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CLANIN AND NEWTON FAMILY PAPERS, 1881–1955

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 manuscript box, 1 oversized manuscript folder, 1 artifact
COLLECTION DATES:	1881–1955
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RESTRICTIONS:	None

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mary Ann “Mollie” Clanin was born in Clermont County, Ohio on 27 May 1849 to Benjamin Clanin and Sarah Sherman. Mary had at least three other siblings: Thomas, William H., and Benjamin.

Mary married John D. Newton (b. 14 July 1847–d. 20 Nov. 1898) on 25 July 1869. The couple lived on a farm in Swayzee, Grant County, Indiana. They had two daughters: Minnie F. Newton (b. 6 Sept. 1872–d. 12 May 1948) and Myrtle Newton (b. 10 Dec. 1874–d. 12 Feb. 1902). Mary Clanin Newton died on 12 November 1942 and is buried in Converse Cemetery, Grant County, Indiana.

Mary’s brother William H. Clanin was born in March 1844. He married a woman named Demaris. The couple lived in Huntington County, Indiana, and had at least three children: Russell, Charles, and George. Later in life, William married again to a woman named Lizzie Taylor. William died in September 1923.

Mary’s other brother Benjamin Clanin was a farm laborer. He had three children, Sherman, Della, and L. Guy. Sherman and Della lived in Colorado and Guy lived in Kansas City, Kansas.

Sources:

Information in the collection.

Ancestry Library Edition. Available at: <http://www.ancestrylibrary.com>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Series 1: Correspondence, 1888–1955 consists of letters belonging to the Clanin and Newton families. Most of the letters are addressed to Mary A. Clanin Newton, her husband John D. Newton, and their daughter Minnie from members of the Clanin family. Therefore, the letters primarily provide details on the lives of William H. Clanin and Benjamin Clanin and their children.

Sharply worded letters written by William Clanin to John D. Newton reveal tensions between the two brothers-in-law over the care of “mother,” Mrs. Sarah Buroker. William also writes about farming, crops, financial difficulties, and

illnesses such as scarlet fever, typhoid fever, and dysentery. After John D. Newton dies, William continues corresponding with his sister Mary.

Letters written to Mary from Arkansas, Kansas, and Colorado provide information on Benjamin Clanin and his children, Sherman, Della, and L. Guy. The correspondents discuss raising chickens and livestock, family reunions, the Depression and hard times, births, and health issues such as the neuritis paralyzing Sherman's wife Alice. A letter from Benjamin to Mary and Minnie advises them to vote for Herbert Hoover rather than Alfred E. Smith, as Benjamin believed Smith was against Prohibition.

Series 2: Legal and financial documents, ca. 1880–1947 consists of account notebooks, indentures and powers of attorney, and obituaries and memoriams on the deaths of John D. Newton, Myrtle Newton, and Mary Clanin Newton. There are also a few documents pertaining to Mary Clanin Newton's estate.

Series 3: Artifacts, 1905 contains a ribbon from the Twenty-Third Annual Reunion of the Morton Rifles held at Bluffton, Indiana in October 1905.

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