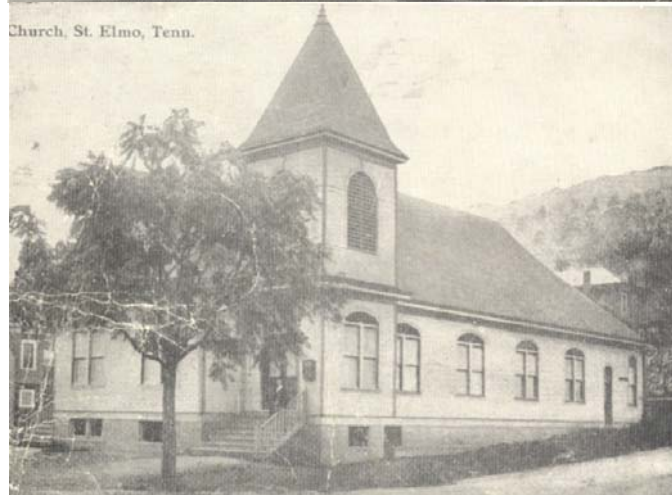


Inventory to the Herbert A. Clark Diaries

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Church, St. Elmo, Tenn.



St. Elmo Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, top, 1945, bottom, c.1920s.

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I. Biographical Sketch

Herbert A. Clark (1869-1948) was an active member of St. Elmo Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee from 1900 until his death in 1948. Trained as a businessman, he served as the president of the Baptist Young People's Union, and church treasurer. In addition to his denominational activities, Mr. Clark was active in the Chattanooga, business community, as President of the Union Bank and Trust. He was also elected Commissioner in 1928.

Mr. Clark and his wife, Alice, had one son and two daughters, James, M. Oletha, and Jean.

II. Scope and Content Note

The Herbert A. Clark Diaries (1906-1940) form one linear foot, and are arranged chronologically in two document boxes.

The diaries include accounts related to either Mr. Clark's business or church activities, and entries are mostly short sentences, although some are longer. In addition to the diaries, there is a summary of Mr. Clark's Baptist related entries, particularly his involvement in St. Elmo Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, compiled by his son, James V. Clark in 1970. Though brief in narrative, the diaries also make references to contemporary national and denominational events such as the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and the \$75 Million Campaign.

James V. Clark donated the diaries to the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives (then-the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission) in 1970.

III. Folder Listing

Box 1

- 1.1 Chronology—Summary of Baptist Related Entries by James V. Clark
- 1.2 1906-1908 – Diaries
- 1.3 1909-1911 – Diaries
- 1.4 1912-1914 – Diaries
- 1.5 1915-1917 – Diaries
- 1.6 1918-1920 – Diaries
- 1.7 1921-1923 – Diaries
- 1.8 1924-1926 – Diaries

Box 2

- 2.1 1927-1929 – Diaries

- 2.2 1930-1932 – Diaries
- 2.3 1933-1935 – Diaries
- 2.4 1936-1938 – Diaries
- 2.5 1939-1940 – Diaries