# Inventory of the Jerome Clark Hellar Collection 1879-1976



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# **Descriptive Summary**



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### **Collection Number**

P117

### Creator

Jerome Clark Hellar

### **Extent**

2 file folders

### Repository

Roseville Public Library History Collection Roseville, California

### Language

English

### Abstract

Descended from one of Roseville's pioneer families, Jerome Clark Hellar was born on April 23, 1904 at 605 Oak St. in Roseville to Martin Colin Hellar and Elva Clark Hellar. He was thereafter known to family and friends as "Clark." His maternal great-grandparents Darius Darwin Clark and Catherine Cruder Clark, along with their daughter Alma and two sons Willis Albert and Wallace, arrived in Roseville from Akron, Ohio in 1870. The Jerome Clark Hellar Collection is arranged in three series: 1. Correspondence, 2. Ephemera, and 3. Photographic Material. Items span the years 1879 to 1976.

### **Physical Location**

Roseville Public Library

### **Administrative Information**

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### **Preferred Citation**

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### Restrictions

None

### **Acquisition Information**

The Hellar estate donated the collection in 1987.

### **Processing Information**

Lola Aguilar processed this collection and created its finding aid in 2008.

## **Biographical Narrative**

Descended from one of Roseville's pioneer families, Jerome Clark Hellar was born on April 23, 1904 at 605 Oak St. in Roseville to Martin Colin Hellar and Elva Clark Hellar. He was thereafter known to family and friends as "Clark." His maternal greatgrandparents Darius Darwin Clark and Catherine Cruder Clark, along with their daughter Alma and two sons Willis Albert and Wallace arrived in Roseville from Akron, Ohio in 1870. D. Clark built the family home on the corner of Church and Lincoln Streets in 1886.

Hellar's grandfather W. A. Clark was born on March 8, 1854 in Ohio. After settling in Roseville with his parents, he met and married Ida Kingsberry of Contra Costa County in 1876. Ida and her unborn child died soon after during childbirth. In 1880 W. A. married Rachel Louisa Skidmore, born in October 1857 in Pennsylvania. The couple's family grew with the addition of Elva Louise born in October 1881, Iva Maria born in July 1886, Willis Stewart born in May 1888, Catherine H. born in August 1890, and Wendall R. born in August 1892. W. A. bought land bordered by Judah, Oak, and Royer Streets and bought a home at 605 Oak Street in 1887.

During this time W.A. worked as a manager of a fruit farm, horse and cattle breeder, agriculturalist, and as co-owner of a livery stable. In 1908 he partnered with Howard H. Stone and opened the Clark and Stone Livery Stable on Vernon St. By 1917 he owned three vineyards which his two sons managed. He also helped organize the Railroad National Bank of Roseville in 1921 and served as a director. Willis Albert Clark died on December 30, 1930 and was buried in the Roseville Cemetery.

Elva Clark married Martin Colin Hellar in 1903. The couple lived on Royer Street and Martin worked as a farmer and raised stock, while Elva stayed home with son Clark, who was born the following year. On January 8, 1923 the Hellar's welcomed another son to the family, Martin C. Jr. Four years later Clark married his wife Isabelle and they moved to Sacramento, where Clark worked as a farmer on a fruit farm. On May 7, 1937, Clark and Isabelle became parents with the birth of their son Jerome Clark Jr.

Clark Hellar died on May 22, 1987.

## **Scope and Content**

The Jerome Clark Hellar Collection is arranged in three series: 1. Correspondence, 2. Ephemera, and 3. Photographic Material. Items span the years 1879 to 1976.

The first series, Correspondence, consists of one file folder and includes a letter from author Pearl S. Buck to Clark Hellar. The second series, Ephemera, consists of one file folder and includes Clark's diploma from Roseville Union High School and a graduation program. The third series, Legal Documents, includes an original land deed from Emmett Farnham to W.A. Clark. The fourth series, Photographic Material, consists of one file folder and contains photographs of Hellar's grandparents W. A. and Rachel Clark, one of Roseville's pioneer families. The folder also includes photographs of Hellar and his family.

### **Indexing Terms**

Clark, Rachel Louise Clark, Willis Albert Hellar, Jerome Clark Buck, Pearl S. (Pearl Sydenstricker), 1892-1973 Roseville Union High School. City of Roseville

# **Series Description**

Series 1. Correspondence, 1951.		1 ff.
Arranged chronologically.		
Box 1: 001	Pearl S. Buck to Clark Hellar, 1951.	
Series 2. Ephemera, 1923.		
Arranged chronologically.		
Box 1: 002.001 .002	Roseville Union High School Diploma, 1923. Tenth Annual Graduation Exercises of the Roseville Union High School program, 1922.	
Series 3. Legal Documents, 1874-1919.		1 ff.
Arranged chronologically.		
Box 1: 003.001	Marriage License, County of Alameda, William Thomas Hellar to Sarah McCrea, 1874. (copy)	
.002	Deed, Emmett Farnham to W.A. Clark, 1908.	
.003	Diploma of Graduation Farmersville District, Tulare Count 1919. (copy)	y,
Series 4. Photographic Material, 1879-1976.		1 ff.
Arranged chronologically.		
Box 1: 004.001	Rachel Louise Clark and Willis Albert Clark on their wedding day, (Clark's grandparents) 1879.	
002	Clark Hellar on his two year old horse Lassie, 1919. (One clast horses raised by Bryan Jennings Ranch)	of the
003	Grandma and Grandpa Clark at their home on 605 Oak St., (Clark Hellar was born in this house on April 23, 1904.)	1922.
004	Clark Hellar at Rattlesnake Bridge, 1927.	
005	Clark Hellar on "Golden Lady" 802 Shearer St., July 1941.	
006	Isabelle Hellar beside a car on Shearer St., 1942.	

OO7 Clark Hellar aged 72, Isabelle Hellar aged 77, and Jerry Hellar aged 41, 1976.