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Collection Summary

Title: Victor S. Clark Papers

Span Dates: 1827-1944

ID No.: MSS16014

Creator: Clark, Victor S. (Victor Selden), 1868-1946

Extent: 4,500 items ; 11 containers plus 3 oversize ; 4.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and Spanish

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Economist and author. Correspondence, financial statements, notes, clippings, reports on various areas and countries, and other data, largely pertaining to the Institute of Current World Affairs, Washington, D.C., and the world situation. Also includes papers of Levi and LeRoy Davis, farmers and merchants of the Genesee River Valley in New York, during the 1800s.

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.

People

Blakemore, Thomas L., 1915- --Correspondence.

Clark family.

Clark, Victor S. (Victor Selden), 1868-1946.

Davis family.

Davis, LeRoy, 1836-1928.

Davis, Levi, 1807-1884.

Flanagan, Hallie, 1890-1969--Correspondence.

Hazard, John N. (John Newbold), 1909-1995--Correspondence.

Rogers, Walter S.--Correspondence.

Talbot, Phillips--Correspondence.

Organizations

Board of Research Associates in American Economic History.

Green and Davis.

Institute of Current World Affairs.

Puerto Rico. Insular Board of Education.

United States. Bureau of Mediation.

Subjects

Agriculture--New York (State)

Economic history.

Economics.

Education--Puerto Rico.

Merchants--New York (State)

Railroads--United States.

Social history.

World politics.

Places

Genesee River Valley (Pa. and N.Y.)--History.

Genesee River Valley (Pa. and N.Y.)--Social life and customs.

New York (State)--History.

Occupations

Authors.

Economists.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Victor S. Clark, economist and author, were given or bequeathed to the Library of Congress by Clark between 1928 and 1951. A transfer of material from the Central Services Division was received in 1970.

Processing History

The papers of Victor S. Clark were arranged and described in 1985. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Victor S. Clark is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Victor S. Clark are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Victor S. Clark Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1868, June 12	Born, Portageville, N.Y.
1890	Litt. B., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.
1892-1893	Honorary fellow, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., studying at Göttingen University, Göttingen, Germany, and Bern University, Bern, Switzerland
1893-1897	High school principal and superintendent, Minnesota
1897-1898	Fellow, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1899-1900	President, Insular Board of Education, Puerto Rico
1900	Director of public instruction, Puerto Rico Ph.D., Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1902-1906	Investigated tropical labor conditions, U. S. Bureau of Labor
1906	Published <i>The Labour Movement in Australasia: A Study in Social Democracy</i> . New York: H. Holt & Co.
1906-circa 1915	Head, Division of Manufactures and Economic History, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, D.C.
1910	In charge of census, Hawaii (Ter.)

1910-1913	Commissioner, Board of Immigration, Labor and Statistics, Hawaii (Ter.)
1916	Published <i>History of Manufactures in the United States</i> . Washington, D.C.: Carnegie Institution of Washington
1917-1919	Director, Enemy Press Bureau, National Board for Historical Service
1917-1929	Member, Board of Research Associates in American Economic History, Carnegie Institution of Washington
1918-1929	Director, Brookings Institution Survey of Puerto Rico
1920-1928	Editor, <i>The Living Age</i>
1926-1944	Trustee, Institute of Current World Affairs, Washington, D.C.
1927-1932	Arbitrator, U. S. Board of Mediation
1930	Published with others, <i>Porto Rico and Its Problems</i> . Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institute
1929-1940	Consultant in economics, Library of Congress
1941-1946	Honorary consultant in economics, Library of Congress
1946, Mar. 30	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Victor Selden Clark (1868-1946) span the years 1827-1944. The papers are organized into the following series: [Personal File](#), [Family Papers](#), [Special Files](#), [Research and Writings File](#), and [Oversize](#).

The [Personal File](#), [Special Files](#), and [Research and Writings File](#) series relate to Clark's career as an economist and author. The [Special Files](#) are largely comprised of records kept by Clark during his trusteeship of the Institute of Current World Affairs, and include such correspondents as Thomas L. Blakemore, Jr., Hallie Flanagan, John N. Hazard, Walter S. Rogers, and Phillips Talbot. Other papers reflect his membership on the Board of Research Associates in American Economic History of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, his work as an arbitrator on railroad cases for the United States Bureau of Mediation, and his service on the Insular Board of Education in Puerto Rico shortly after the territory was acquired by the United States in 1898.

The [Family Papers](#) contain farm diaries, business and land records, account books, daybooks, and financial records and legal papers relating to the firm of Green and Davis, Levi Davis, LeRoy Davis, and the Davis and Clark families especially in the Genesee Valley of New York. The Davis records were probably inherited by Clark through his mother Helen, who was a Davis before marriage.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

- [Personal File, 1882-1936](#)
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Description of Series

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BOX 2-4	<u>Family Papers, 1827-1929</u> Correspondence, business and land records, financial records and legal papers, miscellaneous papers, and bound volumes of account books, farm diaries, and other records. Arranged by type of material and chronologically therein.
BOX 4-9	<u>Special Files, 1899-1944</u> Reports, administrative records, correspondence, case files, financial records, orders and regulations, and miscellaneous documents. Arranged alphabetically by topic and alphabetically or chronologically therein.
BOX 9-11	<u>Research and Writings File, 1837-circa 1941</u> Articles, essays, reports, student papers, short stories, book reviews, speeches, poems, travelogues, research notes, and printed matter. Arranged by type of material.
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Reports, administrative records, correspondence, case files, financial records, orders and regulations, and miscellaneous documents.
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- BOX 4 Institute of Current World Affairs, Washington, D.C.
- BOX 4 Antonius, George, 1931-1942
(2 folders)
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1938-1940
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- BOX 5 Crane, John O., 1926-1941
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- BOX 6 Parkin, G. R. (George Raleigh), 1940-1943
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BOX 10	Short stories, undated
BOX 10	Travelogues, undated
BOX 10	Miscellaneous
BOX 10	Untitled book manuscript on a history of colonial Latin America, with notes, undated
BOX 10	Research notes on colonial Latin America, undated
BOX 10	Research file on economic crises in the American economy probably for "Past Crises in Retrospect and Contemporary Opinion," manuscripts and notes, 1932 (2 folders)
BOX 11	Untitled essay on money, with notes; "A Summer's Observations;" and "A Note on Japan's War Economy," 1938, undated
BOX 11	Research file on the international economy, circa 1941
BOX 11	Transcripts of documents regarding the regulation of labor in Puerto Rico, 1837-1849
BOX 11	Letter/essay, Clark to Elmer Thomas concerning Senate bill 5561, 1933
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