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## Inventory of the Clemens (Samuel) Family Papers, 1872-1908

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### Biographical Note

On February 2, 1870, Samuel Langhorne Clemens (1835-1910) married Olivia Langdon (1845-1904), the daughter of Jervis Langdon, a wealthy coal mine magnate. In the first year of their marriage, Olivia gave birth to their son, Langdon Clemens. The baby was premature, and died in 1872. Clemens and Olivia had three more children: Olivia Susan (1872-1896), Clara (1874-1962), and Jane Lampton (1880-1909). The girls spent most of their childhood years at the Clemens home in Hartford, Connecticut, although they often traveled to Europe with their parents. Summers were spent at Quarry Farm, in Elmira, New York, with Olivia Clemens' sister, Susan Langdon Crane (1836-1924), and her husband Theodore Crane, who managed the Langdon coal company with Olivia's brother, Charles Jervis Langdon (1849-1916). The Clemens family also had a close relationship with Olivia's brother, his wife Ida Clark, and their children Jervis, Julia (1871-1948), and Ida (1881-1964).

As children, the Clemens girls enjoyed music and play-acting, and Clara studied piano and singing as an adult, and eventually appeared on the legitimate stage. In 1909, Clara married Russian pianist Ossip Gabrilowitsch (1878-1936) and continued concert work. In 1944, she married Jacques Samossoud, a Russian friend of Gabrilowitsch. Olivia Susan (Susy) Clemens attended Bryn Mawr College for several years, but depression and ill-health inhibited her progress, and she left without receiving a degree. Susy died of spinal meningitis at the age of twenty-four, much to the dismay of her father, who had considered her the prodigy of the family. Jane Lampton (Jean) Clemens also died young, at the age of twenty-nine. She was diagnosed as epileptic in 1896, and traveled with her family to European spas for treatment. For a number of years she was confined to a sanatorium in Katonah, New York. On Christmas Eve of 1909, she drowned in the bathtub during an epileptic seizure. (This biography was compiled by Kay Peterson, April 1990)

- Clemens family
- Clemens, Samuel Langhorne, 1835-1910
- Epilepsy. In Clemens, Jane Lampton, 1880-1909, Diaries (HM 53346 -53352) and her letters to Clemens, Samuel Langhorne, 1835-1910, (HM 53356 -53366).
- Mental Illness--Treatment--United States. In Clemens, Jane Lampton, 1880-1909, Diaries (HM 53346 -53352) and her letters to Clemens, Samuel Langhorne, 1835-1910, (HM 53356 -53366).
- Sanatoriums--United States. In Clemens, Jane Lampton, 1880-1909, Diaries (HM 53346 -53352) and her letters to Clemens, Samuel Langhorne, 1835-1910, (HM 53356 -53366).
- Clemens, Clara. Joint author with Susy Clemens, 1872-1896, letter to Susan Langdon Crane, c. 1880. HM 53372. Written in an unidentified hand.
- Clemens, Olivia Langdon, 1845-1904. Addressee for Charles Jervis Langdon, 1887, Dec. 29, Elmira, N.Y. HM 53424.
- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Financial records
- Photographs

Harnsberger, Caroline Thomas. *Mark Twain: Family Man*. The Citadel Press, 1960.

### Appendix: Family relationships in the Clemens Family Papers

(Relationship to Samuel Langhorne Clemens and Olivia Langdon Clemens)

- Clemens, Clara (second daughter)
- Clemens, Jane (Jean) Lampton (third daughter)
- Clemens, Susy (first daughter)
- Crane, Susan (Langdon) (Samuel's sister-in-law; Olivia's sister)
- Crane, Theodore (Susan Crane's husband; brother-in-law to Samuel and Olivia)
- Langdon, Charles Jervis (Samuel's brother-in-law; Olivia's brother)
- Langdon, Ida Clark (Charles Langdon's wife; sister-in-law to Samuel and Olivia)
- Langdon, Olivia Lewis (Samuel's mother-in-law; Olivia's mother)
- Loomis, Julia Langdon (daughter of Charles and Ida; niece to Samuel and Olivia)

Box 1

**1. Diaries of Jane Lampton Clemens, 1880-1909.**

**Scope and Content Note**

There are 7 diaries, spanning the years 1900-1907. HM 53346 also contains 12 photographs that were inserted in the diary's opening for 1900, Nov. 11-12. The photos are not annotated in any way but several appear to have been taken in Europe, possibly Italy. The diaries, for the most part, cover the last years of her life, while she lived in Dublin, New Hampshire and a sanitarium in Katonah, New York. The diaries detail Jean Clemens struggle with epilepsy, as well as the medical treatments for the disease, circa the turn of the century. The diaries are filed chronologically.

## 2. Correspondence and financial records.

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### **Correspondence and financial records.**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

The letters and records are filed alphabetically by author or company. They include letters from all three Clemens daughters to their father, Samuel Langhorne Clemens, and to their mother, Olivia Langdon Clemens. There are letters from various extended family members and friends to Olivia Langdon Clemens, as well as, financial records from various companies.

**Box 1: Diaries (HM 53346 - HM 53352)**

- Box Box 1, item 1. **Clemens, Jane Lampton, 1880-1909.** HM 53346.  
**Diary, 1900, Oct. 22 -Nov. 30, New York. Also: 12 snapshots, formerly inserted in the volume's opening for Nov. 11-12.**
- item 2. **Clemens, Jane Lampton, 1880-1909.** HM 53347.  
**Diary, 1905, May 7 -June 9, Dublin, New Hampshire.**
- item 3. **Clemens, Jane Lampton, 1880-1909.** HM 53348.  
**Diary, 1906, Apr. 30 -July 21, Dublin, New Hampshire.**
- item 4. **Clemens, Jane Lampton, 1880-1909.** HM 53349.  
**Diary, 1906, July 22 -Sep. 11, Dublin, New Hampshire.**
- item 5. **Clemens, Jane Lampton, 1880-1909.** HM 53350.  
**Diary, 1906, Sep. 12 -Nov. 30, Dublin, New Hampshire.**
- item 6. **Clemens, Jane Lampton, 1880-1909.** HM 53351.  
**Diary, 1906-1907, Dec. 1 -Feb. 28, Katonah, New York.**
- item 7. **Clemens, Jane Lampton, 1880-1909.** HM 53352.  
**Diary, 1907, Katouah, New York.**

**Box 2: Correspondence and Financial Records (HM 53353-53355, 53437-53466, 53356-53372)**

Box Box 2

**Allen, Helen Schuyler.** HM 53353.

1 calling card (c. 1908-1909) to Samuel Langhorne Clemens, 1835-1910, A.N.S. on calling card.

**Altman, B & Company.** HM 53354.

1 letter (1891, May 22) to F.G. Whitmore, L. (typewritten: 1 p.); New York.

**Arnold, Constable and Company.** HM 53355.

1 receipt (1872, Apr. 5) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, D. (1 p.); New York. Printed form filled in.  
**Clemens, Clara.** HM 53437-43442.

6 letters (1892-pre-1905) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, Berlin, Hartford, Conn.  
**Clemens, Clara.** HM 53443-53444.

2 letters (1888-1893) to Susy Clemens, 1872-1896, Elmira, N.Y., Berlin.  
**Clemens, Clara.** HM 53445-53465.

21 letters (1884-1907) to Samuel Langhorne Clemens, 1835-1910, Hartford, Conn., Elmira, N.Y., Paris.  
**Clemens, Clara.** HM 53466.

Bank Draft Pass Book (1893, Feb. 8 -July 1), D. (13 p.); 12 mo., Frankfurt.

**Clemens, Jane Lampton, 1880-1909.** HM 53356-53366.

11 letters (1893-1908) to Samuel Langhorne Clemens, 1835-1910, Katonah, New York.

**Clemens, Susy, 1872-1896.** HM 53367-53368.

2 letters (c. 1891-c. 1892) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, Interlaken, Switzerland and Rhone Glacier, Switzerland.

**Clemens, Susy, 1872-1896.** HM 53369-53371.

3 letters (1884 -c.1893) to Samuel Langhorne Clemens, 1835-1910, Hartford, Conn., Cote Ellerslie, Florence, Italy.

**Clemens, Susy, 1872-1896, and Clara Clemens.** HM 53372.

1 letter (c. 1880) to Susan Langdon Crane, L. (1 p.). Written in an unidentified hand.

**Box 3: Correspondence and Financial Records (HM 53373-53407, 53409-53410)**

Box Box 3

**Crane, Susan Langdon.** HM 53373-53392.

20 letters (1881 -pre-1904) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, New York, N.Y., Elmira, N.Y., Geneva, Switzerland.

**Crane, Susan Langdon.** HM 53393-53399.

7 letters (1871-1902) to Samuel Langhorne Clemens, 1835-1910, Buffalo, N.Y., Elmira, N.Y., New York, N.Y.

**Crane, Susan Langdon.** HM 53400.

1 letter (1898, Dec. 15) to Clara Clemens, A.L.S. (12 p.); Quarry Farm, Elmira, N.Y.

**Crane, Theodore.** HM 53401-53403.

3 letters (1882 -pre-1905) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, Elmira, New York. HM 53401 has a note in pencil written in an unidentified hand.

**del Sabbione, Contessa Provana.** HM 53404.

1 calling card (1904, c. June) to Jane Lampton Clemens, 1880-1909, A.N. on a calling card with envelope, Florence, Italy.

**Dunham, Mary.** HM 53405.

1 letter (1874, Feb. 9) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, A.L.S. (8 p.); Hartford, Conn.

**Fairbanks, Mary Mason.** HM 53406.

1 letter (1872, Apr. 1) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, A.L.S. (4 p.); Cleveland, Ohio.

**First National Bank of Hartford.** HM 53407.

1 letter (1872, Aug. 28) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, A.L.S. (1 p.); Hartford, Conn. With signature of C.S. Gillette.

**Huse, Fanny C.** HM 53409.

1 letter (1885, Feb. 5) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, A.L.S. (3 p.); Mass. With note on envelope.

**King, Grace Elizabeth, 1852-1932.** HM 53410.

1 letter (1893, Oct. 13) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, A.L.S. (8 p.); Oct. 13, New Orleans.

Box 4: Correspondence and Financial Records (HM 53411-53430, 53432-53443, 53435-53483)

Box Box 4

- Langdon, Charles Jervis. HM 53411-53413.  
3 letters (1883-1887) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, Elmira, N.Y. Also: account of "Notes given to Mrs. S.L. Clemens [Olivia Langdon Clemens], also includes: note in pencil on verso of a J. Langdon & Co. office form (HM 53413).
- Langdon, Charles Jervis. HM 53414-53418.  
5 letters (1888) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, Elmira, N.Y.. Also: Financial accounting for Olivia Langdon Clemens from March 1, 1888 to May 1, 1888. (1 p., typewritten), (HM53415).
- Langdon, Charles Jervis. HM 53419-53420.  
2 letters (1890) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, Elmira, N.Y. Also: Financial account for Olivia Langdon Clemens, Apr. 2, 1890, written in a different hand (HM 53419). Also: Financial Accounting for Olivia Langdon Clemens, for the period from 1888, Oct. 1 to 1890, Apr. 2 HM 53420).
- Langdon, Charles Jervis. HM 53422-53423.  
2 letters (1893-1894) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, Elmira, N.Y.
- Langdon, Charles Jervis. HM 53424.  
1 letter (1887, Dec. 29) to Samuel Langhorne Clemens, 1835-1910, and Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, A.L.S. (7 p.); Elmira, N.Y.
- Langdon, Charles Jervis. HM 53425-53426.  
2 letters (1882) to Susan Langdon Crane, Elmira, N.Y.
- Langdon, Charles Jervis. HM 53427.  
1 letter (1882, Apr. 29) to Theodore Crane, contem. copy (2 p.); (incomplete), Elmira, N.Y. Written in an unknown hand.
- Langdon, Charles Jervis. HM 53428.  
Financial Accounting (1887, June 6) for Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, D.S. (1 p.).
- Langdon, Charles Jervis. HM 53429.  
Financial Accounting (1887, July 11) for Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, D.S. (1 p.); Elmira, N.Y.
- Langdon, Charles Jervis. HM 53430.  
Financial Accounting (1887, Sept. 5) for Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, D. (1 p.).
- Langdon, Charles Jervis. HM 53432.  
Financial Accounting (1888, Sept. 14) for Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, A.D.S. (1 p.); Elmira, N.Y.
- Langdon, Ida Clark. HM 53433.  
1 letter (1888, Dec. 27) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, A.L.S. (3 p.); Elmira, N.Y.
- Langdon, Olivia Lewis, 1810-1890. HM 53435.  
1 letter (1888, Apr. 21) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, A.L.S. (3 p.); Elmira, N.Y.
- Loomis, Julia Langdon. HM 53436.  
1 letter (1902, Nov. 4) to Samuel Langhorne Clemens, 1835-1910, A.L.S. (4 p.); New York, N.Y.
- Smith, Cornelia Ward. HM 53467.  
1 letter (1880, Nov. 2) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, A.L.S. (6 p.); Heidelberg.
- Starr, M. Allen. HM 53468-53471.  
4 letters (1896) to Susan Langdon Crane, New York.
- Twichell, Julia Harmony Cushman. HM 53472.  
1 letter (1885, July 23) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, A.L.S. (4 p.).
- Wark, Charles [?]. HM 53473.  
1 letter (1907, Aug. 13) to Samuel Langhorne Clemens, 1835-1910, A.L.S. (3 p.); Boston, Mass.
- Warner, Elizabeth Gillette, 1838-1915. HM 53474-53476.  
3 letters (1873-1888) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1910, Hartford, Conn. Also: a note on the envelope in an unidentified hand (HM 53474).
- Warner, Elizabeth Gillette, 1838-1915. HM 53477.  
1 letter (1888, June 24) to Susy Clemens, 1872-1896, A.L.S. (3 p.); Hartford, Conn.
- Willard, Mary B. HM 53478.  
1 letter (1893, Jan. 23) to Samuel Langhorne Clemens, 1835-1910, A.L.S. (3 p.); Berlin.
- Women's Aid Society. HM 53479.  
1 postcard (1887, July 18) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, N. on a postcard, Hartford, Conn. This is a receipt for payment of annual subscription to the Women's Aid Society. Printed form filled in.
- Wulkow & Cornelsen. HM 53480.

- 1 letter (1893, Sept. 4) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, A.L.S. (1 p.); Hamburg. The letter is written in German and appears to concern the delivery of tooth powder ordered by Olivia Langdon Clemens.  
-----, Edwin. HM 53481.
- 1 letter (1885, May 15) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, A.L.S. (2 p.); Chicago, Ill.  
-----, HM 53482.
- 1 letter (between 1872 and 1909) to Mable, L. (2 p.).  
-----, HM 53483.
- 1 letter (1905, Feb.) to Ivan Alexaevitch, A.L.S. (2 p.); Paris. The letter is written in Russian and appears to be a letter of introduction and recommendation for Ossip Gabrilowitsch as a pianist. The envelope is written in French and appears to be written in a different hand.

**Tan Rope Case: Correspondence and Financial Records (oversize folders)** (HM 53434, 53431, 53421, 53408).

Oversize Oversize **Langdon, Jervis and Company.** HM 53434.  
folders

**Financial Accounting (1883, May 1) for Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, D. (2 p.).**

**Langdon, Charles Jervis.** HM 53431.

**Financial Accounting (1888, Mar. 8) for Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1845-1904, D. (typewritten: 1 p.); Elmira, N.Y.**

**Langdon, Charles Jervis.** HM 53421.

**1 letter (1890, June 5) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1854-1904, A.L.S. (2 p.); Elmira, N.Y. Also: Financial accounting for Olivia Langdon Clemens covering March 19 - April 31, 1890, (1 p.).**

**Harrod's Stores Limited.** HM 53408.

**1 invoice (1900, Oct. 1) to Olivia Langdon Clemens, 1854-1904, D. (2 p.); London, England. Receipt stamp affixed to verso.**