

**Roanoke Public Libraries
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Virginia Cook Papers**

Collection Description:

Repository: Roanoke Public Libraries, Virginia Room

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Title: Virginia Cook Papers

Physical Characteristics: 1 record storage box

Donated by: Virginia Cook

Arrangement: Documents are arranged alphabetically by surname followed by alphabetically by document type.

Creator: Virginia Cook

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Biographical Note:

Virginia “Gynger” Ann Murdock Cook was born in Fresno, CA on August 19, 1945. She grew up in Denver, CO, but as military wife, she lived all over the country before settling in Vinton, VA to be closer to family.

Gynger spent many years researching genealogy information spending countless hours in libraries, courthouses, and cemeteries. One of her most beloved projects is the restoration of the Rev. Charles Clay family cemetery located in the fairway between the 6th and 7th holes of Ivy Hill Golf course in Lynchburg, VA. She was also an avid seamstress and quilter. Virginia Cook passed away on August 20, 2022.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists primarily of secondary sources related to the Clay Family.

Container List:

Box 1

Folder 1: Clay, Charles (1635-1686) – The Family History of...

Folder 2: Clay, Charles Edward (1838-1905) – miscellaneous records and notes, photocopies

Folder 3: Clay, Henry – Descendants of... Provided by Linda Sue Cheeks

Folder 4: Clay, John (c.1587-?) – “The Family of John Clay”, typescript

Folder 5: Clay, (Sir) John (1558-1632) – family of...

Folder 6: Clay, John Green – Descendants of...

Folder 7: Hooper, Joseph (1802-1860) – family group sheets and related sources

Folder 8: Davies, Editha Landon (1777-1838)

Folder 9: Green, Thomas – “Some Green Family Descendants to the Clay Family of Virginia” by June Shaputis

Folder 10: Pugh Family – “copied from my Aunt Maude’s writing”

Folder 11: Watkins, Henry (c. 1585-?) – “Some descendants of Henry Watkins of Virginia”

- Folder 12: Manuscript – “The Allen Family of New Kent, Hanover, Cumberland, Prince Edward, and Buck Counties, Virginia” compiled by Alice Vaughan Pierrepont
- Folder 13: Manuscript – “The Clayton Family” by Henry Hepburn, paper of the Historical Society of Delaware
- Folder 14: Manuscript – “Cox Family of Henrico, Chesterfield, Amelia, and Buckingham Counties, Virginia” compiled by Alice Vaughan Pierrepont
- Folder 15: Manuscript – “Descendants of Henry Watkins and Katherine (?) c.1638-c.1680”
- Folder 16: Manuscript – “Matthew Clay: Old School Republican” by Lawrence W. Williamson
- Folder 17: Manuscript – “My Life as I Remember It: Merle Tom Minear”
- Folder 18: Manuscript – “Thomas Jefferson and Political Preaching: Two Case Studies of Free Religious Expression” by McKinley S. Lundy, Jr.
- Folder 19: Newsletters – *Clay Family Quarterly*, Volume 1:4-Volume 2:4. Contains name and place index.
- Folder 20: Newsletters – *Clay Family Quarterly*, Volume 3. Contains name and place index.
- Folder 21: Newsletters – *Clay Family Quarterly*, Volume 4. Contains name and place index.
- Folder 22: Newsletters – *Clay Family Quarterly*, Volume 5. Contains name and place index.
- Folder 23: Newsletters – *Clay Family Quarterly*, Volume 6. Contains name and place index.
- Folder 24: Newsletters – *Clay Family Quarterly*, Volume 7. Contains name and place index.
- Folder 25: Newsletters – *Clay Family Quarterly*, Volume 8.
- Folder 26: Newsletters – *Pieces of Clay*, Volume 1:1-Volume 10:3, incomplete. Began as *The Clay Family Place* and *Clay Family Society News*
- Folder 27: Newsletters – *Old Nick*, Volume 2-5, incomplete. Newsletter for the Davies Family.
- Folder 28: Newsletters – *Old Nick*, Volume 7-12, incomplete. Newsletter for the Davies Family.
- Folder 29: Organizations – Clay Family Society, gathering booklet, 2004.
- Folder 30: Organizations – Clay Family Society, gathering booklet, 2006.
- Folder 31: Program – St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Forest, Virginia, 175th Anniversary.
- Folder 32: Publications – *The Crazy Horse Surrender Ledger*, p. 1-92, photocopy.
- Folder 33: Publications – *The Crazy Horse Surrender Ledger*, p. 93-185, photocopy.
- Folder 34: Publications – *The Diary of John Hunton, 1873-1875*. Photocopy of 1956 printing.
- Folder 35: Publications – “The Life of Nannie Clay Steele” by Alice M. Shields. Photocopy of excerpt from *Annals of Wyoming*.
- Folder 36: Records – Ohio Birth, Marriage, and Death Certificates provided by Marcia Hasson Hovenden.
- Folder 37: Records – Rough Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte County, Virginia – transcribed by Ward Oliver