

Guide to the James G. Clark Jr. Papers

Descriptive Summary :

Creator: James G. Clark Jr. (1922 -2007) and others

Title: James G. Clark Jr. Papers

Dates: 1941- 1999 [Bulk 1941- 1945, 1957 -1966]

Quantity: 2.25 linear feet (1 record storage box, 1 oversized box, 2 newspaper boxes)

Abstract: Correspondence, newspapers, and other material, primarily related to the events in Selma, Alabama, in the mid-1960s , and to Clark's World War II service.

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Biosgraduation he enrolled in the University of Alabama but left soon after he enrolled and served five years in the Air Force, returning to the university in 1945. Clark also attended the Jones School of Law.

Prior to World War II Clark was in the 31st Dixie Division of the National Guard. During the war he held several positions, first with the 117th Field Artillery, but he also operated telephones and did some surveying. In addition, he flew submarine patrol in the Atlantic and served with as a technical sergeant with the 77th Bombardment Squadron of the Air Force.

After the war Clark bought land in Browns, Alabama, about half way between Selma and Uniontown, and launched a cattle farm. He became campaign coordinator for Jim Folsom during Folsom's gubernatorial race in 1942. He was appointed to fill the vacancy as sheriff of Dallas County on December 5, 1951. He was appointed to fill a full term in 1958.

In 1962 Clark served as president of the Alabama Sheriffs' Association and was a past president of the National Sheriffs' Association. He was also an instrumental player in the civil rights demonstrations that took place in Selma, Alabama, in 1965. After Clark's failed re-election bid in 1966 he sold mobile homes. Later in life he returned to his hometown of Elba, where he died in 2007.

Clark was a member of the VFW, the DAV, the FOP, and the Elks Club. He was also so a trustee of the Alabama Sheriffs' Boys Ranch. Clark married the former Louise Pepper of San Antonio, Texas. The couple had five children:

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Oversized Material

Includes a photograph, order book, plaque, article ("What Would You Have Done?"), certificate, civil rights material, etc.

Box 3

Selma -related Newspapers and Newsclippings

July 6, 1964 - January 11, 1999

Box 4

Non -Selma -related Newspapers and Newsclippings

January 30, 1957 - April 26, 1967