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**WELLINGTON A. CLARK
HOUSE MATERIALS, CA. 1900S; 2001–2008**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Wellington Augustus Clark was born to Benjamin Clark and Thankful Watkins in Naples, New York on 2 September 1815. Around 1839, Clark bought land for a farm in West Creek township in Lake County, Indiana. Clark married Mary Cordelia Hackley on 7 December 1843. Together they had four children, Henry A., Helen C., Charles S., and Frederick Ayer. In 1846, the family moved to Crown Point in Lake County, Indiana where Clark worked as a real estate agent. Around this time they built the Clark homestead. The family moved back and forth between their homes in West Creek township and Crown Point until 1875. After Mary Clark died on 21 December 1906, the home and land were deeded to their granddaughter, Claribel Clark Rockwell Bevan. Wellington Clark continued to live at the Crown Point house until his death on 25 July 1912. Bevan deeded the house to the city of Crown Point in 1959 as a life estate. The city became the owner of the house in 1963, when Rockwell released the life estate. The Old Homestead Preservation Society restored the Clark house and in 2001 the property was listed on both the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures and the National Register of Historic Places.

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Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011, via Ancestry.com

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains copies of two articles about the Clark home restoration and dedication, Old Homestead Preservation Society Board of Trustees lists from 2005 to 2008, and copies of two certificates from 2001 which added the Clark home to the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures and the National Register of Historic Places. The collection also includes color photos of the Clark home, of the dedication of the home, and a historic photo of Wellington A. Clark.

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