

Green Clay (1871-1962) Papers, 1877-1957 (1 doc. box)

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Restrictions

None.

Biographical Sketch

Green Clay was born at White Hall on 11 August 1871 and was named Guy Ephrium Herrick. He was the son of John Frank and Mary Clay Herrick. Mary Clay was the oldest daughter of Cassius M. Clay, the 'Lion of White Hall.' When his parents divorced his mother began calling him Green Clay and at her insistence he changed his name to Green Clay after he reached 21.

Green attended school in Richmond and high school in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was a student at the University of Michigan for two years, Central University for two years, and graduated from Columbia College in Washington, DC with the LL.B. degree in 1893. He practiced law in Richmond and Cincinnati.

He began working in the newspaper business sometime after 1900 and worked for papers in Ohio, New York, Richmond and Tennessee. He also wrote numerous articles and pamphlets about the history of Richmond and Madison County and worked for the WPA supervising the indexing of court records. He also worked as city clerk, purchasing agent and auditor of Richmond.

He was a member of the Richmond Lodge of Elks and moved to the Elks National Home in Bedford, Virginia in 1947. He died there without descendants on 10 Jan 1962 and was buried on the grounds.

Scope and Content Note

The strength of the Green Clay collection is the photographs, which were mostly taken in the first three decades of the twentieth century. Although there are some portraits, there are also many photos of Madison county, including historic sites, river scenes, historic homes and even a moonshine still. The collection also includes some of his published historical articles and other Madison County publications. For a more complete inventory of his writings the researcher should see Madison County Chronicles (F457. M17 C530) which is housed in the University Archives.

Donor Information

Unknown (2003-014).

Box List or folder List

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f.01 – Photographs

1. Fort Twetty Spring
2. Fort Twetty Monument

f.02 – Photographs

1. Boonesborough Ferry _1931
2. Daniel Boone Bust
3. Filson's Fort Boonsborough _1780
4. Fort Boonesborough Memorial Bridge Plaque
5. Fort Boonesborough Memorial Bridge Monument
6. Sycamore Grove Boonesborough _ 1890
7. Squire Boon Rock _ 1932
8. Fort Boonesborough Monument (Daniel Boon Tablet)

f.03 – Photographs

1. Alfalfa field – 1915
2. Hereford Cattle – 1947
3. Tobacco field on the farm of W.H. Park
4. Tobacco field with cut tobacco
5. Tobacco field with unknown man
6. Tobacco Field
7. Corn field, car, and wagon
8. Earl Combs fencing on his farm
9. William Hill Farm, College Hill_ Tobacco Field

f.04 – Postcards

1. Main Building, E.K.S.N. (University Building, ECU Campus)
2. Ashland_ home of Henry Clay
3. Ashland_ home of Henry Clay
4. Fort Boonesborough Monument (Daniel Boone Tablet)
5. John Hunt Morgan House
6. Hair pin curve on River hill, Madison County – 1915
7. Boonesborough Bridge – 1937
8. "In Kentucky" (with scenes)
9. "Neighboring in Kentucky" By Lucy Louise Hatcher
10. Shrimp fleet, Ft. Myers Florida
11. Elks National Home, Bedford, Virginia
12. Hotel St. Regis, New York City – 1953
13. Leaning Tower of Pisa 1954

f.05 – Photographs

1. Man O' War, Taken on his 15th birthday
2. Greyhound (horse)
3. Horse farm
4. Man O' War
5. Lexington
6. The Rises

f.06 – Photographs

1. Building on the grounds of White Hall
2. White Hall
3. White hall (back view)
4. White hall (drawing)
5. Sheep on grounds of White Hall
6. 3 houses on grounds of White Hall
7. Ewe with Triplets on grounds of White Hall – 1896
8. Map of White Hall by J.H. Leeds

f.07 – Photographs

1. Bybee Pottery, pug mill – 1927
2. Bybee Pottery, kiln – 1927
3. Hand loom weaving, Berea College – 1926
4. Weaver in Mrs. F.E. Matheney's home, Jackson Co. Kentucky
5. Mrs. Mary A Anderson and her daughter operating a spinning jenny and loom at their home, Berea Kentucky
6. Mrs. Mary A Anderson operating a spinning jenny and loom her home, Berea Kentucky

f.08 – Photographs

1. Clay's Ferry
2. Clay's Ferry (Aerial view)
3. Giant Sycamore tree with unknown men – 1936
4. Giant Sycamore tree – 1936
5. Giant Sycamore tree – 1936
6. Madison County Courthouse

f.09 – Photographs

1. Daniel Boon Sycamore Tree, Dreaming Creek, Madison County
2. State Highway No. 21, Madison _ Jackson Counties
3. State Highway No. 21, Madison _ Jackson Counties
4. State Highway No. 21, Madison _ Jackson Counties
5. John Speed Smith house
6. Tree on White Hall grounds
7. Tree on White Hall grounds
8. Road Scene
9. Business card, Burnam, Bennett & Co. Distillers, Silver Creek

10. Kit Carson birthplace marker
11. Will Hale, Carr Creek, Ky. High School
12. U.S., Trachoma Hospital, Richmond Ky.
13. U.S., Trachoma Hospital, Richmond Ky.
14. Tree with Lincoln profile, courthouse grounds, Richmond, Ky.
15. Moonshine still, Madison Co., Ky.
16. Catfish caught at mouth of Silver Creek
17. Lobby, Glyndon Hotel, Richmond, Ky.
18. Valley View, Ky. Lock and Dam

f.10 – Photographs

1. Green Clay, Son of Cassius M. Clay
2. Rock House, Confederate underground station
3. Lucy Stone
4. Green Clay, grandson of Cassius M. Clay
5. Laura Estill Francis, Lavinia Estill Chenault Cunningham
6. Jake White
7. Watson Clay
8. Spring at Old Cane Spring
9. Mary Ann Oldham
10. Unknown men
11. B.J. Clay
12. Old State Capital building, Frankfort Ky.

f.11 – Photographs

1. Boonesborough Bridge and Clay's Ferry

f.12 – Photographs

1. Scene from Big Hill

f.13 “Madison County Sequi_centennial Celebration” souvenir program

f.14 –Newspaper and magazine clippings

- “Kentucky’s Historical Trees: no. 5 The tall Sycamores at Boonesboro”, Kentucky Progress Magazine, Feb.1931
- “Kentucky pioneers to be Honored tomorrow” by Jack Hunter, Enquirer Sunday Magazine, Sept. 2, 1934
- “The Bluegrass region of Kentucky” by Green Clay, The Highway Traveler, Apr._May 1945, Vol. 17, no. 2
- “The Klan way” by Green Clay, Courier Journal Magazine, March 2, 1952
- “A Mighty Lion Raged at White Hall” by Sue McClelland Theirman, Courier Journal Magazine, June 13,1954
- Photo of White Hall by John E. Theirman from The Courier Journal Magazine
- “Scenic and Historic Madison County” by Green Clay, Kentucky Progress Magazine,

Sept., 1931

- f.15 Service and Supplies Advertisement appearing in the Kentucky Register, Dec. 14, 1877
- f.16 Madison County Kentucky compiled by Green Clay for the Chamber of Commerce, 1927
- f.17 Kentucky: The Bluegrass State—Home of Beautiful women, Fast Horses and Good Whiskey by Green Clay, Girard, Kansas: Heldeman_Julius Publications, c1947 (4 copies)
- f.18 Kentucky (illustrated) front cover missing
- f.19 Warranty deed—Greenleaf to Clay
- f.20 Excerpts from Court Order Book C (Madison County)