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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

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| 1902        | Born Parkersburg, Iowa   |
| 1922        | Graduated U.S. Military Academy, West Point, and commissioned second lieutenant in the infantry  |
| 1922        | Resigned commission  |
| 1922-1925   | Attended Harvard Law School  |
| 1925-1940   | Practiced law in New York  |
| 1940        | Recommissioned major in Army Ordnance Reserve  |
| 1941        | Released from active duty to perform consulting work for the War Department on supply and logistics matters including work for the Republic of China |
| 1942        | Returned to active duty  |
| 1942-1943   | Eritrea Service Command, Asmara, Eritrea, Ethiopia   |
| 1943        | Headquarters, Libyan Service Command, Tripoli, Tripolitania  |
| 1944-1945   | G-4 Division, SHAEF  |
| 1945-1960s  | Business consultant  |
| May 1, 1982 | Died   |

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

### Synopsis

This collection is comprised of the personal files of Edwin N. Clark and contains documentation of his service in the Army during World War II, his work with Dwight Eisenhower between 1948-1961, his business consulting work, and his personal and financial matters. Of particular historical note is the material on Eisenhower's decision to seek the presidency.

### Documentation

This collection contains correspondence, military records and papers, photographs, memoirs, reports, and memoranda.

Edwin N. Clark was born in Parkersburg, Iowa in 1902. He graduated from West Point in June 1922 but resigned his commission in September of the same Year. He immediately entered Harvard Law School and upon graduation practiced law in New York. The collection contains virtually no documentation on this period of Clark's life.

During the period 1940 to 1945 Clark served two tours of active duty in the Army with preceding and intervening private consulting work related to military supply and logistics.

Clark was involved in supply and ordnance matters during the North African campaign and served as Eisenhower's Deputy G-4 at SHAEF. The quantity of this World War II documentation is moderate and the content is routine. Perhaps the most interesting documentation from this period concerns Clark's consulting work on U.S. defense aid to the Chinese in 1941.

After the war Clark returned to private consulting work but continued to serve Eisenhower in several important ways. In the late 1940s, in conjunction with a small group of liberal Republicans, including Russell Davenport and Senator James Duff, Clark worked for the presidential candidacy of Dwight Eisenhower. As part of this planning group, Clark shuttled back and forth between the U.S. and Europe to ensure the secrecy of discussions with Eisenhower. The material documents Eisenhower's early interest in the presidency and a 1951 meeting between Taft and Eisenhower. The documentation is largely limited to a Clark memoir.

In 1949 Clark undertook a second project when Eisenhower asked him to consider a means of assisting the financially distressed American Military Institute. Discussions resulted in a plan to reorganize the Institute under the auspices of Columbia University and broaden its scope to include the study of war and peace. Eventually Columbia established a separate Institute of War and Peace Studies, leaving the American Military Institute to secure other finding arrangements. There is extensive documentation of Clark's efforts to establish the Institute of War and Peace Studies. He remained in contact with the Institute until the mid-1950's.

In 1951 Clark became involved in a third Eisenhower project, Jo Davidson's bust of Eisenhower. Through Clark's efforts, a bust was placed at the U.S. Military Academy in 1953.

A year later a second bust was placed at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. Then in 1980, Clark became involved in a controversy over the illegal reproduction of the bust.

Last, Clark served Eisenhower in the latter stages of the 1952 campaign by submitting a memorandum on U.S. Pacific policy, which he later elaborated to include mutual security matters. The documentation consists of the memorandum and a small quantity of related material.

Clark's personal and business interests from the late 1940s through the 1950s are also documented in the collection. Several were of substantial historical importance. In 1949 Clark became involved in the Institute for Creative Research, a public policy group organized by Russell Davenport. In 1953 Clark's consulting firm undertook an economic survey of the Dominican Republic. This study was completed in 1954 and submitted to Eisenhower in February 1955 although there is no evidence that Eisenhower requested the study. Last, in 1958 Clark joined a group of businessmen and scientists promoting the establishment of the International Institute for Scientific Research and the European Research Institute. This led to a memorandum, "Plan for Scientific Cooperation in the Free World," which Clark sent to Eisenhower in April 1959. Eisenhower's science advisor, however, reviewed the proposal unfavorably.

During the 1960s Clark developed serious medical problems which necessitated giving up his consulting work and in part explains the dearth of documentation from this decade. In early 1970s, after regaining his health, Clark embarked upon a project to bring together documentation of the various important events of his career. He referred to the project as his curriculum vitae. The main facet of the project was the writing of his memoirs, but in preparing for the task he submerged himself in histories of the period, collected and organized primary documentation, and contacted people he had worked with in the course of his career. Some of the contacts led to meetings between Clark and his former associates for the purpose of compiling commentaries on their shared experiences. The documentation on the curriculum vitae project consists of background material and drafts. Clark finished the memoir, but the final manuscript is not in the collection. Aside from the curriculum vitae project the collection contains little documentation after the 1960s. Clark died on May 1, 1982.

## ARRANGEMENT AND PROCESSING NOTES

1. When received by the Library the Clark Papers were a composite of materials reflecting several distinct periods and facets of Clark's life with no overall arrangement. In the course of processing, the collection was arranged in a single alphabetical sequence and the following major arrangement work was undertaken:
  - a. Two folder titles were created to group related materials which did not warrant designation as a series: "Army Records and Papers" and "Curriculum Vitae." Each of these titles have several subtitles reflecting the specific content of the material.
  - b. From the miscellaneous materials documenting Clark's army career approximately 175 pages were separated and placed in a file titled "Army Personal '201' File." The more personal items from Clark's army papers and records were placed in this file.
2. Aside from the folder titles mentioned in not no. 1 above, all titles altered or created during processing are bracketed. Brackets are also used to enclose folder title annotations prepared by the processing archivist. These annotations highlight only significant documents or subjects covered and do not provide comprehensive descriptions.
3. Artifacts, audio-visuals, and printed materials originally scattered throughout the collection have been transferred to appropriate divisions of the Library. Withdrawal sheets have been inserted to indicate the original location of all transferred items. The inventory of photographs transferred to the Library's audio-visual collection located in the first folder of Box No. 1 consists of only those photographs which were segregated from the manuscript materials at the time the Collection arrived at the Library. A small number of photographs which were scattered throughout the collection have been transferred separately to the Library's audio-visual collection and therefore are not contained in this inventory.
4. Materials closed to research in accordance with the donor's deed of gift are identified on pink withdrawal sheets placed in front of each folder from which materials have been withdrawn. White withdrawal sheets have been inserted in the collection in place of the withdrawn documents.

## CONTAINER LIST

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1	<p>[Inventory of photographs transferred to the Library's audio-visual collection]1</p> <p>American Military Institute -Correspondence (1)-(8) [Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia )IWPS): William T.R. Fox; DDE's involvement and support of IWPS; origin of the idea for IWPS; Armand Hammer.]</p> <p>American Military Institute - Drafts [Memorandum proposing IWPS and involvement of Columbia University.]</p> <p>American Military Institute - Mimeographed Copies of Memorandum</p> <p>American Military Institute - Miscellaneous Papers and Memoranda</p> <p>Appointment by State and War Departments</p> <p>Army Personal "201" File (1)-(4)</p>
2	<p>Army Records and Papers - 1941 (1)-(5) [China defense aid; China-India Highway (Sichang-Sadiya Road); Sadiya-Burma Highway.]</p> <p>Army Records and Papers - 1942 (1)(2) [Military facilities and support services in North Africa.]</p> <p>Army Records and Papers - 1942 (1)(2) [Military facilities and support services in North Africa.]</p> <p>Army Records and Papers - 1944 (1)-(2) [<u>First United States Army Report of Operations, 20 October 1943 to 1 August 1944.</u>]</p>
3	<p>Army Records and Papers - 1944 (3)-(8) [<u>First United States Army Report of Operations, 20 October 1943 to 1 August 1944.</u>]</p>
4	<p>Army Records and Papers - 1945 [DDE holograph regarding celebration of Rhine crossing.]</p> <p>Army Records and Papers - Undated (1)-(3) [Military facilities and services in North Africa.]</p>

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(cont.)   Correspondence - 1933-1981 (1)(2) [Nomination of George Spiegelberg for a judgeship; drafting of DDE's statement on the end of hostilities in Europe; V-E day statement; reminiscences World War II; Elisa Parada de Migel; K. McCann on Marquis Child's book on DDE.]
- Curriculum Vitae - Boatner, Hayden [Chinese Mission in 1941.]
- Curriculum Vitae - Book List
- Curriculum Vitae - Bull and Crawford Meeting [SHAEF staff.]
- Curriculum Vitae - Department of the Army Historical Series on World War II
- Curriculum Vitae - Eisenhower for President [DDE's decision to seek the presidency.]
- Curriculum Vitae - English Group and Brownjohn (Nevil C.D.)
- Curriculum Vitae - Featherstonebaugh, Harry and Annie
- Curriculum Vitae - Fox, William T.R.
- Curriculum Vitae - Garland, Albert N.
- Curriculum Vitae - Institute of War and Peace Studies
- Curriculum Vitae - Logistics [SHAEF General Staff advice on logistics.]
- Curriculum Vitae - Miscellaneous Notes
- 5   Curriculum Vitae - Montgomery, Bernard L.
- Curriculum Vitae - Moseley Article (Philip E. Moseley)
- Curriculum Vitae - National Archives Conference, June 1971
- Curriculum Vitae - Redrafting Memos
- Curriculum Vitae - Schulz, Robert L.
- Curriculum Vitae - Smith, Downing L.
- Curriculum Vitae - Taylor, Maxwell

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6	<p>Dominican Republic Economic Survey - Correspondence [Maguel A. De Moya; Rafael L. Trujillo.]</p> <p>Dominican Republic Economic Survey -Draft #1</p> <p>Dominican Republic Economic Survey -Draft #2</p> <p>Dominican Republic Economic Survey - Draft #3</p> <p>Dominican Republic Economic Survey -Draft #4 (1)(2)</p> <p>Dominican Republic Economic Survey - Extra Copies</p> <p>Dominican Republic Economic Survey - General Larkin Work Papers (1)(2)</p> <p>Dominican Republic Economic Survey - <u>Herald Tribune</u> Article</p> <p>Eisenhower-Jo Davidson Bust (1)-(3) [Arrangements for donation of busts to West Point and Sandhurst; illegally produced copies of bust.]</p> <p>Eisenhower Ancestral Home Dedication</p> <p>European Research Institute [PL 480 funds.]</p> <p>Finland Agreement</p> <p>Interhandel ["Memorandum regarding Interhandel's Claim for the Return of its General Aniline and Film Corporation Shares."]</p>

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- LeClerc, Jacques-Philippe
- Let Ya and Company, Ltd. - Agreements, Stock Certificates, Copy of Note, Power of Attorney
- Let Ya and Company, Ltd. - Balance Sheets
- Let Ya and Company, Ltd. - General Correspondence (1)-(8) [ENC's attempt to recover stock investment in Let Ya and company, Ltd. Of Rangoon, Burma.]
- 8      [Memorabilia]
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- Monorail (Washington, D.C.)
- Olin-Mathieson Chemical Corp. - Correspondence
- Passports
- Pacific Policy Memo (1)-(4) [ENC's 1952 report to DDE re U.S. Pacific policy; mutual security program.]
- Spaulding (A.G.) And Brothers, Inc. (1)-(6) [Business and affairs survey compiled by ENC's consulting firm.
- [Speeches by Dwight Eisenhower and James Killian]
- Stipp, George M.
- Wehrli, Edmund
- Windsor, Duke of (Edward VIII)
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