

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: MOORE (CHARITY CLARKE AND CLEMENT CLARKE) PAPERSSOURCE: Purchase - 1937 ; transferred from Columbiana, 1987

SUBJECT: _____

DATES COVERED: 1840-1863 NUMBER OF ITEMS: 54

STATUS: (check appropriate description)

Cataloged: _____ Listed: _____ Arranged: X Not organized: _____

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxes, or shelves)

Bound: 2 v. Boxed: 1 Stored: _____LOCATION: (Library) Rare Book & Manuscript CALL-NUMBER: ColumbianaMs 1 (diary)RESTRICTIONS ON USE: None Ms 2 (letters and books)

DESCRIPTION: The collection is composed of 43 letters written by Charity Clarke Moore who was the wife of Bishop Benjamin Moore (1748-1816), President of Columbia College from 1801 to 1811, and one letter and a diary written by their son, Clement Clarke Moore (1779-1863), who was the author of A Compendious Lexicon of the Hebrew Language and 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Charity Moore's letters range in date from 1767 to 1834, and were written to her sister, Lady Affleck and other members of her family and friends. They are personal in nature dealing with family affairs and day to day events. Of the same character is Clement Moore's letter which was written to his cousin, Lady Lilford in November 1840. The diary contains brief entries from 20 November 1856 to 8 July 1863, two days before his death. It is mainly a record of the weather, the temperature, and his benefactions. The letters are all mounted on the blank leaves of one volume and the diary occupies a second volume. Also included are nine volumes from the library of Benjamin Moore.