

## **Archival Box #111 - The Clark-Collesano Family Collection**

### **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** The Clark-Collesano Family Collection

**Dates:** 1833-1917

**Accession Number:** #4082

**Donor:** Clare Collesano Ferner

**Date of Acquisition:** January 23, 2024

**Extent:** 1 legal-size Hollinger Box

**Language:** English

**Location:** Archival Box #111, 205 Second Storage Room

### **Biographical/Historical Note**

From the donor:

One of the rooms in the library is named after my grandmother, Bessie Clark Haniser (1891-1964). She taught high school English in Fredonia for many years. The letters came from her father's side of the family. Her father, Harold Haniser (1893-1942) was the son of Solomon Jackson Haniser (1843-1920, long time Fredonia tobacconist with his brother Noah) and Anna Sarah Clark (1858-1959). Anna Sarah Clark, was the daughter of Hiram Clark (1828-1914) and Clarissa Darby (1828-1897). The letters were collected by Hiram, a local attorney. They are mainly from his twelve siblings (who dispersed to various places after leaving Fredonia)...The letters are interesting in that they show what life was like during the mid 1800's in Fredonia and other places- livelihood, commerce, travel, family life, a touch of the politics of the day, what people valued.

Additionally, Clare Collesano Ferner transcribed thirty-nine letters, a copy of which is available digitally.

### **Scope and Content**

This collection is comprised of correspondence, financial papers, documents relating to Elijah Clark Sr.'s estate, and property deeds.

### **Arrangement**

Items in this collection have been arranged according to item type, then chronologically within each folder.

### **Subject Terms**

Elijah Clark, Hiram H. Clark, Suel S. Clark, Solomon J. Haniser, Holland Land Company

### **Administrative Information**

This collection is open to researchers. Please contact the Darwin R. Barker Historical Museum's Archivist with your request or to schedule a visit. No further accruals are expected.

### **Collection Overview**

Series 1: Correspondence

Folder 1.1: 1840s Correspondence

Folder 1.2: 1850s Correspondence

Folder 1.3: 1860s Correspondence

Folder 1.4: 1870s Correspondence

Folder 1.5: 1880s Correspondence

Folder 1.6: 1890s Correspondence

Folder 1.7: Undated Correspondence

Folder 1.8: Envelopes

Folder 1.9: Misc. Ephemera

Series 2: Financial Records

Folder 2.1: Receipts

Folder 2.2: Promissory Notes

Folder 2.3: Elijah Clark Sr. Estate

Folder 2.4: Forest Hill Cemetery, Family Lot 28

Series 3: Property Deeds

Folder 3.1: Lot 14, Township 6, Range 12

Folder 3.2: Lot 22, Township 5, Range 12

Folder 3.3: Lot 24, Township 5, Range 12

Folder 3.4: Lot 36, Township 6, Range 12

Folder 3.5: Lot 58, Township 3, Range 10

Folder 3.6: 160 W. Main Street

Folder 3.7: S. Hart Lot

Folder 3.8: Misc. Property Deeds