Winston-Clark Family Papers, 1814-1900
Ms. Coll. 1165
c.a. 500 items (5 boxes)

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Biographical background

John Clark (1794-1885), Quaker, originally of North Carolina, married in 1821 Nancy Hussey. In 1832 Clark moved his family to Indiana. John and Nancy's children included Anna Clark (1827-1864) who in 1852 married Bowling Henry Winston (1822-1892), Hezekiah Clark (1833-1920), Daniel Clark (1824-1874), Martha Ann Clark (1829-1899), Lindley Murray Clark (1836-1861), Nancy Maria Clark (1838-1881) and Thomas Clark.


Bowling Henry Winston (1822-1892) was the son of Pleasant Winston (1792-1876) of Virginia (later of Indiana), Quaker farmer and physician, who married in 1820 Elizabeth Clark, also of Virginia. This Elizabeth Clark was not related to the family of Anna Clark (1827-1864) who would marry her son Bowling H. Winston.


[Sources for above: introductory notes to the letters prepared by the donor as well as the letters themselves]

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Summary of collection

Approximately 500 letters (also a few clippings, poems and other items) of the related Clark and Winston families of Virginia and Indiana. Letters discuss family and friends, the small schools that many members of these families began in the mid-west, as well as comments on politics, slavery, religion, education, etc..

Clark family letters (ca. 130) include those of Daniel Clark (ca. 29 letters, 1844-1852; discussing his schooling [at Friends Boarding School, Richmond, Indiana], teaching and his own schools, etc.); Hezekiah Clark (ca. 23 letters, 1846-1874; discussing his schooling [at New Garden Boarding School], teaching at his own schools, farming, etc.); John Clark (ca. 10 letters, 1837-1866; topics include Quaker Meeting news, Quaker ministers, business and farming concerns, etc.); N. Maria Clark (ca. 17 letters, 1850-1877; includes courtship correspondence with her deceased sister's husband, Bowling H. Winston);

Martha Ann Clark (ca. 17 letters, 1847-1899; topics include her studies and teaching, etc.); Mary H. Clark (ca. 16 letters, 1839-1864; includes letters to her nephews, especially to BHW discussing his education and giving her support to same, criticism of Pleasant Winston Sr., family news, Civil War excitement, William H.H. Winston in prison camp); Thomas Winston and Lindley M. Winston (ca. 13 letters, 1852-1860; includes letters while at Haverford College).

Winston family letters (ca. 370) include the following:

- Ambrose W. Winston (ca. 20 letters, 1840-1877; discussing school [at Emory and Henry College], travel, Camp meetings, Civil War, farming, teaching school, family news, etc.)
- Anna Clark Winston (ca. 18 letters, 1846-1863 or 4; discussing teaching, Quaker activities, etc.)
Bowling H. Winston (ca. 110 letters, 1834-1890; topics include family news, schooling [at Mt. Pleasant Boarding School in Ohio, later at U. of Virginia], politics, travel, teaching, slavery, farming, Quaker activities and Meetings, military service [his brothers are in Confederate Army], courtship correspondence with his deceased wife's sister, N. Maria Clark, etc.)

Charles J. Winston (ca. 8 letters, 1852-1864; news of family and friends, in Confederate Army)

Elizabeth C. Winston (ca. 54 letters, 1824-1852; include thoughts on spiritual matters and death, health concerns, illness and death of her children, family news, her homesickness for her relatives and friends left behind in Va., farming, etc.)

John C. Winston (ca. 14 letters, 1866-1896; includes letters while at Haverford College)

Julia W. Winston (ca. 12 letters, 1870-1896; family news and letters to stepchildren, etc.)

Lucy A. Winston (ca. 14 letters, 1877-1899; many are while she is at the National Surgical Institute in Indianapolis receiving treatment for her hip and leg)

Pleasant Winston, Jr. (ca. 31 letters, 1842-1861; discussing family news, schooling [at Mt. Pleasant Boarding School], his mother's illness and death, farming, includes letters between brother - evidence of some friction with father)

Pleasant Winston, Sr. (ca. 12 letters, 1834-1888; some discussion of Quaker matters, education of his children, etc.)

William Henry Harrison Winston (ca. 12 letters, 1864-1908; news of family, plans to join the Confederate Army, includes letters from 11th Virginia, federal prison at Point Lookout, Md.)

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The collection is arranged by the item number assigned to each letter (or other paper) by the donor. The letters are divided into two series, Clark family letters (designated by a "C" number) and Winston family letters (designated by a "W" number). This numbering system corresponds (for the most part) to the chronological order of the letters. Note that two letters written by Anna Clark before her marriage to Bowling H. Winston are filed with the Clark letters; her letters to BHW before their marriage and those after marriage are filed in the Winston series.

Contents of boxes:

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Box 2 - Winston series of letters, W1 - W92
Box 3 - Winston series, continued, W93 - W158
Box 4 - Winston series, continued, W159 - W285
Box 5 - Winston series, continued, W286 - W370

Finding aids to the collection:

The notes for each item give the date and location of each letter, names of writer and recipient, and information on the contents of each letter. These notes can be found immediately following the end of the list of correspondents, and an additional copy has been placed in Box 1.

In addition to the above notes, which are listed by item number and therefore chronological, an alphabetical list of correspondents (taken from the notes) has been compiled and immediately follows.

List of correspondents:

[ ] - B
C (except Clark)
Clark
D - H
J - N
R - S
T - Y (except Winston)
Winston
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List of correspondents with item number(s) (of letters or other papers) assigned to them. This information is taken from the notes compiled by the donor.

[ ] - B
[ ] - C2, C4, C5, C43, C122b, W158, W191, W360 [notes only], W367, W370
[ ] - Mary Ann - C86
B, E.A. - W161
Bodly, Sarah - W354
Butler, Virginia J. - W289
C (except Clark)
Campbell, A. Rebecca - W154
Campbell, R. - W78
Campbell, Virginia (Kyle) - W78
Carrington, Maria L. - W287
Chase, Thomas - W328
[Clark, see below]
Coggeshall, Oliver - C114
Cox, Isaac - C74
Cox, John - W41
Clark
Clark, Bowling - W164, W205, W207, W246, W344
Clark, Daniel - C10-13, C16, C22, C23, C25-27, C30, C33, C38, C39, C41, C44, C45, C48, C50, C51, C52, C65, C67, C72, C73, C87, W133, W139, W142
Clark, Edward M. - W123
Clark, Elizabeth Cheadle - W354
Clark, George C. - C8, C9, C35, C37
 Clark, [J. ?] - W3
Clark, Jeddie - C129
Clark, John - C5b, C6, C7, C14, C15, C32, C110, C116, C130, W294
Clark, Johnny - C129
Clark, Julia Ann - C20, C28, C42, C46?, C53, C64?, C89
Clark, Lindley M. - C97, C100, C107-109, C111, C120
Clark, Lucy - W4
Clark, Mattie - C129
Clark, Maria - C78, C95, W250, W270, W273, W275, W278, W280, W281, W296, W326; also as "Clark, Nancy Maria" or "N. Maria Clark" - C57, C110, C119, W256, W282, W283
Clark, Martha Ann - C19, C31, C34, C36, C58, C61, C66, C69, C70, C75-78, C80, C81, C85, W365
Clark, Nancy (Hussey) - C1, C3, C14, C85, W249
Clark, Samuel - C28
Clark, Sarah [N.] - W8
Clark, Susie - C129, W304, W331, W348
Clark, Thomas - C79, C90, C94, C95, C99, C108b
Clark, William A. - W29

D - H
Dabney, I. - W153
Effinger, Barbara [later Massie?] - W253, W258?, W286, W290
[Fisher, Mary E.] - W5, W6
[Fisher, Dr. S.B.] - W6
Harris, Amelia C. - W2
Harris, E.W. - W292
Hill, John D. - C93, W175 [this is a photocopy of C93]
Hill, Sarah Ann - C60
Hobbs, Barnabas C. - W69, W80, W82, W122
Hussey, Jesse - C102

J - N
Johnson, Abijah - W219
Jones, Maria C. - W58, W161?
Jones, Mary - W161
Kyle, Lucy (Winston) - W211
Lindley, Asenath C. - C19, C54?, C59?
Lynch, Zalinda - W1
[Massie?], Florence - W288, W291
Massie, Sally (Sarah) Clark - W14, W205
Massie, William - W21, W40, W92, W205
Mayhew, E.C. - C122
Miller, M.R. [later Mol. R. Pearson?] - C18, C24, C29
Naylor, Elizabeth - W54
Newby, Mary - C91
Noel, Samuel M. - W124, W130, W138

R - S
Rhoads, James E. - W350
Rhoads, Samuel - C98, C112, W252
Ricks, A. - W301
Ricks, Missouri P. [W.] - W111
Ricks, W.A. - W300
Robinson, M.L. - W83
Robinson, Mary Sue - W158
S., [Captain] - W268
Siler, Ellwood C. - W125
Simpson, John A. - W354
Simpson, Amelia H. - W242
Stuart, H.F. - C110b

T - Y (except Winston)
Taylor, Israel - W65
Terrell, Mary W. - W89
Thomas, Harvey - C63, C68, C82, C84
Thornburgh, Dizer - C88
Western Yearly Meeting - W298
White, Elizabeth (Ricks) - W299, W302
White, Martha A. - C40
Whitlock, A. - W129
Wilson, Jethro R. - C71
[Winston see below]
Young, Edward C. - C47 (p. 1-4 of what is C55), C49, C55 (p. 5-6 of C47), C62

Winston

- Winston, Bowling Henry - W16, W19, W20
- Winston, E. Cornelia - W120, W131, W189
- Winston, Elizabeth "Lizzy" - W113
- Winston, [George] - W36
- Winston, Liberia Indiana - W48, W91, W94
- Winston, Lucy E. - W260, W262
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