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### **Manuscript Finding Aid**

Title: Clark, Cameron, 1887-1957. Architecture Collection

Collection #: Ms B54

Dates: 1935-1988

Size of Collection: 4 linear ft. (2-1/2 boxes, oversize folders)

Accession Number: L96 Apr 34

Donor: Cameron Clark

Restrictions: None

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#### Biographical/ historical note:

An exhibition of Cameron Clark drawings prompted the collection of these materials. Charles Cameron Clark (1887-1957), an architect and resident of Greenfield Hill, designed institutional and civic buildings in New York State and Connecticut, and residential structures in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. His best known work is the redesign of the Fairfield Town Hall in 1939. He was named to the American Institute of Architects and cited for outstanding achievement in design. His wife, Agnes Selkirk Clark, was a noted landscape architect.

#### Scope and content note:

The collection consists of biographical information, building specifications and other records related to design projects, and a substantial assemblage of architectural drawings. The materials are organized into three series. Biographical information, including copies of Clark's obituary, are arranged in Series A. Series B consists of information on

projects designed by Clark, and are arranged alphabetically by client name. Clients include the Town of Fairfield, Greens Farms Congregational Church, and the Birdcraft Sanctuary. Research information and articles about Clark's work are organized in Series C. The architectural drawings, stored in oversize folders in flat files, are arranged alphabetically by client name. The index to these items is a separate document appended to this finding aid. Included in the drawings are copies of landscape plans by the New York firm of Innocenti & Webel and by Helen Swift Jones. Most of the drawings, along with a number that were lent to the Historical Society for copying, are also available on microfiche. An index of those drawings is also appended. The microfiche is shelved in the main reading room of the library and a computer database finding aid (Clarke, Cameron Microfilm) resides in the finding aid directory on the library computer.

Series A.	Biographical information, n.d., 1957	Box 1
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Box 1

Series A. Biographical information

- Folder 1. Lists of executed work, curriculum vitae
- Folder 2. Virgin Islands certificate of appointment, photograph, 1957
- Folder 2. Obituary notices, 1957

Series B. Clients

- Sub-series 1. Birdcraft Sanctuary, Bedford Gallery, 314 Unquowa Road, 1949
  - Folder 1. Specifications, 1949

- Sub-series 2. Couzens, Gerald, Estate of, 656 Mill Plain Rd.
  - Folder 1. Invoices, bills, correspondence, re: renovation of house, 1949-1951

- Sub-series 3. Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter, D.A.R., Memorial Tablet,
  - Folder 1. Program, letter, 1934

- Sub-series 4. Town of Fairfield, Fairfield Town Hall, 1935-1954
  - Folder 1-2. WPA labor analysis, project proposals, advice of
  - Folder 3. Project reports to WPA, 1939
  - Folder 4. General specifications
  - Folder 5-6. Proposals, estimates, 1935-1936
  - Folder 7. Contract, 1935
  - Folder 8. Work records, 1935
  - Folder 9. Correspondence, 1935-1936, 1947
  - Folder 10. Town correspondence, 1934-1937
  - Folder 11. Requisitions, invoices, 1935-1936
  - Folder 12. Contribution certification, 1936
  - Folder 13. Painting contracts, truck and rental equipment, dynamite,
  - Folder 14. Financial records, 1935
  - Folder 15. Fairfield News Town Hall Dedication special issue, 1937;
  - Folder 16. Bidders' specifications for addition and alteration, 1954

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Box 2

Series B. Clients (cont.)

- Sub-series 5. Graves, Eben, Sasco Hill Road, Fairfield, 1938, 1988  
Folder 1. General specifications, 1938; bid comparisons, instructions  
Folder 2. Photographs, 1988
- Sub-series 6. Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, 1948  
Folder 1. Fund raising brochure, ca. 1948
- Sub-series 7. Greenfield Hill Volunteer Fire Department, 1952  
Folder 1. Correspondence, 1952
- Sub-series 8. Greens Farms Congregational Church, 1950-1952  
Folder 1. Contracts and agreements, 1951-1952  
Folder 2-3. General specifications, 1951-1952  
Folder 4. Correspondence with building committee, 1950-1952  
Folder 5-8. Correspondence with contractors, 1950-1952  
Folder 9. Bills, 1951-1952  
Folder 10. Fund raising brochure, church program cover, n.d.
- Sub-series 9. Munson, C. Sherwood, Sasco Hill, 1951-1953  
Folder 1. Contract, 1951  
Folder 2. Correspondence and bills, 1951-1953
- Sub-series 10. Shaw, Cuyler, 1139 Old Academy Road, 1949, 1952  
Folder 1. Specifications for house, 1949; specifications for barn,  
1952
- Sub-series 11. Skinner, Dudley, 1939  
Folder 1. House specifications, 1936
- Sub-series 12. Stevenson, Henry C., 1940  
Folder 1. Letter and specifications, 1940
- Sub-series 13. Photographs, unidentified clients, n.d., 1970  
Folder 1. Photographs, n.d., 1970

\* Note, for additional clients, see the list of drawings of houses by Clark, which is appended.

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Box 3

Series C.      Research and publicity, 1940-1964

- Folder 1.      Letter (photocopy) from Paul W. Geist attesting to work of John
- Folder 2.      Letter from Harry Maring to William Rudkin, 1961; copies from
- Folder 3.      Copy of Curtis Design Book of Architectural Woodwork, 1946
- Folder 4.      "Life Houses," Life Magazine, July 1, 1940
- Folder 5.      "Our Home in the Countryside," description of Glenholme,  
residence of Adrian Van Sinderen, 1957; history of the house, n.d.
- Folder 6.      Newsclippings about U. S. Aluminum Co. building, 1928, and
- Folder 7.      Color illustration of Cameron Clark's living room, n.d.;  
illustration from Pictorial Fairfield, ca. 1940; photograph of

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