

Jean Vance Clarke Papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Local History & Genealogy Division
Creator	Clarke, Jean Vance, 1867-1934
Title	Jean Vance Clarke Papers
Date [inclusive]	1914-1934
Extent	3.5 Cubic feet 4 boxes
Language	English
Bound volumes [Box]	4
Mixed materials [Box]	3
Mixed materials [Box]	1
Mixed materials [Box]	2
Abstract	<p>The Jean Vance Clarke collection represents the wide range of Jean Vance Clarke's philanthropic contributions to both nationwide and Rochester-area organizations. The collection includes three cubic feet of correspondence, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, programs, and other publicity materials for the committees and organizations with which she was involved.</p>

Citation

Jean Vance Clarke Papers, [Box#, Folder#], Local History & Genealogy Division, Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County N.Y.

Biographical Note

Jean Vance Clarke (1867-1934) was a well-known Rochester philanthropist. Mrs. Clarke served on a variety of committees and chaired a number of them, notably the Federation of Women's Clubs, the Thrift Committee, the Poetry and Arts Committee, and the Monroe County chapter of the National Surgical Dressings Committee during World War I. Mrs. Clarke organized the first Rochester-area motor truck corps for women and was also involved in a number of welfare organizations and educational reforms including continuation school, home economics, educating foreign-born mothers, and establishment of asylums as well as education for the feeble-minded. Mrs. Clarke was also a major player in raising and managing funds in the Rochester area to purchase and remodel Thomas Jefferson's home and raise money for Theodore Roosevelt's home.

Jean Vance Clarke enjoyed and collected art and contributed a number of the pieces that she amassed from her travels with her husband, Isaac Sherman Clarke and from local artists, to the Memorial Art Gallery and the Rochester Historical Society. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke never had any children. Mrs. Clarke is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Scope and Content

The Jean Vance Clarke Collection contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, programs, and other publicity materials for the committees and organizations with which she was involved. The collection also includes memorabilia and a small number of photographs.

Arrangement

The collection has been divided into six series: Series 1: Federation of Women's Clubs; Series 2: Federation of Women's Clubs War Efforts; Series 3: Home economics work; Series 4: Political involvement; Series 5: Miscellaneous committees and papers; Series 6: Presidential organizations.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Local History & Genealogy Division

Access

There are no known restrictions on the use of this collection.

Use

Permission to publish reproduce, distribute or use in any current or future manifestations must be obtained from the Rochester Public Library Local History and Genealogy Department.

Custodial History

It is unknown when the collection was donated to the Rochester Public Library.

Processing Information

Processed by Aimee Pfeiffer in January 2014.

The following two catalogued scrapbooks assembled by Jean Vance Clarke were deleted from CARL and included in the Jean Vance Clarke papers. It is believed that the scrapbooks were originally part of the collection, and were separated at some point. They have been added back to the collection.

Rqr332.024 C598s National Thrift Week scrapbook compiled by Jean Vance Clarke.

Rrq332.6323 C598m Monroe County War Savings Committee, War Savings Stamps drive scrapbook compiled by Jean Vance Clarke.

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Dorsey, Isabella, circa 1873-1932

Subject(s)

- New York State Federation of Women's Clubs
- Philanthropists—New York (State)—Rochester

I. Federation of Women's Clubs

Collection Inventory

I. Federation of Women's Clubs (1914-1932)

Scope and Content

Series 1 includes materials from committees and organizations Mrs. Vance Clarke was involved with as part of the Federation of Women's Clubs that were unrelated to her war effort committees. Materials include correspondence, clippings, and printed materials from each committee with which she was involved.

	Box	Folder
Miscellaneous	1	1
Child Welfare Board (1920-1932)		
	Box	Folder
Miscellaneous	1	2
Clippings	1	3
Committee for the Feeble-Minded (1914-1917)		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence, 1914-1917	1	4

Other social welfare organizations

Printed materials, undated	1	5
Clippings, 1914, 1917, 1927, undated	1	6
Other social welfare organizations (1917-1928)		
	Box	Folder
Dorsey Home for Colored Children, 1917-1928	1	7
Veterans Bureau, 1925	1	8
Veterans Bureau clippings, June 29, 1925	1	9
Continuation School Committee, 1926-1928	1	10
Continuation School clippings, March 1926; February 1928	1	11
Amendments regarding Continuation School, January 17, 1928; February 8, 1928	1	12
Scrapbook of Clippings on Health Insurance Bill, August 1918-December 1919	1	13
Mechanics Institute correspondence, 1915-1924	1	14
Mechanics Institute clippings, 1915; 1924	1	15

Fine Arts Division of the Federation of Women's Clubs

Fine Arts Division of the Federation of Women's Clubs (1919-1922)

	Box	Folder
Poetry Committee correspondence, 1919-1922	1	16
Poetry Contest clippings, 1919	1	17
Poetry Committee miscellaneous	1	18
Drama, Literature and Music Divisions of New York State Federation of Women's Clubs correspondence and various documents, 1919-1922	1	19

Miscellaneous Federation of Women's Clubs Committee (1919-1925, undated)

	Box	Folder
Committee for Americanism correspondence, September 1919-September 1921	1	20
Committee for Americanism clippings, 1919	1	21
Committee for Americanism printed materials, undated	1	22
Investor's Protective Committee miscellaneous, 1921-1925	1	23
Investor's Protective Committee clippings, 1921	1	24

II. Federation of Women's Clubs war efforts

New York Women's Committee for Law Enforcement correspondence, 1924-1925	1	25
Law Enforcement Committee clippings, 1924	1	26
Miscellaneous Federation of Women's Clubs work undated	1	27
Miscellaneous Federation of Women's Clubs Committee clippings undated	1	28

II. Federation of Women's Clubs war efforts (1916-1925)

Scope and Content Note

Mrs. Clarke was heavily involved with the Red Cross through the Federation of Women's Clubs. She was key in gaining support for driver education for women in order to help with war relief. She also sewed surgical dressings to send overseas, helped raise money to support troops, and supported thrift and war stamps. This series includes correspondence, published materials, clippings, committee notes, and a ledger.

	Box	Folder
Women's War Relief Motor Class, 1917	1	29
Movement for Preparedness correspondence, 1916	1	30
Movement for National Preparedness printed materials undated	1	31
Soldier Comfort Packet Committee, 1917	1	32

Surgical Dressings Committee

United States Marshal's Office in the World War Publication, 1925	1	33
Surgical Dressings Committee (1916-1921)		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence, 1916-1921	1	34
Red Creek Auxiliary Surgical Dressings Committee correspondence and clippings, 1916	1	35
Report, 1917	1	36
Soldiers' songs, 1917	1	37
Miscellaneous documents undated	1	38
Red Cross Magazine undated	1	39
Clippings, 1917	1	40
	Box	Volume
Ledger, 1916-1917	1	1
	Box	Folder
Photographs of Mrs. Clarke, undated	1	41
War Savings and Thrift Week Committees (1919-1921)		

War Savings and Thrift Week Committees

	Box	Folder
War Savings correspondence, 1919-1919	1	42
Local Chairman War Savings Committee appointments, 1919	1	43
War Savings miscellaneous undated	1	44
War Savings scrapbook, 1919	1	45
Thrift Week correspondence, 1919-1920	1	46
Thrift Week correspondence, 1920-1921	1	47
Thrift Week press releases, 1919-1920	2	1
Thrift Week mailing lists, undated	2	2
Thrift Week questionnaire, undated	2	3
Thrift Week program information, undated	2	4
Thrift Week printed materials, 1920	2	5
Thrift Week clippings, 1919-1920	2	6
		Box

III. Home economics work

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Monroe County War Savings Committee, War Savings Stamps drive scrapbook. A scrapbook of clippings covering the sale of War Savings Stamps in the summer of 1918, compiled by Mrs. Sherman Clarke. 1918

III. Home economics work (1919-1928)

Scope and Content Note

The Home Economics Work series contains materials collected by Mrs. Clarke from her work on those committees dedicated to teaching women how to “keep house” efficiently. Materials include correspondence, schedules for home economics courses and demonstrations, pamphlets for women about household budgets, cooking, etc., and committee minutes. Also included in this series are committee materials related to planning home expositions.

	Box	Folder
Home Economics and Home Bureau correspondence, 1919-1921	2	7
Correspondence, 1921-1924	2	8
Information on Home Economics Demonstrations and Reading Courses, 1921	2	9
Information sheets, undated	2	10-11
Committee minutes, 1921	2	12
Home Bureau Cornell publications, 1921	2	13
Clippings, 1921, 1924	2	14

IV. Political involvement

Better Homes in America Week correspondence, 1921-1923	2	15
Better Homes in America Week plan books, 1922-1923	2	16
Rochester Exposition Baby Parade Judge letters, 1921-1925	2	17
Rochester Exposition brochure and correspondence, 1926	2	18
Rochester Exposition brochure, annual report, and correspondence, 1927-1928	2	19
Floor Plan for Rochester Business Exposition Women's Building, undated	2	20

IV. Political involvement (1916-1934)

Scope and Content Note

This series includes correspondence for the Women's Republican Committee and Club, clippings, political propaganda, and a scrapbook of clippings regarding lectures by the founder of the Women's National Republican Club, Mrs. Arthur Livermore.

	Box	Folder
League of Women Voters Rochester Conference, March 4, 1920	2	21
Women's Republican Committee and Women's Republican Club correspondence, 1918-1925	2	22
Mrs. Livermore clippings, 1926	2	23

Miscellaneous political newspaper clippings

American Fund for French Wounded Monthly Report; Women's Committee Council of National Defense newsletters, 1916-1918	2	24
League of Nations Paris Covenant information brochures, 1919	2	25
Constitution Day correspondence and materials, 1919	2	26
Constitution Day clippings, 1919	2	27
Lafayette Tablet Dedication, 1921	2	28
Lafayette Day clippings, 1921	2	29
U.S. Flag Association and Living Flag information, 1926	2	30
Susan B. Anthony Memorial clippings, 1926	2	31
Bronze Memorials catalogue, undated	2	32
Political pamphlets, undated	2	33
Women's Republican Club membership information, 1924-1925	2	34
Miscellaneous clippings, undated	2	35
Miscellaneous political newspaper clippings (1920-1934)		
	Box	Folder

V. Miscellaneous papers

“Honors Due to Men Who Stood Against Wilson”; “Last Meeting of Campaign and Japan,” April 26, 1920; 1924	2	36
“Sinking of the U.S.S. Washington,” November 1924	2	37
World Court scrapbook, 1924	2	38
World Court, 1924-1934	2	39

V. Miscellaneous papers (1920-1931)**Scope and Content Note**

This series contains miscellaneous personal and committee papers. Contents include correspondence, clippings, investment information, fractional currency, House of Representatives Bills, letterhead, Mrs. Clarke’s resume, and a 1921 report of real property assessments for the City of Rochester.

Chamber of Commerce (1920-1925)

	Box	Folder
Housing Investigation Committee, 1920	2	40
Housing Investigation Committee clippings, 1920	2	41
Council for Better Citizenship, 1920-1925	2	42
Good citizenship clippings, 1924	2	43

Financial and investment

Financial and investment (1929-1931)		
	Box	Folder
Investments clippings, 1929-1931	2	44
General investment information and correspondence, undated	2	45
House of Representative Bills (copies), 1872	2	46
Various fractional currencies for Monroe County, undated	2	47
Personal (1921-1927)		
	Box	Folder
Miscellaneous committees, undated	2	48
Miscellaneous papers, undated	2	49
Clippings program: Geneseo address by Mrs. Clarke, April 17, 1924	2	50
“Society News,” clippings, 1924	2	51
Miscellaneous correspondence, various dates	2	52
Resume, undated	2	53
Letterhead, undated	2	54

VI. Presidential organizations

Clippings, undated	2	55
Report on the Assessment of Real Property in the City of Rochester, New York, 1921	2	56
Correspondence between Mrs. Clarke and Ms. Anne Huntress, 1926-1927	2	57

VI. Presidential organizations (1919-1930)**Scope and Content Note**

This series includes materials from Mrs. Clarke's involvement in raising funds for the restoration of both Theodore Roosevelt's and Thomas Jefferson's homes. Materials include correspondence, clippings, publications, donor records, deposit receipts, and photographs. Also included are research papers, copies of bonds, and some artifacts from the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation.

Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Association (1919-1925)

	Box	Folder
Correspondence, 1919-1925	3	1
Bulletins, 1919-1920	3	2
Clippings, 1919-1924	3	3

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation to Save Monticello (1924-1928)

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Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation to Save Monticello

Resolutions, 1924	3	4
Annual Reports, 1924-1926	3	5
Jefferson Week clippings, 1926	3	6
Correspondence, July 1924-June 28, 1926	3	7
Correspondence, July 9-October 30, 1926	3	8
Correspondence, November 1-December 31, 1926	3	9
Correspondence, January 5-June 27, 1927	3	10
Correspondence, July 14-October 31, 1927	3	11
Correspondence, November 1, 1927-June 29, 1928	3	12
Donor information, 1926-1930	3	13
Receipts and deposits reports, 1926-1927	3	14
Miscellaneous correspondence, 1926	3	15
Invitations and dedications	3	16
Honor Roll, City of Rochester	3	17

Miscellaneous Presidential

Official Honor Roll, City of Rochester for "Nation's Birthday Book"	3	18
Printed materials	3	19
Miscellaneous papers	3	20
Photocopies of clippings (various dates)	3	21
Clippings, 1925-1926	3	22
Clippings, 1926-1927	3	23
Thomas Jefferson research papers	3	24
Photographs of Jean Vance Clarke	3	25
Artifacts	3	26
The Metropolitan Magazine: "Thomas Jefferson. His Life and His Work," June 1, 1926	3	27
Bonds, June 30, 1924	3	28
Commemorative portrait, 1924	3	29
Miscellaneous Presidential (1926)		
	Box	Folder

Miscellaneous Presidential

Sesquicentennial of Nation, 1926	3	30
Ringling of Nation's Birthday Bell, July 4, 1926	3	31