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**CLENDENNING FAMILY PAPERS, 1850-1946**

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Explanatory notes:

“Bx” refers to the box in which papers are filed.

“Fd” refers to folder.

## **CONTENT AND SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION**

The collection consists primarily of two groups of letters. The first group were written by Arminda Holiday Clendenning of Freeport, Harrison County, Ohio, to her sister Ann Holliday Winder of Iowa, from 1850 until 1867. She writes of local and family news, life in the country, and later, as a young married woman, of her family and her husband's business. Several letters mention travels and migrations of family and friends to the West.

The second group of letters were written by Robert Joseph Clendenning, grandson of Arminda Clendenning, to his family during the First World War. He describes his life in the Army Medical Department, his impressions of France and, later, of Germany, as a member of the occupational forces.

Included in the collection are family histories, certificates, newspaper clippings, and photographs.

## CLENDENNING FAMILY

The Clendenning family came to America from Ireland around 1800. After some time in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and Jefferson County, Ohio, they settled in Harrison County, Ohio, in 1844. James Clendenning, born in 1834, married Arminda Holliday around 1859. Arminda Holliday was the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth White Holliday; their daughter Anne married David Winder in 1846. Arminda and James Clendenning were the parents of six children: Charles, John, Thomas, William Frederick, Herbert, and Fanny. James Clendenning and his brother John (1839-1919) were engaged in a mercantile business in Freeport, Ohio, from 1863 until 1869, when John retired because of ill health. James died soon after, in 1871.

Charles Hill Clendenning, born in 1860 to Arminda and James Clendenning, attended public schools in Harrison County and graduated from Mount Union College at Alliance, Ohio. He first married Josephine Worbs; Robert, Marie, and Sara Clendenning were born of this union. In 1905 he married Delia Leonard, mother of Thomas, Elizabeth, Eleanor, and Catherine Clendenning. An employee of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Charles Clendenning lived first in Wheeling, West Virginia, then in Huntington, West Virginia, where he died in 1937.

Robert J. Clendenning, grandson of Arminda and James Clendenning and son of Charles and Josephine Clendenning, was born in Dennison, Ohio, in 1892. He joined the American Expeditionary Forces in France in 1918 and was honorably discharged after an assignment in Occupied Germany.

## CLENDENNING FAMILY PAPERS, 1850-1946

### I. Correspondence

<b>Bx 1</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>13 Fd</b>
Fd 1	<p>Letters from Arminda D. Holliday Clendenning, 1850-1867</p> <p>19 December 1852 - Freeport, Ohio: writes news of family and friends; describes the death of their half-sister Fannie and the difficulties encountered in attempting to place her children with her brothers and sisters. Discusses peach, apple, and plum crops. Asks Ann to send her some white deer hair so she can make some rings.</p> <p>13 January 1856 - Martinsville [Belmont County, Ohio]: writes from school, telling about sleighing parties and family news. She encloses pieces of material and describes the articles of clothing from which they came.</p>	8 items
Fd 2	Photoreproductions of the contents of Fd 1	8 items
Fd 3	Transcript (original) of letter, Fd 1, dated 24 January 1859	1 item
Fd 4	Photoreproduction of the contents of Fd 3	1 item
Fd 5	<p>Letters from Robert J. Clendenning to Charles Clendenning, 1918, undated.</p> <p>13 August 1918 - somewhere in France: still waiting for mail. Remarks on the country-side and the arrangement of villages and “communes.” Finds the people very cordial. Notes the cosmopolitan nature of the area, with German prisoners, French natives and British, Italian and American soldiers. Has met soldiers from Wheeling.</p> <p>2 November 1918 - APO #712, A.E.F., France: comments on the delay of mail, and the spread of influenza to the States. Requests draft lists from Wheeling and Ohio County. Things are quiet, war news is good: Austria is on the verge of withdrawing and Turkey is clear out. Comments on family and friends.</p>	11 items

**Bx 1 (cont'd)**

Fd 6 Letters from Robert J. Clendenning to Charles Clendenning, 1919 13 items

2 January 1919 - Coblenz, Germany: had a holiday and saw the city. Natives are the "greatest bunch of handshakers in the world. . .[they] spend all [their] time praising the Americans and damning the French." Is low on money, but feels "comfortably situated."

21 March 1919 - Coblenz, Germany: writes of transfer and hospital work. Explains his troop assignment and the organization of the Third Army (Army of Occupation). Describes various souvenirs he has acquired: a Prussian officer's sword, an Iron Cross, and some pre-war silver.

Fd 7 Letter from Robert J. Clendenning to Marie Clendenning, 1918 1 item

Fd 8 Letters, memoranda received by Charles Clendenning, 1919, 1933 6 items

Memoranda, dated 1933, concerns Clendenning's position as junior administrative assistant with the Huntington District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. Included is a chronology of his employment with the Corps.

Fd 9 Letters sent, John Clendenning, 1925, 1944 2 items

18 March 1944 - San Francisco, Calif.; to Eleanor Clendenning: writes of war activities of various family members, the increase of population in San Francisco, problems in public transportation and the growth of wartime industries

Fd 10 Photoreproduction of letter dated 18 March 1944 in Fd 9 1 item

Fd 11 Letters received, Catherine Clendenning Oliver, 1946 3 items

Fd 12 Post Cards 6 items

Most are from Robert J. Clendenning during the First World War.

Fd 13 Post cards received, Robert J. Clendenning 3 items



## II. Personal Papers

<b>Bx 2</b>	<b>Personal Papers</b>	<b>12 Fd</b>
Fd 1	Clendenning-Oliver family records	1 item
Fd 2	Biographical sketch of the family of Oliver Lentz Clendenning	1 item
Fd 3	Photoreproduction of contents of Fd 2	
Fd 4	Certificates, Charles Clendenning, 1933, 1937	2 items
Fd 5	Certificates, Robert J. Clendenning, 1918-1925	5 items
Fd 6	Legal documents	1 item
	Report of the executrix of the estate of Delia Leonard Clendenning	
Fd 7	Miscellaneous printed material	6 items
Fd 8	U. S. War Department Corps of Engineers. Official Bulletin, August 23, 1933	1 item
Fd 9	"The A. O. U. W. News," v. 10, no. 11, November 1937	1 item
Fd 10	Newspaper clippings	19 items
Fd 11	Photographs, identified	18 items
Fd 12	Photographs, unidentified	5 items

## CLENDENNING FAMILY

### First Generation

A-1 James Clendenning md ?

- \*B-1 William
- B-2 James
- B-3 Margaret
- B-4 Nancy (1794-1854)

### Second Generation

B-1 William Clendenning md Elizabeth Birney

b. 1789	b. 1813
d. 1867	d. 1885
md. 1833	

- \*C-1 James
- C-2 Israel (1837-1915)
- \*C-3 John
- C-4 Ebenezer (1841-1904)
- C-5 Elizabeth
- C-6 Oliver (1849-1884)

### Third Generation

C-1 James Clendenning md Armina Holliday

b. 1834	b.
d. 1871	d.
md. ca. 1859	

- \*D-1 Charles Hill
- D-2 John
- D-3 Thomas
- D-4 Herbert (1867?-1925)
- D-5 Fanny
- D-6 William Frederick (1865- )

C-3 John Clendenning md Sarah Niblock

b. 1839	b. 1841
d. 1919	d.
md. 1868	

D-7 Oliver Lentz (1869- )

D-8 James (1871- )

#### Fourth Generation

D-1 Charles Hill Clendenning md 1) Josephine Worbs

b. 1860

b. 1867

d. 1937

d.

md

2) Delia Leonard

b. 1871

d. 1946

md 1905

E-1 Robert Joseph (1892- )

E-2 Marie (1893-1936) md Bancroft Foley

E-3 Sarah (1902- ) md Thomas Redwood

E-4 Thomas (1906-1953) md Anna Utterback (1910- )

E-5 Elizabeth (1908-1914)

E-6 Eleanor

E-7 Catherine (1911- ) md Edgar Oliver (19110 ) md 1936

## HOLLIDAY FAMILY

### First Generation

A-1 Robert Holliday md Rebecca Ramsey  
       b. 1758            b.  
       d. 1851           d.  
       md

B-1 Nancy  
 \*B-2 Robert

### Second Generation

B-2 Robert Holliday md 1) Frances Melton  
       b. 1792            b. 1795  
       d. 1855            d. 1818  
       md 1817

      2) Elizabeth White  
               b. 1800  
               d. 1852

      md 1821

C-1 Frances Melton (1818-1852)

C-2 Theodore Oscar

C-3 Anne md David Winder (1846)

C-4 Eldred Glencairn (1822- ) md Mary Cunningham (1850)

C-5 Armina md James Clendenning (1834-1871) (ca. 1859)

Source: Charles Hanna, *Historical Collections of Harrison County in the States of Ohio*, New York: privately printed, 1900.