
CLARK, family

PRG 389
Series List

Francis Clark (1799-1853) and his wife Caroline (1800-77) emigrated to South Australia on the Fatima with their children Caroline Emily (1825-1911), Algernon Sidney (1826-1908), John Howard (1830-78), Henry Septimus (1837-64), Ellen Rosa (1838-99), Matthew Symonds (1839-1920) and Susan Mary (1846-1932) arriving at Port Adelaide on 11 June 1850. Soon after the arrival of the family in South Australia, Francis Clark established the firm of Francis Clark and Son, accountants and merchants. (1)

John Howard Clark, who joined his father's firm after an unsuccessful attempt to operate as an assayer, was active in the formation of the Adelaide Philosophical Society, and subsequently in the establishment of the South Australian Institute. He was also a proprietor of the Register from 1865, and its editor from 1870 until his death on 21 May 1878. (2)

Caroline Emily Clark in 1866 initiated the boarding-out of children (formerly maintained in the Destitute Asylum) on the system used in Edinburgh. Following a trial of the practice in 1866, the boarding-out system was begun on a large scale in 1872, under statutory authority given by the Destitute Persons Relief and Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act, 1872. Both Caroline Emily and John Howard Clark were members of the Boarding Out Society formed to supervise the children boarded out. In 1886 the Society was re-formed as the State Children's Council, of which Caroline Emily remained a member until 1905. (3)

The Clark family papers were received between 1921 and 1991 mainly from descendants of Francis and Caroline Clark, including Mrs Joseph Crompton (senior), the Misses Crompton, E.V. Clark, Mrs A.C. Hardy and Mr J.W. Crompton.

(1) Archives cutting 1223:3.

(2) Obituary notices, Davies 19:60 and Newspaper cuttings 2:158.

(3) PRG 389/1 (Ace. 1045)

Extracts from the letters of Francis and Caroline Clark to relatives in England; together with Clark family genealogical table. 1
1850-1871. 15pp. typescript.
[Originals in possession of the Misses Crompton, Stonyfell.
Formerly Acc. 1044.]

Copy of the journal of John Howard Clark kept during the voyage to South Australia on the Fatima. 2
With additional notes for prospective emigrants,
and genealogical table.
6 February - 11 June 1850. 49pp. typescript.
[Formerly D 4281]

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- Draft proposal by J.H. Clark on behalf of the Philosophical Society for the formation of a National Institute. 3
7 July 1854. 1pp.
[Formerly A 530]
- Letter from John T. Bagot, Chief Secretary's Office, to John H. Clark relating to promotion as Lieutenant Colonel in the Volunteer Military Forces. 4
9 April 1869. 2pp. Manuscript & typescript copy.
[Formerly A 1172]
- Letter from J.H. Clark to J.T. Bagot, refusing promotion in the Volunteer Military Forces because of ill-health. 5
10 April 1869. 2 pp. Manuscript & typescript copy.
[Formerly A 1173]
- Plan of the North Park Lands, executed by Matthew Symonds Clark. 6
June 1854. 1 item. Outsize 6.
[Formerly C99]
- Observation note books of Matthew Symonds Clark, as ornithologist, aviculturist and naturalist, principally in the Burnside district. 7
3 September 1859 - 28 February 1919. 9 vol. Originals
WITHDRAWN -To view online do an Archival Number search on PRG 389/7/1-9.
- School certificates of Matthew Symonds Clark. 8
1853-1854. 3 items.
- Diaries of Caroline Emily Clark and Susan Mary Clark (Mrs Joseph Crompton). 9
c.1850-1905. 2 vol.
[Part formerly Acc. 1045. Volume 1: Recollections of Caroline E. Clark c.1828-1905 and extracts from her journals 1850-2, and recollections of Susan Mary Crompton. Volume 2: diary kept by Susan M. Crompton of her voyage from Melbourne to London on the Great Britain 15 May - 21 July 1866. Includes partial typescript. Vol. 3: diary by Susan M. Crompton of her return voyage to Australia on the Syria, Simla and Avoca 28 January - 16 March 1867.]
- An account of the Boarding-Out Society (initiated in South Australia by Caroline Emily Clark in 1866). 10
April 1882. 6 pp. manuscript.
- Report on the initiation and progress of the movement for boarding out the children of the State in the Province of South Australia, by Miss C. E. Clark. 11
1894. 4pp. manuscript.

Master of Arts certificate of Caroline Clark (daughter of Matthew Symonds Clark), the first woman to receive this degree at the University of Adelaide. 1902.1 item.	<u>12</u>
School, pianoforte, swimming and other certificates of Shirley Kate Beckwith (grand-daughter of Matthew Symonds Clark). 1928-1945. 8 items.	<u>13</u>
Journal of Frank (sic) Clark kept during the voyage to South Australia on the Fatima. With personal introductions and additional notes. 13 February - 11 June 1850. 1 vol. (Purchased from Theodore Bruce and Co. P/L, April, 1878.)	<u>14</u>
Greencreek S.A. (attributed to Miss C.E. Clark) n.d. 382pp.	<u>15</u>
Genealogy of the family of Francis Clark and Caroline Hill. n.d. 1 item.	<u>16</u>
Minutes (and related papers) of the Jubilee 150 Clark Family Reunion Committee. 1985-1986. 1 cm.	<u>17</u>
Photograph album with photographs (all identified) of groups present at the reunion	<u>18</u>
Visitors book signed by those present at the J150 re-union. 1986. 1 cm.	<u>19</u>
Printed material relating to the Clark family reunion consisting of a booklet 'The Clarks and Hazelwood'; an invitation to the reunion; and a copy of the advertisement appearing in the Advertiser. 1986. 1cm.	<u>20</u>
Literary manuscript by J.H. Clark. n.d. 0.5cm. ['Bertie and the bullfrogs: an Australian story for big and little children'. Apparently published in the Adelaide Observer in 1874. Formerly D5029(Lit. Ms.)].	<u>21</u>
Photographs of Crompton and Clark families ca.1860-1880.	<u>22</u>
Papers 1912. 0.5 cm Official papers re four cottages in Park Street, Hackney with copies for Matthew Symonds Clark, Francis Howard Clark, H.W. Crompton (executors) under the will of Caroline Emily Clark.	<u>23</u>

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- Diary 24
April – September 1851. 1 cm
Diary written by Frederick Hill (1803-1896) at Bruce Terrace, Tottenham in the weeks leading up to the death of his father Thomas Wright Hill, founder of the Hazelwood School. The diary appears to have been owned by his sister Caroline Clark. Included are obituaries of Thomas Hill and an insertion by one of the other sons, Arthur. One of Frederick's entries reads 'He also asked me to tell Caroline that her dear image had been before him to the last'.
- Poetry of C.E.C. 25
1887-1892. 0.5 cm
Printed poems written by Caroline Emily Clark along with two envelopes, one with a handwritten entry 'Pattie with best wishes.' Poems include 'The Two Captains', 'Story of a Dewdrop', 'An Australian Song', 'An Australian Christmas Dream' and 'To the Women Voters Of South Australia [By One Of Themselves]'. C.E.C.'s poetry was published in various South Australian newspapers including 'Register', 'Adelaide Observer' and Evening Journal. Many of the poems have annotations written for Pattie Crompton. Also includes newspaper cutting of the poem 'Lucy Ayers A True Story'.
- Poetry album 26
1827-1940. 3 cm
[Bound volume of poetry with poems by SSH who was probably Sarah Hill including 'To Caroline' which begins 'My sister...' and 'To my brother Howard'. There are also entries by T.W. Hill and C.E. Clark including 'To the Inventor of the Anemometer' about Uncle Osler and by Mrs Leonard Simpson of Charleston to S.M. Crompton on her 85th birthday, Feb. 28th 1931. Also includes a postcard to Lucy Crompton and a newspaper cutting of the text of the King's message.]