

Finding Aid

Title: Humboldt Yocum Clark Collection- "Educator H.Y. Clark Materials (1889-1985)"

Description: This collection was given to the Glenville State College Archives by Clark's daughter, Barbara C. Simmons. There is a deed of gift included with the collection. These materials reflect Clark's time as an educator in North Central West Virginia. It includes H.Y. Clark's personal notes, speeches, philosophy, and certificates. The collection also contains audio recordings of H.Y. Clark discussing education methods and systems. Material types include handwritten notes, newspaper clippings, miscellaneous programs, periodicals, and an audio recording.

Source: Clark, Humboldt Yocum, 1889-1985
No. of Boxes: 1 box, 4.8 in. (.4 linear feet.)
A & M Box#: GSC20090205
Inclusive Dates: 1900-1985
Bulk Dates: 1920-1965
Donor: Barbara C. Simmons (daughter of H.Y. Clark) in 2008

Biographical Note: H.Y. Clark (1889-1985), Educator

H.Y. Clark was born on October 13, 1889 in Hemlock, Upshur County, West Virginia. The first school which H.Y. attended was the one-room Parting Springs School in the Middle Fork District of Randolph County in 1904 when he was 15 years old. At this small school, which was three miles from the family farm, H.Y. was taught for one year by his brother, Robert Clark. Robert was only four years older than H.Y.

During the summer of 1909, H.Y. attended a six-week course in Beverly, West Virginia, took an exam, and secured a second grade teaching certificate. At age 20 he immediately began his teaching career in the one-room Zickafoose School at Hemlock, West Virginia and taught there until 1912.

In 1912, H.Y. entered the West Virginia Wesleyan Academy and completed high school in 1914 at the age of 24 and continued his education at Wesleyan College until he received an A.B. degree and a Secondary Teaching Certificate in 1917. After graduating, he spent the 1917-1918 school year as principle of Wallace High School in northwestern Harrison County, West Virginia.

He spent most of 1918-1919 in the United States Army at Fort Meade, Maryland and Fort Dix, New Jersey. He was discharged in late August with the rank of corporal. He was 30 years old.

From 1919 to 1922, he held a position at Smithfield High School for a year, and he taught and coached basketball at Fairmont High School. Also during the summer months, H.Y. attended Columbia University to pursue his Masters Degree. In 1922, he became principal of Grafton High School. He received his Masters Degree from Columbia University in High School Administration in 1925. In 1926, he was appointed a teacher at Glenville Normal School and left Grafton High School to begin pursuing a doctorate degree at George Peabody College (now Vanderbilt University).

In 1927, H.Y. Clark began his work at Glenville Normal School in the education department. During his 28 years of service, Clark experienced the transitions from a State Normal School to Glenville State Teachers College in 1931 and then to Glenville State College in 1943. During this time, he served in the education department, taught English, Social Studies, and West Virginia History. He also supervised student teachers. In August 1955 he retired from Glenville State College.

In 1967 the former Robert F. Kidd Library was remodeled and renamed Clark Hall. The building was dedicated in 1968 to honor H.Y. Clark and his years of service to the education department of Glenville State College. In

1982 H.Y. helped establish the H.Y. Clark Scholarship and, upon his death in 1985, the scholarship was renamed the H.Y. Clark Education Scholarship and still exist today in 2008. The scholarship is available to an Education major in financial need who is a resident of West Virginia and who has the potential of being an outstanding educator.

Scope and Content:

H.Y. Clark (1889-1985), Educator. This collection contains one box with six linear inches of papers, photographs, and booklets. This collection includes H.Y. Clark's personal notes, speeches, philosophy, and certificates. The collection also contains audio recordings of H.Y. Clark discussing education methods and systems. Material types include handwritten notes, newspaper clippings, miscellaneous programs, periodicals, and an audio recording on compact disc.

Restrictions: None

Organization and Arrangement:

All metal objects were removed. Photographs and some documents were placed in protective covers. Digital copies of audio recordings were created and World War I Army uniform was referenced. The processing archives staff worker, Jason Gum, could not find any legible original order so the collection was organized as stated below.

Folder titles:

1. In Memory: H.Y. Clark
2. H.Y. Clark's Biographical Information and Autobiography
3. Newspaper Articles
4. Graded Public School Materials
5. Correspondences and Receipts
6. Certificates
7. Important Documents
8. Campus Photographs
9. Group Photographs
10. H.Y. Clark Photographs
11. Educational Philosophy Papers
12. Speeches and Notes
13. Miscellaneous Programs
14. Miscellaneous Books and Magazines
15. Digital Audio Recording of H.Y. Clark
-World War I Uniform

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Related Collection(s): Robert Clark Collection (West Virginia State Department of Education & West Virginia Organization of Higher Education Papers 1901-1950)
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