Anne Morris Clay papers
1.5 linear feet; 1 manuscript box, 1 half-manuscript box
1886-1997; bulk 1980-1997

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Harry Lee Harcum papers, 2010.103
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**Biographical Note:** Anne Morris Clay is a property records researcher who works exclusively in Wicomico and Worcester Counties. Anne Clay is the daughter of the late Dr. Albert W. Morris and Bettie Harcum Morris, both of Salisbury, Maryland. Bettie Morris was the daughter of Harry Lee Harcum and Ruth Kennerly Harcum also of Salisbury. Anne remains very involved in the preservation of the history and culture of the Lower Eastern Shore.

**Scope and Content Note:** The papers of Anne Morris Clay document her occupation as a land records researcher in the Maryland counties of Wicomico and Worcester. The materials date from 1886-1997 with a bulk of materials dating from 1980-1997. Materials include correspondence and research material regarding Cherie Cozin's Purnell property off Shore Side Road in Dames Quarter as well as June Petit's Simpleton property and correspondence with Dave Nutter pertaining to the property Nutter’s Neck. Materials also include transcriptions of the 1759-1865 land documents, 17th century certificates of land patent, 18th century deeds, 19th century Acworth Plat, and deeds for Nutter’s Neck. In addition, there are research materials on Sampson Burbage (1818-1881) and his properties in Powellsville. Also, there are property research records regarding William Hull's Muddy Hole Road and Tyaskin properties and a biography of Milford W. Twilley. A portion of the materials belonged to Ruth Harcum’s father, Benjamin Franklin Kennerly, Jr. who was the mayor of Salisbury from 1912-1914. Also included are books from the Morris, Kennerly, and Harcum families. Additional items include postcards with personal correspondence to Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Harcum and other family members dating to the early twentieth century. Histories on Wicomico County and ephemera pertaining to the Sesqui-bi-centennial can also be found in this collection. Wicomico County specific improvement plans including the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program and the Salisbury Metro Core Comprehensive Plan have also been incorporated into this collection. This collection also includes a unique collection of sexual education booklets and Victorian era autograph albums.

**Arrangement Statement:** The Anne Morris Clay papers have been arranged into two series, LAND RECORDS and PERSONAL PAPERS. The land records series document the research that Anne Clay completed on different properties in Wicomico and Worcester Counties. The personal paper series includes correspondence between Bettie Harcum and Eleanor Roosevelt, varying poetry publications, pamphlets, and a biography of Milford Twilley.

Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.
Subject Terms:

General Terms
Autograph Albums
Churches
Kent County, De
Land Records
Maps
Muddy Hole Road
Patents
Poetry
Postcards
Salisbury Metro Core
Sesqui-Bi-Centennial
Sex Education
Wicomico County, Md
Worcester County, Md

Corporate Names
American Association of University Women
Bard-Avon School
Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program
Dames Quarter
Nutter’s Neck
Purnell Property
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
Simpleton Property
Wicomico Women’s Club

Personal Names
Burbage, Sampson
Clay, Anne Morris
Harcum, Hary L.
Harcum, Ruth
Kennerly, Benjamin, Jr.
Kennerly, Ella Virginia
Kennerly, Virginia
Morris, Albert
Morris, Bettie
Morris, May
Twilley, Milford
Series I: Land Records

Box 1

1. Land records, Dames Quarter, 1976-1980
4. Land records, Sampson Burbage, 1976
5. Land records, Simpleton property, 1951-1989
6. Land records, Muddy Hole Road, Tyaskin property, 1989-1995

Series II: Personal Papers

7. Biography, Millford Twilley, undated
8. Correspondence, From Bettie Harcum to Eleanor Roosevelt, 1932, 1935
9. Ephemera, Bard-Avon School, Baltimore, Md. 1924, 1930
10. Ephemera, programs, tickets, 1929-1934
11. Ephemera, Wicomico Women’s Club, 1923-1939
12. Letterhead, Anne Clay, undated
13. Loose papers removed from Rainbows
14. Loose papers removed from River Song
15. Loose papers removed from The Lion and the Mouse
16. Loose papers removed from Winged Victory
17. Loose papers removed from Winston Churchill
18. Poems, written by Delmarvans, undated

Box 2

1. Poetry, from inside I Shall Sing a Song, undated
2. Poetry, Odes from Osprey, 1952-1954, 1957
3. Scrapbook, A Spinsters Scrapbook, 1920s-1930s
4. Poetry, Songs of Knollwood, 1950, 1951
5. Publication, A Primer of Parliamentary Procedure, Margaret Wheelock, 1953
6. Publication, George Washington’s Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation, undated
16. Postcards, To Miss Virginia Kennerly, 1905-1908
17. Postcards, To Mr. Harry L. Harcum, Mrs. Ruth Kennerly Harcum and Miss Bettie Harcum, 1925-1955
18. Postcards, To Mrs. Ella Kennerley, 1927 July 1
19. Photograph, Lee Johnson’s Store Window with B. F. Kennerly’s Trunk, 1967
20. Article, Pages of Penmanship from Victorian Autograph Albums, Spinning Wheel, 1976 April
21. Albums, Autograph, 1901-1909
22. Albums, Autograph, 1886-1917
23. Oral Histories, Wicomico County, undated
24. History, Churches of Wicomico County, circa 1914
25. History, Historical Churches and Religious Background of the Eastern Shore, circa 1914
27. History, Historical Spots in Wicomico County, undated
28. Brochure, Salisbury’s Sesqui-Bi-Centennial Celebration, 1982 August 6-14
30. Booklet, Old Spring Hill-St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 1973
32. Recipes, Pinehurst School, undated
33. Recipes, Maryland Nemagold Sweet Potato Recipes, 1913, 1922
34. Program, U.S. Indoor Tennis Championship, 1976
35. Program, Ocean City’s Third Annual Christmas Dance with Guy Lombardo, 1973
37. Draft, City of Salisbury Wicomico County Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program, 1988 February 17
38. Booklets, Sex Education and Venereal Diseases, 1913, 1922

Oversize
2. Map, Indexed Street Map of Salisbury, Maryland and Wicomico County, Maryland Highway Map, 1960
Library Materials

7. Publication, *The Elevator*, W.D. Howells, 1885
10. Publication, *The Browning Birthday Book*
17. Publication, *Roots of Understanding*, Margaret Laurie Seaman, 1932
19. Publication, *Tomorrow is Here*, Helen Bayley Davis, 1950
22. Publication, *Heart Throbs*, 1905
27. Publication, *Aesop’s Fables in Words of One Syllable*, 1903
31. Publication, *First Over Germany*, 1946

**Rare Books**


**Artifacts**

1. Puzzle, 2007.004.001
3. Puzzle, 2007.004.003
4. Puzzle, 2007.004.004
5. Puzzle, 2007.004.005
6. Puzzle, 2007.004.006
7. Puzzle, 2007.004.007
8. Puzzle, 2007.004.008
9. Puzzle, 2007.004.009
10. Ashtray, 2007.004.010
11. Plate, Commemorative, Wicomico Presbyterian Church, 2007.004.011
12. Plate, Commemorative, Bethesda Methodist Church, 2007.004.012
13. Slate, 2007.004.013
14. Framed, Newspaper, Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, 1773 November 20, 2012.118.001