

Frank Hawley Ward Family Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	Department of Rare Books, Special Collections, and Preservation
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Creator:	Ward, Frank Hawley
Creator:	Ward, Clara Louise, 1889-1973
Creator:	Ward, Frank A.
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Biographical/Historical note

Clara Louise Werner, known as Clayla, was born in 1889 to Judge William E. Werner and Lillian (Boller) Werner of Rochester. Her father was a lawyer with an eminent career, becoming a Justice of the State Supreme Court and later of the Court of Appeals. He died on March 1, 1916. Clara Louise was the eldest of three daughters, the others being Caroline (Mrs. Frank Ernest Gannett) and Marie (Mrs. Douglas Townson). Clara Louise attended a private school in Rochester, and, as a reward for writing a prize essay on Charles Dickens, was sent to Paris, France for the academic year October 1908-June 1909 to finish her education. Her parents then joined her for some months of travel on the continent, followed by a further year of study in Germany. As a result, she was fluent in French and German. In 1912, she accompanied Charlotte Whitney and her father, Warham Whitney, to Egypt, Italy and France. After the

outbreak of the First World War, she became involved in the administration of the Women's Land Army, coached soldiers in French, and drove trucks transporting wounded. In the summer of 1921, she again accompanied Charlotte Whitney to Europe. Upon her return, she went to New York City in the Fall of 1921 to attempt a career on the stage. She abandoned her projected career, however, to marry Frank Hawley Ward in February 1922. F. Hawley Ward was vice-president, under his father Frank A. Ward, of Ward's Natural Science Establishment, and a distant cousin of the founder, Henry Augustus Ward. He was also a widower with one daughter, Elizabeth Milne Ward, by his first wife, Ruth (Milne) Ward. Clara Louise was apparently not well in the following years, and spent the summers of 1924 and 1925 taking rest cures at Hillbourne Farms, Katonah, N.Y., and at Miss Tyree's, Baltimore, Maryland. Her first son, Hawley Werner Ward, known to the family as Mike, was born in 1927, after which she spent the period of February to April in Bermuda. Her second son, Addison Werner Ward, was born in 1930.

Hawley Ward's daughter Elizabeth married John Adams in 1933. They had two daughters. The two Ward boys attended Allendale School in Rochester, and then were sent to St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H. Hawley began in the Fall of 1941, and Addison began in the Fall of 1942. Hawley Werner Ward entered the U.S. Navy in the Summer of 1944, and served two years. He was trained in radio electronics, and was eventually sent to the Pacific after the declaration of peace. Both Hawley and Addison attended Princeton University, Hawley entering in the Fall of 1946, and Addison in the Fall of 1947. Addison continued on to graduate school at Yale, and received a doctorate in English. He eventually obtained a teaching position at Oberlin College in Ohio, where he lived with his wife and three children at the time of his death in the Palm Sunday tornado of April 11, 1965. One son, Peter, was also killed.

Clayla Ward was active throughout her life in civic affairs in Rochester. Among her activities were the Chatterbox Club, the Junior League, the Community Players, the Memorial Art Gallery, the Civic Music Association, the French Alliance, and the Municipal Museum, later the Rochester Museum and Science Center. She served as officer or board member of all of these organizations. In 1944 she joined Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Co. as public relations consultant, and was responsible for many of the special events at the department store. After the death of Frank Hawley Ward in 1958, she maintained the Ward family home at Grove Place, and gave it to the Landmark Society in his memory in 1967. In 1965 the Rochester Museum presented her with the Civic Medal for her contributions to Rochester. She died August 27, 1973.

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Scope and Contents note

The collection consists of correspondence, business records, ledgers and account books, notebooks and diaries, and blue prints.

The personal correspondence is principally addressed to Clara Louise (Werner) Ward from friends and family. This correspondence includes letters written by William E. Werner and Lillie (Boiler) Werner from Europe in 1905, letters from Clara Louise Werner to her parents from school in Paris, 1908-09, letters from Clara Louise from Egypt and Italy, 1912, letters from Frank Hawley Ward to Clara Louise, 1921-1930, while she was away from Rochester, letters from Hawley Werner Ward from St. Paul's

School, the U.S. Navy, and Princeton, 1941-1950, and Addison Werner Ward from St. Paul's School, Princeton and Yale Universities, 1942-1954. There is also a large group of letters of condolence on the deaths of Addison and Peter Ward, April-May 1965, and letters of congratulations on the presentation of the Civic Medal to Clayla Ward in November 1965. The principal non-family correspondent is O'Donnell Iselin, New York financier, and son of Columbus O'Donnell Iselin. He married Urling Sibley, daughter of Hiram W. Sibley.

Letters from George Eastman, George Gershwin, Frank Ernest Gannett, and William Meredith are indexed.

The business records and ledgers pertain principally to the affairs of Frank A. Ward, especially in his capacity as trustee for other members of the family in the administration of family property. This property included investments in stocks and bonds and real property in the city of Rochester, including Grove Place. The largest group of business records pertains to the Lucky Strike Gold Mining Co. of Gunnison, Colorado, of which Frank A. Ward was president, and Frank Hawley Ward was treasurer. The company was chartered for twenty years in 1894, and owned several mining claims in the Green Mountain Mining District of Colorado. After the expiration of the corporation in 1914, and the death of Frank A Ward, the property passed to his wife, Mary Hawley Ward, and she endeavored to sell the property. Her son, William Douglas Ward, corresponded with numerous people trying to lease or sell the mine, from 1927 until his death in 1936. After his death, his brother Frank Hawley Ward continued to try to sell the property, apparently finally disposing of it around 1938.

The blueprints are copies of surveys of the area now known as the Grove Place Preservation District, and building plans for houses in the Grove Place area.

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Restrictions on Access

The Frank Hawley Ward Family Papers is open for research use. Researchers are advised to [contact](#) the Rare Books Special Collections & Preservation Department prior to visiting. Upon arrival, researchers will also be asked to fill out a registration form and provide photo identification.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift of Hawley Werner Ward, September 1973.

Restrictions on Use

In consultation with a curator, reproductions may be made upon request. Permission to publish materials from the collection must be requested from a curator. Researchers are responsible for determining any copyright questions.

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

[Charles H. Ward Papers](#): Charles was Henry's son who in the 1890's started his own business. The Charles Ward Anatomical Laboratories supplied osteological specimens. Charles was interested in comparative osteology.

[Roswell H. Ward Papers](#): Roswell was Charles' son and Henry's grandson who donated the Henry A. Ward Papers to the University. He was the biographer of his grandfather.

[Henry L. Ward Papers](#): Henry L. was Henry A.'s other son who was the director of the Milwaukee Public Museum and natural scientist in his own right.

[Ward's Natural Science Establishment Papers](#) (1876-1988): This collection continues the history of Ward's Natural Science Establishment, Rochester, New York, as started in the Henry Augustus Ward Papers. The collection was donated by William C. Gamble, president of the firm between 1962 and 1980. The Ward's Addition is a continuation of this original Ward's collection.

[Ward's Natural Science Establishment Papers, Addition](#): This collection continues the history of Ward's Natural Science Establishment as started in the Henry Augustus Ward Papers (call number A.W23) and continued in the Ward's Natural Science Establishment Papers (call number D.231). While the first collection of the Establishment (D.231) concentrates on the history of Ward's from the 1950s through the 1980s, covering mostly the financial and business aspects of the company, particularly from the time when William C. Gamble was president of Ward's (1962 through 1980), this newest addition to the collection, while smaller in volume, is much broader in scope. It

encompasses the history of Ward's from its earliest beginnings with Henry A. Ward in 1862 through the sale of the company in 1998. It also includes many historical materials on the extended Henry A. Ward Family.

[Ward's Natural Science Establishment Catalog Collection](#). This collection consists of approximately 200 catalogs published by Ward's between 1863 and 1993. The catalogs describe the items that Ward's had available for sale including skeletons, mounted birds and animals, geological specimens, fossils, meteorites, scientific equipment, and models.

University of Rochester Archives, Public Relations File on Ward's. No call number. This file is crucial to understanding the circumstances surrounding the 1928 donation of the Establishment to the University, and the shift in emphasis led by Dean Gamble.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Architecture
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- Ward family
- Ward, Frank Hawley
- Ward, Clara Louise, 1889-1973
- Ward, Frank A.
- Lucky Strike Gold Mining Company

Collection Inventory

Box	
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1. Correspondence, 1897-1915.	
2. Correspondence, 1916 - November 1921.	
3. Correspondence, December 1921 - 1924.	

4. Correspondence, 1925-1933.
5. Correspondence, 1934-1944.
6. Correspondence, 1945 - April 13, 1965.
7. Correspondence, April 14, 1965 - December 1965.
8. Miscellaneous.

1. Folder

Title/Description	Contents List
1. Calling cards and enclosure cards.	
2. Calling cards and enclosure cards.	
3. Calling cards including cards at death of Wm. E. Werner.	
4. Cards sent to Frank Hawley Ward, 1949.	
5. Cards sent at death of Lillie (Boiler) Werner, 1949.	
6. Calling cards and enclosures sent at death of Addison and Peter Ward, April 1965.	
7. Sympathy cards sent at death of Addison and Peter Ward, April, 1965.	
8. Calling cards and enclosures, Civic Medal, November 1965.	
9. Clara Louise Werner. Essay on Charles Dickens. [3 drafts]	
10. Clara Louise Werner. Boarding School bills, Villa Du Pont, Paris, 1908-1909.	
11. First class passenger list, <i>S.S. Adriatic</i> , January 10, 1912.	
12. Rochester, N.Y. Municipal museum. Board of commissioners. Minute book. March - April 1954.	
13. Lillie (Boiler) Werner. Will and estate.	
14. Lillie (Boiler) Werner. Memorial service. Prayer by David Rhys Williams, December 9, 1949.	
15. Grove Place Realty Company. 1947, 1952.	
16. Appraisal of 18 Grove Place, Rochester, N.Y. 1958.	
17. Grange Landing Club, Canandaigua, N.Y. Membership certificate. 1938.	
18. Addison Werner Ward. School reports, St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H. September - December 1944.	
19. Camp songs. [c.1909]	
20. Newspaper clippings and obituaries.	
21. Photographs.	

22. George William Douglas. Genealogical material.

9. Notebooks and diaries.

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Title/Description	Contents List
1. Frank Hawley Ward. Commonplace book, 1897.	
2. Frank Hawley Ward. Memorandum book, 1938.	
3. Caroline (Werner) Gannett. Diary, 1914.	
4. Lillie (Boiler) Werner. Trip diary, February - April 1929. Italy, North Africa and Spain	
5. Lillie (Boiler) Werner. Diary, 1939.	
6. Lillie (Boiler) Werner. Letters sent and books read, 1945.	
7. Lillie (Boiler) Werner. Christmas card list and gifts sent and received, 1947 - 1948. Birthday March 17, 1949. Cards and gifts received.	
8. Clara Louise (Werner) Ward. Christmas list. n.d.	
9. Address book. n.d.	
10. Personal Account book, n.d.	
10. Lucky Strike Gold Mining Co., Gunnison, Colorado: Correspondence.	

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1. Philips H. Clarke. 1933-1937	
2. William Disberger. 1936-1937	
3. R.S. Eskridge. 1927-1929	
4. John H. Fox. 1931-1933	
5. F.F. Hintze. 1925-1932	
6. M.L. McGetrick 1932	
7. Susan E. McKeon. 1929-1932	
8. Susan E. McKeon enquiries. 1930	
9. Claude A. Post. 1933	
10. G.T. Propper. 1930	
11. S.F. Spencer. 1913-1933	
12. Clifford H. Stone. 1932-1934	

13. Edward Whitney. 1932

14. Arthur M. Woodworth 1931-1937

15. Miscellaneous correspondence 1931-1937

Lucky Strike Gold Mining Co., Gunnison, Colorado: Documents

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Title/Description	Contents List
16. Lucky Strike Gold Mining Co. Contracts and agreements, 1894-1910.	
17. Lucky Strike Gold Mining Co. Contracts and agreements, 1911-1927	
18. Location certificates. 1894-1899.	
19. Mining deeds. 1894-1903.	
20. Affidavits of value of labor and improvements. 1898-1904.	
21. General Land Office. Mineral certificates, 1904-1905.	
22. Appointment of agent, 1904.	
23. Mortgage and sale of Only Chance mine, 1897-1898.	
24. Dismissal of court action. Getchell vs. Grant, 189g.	
25. Receipts for taxes, 1932-1935.	
26. Chart of stock of Lucky Strike Gold Mining Co.	
27. Stock certificates.	
28. Maps showing two plottings of claim locations, Green Mountain Mining district, Colorado.	
29. Photographs.	
30. Miscellaneous notes.	

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Bound Volumes.

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Day books.

1895-1903

1904-1912

1913-1926

Estate of William B. Douglas. Frank A. Ward, trustee.

Ledgers.

1898-1900

1898-1901

Frank Hawley Ward.

Ledger

1927-1935

Estate of Dudley L. Ward. Frank Hawley Ward, trustee.

Ledger

1934-1935

Mrs. Dudley L. Ward.

Ledger of household expenses.

Blueprints. (In oversize folder in map case)

Title/Description

Contents List

House plans.

Joseph Oberlies, architect. Apartment building at Grove Place and Windsor St. Plans, elevations and details.

Joseph Oberlies, architect. Double house on Grove Place. Plans, elevations and details.

James B. Arnold. architect. Alterations to 5 Grove Place, August 1949. Present plans proposed plans, elevations and section, with outline specifications. Preliminary study. Plans.

Sketch plans of 18 Grove Place.

Surveys.

Title/Description

Contents List

Rochester, N.Y. Department of finance. [Map of part of central Rochester bounded by Main St. E., Gibbs St., Delevan St., and Scio St. Proposed street widening added in red.] August 10, 1930.

Smith Fitzpatrick. Map of a survey of property in the Grove Place Tract, Rochester, Monroe co., N.Y. Smith Fitzpatrick, surveyors. July 23, 1947.

[Map of part of central Rochester bounded by Main St. E., Gibbs St., Selden St., and Cherry St., showing some buildings on property.] n.d.

[Map of part of central Rochester bounded by Main St. E., Windsor St., Selden St., and Gibbs St., showing buildings on property] n.d.

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