

# Kate Loomis Memorial Collection

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**Access Number:** None Assigned

**Creators:** Clark and Fox Families and Descendants

**Extent:** 1.5 cu. ft. (4 boxes)

**Languages Present:** English

**Date Range:** 1805 - 1951

**Historical Note:** The Clark Pottery of Athens, NY operated from 1805 to 1892 producing a wide variety of stoneware primarily for domestic applications. Founded by Nathan Clark, the pottery was owned and operated by both himself and by his business partner Ethan Fox until the latter purchased the business in its entirety in 1828 or 1829. In 1843 Fox sold the business to Nathan Clark, Jr. who finally turned it over to Thomas and Edward Ryan in 1892. Under ownership of the Ryans the business was renamed Athens Potery [sic]. That misspelled name appears on many late pieces the Ryan brothers constructed and can add additional value to extant stoneware from that phase of the business. Clark Pottery stoneware, like pieces of many other small pottery operations from the 19th century, is of particular interest to collectors as evidence of various domestic industries and also for the folk art adornments often applied to these pieces during the glazing process.

**Summary of Contents:** Contained within this collection are portions of the business records of the Clark-Fox Pottery for almost every year of its early existence from 1805 up until the 1830s. Business records include everything from bills of sale, receipts, supply lists and inventories to indentures for apprentices and time sheets. Also included are journals, correspondence, information about branch pottery works and an unattributed history of the business.

**Arrangement:** Business records organized chronologically when possible. Other items are sorted by pertinent individual into respective folders. Boxes are organized as presented to VRL by the donor.

**Acquisition:** Gift by family of subject, supporting documentation not present.

**Processing Details:** None available.

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