of his life and the beginning of his career as a lawyer were in old Bourbon County.

He was born near Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky, 31 December 1877, son of Col. Ezekiel and Mary (Woodford) Clay. He is a descendant of John Clay, who came to America from England in the first years of the Virginia colony.

Col. Ezekiel F. Clay, father of Buckner Clay, was a son of Brutus J. and Amelia Clay, and was born in Bourbon County, 1 December 1840. He left college to enter the Confederate army, became a colonel of cavalry, and was an officer until taken prisoner in the spring of 1864. After the war, he settled on his estate, known as Runnymede, in Bourbon County, a place he made celebrated as the home of some of the finest Kentucky thoroughbreds. Col. Ezekiel Clay married, in 1866, Mary L. Woodford, a daughter of John T. and Elizabeth (Buckner) Woodford, representing another noted family of Kentuckians. The fourth of their six children was Buckner Clay.

Buckner Clay graduated from Kentucky University AB with the class of 1897, and received his degree in law from the University of Virginia in 1900. He was admitted to the bar at Paris, Kentucky, but in June 1903 went to Charleston, where for a number of years he was the junior member of the law firm of Price, Smith, Spilman & Clay.

Keywords

Memorabilia

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Clay, Buckner, 1877-1923

Description of Subordinate Components

Gold (18k) pocket watch with initials "WC" on case, inscribed "Woodford Clay from Mother, Sept. 20 - 1892"

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Unit Date Sept. 20 - 1892

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3 U.Va. Law Diplomas belonging to Buckner Clay, 2 dated 1899, and 1 dated 1900; signed by William M. Lile and Raleigh C. Minor

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Unit Date 1899-1900

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Silver urn with horn handles; black wooden stand

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Mixed Materials MSS 94-5 (box)

Framed photo of Ezekiel Field Clay and his mother

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Matted photo of "Mr. Spilman"

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Mixed Materials MSS 94-5 (box)

Oil portrait of Buckner Clay, painted by Wilford S. Conrow, 1925; 47" wide, 41.5 " tall; gold frame with light mounted above

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Unit Date 1925

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Shot gun manufactured by L.C. Smith, in black and white case

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Bronze memorial plaque honoring Buckner Clay's work for the Edgewood Country Club (no date), along with a photograph of the plaque

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Wooden box with hinged lid (11 x 25 x 6.5 cm) made from ash grown on the estate ("Ashland") of Henry Clay. Contains an unmounted brass plate bearing name "Juliet Staunton Clay"

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Engraving of Major General Cassius M. Clay (from a photograph by Brady) in oval wooden frame

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Engraving of John Marshall in oval wooden frame

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Photographs of Buckner Clay alone (3) and with Buckner, Jr. (3)

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Obituaries of Buckner Clay from various newspapers and in typescript by "M.J."

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Printed program for testimonial dinner for Buckner Clay

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Unit Date June 15, 1914

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Printed memorial for Buckner Clay

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Unit Date [1923]

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Ten dollar gold coin

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Unit Date 1899

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