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**Clay, Cassius Marcellus, 1810-1903
Papers, 1844-1907**

The papers of Cassius Marcellus Clay, soldier, abolitionist, diplomat, and author.

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Size of Collection
0.66 cubic feet

Locator Number
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Biographical Note

- 1810 Born in Madison County, Ky.
- 1832 Graduated from Yale.
- 1833 Married Mary Jane Warfield of Lexington.
- 1835 Elected to the state legislature.
- 1845 Began publication of the *Lexington True American* an antislavery newspaper.
- 1846-
1847 Served in the Mexican War.
- 1861 Appointed U.S. minister to Russia by President Lincoln.
- 1862 Appointed major general by President Lincoln.
- 1863-
1869 Returned to Russia as U.S. minister.
- 1903 Died and was buried in Richmond, Ky.

For more information about Cassius Clay consult the [Kentucky Encyclopedia](#) or the [Dictionary of American Biography](#).

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Scope and Content Note

Papers consist of correspondence, 1844-1902, including letters written by him to his wife and children while serving as U.S. minister to Russia, 1862-1869; newspaper clippings containing his letters, 1852-1885, and speeches, 1853-1895, against slavery and U.S. politics; typewritten copy of his speech at Moscow in 1866; manuscript of article, "Labor and Capital," 1886; clippings of his magazine articles; correspondence of his wife, Mary Jane (Warfield) Clay, 1832-1866; correspondence of his daughter, Mary Barr Clay, including letters, 1879-1902, regarding women's suffrage from Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone, Alice Stone Blackwell, and other suffragists; and a scrapbook of Mary Barr Clay, containing newspaper clippings about the Civil War, poems, and cooking recipes.

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Folder list

Box 1

- fl. 1 Correspondence, 1844-1848.
Editorials from *The True American*, 1846.
- fl. 2 Correspondence to his family and to Schuyler Colfax, 1862-1869.
- fl. 2a Correspondence, 1862-1869.
Autobiographical sketch.
- fl. 3 Correspondence, 1878-1902.
- fl. 3a Petition to the president and Congress for a pension for Dora Brock, 1899 Jan. 18.
- fl. 4 Articles: "Labor and Capital," 1886.
"George Washington," 1892.
- fl. 4a Poem.
- fl. 5 Speeches given in Frankfort and Russia, 1862-1866.
- fl. 6 Correspondence to Mary Jane Clay, 1832-1866.
- fl. 7 Mary Barr Clay correspondence, 1854-1907.
- fl. 8 Correspondence from Susan B. Anthony to Mary Barr Clay, 1879-1902.
- fl. 9 Correspondence from Lucy Stone to Mary Barr Clay, 1883-1889.
- fl. 10 Correspondence to Mary Barr Clay, 1883-1889.
- fl. 11 Scrapbook, 1856-1881.

Box 2

- fl. 12 Newspaper clippings of Clay letters, 1852-1859.
- fl. 13 Newspaper clippings of Clay letters, 1860-1885.
- fl. 14 Newspaper clippings and pamphlets of Clay speeches, 1853-1860.
- fl. 15 Newspaper clippings of Clay speeches, 1861-1866.
- fl. 16 Newspaper clippings of Clay speeches, 1870-1876.
- fl. 17 Newspaper clippings of Clay speeches, 1878-1895.
- fl. 18 Magazine clippings, 1875-1889 and n.d.
- fl. 19 Newspaper clippings about Clay.
Portrait on Berea College pamphlet.
Monument in Richmond cemetery.
Calling cards and family photographs.
- fl. 20 Address given in Lexington, 1843 Aug. 2. Positive photostat.