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**The Papers of
Sidney Payne Clay**

The papers of Sidney Payne Clay, landowner of Bourbon County, Ky.

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Size of Collection

1.5 cubic feet

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Biographical Note

Sidney Payne Clay (1800-1834), son of Green Clay, was a landowner of Bourbon County, Ky.

Scope and Content Note

Collection consists of land papers, 1819-1829; surveys by Green Clay, 1779-1828, and other surveys, 1830; legal papers, 1823-1832; papers in the lawsuit of Green Clay v. Wilday McKinney, 1820-1828; receipts, 1823-1898; estate papers of Sidney P. Clay and Green Clay, 1834-1838; military papers of Sidney P. Clay, 1833-1834; typed copy of the diary of Mary Catherine Rogers Clay (Mrs. Samuel Clay, Jr.), 1860 Feb. 12-July 4; and a tailor's ledger, 1849-1851.

The bulk of the material consists of correspondence, 1810-1896, of Sidney P. Clay, Green Clay, Isabella (Reed) Clay Weisiger, Margaret Reed, Maria Reed Nelson, John Reed Nelson, William Rodes, Sarah Woolfolk Clay Keen, Joseph Weisiger, and others. Correspondence discusses Green Clay's lands in western Ky., Sidney P. Clay's management of his father's land, settlement of Green Clay's estate, faculty and students of Transylvania College, state of Kentucky banks and financial conditions, building of a house by Sidney P. Clay, the cholera epidemic of 1833, Sidney P. Clay's business affairs, his death and settlement of his estate, guardianship of John Reed Nelson, church affairs, and much discussion of family news of the Clay, Reed, Nelson, Edwards, Weisiger, and allied families. There are a few references to Cassius M. Clay and Brutus J. Clay.

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C621a Sidney Payne Clay
 Papers. 1779-1898.

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- fl. 1 Land papers, 1819-1829.
- fl. 2 Green Clay surveys, 1779-1828.
- fl. 3 Surveys, 1830.
- fl. 4 Green Clay surveys of the Beargrass area.
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- fl. 6 Green Clay v. Wilday McKinney, 1820-1828.
- fl. 7 Receipts, 1823-1898.
- fl. 8 Estate papers of Green Clay and Sidney P. Clay, 1834-1838.
- fl. 9 Military papers, 1833-1834.
- fl. 10 Geometry exercises.

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- fl. 11 Miscellaneous.
- fl. 12 Correspondence, 1810-1818.
- fl. 13 Correspondence, 1819 Jan.-May.
- fl. 14 Correspondence, 1819 June-Dec.
- fl. 15 Correspondence, 1820-1822.
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- fl. 21 Correspondence, 1828.
- fl. 22 Correspondence, 1829 Jan.-June.
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- fl. 26 Correspondence, 1831 Jan.-July.
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- fl. 31 Correspondence, 1833 June-Dec.
- fl. 32 Correspondence, 1834 Jan.-Mar.
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- fl. 34 Correspondence, 1835-1842.
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- fl. 36 Correspondence, 1848-1896.
- fl. 37 Correspondence, n.d.
- fl. 38 Correspondence, n.d.
- fl. 39 Letter fragments.
- fl. 40 Album awarded to Miss S. L. Fleece, 1834 Dec. 10.
Diary of Mary Catherine (Rogers) Clay, 1860 Feb. 12-July 4.

- 41 Tailor's ledger, 1849-1851.