

HSHC
Papers of Helen Sophia Heath Clark
1727-1990s

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY

Helen Sophia Heath Horne Clark (1900-1997) was the daughter of Francis Percy Horne (1870-1960), journalist, and Alice Drewett Horne (1868-1924) (she had one sister Edith Gulielma S Horne). Brought up in India, where her father was the editor of the *Bombay Guardian*, in 1929 she married Roderic Kendall Clark (1884-1937).

Roderic's father James Edmund Clark was the 11th child of James Clark (1811-1906), founder of the Clarks shoe manufacturing business in Street, Somerset, and his wife Eleanor Stephens Clark (1812-1879). Roderic was educated at Ackworth and Bootham, and then studied at UCL and King's College, Cambridge. He spent some time at a Quaker drapery business in Thirsk and in Montreal, 1907-1908. During World War One, he was put on trial as a conscientious objector, where his sentences added up to a two year period. He also spent two years post WW1 undertaking Quaker relief work in France and Germany. In 1912 Roderic became a director of Brangwin Clark and Co which had been founded in 1897. The company was dissolved in 1921 and was immediately reformed by Roderic as Clark Brangwin and Co using Clark family finances. He set up new offices at 'Friendly House', 21-23 Chiswell Street, London. He held the position of CEO until his death in November 1937, after which the firm continued in non-family hands until it was sold c 1950 by Helen Clark.

Roderic married Helen on 8 June 1929 and the couple set up home at 97 Palace Road, Tulse Hill, London. Roderic and HSHC had three children, Edmund Kendall Clark (1930-), John Horne Clark (1933-) and Ann Clark (1933-1933). Following the death of Roderic, Helen initially remained in London with her children and her father until the outbreak of WW2, later making a home for a short time in Shipham near Winscombe.

James Edmund Clark (1850-1944) and Lucretia Hasseltine Kendall (1853-1937) had married in Boston, USA, in 1879. James Edmund Clark was educated at Bootham School and Flouders College, and took a BA at University College London. He then became a science schoolmaster at Bootham School, York for many years (where his brother in law Fielden Thorp was headmaster) until his early retirement in 1897 due to hearing problems. During his time at Bootham he studied natural science at the University of Heidelberg where he met his wife to be. He was a founding editor of the *Natural History Journal* and a Fellow of the Geological Society of London. His scientific interests centred on glacial geology, meteorology and phenology. On his retirement he applied unsuccessfully for the post of headmaster of Leighton Park and instead became a partner as a Colonial and Eastern exporter in London. The couple retired from Purley to Street in 1929 and resided at Burleigh Redroofs, Portway. Following the death of James Edmund Clark, the house became the family home of HSHC until her death in 1997.

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ARCHIVAL HISTORY

Deposited by Kendall Clark and John Horne Clark in 1997 following the death of their mother HSHC, mainly from her home at Burleigh Redroofs. Some papers are previously thought to have been housed at Greenbank: James Edmund Clark was involved in clearing the property following the death of his sister Sophia Sturge Clark in 1933, since he was the only surviving child of James and Eleanor Clark.

DESCRIPTION

As well as including the papers of Helen 'Sophia' Heath Clark, the collection also contains papers relating to immediate members of the Clark family, in particular her husband Roderic, but also including her grandparents-in-law James and Eleanor Clark; her father-in-law James Edmund and his sisters; her son John Horne Clark; her mother-in-law Lucretia Hasseltine Kendall Clark; her brother-in-law William Stephens Clark. Also papers relating to the Horne, Drewitt, Kendall and Stephens families; publications, newspapers and journals.

Helen Sophia Horne Clark, 1860s-1990s: Letters to HSHC, 1921-1943; sketchbooks of Edmund Kendall Clark and John Horne Clark, 1930s-1940s; school reports for EKC, 1935-1944 and JHC, 1936-1944; books and papers relating to Adult School, 1950s; desk and small diaries, address books etc 1911-1997; sketch book and photograph album, 1908-1914; newscuttings, 1915-1928; school books, 1900s; nature notebooks, undated; photograph albums, 1900s-1920s; letters between HSHC and RKC, 1928; teaching certificate and papers relating to teaching career, 1928-1929; postcards, 1900s-1950s; silhouette pictures of family, undated; misc letters and postcards, 1920s-1930s; notes on talks etc at St Julian's, 1960s; letters from Margaret Ripley-Webb, 1962-1966; religious notebooks, 1970s-1990s; files relating to education of two sons, 1934-1950; account books, 1896; diaries, 1936, 1944; photographic slides, mainly of sites of interest in Europe and further afield, undated; family photographs, postcards, negatives etc, 1860s-1960s; letters of condolence on the death of RKC, 1937; letters of condolence on death of father, 1960

Roderic Kendall Clark: letters from RKC to parents, 1894-1915; family and business correspondence, 1910s-1920s; letters to HSHC, 1914-1943; notebooks and essays relating to school and university, 1890s-1900s; correspondence re trip to India, 1920; 'Life History Album', 1884- ; worldwide postcard collection, sent to RKC, 1920s; letters of RKC, mainly referring to court martial, 1917-1918; childhood letters and WW1 France letters, 1889-1919; copy letters, 1920s-1938; files and books on 'No Conscription Fellowship' and tribunal, and other papers relating to conscientious objectors, 1914-1919; business and family letters and postcards, 1930-1935; family photographs and postcards including of Free Church camps, 1880s-1950s; letters relating to Leighton Park Holiday School, 1935-1939; photographs relating to trip to China, 1920-1921; correspondence and insurance papers relating to Brangwin Clark & Co, 1897-1950; copy family and business letters, 1912-1940s; photograph album containing postcards of Germany, USA, York, Street and factory, Glastonbury, Cambridge, Oxford, Leeds etc, 1900

James and Eleanor Clark, 1830s-1895: letters from James to Eleanor, 1835-1840s; letters to James Clark from Edmund Sturge, 1834-1895; notebooks of James Clark, 1832, 1835; letters between James and Eleanor, 1830s; letters to Eleanor, mainly from her Aunt Mary Owens, 1841-1844; letters from James and Eleanor to the Sturge

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family, 1830s; letters between Cyrus and Sarah Clark to his brother James Clark, 1833-1836

James Edmund Clark, 1859-1944:

Letters to his mother, sister and other family members, 1859-1889; letters from LHKC to JEC, 1877-1878; letters from JEC to his mother, sisters and brother Frank, 1860s-1890s; letters from JEC to his sisters, 1901-1905 and to Roderic K Clark, 1903-1911; letters to Roderic K Clark, 1900; letters to HSHC and RKC 1908-1928; 94th birthday cards, 1944; Family Album, 1895; letters and photographs, including relating to his teaching career, 1872-1943; letters of his sisters Sophy and Mabel, 1858-1890; letters to LHKC whilst on RMS 'Walmer Castle', 1905; postcards, 1907-1930s; photographs, 1865-1937; diary, 1942; autograph book for JEC and LHKC on their 50th wedding anniversary, 1929; letters from LHKC, 1877-1882; letters to RKC and HSHC, 1930; scientific papers, 1897-1942; letters to brother and sisters, 1860s-1870s; business letters, 1888-1913; letters of condolence on death of son RKC, 1937; family photographs, late 19th century-early 20th century; notebook recording weather, flower and insects, Asgarth, 1895-1928; address book, 1937; university certificates, 1867-1875; box of illustrated letters for his son RKC, c 1888; photographs of JEC, LHKC and their families, 1926-1950; letters to EKC and JHC, 1932-1938; letters to HSHC, 1930s

John Horne Clark, 1943-1990s: Letters to HSHC, 1971-1996; letters to HSHC (also from brother E Kendall Clark), 1950s-1990s; letters to mother and grandfather (also from brother E Kendall Clark), 1943-1947; letters to parents from Bootham School (also from brother E Kendall Clark), 1944-1956

E Kendall Clark, 1947-1960s: papers relating to King's College, 1947-1948; letters to Guli Horne, 1960s; letters to HSHC (also from brother John H Clark), 1950s

Lucretia Hasseltine Kendall Clark, 1850s-1937: book of Italian exercises, 1882; sketchbook, notebooks and printed memoir of LHKCs life, c 1853; letters to and from friends and family, 1853-1894, including letters from Sophy Sturge Clark relating to wedding of LHKC and JEC in Boston in 1879; letters of condolence on her death, 1937; letters to Francis L Kendall, some by J Edmund Clark and LHKC, 1882-1892; letters from Lucretia Hasseltine Kendall Clark's mother, 1913-1825; diary of tour of Scotland by LHKC and JEC, 1881; photograph album, 1850s-1860s, including images of her father Reuben Safford Kendall

William Stephens (father of Eleanor Stephens Clark), 1788-1912: diary, 1788-1836; verse, early 1800s; Stephens family annals, 1832-1932; notes on family history, 1912; family letters, 1820-1840s;

Sarah Bancroft Clark, 1907: Letters to JEC, LHKC, RKC from Saran Bancroft Clark, 1907

Horne and Drewett families, 1860s-1960s:

School reports for Edith Gulielma S Horne, 1907-1913; letters (including between EGSH and HSHC), postcards and address books of E Guli S Horne, 1900s-1960s; notes of F Percy Horne on the Bible and relating to the Cambridge University Mission, undated; photograph albums of F Percy Horne, c 1920, and cash book, 1929-

1959; postcards and invitations, FPH and ADH, early 1900s; Horne family photographs, 1900s; Horne notes, booklets and cuttings of Quaker interest, 1900s-1950s; sketchbook of Ann May Horne, second wife of Robert Horne, 1860s; dissertation of Edith Mary Horne on teaching botany, 1920s; notebooks on genealogy of Horne and Drewett families, undated; family and friend postcards to FPH, 1900s-1930s; family photographs including of India, 1897-1951; diary of FPH, 1893; business papers relating to Brangwin Clark and Co Ltd, 1920-1921; minutes of Lambeth Christian Social Council, 1925; school reports of E Guli S Horne, 1906-1907; religious pamphlets (some in Hindi), 1890s; letters to EGSH from her parents, 1910s; letters to EPH and ADH from Sophie Heath Brown, 1890s; letter book relating to the *Bombay Guardian*, 1904-1907; letters to HSHC to Guli, 1931-1950s; letters to HSHC from Marlise and Guli, 1950s-1960s;

Clark family, 1793-1954: Street Village Album, 1880-1881 [check additional date 1997] [Millfield bookcase – check location], with index 1857-1991; Sturge and Clark family trees, undated; Letters from Sophie Sturge from her sister Florence May Impey, 1877; will of Sophie Sturge Clark, 1933; letter book from Fanny Sturge Clark to sister Mary, 1793-1833; sketches by Ann E Clark, 1911; photograph of Western Temperance League's Jubilee Conference, 1887; plans for proposed house at Portway, Street, 1924; diaries and notebooks of Sophie Sturge Clark, 1868-1933; notebook of Florence May Clark, 1866-1867; verses by Mabel Clark, Eleanor Clark and others, 1870; letters from Sophie Sturge Clark to her brother and sisters, 1880-1889; sketchbook and photographs of Mabel Bryant Clark, 1871-1872; pedigree of the Impey family, undated; family obituaries, various dates; papers relating to Bristol and Somerset Quarterly Meetings Extension and Visitation Committee, 1946-1954; letter from Annie Clark to Amy Thorp, 1860

Printed books, 1727-1907: Includes volumes previously belonging to members of the Clark family, including multiple ownership: Eleanor Clark, 1847; William Stephens, 1816; James Clark, 1836; Eliza Stephens, undated; Roderic Kendall Clark, 1908; J Edmund Clark; F Percy Horne; William S Clark; F J Clark; Ellen Stephens; E O Hinde. Also includes volumes written by members of the family: Eleanor Clark, *Scattered pieces: written on various occasions*; Edmund Sturge, *West India: 'Compensation' to the owners of slaves. Its history and results* [cousin of James Clark]; LHKC. Also stray copies of newspapers, mainly special issues relating to royal weddings or significant historical events, 1897-1953; *Somerset Archaeology and Natural History*, 1950-1981

Costume collection, currently uncatalogued (see below)

ACCRUALS

Occasion accruals from the family are expected.

ACCESS CONDITIONS

Access to the collection is arranged via advance appointment only. Access to some collections may be restricted due to Data Protection or other restrictions. Please check with the Archivist.

REPRODUCTION CONDITIONS

Usual Alfred Gillett Trust regulations apply. Permission from the Trust and/or owner of a collection is usually required before publication. Copying of some items may be possible on a case by case basis – please check with the Archivist.

LANGUAGE

English, French, Hindi

FINDING AIDS

A list is available on the Access database, 1997 and 2000. No paper lists are available.

RELATED UNITS OF DESCRIPTION

HSHC loaned a large costume collection to the Shoe Museum in 1974, which now forms part of the costume collections of the Alfred Gillett Trust. A typed list is available from 1979, along with shoe catalogue index cards and a list compiled by Anna Kett Vaughan in 2010 (the latter also included the textile collection of Margaret Clark Gillett).

PUBLICATION NOTE

It is not known to what extent this collection has been used in published research.

NOTE

Biographical material on James Edmund Clark and Roderic Clark partly supplied by Dr Mike Taylor, Kendall Clark and John Clark, 2014.