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**M 1199**

**IMA CLOWES COLLECTION**  
**CA. 1885-2000**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 8 Manuscript Boxes; 1 Black and White Photograph Box, 1 Color Photograph Box, 1 OVA Photograph Box, 1 OVA Color Photograph Box, 1 OVA Graphics Box, 1 OVB Graphics Box, 1 PAB Photo Album, 2 PAC Photo Albums, 2 Boxes 35mm Slides, Artifacts

**COLLECTION DATES:** Ca. 1885 - 2000

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

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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 a research 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 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 Whitehill 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 a director of the John Herron Art Institute from 1933 to 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 High School), 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 School, 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 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 Art Collection. The fund underwrote the construction of Clowes Memorial hall at Butler University, completed in 1963. 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 Fund board of directors voted in 1999 to donate the entire collection to the IMA over a period 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 education from Harvard, with George, Jr. pursuing a career as a surgeon and Allen as a financial advisor. Both sons served in World War II, Allen in the navy and George in military hospitals. 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 consists of items transferred to the Indiana Historical Society from The Indianapolis Museum of Art on August 6, 2015. The bulk of the items pertain to Allen W. Clowes, although a small number of items relate to other members of the Clowes Family.

This collection is divided into 8 series ranging in dates from 1912 through the late 1990's, although the bulk of items are from the 1950's and 1960's.

Series 1 includes 3 manuscript boxes of correspondence, primarily that of Allen Whitehill Clowes. Items included are business, personal and family letters. Also included are post cards, wedding invitations, greeting cards and birth announcements.

The second series is made up of personal items of interest to the Clowes' family. (George Henry Alexander [GHAC], Edith Whitehill Clowes [EWC], George, Jr. and Allen. Some of the items included are a copy of GHAC's will and a program from his memorial service. Also included are watercolor sketches by EWC, a copy of the Whitehill-Hinkel genealogy, school papers of George, Jr. and Allen, appointment calendars, club membership cards Certificates of appreciation to Allen from Butler University and the United States Congress.

Series 3 relates to travel interests of Allen Whitehill Clowes. Included in this series are travel brochures, airline brochures, programs from tour groups and a map and legend of Mystic Seaport, Connecticut.

Series 4 holds copies of newspaper clippings pertaining to the Clowes' family and their interests.

Series 5 is made up of 2 manuscript boxes containing copies of specifications for the construction of Clowes Memorial Hall.

Series 6 contains printed materials reflecting a variety of Clowes' family interests. These include booklets, business pamphlets, church bulletins, a songbook, and theater playbills.

Visual and Graphic materials are contained in Series 7. Color and black and white photographs, photo albums, and 2 boxes of 35mm slides are included in this series.

Series 8 contains numerous artifacts. Included are handmade baby clothes, commemorative plaques and honorary awards.

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Allen Book Record "Books I Have Read and Books To Be Read", 1957	Box 4, Folder 14
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Certificate of Condolence and Appreciation for EWC From Art Association of Indianapolis, June 8, 1967	Box 4, Folder 25

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Pamphlet <i>Basic Facts About U. S. Steel</i> , 1953	Box 8, Folder 5
Harvard University President's Report, 1952-1953	Box 8, Folder 6
Financial Report, Clowes Walker, Ltd. September 30, 1954	Box 8, Folder 7
Bulletin, <i>February in St. Mary's Barnstable, Mass</i> , 1952	Box 8, Folder 8
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Bulletin, St. Michael's Church, Charleston, SC, Easter Sunday, April 13, 1952	Box 8, Folder 10
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Knitted Infant Undershirt

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Paperweight to Allen Clowes from Indianapolis Children's Museum

Paperweight to Allen Clowes from Indianapolis Ballet Theatre

Paperweight Butler University Clowes Memorial Hall

Glass Vase to Allen Clowes from Ensemble Music Society

Community Award to the Clowes Fund

Children's Museum President's Club Plaque

1994 World Rowing Championship Booster Plaque

Commemorative Plate to Allen Clowes from WFYI

Commemorative Plaque to Allen Clowes 30th Anniversary Clowes Memorial Hall, Butler University

Honorary Doctorate in Humanities to Allen Clowes from Marian College

Plaque to Allen Clowes from Community Hospitals Foundation

1986 Plaque of Appreciation to Allen Clowes from Indianapolis Children's Museum

American Cabaret Theatre Larry Conrad Service Award to Allen Clowes, 1993

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