

C 2017- 001 Albert E. Clements Collection

Creator: Albert Edward Clements

Dates: 1924-1962

Extent: 3 LF

Level of description: Collection

Processor & date: M. O'Toole, August 2018

Administration Information

Access/ Use restrictions: none

Provenance/ Acquisition: Donor from Columbia County

Languages: English

Biographical/Historical note:

Albert E. Clements (dates of birth and death unknown) was a poet and novelist from Hudson, NY. We have little information about his life. However, we know that he resided at 245 Allen Street and he went to Hudson High School where he participated in various school activities. He is the author of several poems and novels published in many literary reviews and, in 1935, the author was honored by The New York Society.

Scope and content note:

This collection consists mainly of personal documents, typescript drafts, reviews, and a few newspaper articles. The collection is organized into five series: *Series 1. Student records*; *Series 2. Rejection letters*; *Series 3. Typescript drafts*; *Series 4. Newspaper articles* and *Series 5. Literary reviews*.

Arrangement note: Alphabetical/chronological

Storage location: Room Archives – shelf 5

Additional note: The entire collection is in good condition with the exception of Series 4, the newspaper articles should be handled with great care until a restoration plan is implemented.

Series notes

Box 1

Series 1. Student records, 1924-1925, 1944

5 items

Student records include: a Certificate of Proficiency in Typewriting dated in May 1st, 1924; a certificate of the High School Department of the Public Schools that Albert E. Clements obtained in June 23rd, 1925; the Hudson High School "Blue and Gold" yearbook of 1925, and The Maritime "M" Award for Production Excellence, August 5th, 1944; and finally, a photocopy of a photograph of the Author (portrait profile), undated.

Series 2. Rejection letters, 1947-1950, undated

32 letters

Rejection Letters that Albert E, Clements received. These 32 letters bring an interesting look to the names of publications in the 40's and 50's. Only three letters are dated 1947-1950.

Series 3. Typescript drafts, circa 1930s-1962

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Typescript drafts including a large number of poems (many are undated). Annotated pencil marks and corrections have been made by the author. "Hym, As one, Thanksgiving in New England..." are among the titles of this compilation of poems.

Series 4. Newspaper articles, 1929-1939

9 items

Excerpts of the newspapers presenting Albert E. Clements as the "author of the literary world is going to keep its eyes on". As early as 1929, the Hudson Evening Register published an article titled "Banker-poet is Clements 'Achievement.'" A year later the Hudson Register presented the author "Clements' Fame as Poet is World-Wide". One of his poems was published in the World-Telegram Sports in 1934. The name of Albert E. Clements appears in 1937 and 1939 in The New York Times Book Review and New York Herald Tribune Books; two years after New York Society attributed recognition.

Boxes 2 and 3

Series 5. Literary reviews, 1929-1951

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Literary reviews comprise the published poems and novels of Albert E. Clements.