

A Guide to the Clark Family Papers

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Scope and Content

This collection, 1804-1964, ca. 1200 items, contains correspondence, personal papers, and business and legal papers of the Pleasant Clark family and William Lawson family, as well as of their descendants in the Asher family and Elder family. Living in the Virginia areas of Hat Creek and Lynchburg, and in Campbell County, Charlotte County, and Halifax County, these families apparently served as prominent plantation owners, businessmen, and local elected officials.

Business papers include tobacco receipts from 1854-1934 and tax receipts from 1834-1913 which attest to their holdings during this period. Accounts and receipts, 1804-1933, have recorded the daily plantation activities of the Pleasant Clark family, and the transactions of William Lawson's business, each with numerous references to local residents. The hire and sale of slaves, ca. 1827-1861, has been recorded chiefly in promissory notes, and, to a lesser extent, receipts, tax receipts, and legal documents. Other legal documents establish family kinship, and include deed transfers, declarations of bankruptcy, and insurance papers.

The bulk of the correspondence is personal, with some from each family. In the Asher family, the early religious work done by Louis C. Asher is described in letters to his wife, Alberta Elder Asher. Letters from friends and family to Alberta Asher usually pertain to her health, and to that of various relatives. Cassie O. Clark received most of the Clark family's letters. Early letters from John P. Clark to his siblings include interesting notes on his life in St. Louis, Missouri. , Alberta Asher's brother, wrote letters primarily concerned with his efforts to find employment, and his personal relationship with Dollie Henderson. William A. Lawson received several letters from his brother, Robert Lawson, who told of his business travels. Correspondence of the Lawson family, as well as business and miscellaneous letters complete the series.

Container List

Correspondence

Correspondence of Alberta Elder Asher

Unit Date 1896-1935, n.d.

Container Box 1

Correspondence--Alberta Elder Asher from Louis C. Asher

Unit Date 1893-1910, n.d.

Container Box 1

Correspondence--Alberta Elder Asher from Bertha Elder

Unit Date 1896-1907

Container Box 1

Correspondence--Alberta Elder Asher from Evelyn Hill

Unit Date 1898-1900

Container Box 1

Correspondence--Alberta Elder Asher from [Rose] Elder

Unit Date 1900-1910, n.d.

Container Box 1

Correspondence--Alberta Elder Asher from Mattie Womack

Unit Date 1908-1910, n.d.

Container Box 1

Correspondence--Alberta Elder Asher from Julia and Marian Asher

Unit Date 1910-1935

Container Box 1

Correspondence of Julia and Marian Asher

Unit Date 1911-1926, 1978-1980

Container Box 1

Correspondence of Louis C. Asher

Unit Date 1878-1901, 1928-1930, n.d.

Container Box 1

Correspondence of Cassie O. Clark

Unit Date 1906, 1924-1928, n.d.

Container Box 1

Correspondence of Cassie O. Clark (Christmas Cards)

Unit Date 1912, 1926-1927, n.d.

Container Box 1

Correspondence of the Clark family

Unit Date (1849-1899)1927, n.d.

Container Box 1

Correspondence of William Andrew Elder

Unit Date 1890-1901, n.d.

Container Box 2

Correspondence--William Andrew Elder from Dollie Henderson

Unit Date 1897-1901, n.d.

Container Box 2

Correspondence--William Andrew Elder from Hiram and Rose Elder

Unit Date 1901

Container Box 2

Correspondence--Dollie Henderson from William Andrew Elder

Unit Date 1898-1901

Container Box 2

Correspondence--William A. Lawson from Robert Lawson

Unit Date 1826-1840

Container Box 2

Correspondence of William A. Lawson

Unit Date 1835-1853

Container Box 2

Correspondence of the Lawson family

Unit Date 1885-1901, n.d.

Container Box 2

Correspondence--Miscellaneous

Unit Date 1857-1901, n.d.

Container Box 2

Business and Legal Papers

Business Papers--Accounts

Unit Date 1825-1903, n.d.

Container Box 2

Extent

(3 folders)

Business Papers--Correspondence

Unit Date 1829-1926, n.d.

Container Box 3

Business Papers--Promissory Notes

Unit Date 1812-1918, n.d.

Container Box 3

Business Papers--Receipts

Unit Date 1800-1879

Container Box 3

Extent

(4 folders)

Business Papers--Receipts

Unit Date 1880-1933, n.d.

Container Box 4

Extent

(2 folders)

Business Papers--Tax Receipts

Unit Date 1834-1913

Container Box 4

Business Papers--Tobacco Receipts and Correspondence re Tobacco

Unit Date 1854-1934

Container Box 4

Legal Papers

Unit Date 1820-1905

Container Box 4

Miscellaneous

Genealogy Research

Unit Date 1964, n.d.

Container Box 4

Miscellaneous

Unit Date 1861-1933, n.d.

Container Box 4

Poetry

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 4