

**Collection #**  
**M 1177**

**CLOWES FAMILY COLLECTION ADDITION,  
1895-1963**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 4 manuscript boxes, 4 photograph boxes, 1 color photograph box, 1 OVA photograph box, 1 PAA photo album, 1 PAB photo album

**COLLECTION DATES:** 1895 to 1963

**PROVENANCE:** Clowes Family, Edith W. Clowes, 400 Altamont Circle, Charlottesville, VA

**RESTRICTIONS:** None

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**ALTERNATE FORMATS:**

**RELATED HOLDINGS:** M 1028, M 1199

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**NOTES:**

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

George Henry Alexander Clowes (August 26, 1877- August 25, 1958) was a native of Ipswich, England. After graduating from the Royal College of Science in London and earning a Ph. D. in chemistry from the University of Gottingen, Germany, Clowes completed six months of post graduate studies at the Sorbonne, France. In 1901 he moved from England to Buffalo, New York, where he served as co-director of what was then the Gratwick Cancer Research Laboratories. In 1919, Clowes left Buffalo for Indianapolis and accepted a position with Eli Lilly and Company. After two years as an associate with Lilly, Clowes was named research director. Following the discovery of insulin in 1921, Dr. Clowes was responsible for the mass production of the drug for Eli Lilly. At the time of his retirement from Lilly in 1946, Dr. Clowes was credited with directing research that developed protamine insulin, liver extract, hypnotic drugs, local anesthetics, antiseptics, and sulfonamide (organic sulfur compounds).

During his tenure in Buffalo, New York, Dr. Clowes met and married Edith Whitehill Hinkel (September 21, 1885- May 22, 1967) a native of Buffalo, and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hinkel. Edith and Dr. Clowes were married in 1910 and had three children. Alexander Temple (1911-1914), George Henry Alexander, Jr. (1915- 1988) and Allen Whitehill (1917-2000). The family moved to Indianapolis in 1919 as a result of Dr. Clowes' employment with Eli Lilly and after several years established their home, "Westerly" in the Golden Hill neighborhood. The Clowes also maintained a home in Woods Hole, Massachusetts (Easterly) and resided there in the summers while Dr. Clowes continued research, publishing a series of studies focusing on the control of mitosis by chemical agents.

Dr. Clowes and Edith contributed to numerous philanthropic endeavors in the Indianapolis community. Dr. Clowes served as director of the John Herron Art Institute from 1933-1958, vice president of the Art Association of Indianapolis, and president and principle sponsor of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. He also sat on the board of the Orchard Country Day School, served as trustee of Park School (now Park - Tudor), chair of the Indianapolis Committee on Foreign Relations, and as a board member of both the Indianapolis Council on World Affairs and The English Speaking Union.

Edith served on the board of trustees of the Art Association of Indianapolis. Along with Dr. Clowes she helped found the Orchard Country Day School and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and the Indianapolis Officer's Club. She was also a board member of the State Symphony Association. Gardening was a significant interest for her and she was behind the creation of an English country garden at her Indianapolis home, Westerly. She was a member of both the Garden Club of America and the Indianapolis Garden Club. In 1935 she initiated the Park School House and Garden Tour that became an annual event to benefit Park School.

The Clowes Fund was established in 1952 specifically as an estate planning tool to maintain and preserve the Clowes' Collection. The fund underwrote the construction of

Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University, completed in 1963. In addition, Dr. and Mrs. Clowes were avid art collectors, owning and displaying artwork by such masters as El Greco, Goya, Holbein, Rubens, Titian, Clouet, and Rembrandt in their home. Upon the death of Dr. Clowes in 1958, the collection passed directly to the Clowes Fund. The collection remained in the Clowes family home which was opened for public tours periodically from 1958 until the Fund granted money to build the Clowes Pavilion at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. The art collection moved to the IMA when the Pavilion opened in 1971. The Clowes Fund Board of Directors voted in 1999 to donate the collection to the IMA over a period of years.

The Clowes' family were active members of the Church of the Advent and Trinity Episcopal Church (Meridian and 32nd Streets) and contributed financially and artistically to Trinity Church.

Both Clowes' sons were educated at Orchard Country Day School and Park School in Indianapolis. Both received their college educations from Harvard, with George, Jr. pursuing a career as a surgeon and Allen as a financial advisor. Both men served during World War II. Following the deaths of their parents, both George, Jr. and Allen, (and subsequent family members) continued the philanthropic interests established by the senior Clowes', although Allen became the primary family representative for the Clowes Fund, serving as its president and treasurer.

Sources:

*Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*

Information in Collection.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection represents an addition to the original Clowes Family Collection. (M 1028). It is made up of 4 manuscript boxes, 4 photographic boxes, 1 color photograph box, 1 PAA photo album and 1 PAB photo album and separated into 4 Series.

Series 1 contains family correspondence between Dr. Clowes (GHAC), Edith Clowes (EWC), George, Jr. (GHAC, Jr.) and Allen (AWC). The dates of these letters range from 1909 to 1948.

Series 2 includes items of general correspondence with GHAC, EWC, GHAC, Jr. and AWC. These include business letters, post cards, and military correspondence.

Series 3 includes miscellaneous materials relating to the Clowes' family. EWC report cards from Franklin School, Buffalo, pastel drawings, Clowes' family Christmas cards, journals of AWC and GHAC University Reports from Gottingen University in Germany.

Series 4 contains a variety of black and white photographs of Clowes' ancestors and family, vacation photographs with family and friends, AWC college photographs. Color photographs are of the Clowes' gardens in Wood's Hole, Massachusetts and Indianapolis. The PAA photo album contains photographs of George, Jr. and Allen as children. The PAB photo album contains photographs of George, Jr. and Peggy's wedding.

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Letters /postcards to EWC from F. L. Palmer, 1908	Box 3, Folder 2
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Letters and notes on GHAC medical research, 1917-1918	Box 3, Folder 4
Postcards to GHAC, Jr. and AWC, December 1928	Box 3, Folder 5
Military letters to EWC, 1944, 1945	Box 3, Folder 6
Letters and pamphlets from Pennsylvania Society of the Colonial Dames of America, 1940-1942	Box 3, Folder 7
Letter and Certificate to EWC from Institute of American Genealogy, 1939	Box 3, Folder 8

Letter and church bulletin to EWC from John Laverack, Feb. 16, 1953 Box 3, Folder 9

### **Series 3: Miscellaneous Materials**

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EWC report cards from Franklin School, Buffalo, NY, 1900-1902

Postcards, n.d.

Pastel drawings of flowers

1929 Christmas cards from GHAC and EWC

AWC journal, January 1-April 7, 1930

AWC journal, April 9-May 14, 1930

GHAC University reports, Gottingen University in German

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Box 4, Folder 2

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Kate Allen Campbell Hinkel, 1883, ca. 1900

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Louise Alice Cook, maid of honor, GHAC and EWC wedding, July 9, 1910

Amy Seppings

#### CONTAINER

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GHAC, Jr. and AWC	Photographs Box 2, Folder 5
AWC and friends	Photographs Box 2, Folder 6
GHAC, Jr., AWC and friends on a beach	Photographs Box 2, Folder 7
GHAC, AWC, GHAC, Jr., and AWC ca. 1925	Photographs Box 2, Folder 8
Easterly, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, 1929	Photographs Box 2, Folder 9
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GHAC, GHAC, Jr., and AWC, fall 1935	Photographs Box 2, Folder 11
AWC and friends on board a ship, ca 1935	Photographs Box 2, Folder 12
AWC and Harvard friends, 1935	Photographs Box 2, Folder 13
AWC and cars ca. 1935	Photographs Box 2, Folder 14
Family and friends, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, ca. 1935	Photographs Box 2, Folder 15
AWC and boat, ca. 1937	Photographs Box 2, Folder 16
Easterly Woods Hole hurricane damage, 1938	Photographs Box 2, Folder 17

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GHAC, Jr. Mass General, August 1941	Photographs Box 2, Folder 19
Edith W. Clowes, granddaughter, late 1950's	Photographs Box 2, Folder 20
Clowes Grandchildren in art studio, ca. 1957	Photographs Box 2 Folder 21
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Travel-unidentified	Photographs Box 3, Bin 4
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Family, October 1945	Photographs Box 4, Bin 5
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Family gathering, Westerly, 1954	Photographs Box 4, Bin 7
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Photo album, George, Jr. and Peggy wedding	Album Storage, PAB