

S. L. Clark & Son Records 1896-1900
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2.50 linear feet

Biographical

S.L. Clark and Son was a barrel manufacturing and lumber mill business located in Parishville, New York from approximately 1870 until 1908. The primary item manufactured at the mill was butter tubs. According to Curtis's *Our County and Its People* (1894), the factory employed as many as 125 men in summer and built up to 350,000 butter tubs a year in 1894. S. L. Clark was born in Hermon, NY in 1844. After service in the Civil War, he married Mary Keeler and had four children. He relocated to Parishville and was engaged in several businesses before acquiring the lumber company.

Scope and Content

The collection consists hundreds of letters, invoices, memos and other correspondence between various suppliers and S.L. Clark & Son between 1896 and 1900. The correspondence is remarkable in that it is written on sometimes very elaborate company letterheads used by businesses at the turn of the 20th century. Much of the correspondence is typed but some is hand-written.

Provenance

The collection was purchased in two lots. The first was bought in January 2014 from Ted Comstock. The remainder of the collection was purchased from Tom Jenison in August of 2018

Organization and arrangement

Overall organization is chronological by year. Within each box, folders are arranged alphabetically by the name of business. Within each folder, correspondence is arranged chronologically.

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Box	Folder	Business Name and Address or type of correspondence	Number of documents
1	1	A.N. Russell, Ilion, NY	2
	2	Baeder, Adamson & Co., NY	2
	3	Individual Business Correspondence	21
	4	C. F. Knight Wholesale Commission Lumber, Albany, NY	5
	5	Creamery Package Mfg. Co., Chicago, IL	8
	6	Jacob Edmonds, Pinconning, Michigan	2
	7	John H. Pray, Sons & Co., NY	3
	8	Koch & Loeber Co., Milwaukee, WI	3
	9	Nelson, Hall Co., Montgomery Centre, VT	6
	10	Peckham & Dew, Canastota, NY	2
	11	Personal Correspondence	7
	12	Potsdam Banks , Potsdam, NY	3
	13	Prince & Moore, Mt. Pleasant, MI	2
	14	Samuel Cupples Woodenware Co., St. Louis, MO	2

Box	Folder	Business Name and Address or type of correspondence	Number of documents
1	15	S.L. Clark & Son, Parishville, NY	13
	16	Treavor Manufacturing Co., Tockport, NY	2
	17	Other Business Correspondence w/Letterhead	28

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2	18	A.N. Russell & Sons, Ilion, NY	5
	19	American Express Company, North Stockholm, NY	2
	20	American Glue Company, Boston, MA	2
	21	Armour & Company, Chicago, IL	13
	22	Baxter D. Whitney, Winchendon, MA	3
	23	Boyle Green & Company, Westfield, MA	2
	24	Burnap & Aiken, North Troy, VT	3
	25	Barrel and Box, Louisville, KY	2
	26	G.N. Goodspeed Machine Co., Winchendon, MA	6
	27	Baeder, Adamson & Co., NY	2
	28	S.H & B.H. Beach Lumber Co., Rome, NY	3
	29	C.E. Hill & Co., Kansas City, MO	11
	30	C.F. Knight Wholesale Commission Lumber, Albany, NY	3
	31	Charles H. Green Lumber, Troy, NY	5
	32	The Columbia Rubber Works Co. and The B.F. Goodrich Co., NY and Akron, Ohio	5
	33	Climax Stopper & Bottle Co., NY	2
	34	Charles C. Kellogg & Sons Co., Utica, NY	3
	35	Creamery Package Mfg. Co., Chicago, IL	48
	36	C.S. Ferry & Son, Pittsfeild, MA	8
	37	The Curtis Manuf'g Co., Syracuse, NY	3
	38	Eastern Sash, Door and Glass Co., NY	9
	39	Easton, Rising & Worden, Dealers in Lumber, Coal & Wood, Hoosick Falls, NY	2
	40	E.C. Atkins & Co. Saw and Tool Manufacturers., NY	3
	41	E.H Barnes Co. Bow Shooks & Lumber, Castorland, NY	8
	42	Frank A. Cutting Dealers in Canada New York & Pennsylvania Hemlock Bark, Boston, MA	5
	43	G. P. Gibson & Sons, Utica, NY	16
	44	George G. Kenyon, Syracuse, NY	5
	45	H.A. Emerson & Co., Winchester, MA	4
	46	John A. Gauger & Co., Chicago, IL	7
	47	John, H. McDowell, Syracuse, NY	2
Box	Folder	Business Name and Address or type of correspondence	Number of documents
2	48	Jacob Edmonds, Pinconning, NY	8
	49	J.C Folsom, Winthrop, St. Lawrence, NY	4

	50	J.E. Harroun & Son, Watertown, NY	9
	51	James & Abbot, Boston, MA	5
	52	J.R. Ellis & Sons, Boston, MA	9
	53	Michigan Hoops Co., Saginaw, MI	3
	54	Lane Manufacturing Company, Montpelier, VT	7
3	55	Koch & Loeber Co., Milwaukee, NY	11
	56	The Northville Knitting Mill, Northville, NY	3
	57	National Express Company, Bambridge, NY	5
	58	The National Fruit and Trading Co.	2
	59	Nellis, Amos & Swift, Utica, NY	2
	60	Nelson, Hall & Co., Montgomery Centre, VT	15
	61	Norwich Belt Mfg. Co., Norwich, CT	3
	62	Beckham & Dew, Canastota, NY	2
	63	R. Hoe & Co., NY	2
	64	Samuel Cupplies Woodenware Co., St. Louis, MO	2
	65	S.L. Clark & Son, Parishville, NY	56
	66	Shepard, Farmer & Co., Boston, MA	5
	67	Vedder & Luffman., Schenectady, NY	5
	68	Waterman & Moore, Coal., Williamstown, MA	4
	69	W. H. Caldwell & Son, East Freetown , NY	2
	70	Individual Business Correspondence	104
	71	Single Document Correspondence	79
	72	Legal Correspondence	8
	73	Personal/Family Correspondence	20
	74	Insurance Correspondence	4
	75	Banking Related Documents	4

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4	76	A.C. Dutton Lumber Co., Springfield, MA	3
	77	A.C Hooper & Co., NY	2
	78	Amos P. Tapley & Co., Boston, MA	4
	79	A. N. Russell & Sons, Ilion, NY	21
	80	The Armor Glue Works, Chicago, IL	2
	81	Beach Lumber Company, Rome, NY	14
	82	Baxter D. Whitney, Winchendon, MA	7
	83	Binny & Smith, NY	2
	84	Boston Lumber Company, Boston, MA	2
	85	The Cambridge Roofing Co., Cambridge, OH	4

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4	86	Charles C. Kellogg & Sons Co., Utica, NY	11
	87	C. H. Green Lumber, Troy, NY	9
	88	C. L. Knapp, Mooers, NY	4
	89	Charles Miller & Son., Utica, NY	2
	90	C.H & E.S Goldberg, NY	11
	91	Creamery Package Mfg. Co., Kansas City, MO	53
	92	Crystal Spring Creamery, Westville Center, NY	4
	93	C.S. Ferry & Son, Pittsfield, MA	10
	94	C.S. Williams, Trustee Estey Heading Mill, Owosso, MI	3
	95	Easton Rising Worden, Hoosick Falls, NY	5
	96	E & B Holmes Machinery Co., Buffalo, NY	2
	97	Eujene J. Mack, Syracuse, NY	10
	98	E.W. Traver, Saginaw, MI	2
	99	Frank A. Cutting, Boston, MA	6
	100	Fred K. Higbie, Chicago, IL	14
	101	F.W. Meegan & Co., Kansas City, MO	2
	102	Gain Robinson, Wholesale Lumber, Springfield, MA	5
	103	Goodspeed Machine Co., Winchendon, MA	10
	104	G.J Caldwell, Clinton, NY	2
	105	G. P. Gilson & Son, Utica, NY	14
	106	Greenlee Bros & Co., Chicago, IL	4
	107	H.A. Emerson & Co., Winchester, MA	2
	108	Haley, Ward & Co., Watertown, NY	2
	109	Jacob Edmonds, Pinconning, MI	3
	110	James & Abbot, Lumber and Timber, Boston, MA	6
	111	Jessmore & Co., Oswego, NY	2
	112	J. Hollingworth, Utica, NY	2
	113	John H. McDowell, Syracuse, NY	2
114	John M. Yordon, Fort Plain, NY	8	
115	J.R. Ellis & Sons, Boston, MA	5	
116	Kelsey B. Coffin, Jefferson County, NY	2	
117	Keyes & Moore, Massena, NY	9	
118	Koch & Loeber Co., Milwaukee, NY	6	
119	Lane Manufacturing Company, Montpelier, VT	4	
120	Everett & Ginn, Potsdam, NY	24	
121	Mann & Hunter, Syracuse, NY	4	
122	M. L. Smith, Canajoharie, NY	6	
123	Nellis, Amos & Swift, Utica, NY	4	
124	N. Winslow & Co., Watertown, NY	5	
125	Nelson, Hall & Co., Montgomery Centre, VT	6	
126	J.H. Sargent, North Lawrence Roller Flouring Mills, Brushton, NY	5	
127	Oakes + Burger, Cattaraugus, NY	4	
128	The Oakdale Mfg. Co., Providence, R.I.	6	

	129	Peckham & Dew, Canastota, NY	7
Box	Folder	Business Name and Address or type of correspondence	Number of documents
4	130	Pennsylvania Lumber mens Mutual Fire Insurance Company, PA	7
	131	Post & Henderson, Oswego, NY	5
	132	R.B. Ruby Lumber, Oneida, NY	4
	133	Rosemary Creamery, Adams, NY	5
	134	Samuel Cupples Wooden Ware Co., St. Louis, MO	7
	135	Schaghticoke Union Creamery Company, Valley Falls, NY	2
	136	Sears, Roebuck and Co., Chicago, IL	3
	137	Shepard Farmer & Co., Boston, MA	2
	138	Simonds Manufacturing Co., Fitchburg, MA	2
	139	S.L. Clark & Son, Parishville, NY	53
	140	Smith & Phillips Mfg. Co., Chicago, IL	2
	141	Syracuse Supply Co., Limited, Syracuse, NY	3
	142	T.B. Humphrey & Co., Churubusca, NY	2
	143	Vedder & Luffman, Schenectady, NY	10
	144	The Vermont Farm Machine Co., Bellows Falls, VT	3
	145	Waterman & Moore, Williamstown, MA	14
	146	Wachusett Machine Co., Fitchburg, MA	4
	147	W.E. Green , Burlington, VT	2
	148	The Whitman & Barnes Manufg Co., Syracuse, NY	2
	149	W.J. Nicholas, St. Regis Falls, NY	2
5	150	Business Correspondence from individual	157
	151	Other Business Correspondence	107
	152	Insurance Correspondence	10
	153	Letters that Mention Fire at S.L Clark Lumber	5
	154	Personal/Family Correspondence	13

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6	155	The Armour & Company, Chicago, IL	7
	156	A.N. Russell & Sons, Ilion, NY	15
	157	Bartlett Lumber Co., Boston, NY	2
	158	Beach Lumber Company, Rome, NY	9
	159	The Cambridge Roofing Co., Cambridge, OH	2
	160	C.B March, Bennington, VT	7
	161	Charles C. Kellogg & Sons Co., Utica, NY	13
	162	C.H. & E.S. Goldberg, NY	30
	163	C.H. Green Lumber, Try, NY	6
	164	C.L. Knapp & Son, Mooers, NY	3
	165	Creamery Package Mfg. Co., Kansas City	59
	166	Crystal Spring Creamery, Westville Center, NY	3

	167	Eastern Manufacturing Co., Winchendon, MA	2
	168	Easton, Rising & Worden, Hoosick Falls, NY	2
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	169	The Ezra D. Fogg Co., New Heaven, CT	4
	170	`Gain Robinson, Wholesale Lumber, Springfield, MA	4
	171	G.J. Cauldwell, Clinton, NY	4
	172	Goodspeed Machine Co., Winchendon, MA	2
	173	G.P. Gibson & Son, Utica, NY	38
	174	Goshen Manufacturing Co., Providence, RI	2
	175	Hamilton H. Salmon & Co., NY	5
	176	Henry J. Bigelow & Co., Boston, MA	3
	177	John M. Yordon, Fort Plain, NY	11
	178	J.H. Kneeskern & Sons, St. Johnsville, NY	4
	179	James & Abbot, Lumber and Timber, Boston, MA	3
	180	J. Hollingworth, Utica, NY	2
	181	John H. McDowell, Syracuse, NY	3
	182	J.G Leaveill, Houston, TX	2
	183	J.R. Ellis & Sons, Boston, MA	4
	184	Jacob Dold Packing Co., Kansas City, MO	2
	185	J. Edmonds, Pinconning, MI	3
7	186	Koch & Loeber Co., Milwaukee, NY	2
	187	Lane Manufacturing Company, Montpelier, VT	3
	188	Mann & Hunter Co., Syracuse, NY`	2
	189	Mann Brothers, Chicago, IL	4
	190	Morin & Co., Fulton, NY	2
	191	M.M. Smith, North Tonawanda, NY	2
	192	George A. Marcellus, Oneida, NY	10
	193	Nelson, Hall Co., Montgomery Centre, VT	14
	194	Oakes & Burger, Cattaraugus, NY	10
	195	The Oakdale Mfg. Co., Providence, RI	3
	196	Banks in Potsdam, Potsdam, NY	6
	197	Peckham & Dew, Canastota, NY	4
	198	Post & Henderson Co., Oswego, NY	2
	199	Pennsylvania Lumbersmens Mutual Dire Insurance Company	6
	200	R.B. Ruby Lumber, Oneida, NY	2
	201	Samuel Cupples Wooden Ware Co., St. Louis, NY	10
	202	S.L. Clark & Son, Parishville, NY	43
	203	Office of State Board of Tax Commissioners, Albany, NY	2
	204	Shepard, Farmer & Co., New York, NY	2
	205	Syracuse Supply Co., Limited, Syracuse, NY	2
	206	Vedder & Luffman, Schenectady, NY	2
	207	Van Duzer Manufacturing Company, Waverly, NY	3
	208	W.E. Greene, Paints, Burlington, VT	5
	209	Wickes Brothers, Saginaw, MI	2
	210	W.W. Aldrich & Co., Providence, RI	3

	211	Waterman & Moore, Williamstown, MA	17
Box	Folder	Business Name and Address or type of correspondence	Number of documents
8	212	Local Business Correspondence – No Letterhead	283
	213	Personal Correspondence	14
	214	Law Correspondence	27
	215	Railroad Correspondence	5
	216	Insurance Related	4
	217	Other Business Correspondence	75

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Box	Folder	Business Name and Address or type of correspondence	Number of documents
9	218	Undated Business Correspondence	5
	219	Undated Individual Business Correspondence	32
	220	Undated Personal Correspondence	7
	221	Other Religious Correspondence	14
	222	American Baptist Publication Society	11
	223	American Baptist Home Mission Society	8
	224	Religious /Church Correspondence	16
	225	Maneely Bell Company, Troy, NY	3

Box 10 Postal Card Correspondence

- Postal cards between 1898 and 1900, arranged chronologically and boxed without folders
- Insurance policy documents
- Checks