

Lyrl Clark Van Hyning Papers
1881-1982, n.d.

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See Also: American Medical Association Archives (correspondence regarding the *Women's Voice* anti-polio vaccine campaign); American Jewish Committee Archives; Gallia County Genealogical Society

Biographical History

Mary Lyrl Clark was born on July 23, 1892, to William Howard Clark and Rhoda Ann Walter Clark in Gallia County, Ohio. Lyrl also had three sisters, Frances (Frankie), Faye, and Genevieve (Bunnie). William died when Lyrl was just six years old, leaving Rhoda to raise the children and work the family farm on her own. Rhoda became a house mother at Rio Grande College in Gallipolis, Ohio, not far from the Clark family farm, so that her daughters could attend college. Lyrl graduated from Rio Grande in 1913 as the only woman in her class and the first graduate from the Department of Oratory. While in college, she participated in the Ciceronean Literary Society, the College Ladies' Glee Club, and college theatrical productions as well as serving on the editorial staff for the yearbook. After graduation, Lyrl worked as a teacher in both public schools and Rio Grande College before marrying George Herman Van Hyning on June 17, 1915.

Lyrl and George had three children together: Parrie Ann, Thomas Clark (Tom), and Jorgina (Gina). The family lived in South America for awhile as a result of George's job with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. When the Van Hynings returned to the United States, they first lived in Galesburg, Illinois, and later settled in Chicago. With the threat of World War II looming, Lyrl began her most ardent anti-war campaigning in Chicago. In February 1941, Lyrl, Lucy Palermo, and Grace Keefe founded We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America, Inc., officially incorporated as an

educational, tax-exempt organization. We the Mothers sought to educate the American public and politicians about the threat to American democracy and the safety of their sons through the country's participation in the war. They protested President Roosevelt, the New Deal, lend-lease, and the war in general. The organization's newsletter, *Women's Voice*, spread their anti-war, anti-Communist, and anti-Semitic rhetoric to adherents throughout the country. Lyril served as editor for this publication, which ran for almost twenty years.

Lyril's own son Tom served during World War II as an Air Force pilot. As a result of his family's residence in Venezuela and his subsequent fluency in Spanish, Tom was sent to South America after completing his pilot training. He helped develop an Air Force program in Paraguay and attained the rank of captain by the end of the war. Tom returned to South America after he was discharged from the military, living in Venezuela with his wife Shirley, whom he married in 1952, and his daughter Parrie Theresa. Tom died on May 3, 1955, when his plane crashed on a friend's farm near Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela.

Lyril continued to promote her political ideology throughout her entire life, primarily through the publication of *Women's Voice*, but she also gave speeches and wrote articles in other publications. In 1952, Lyril was indicted and went to trial for libel as a result of her anti-Semitic rhetoric in *Women's Voice*. She was acquitted of the charges on November 10, 1952. In addition to her political activities, Lyril was also a prominent member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving as regent of the Aurora chapter from 1936 until 1938. Lyril was also very ardent about her religious beliefs. Although raised a Methodist, she became a Christian Scientist and attended the "I AM" Temple. Her religious beliefs impacted all aspects of her life and even influenced some of the articles in *Women's Voice*.

After George died on March 31, 1960, Lyril moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to be near Parrie Ann and Gina and their families. Later, Shirley and Parrie Theresa joined the rest of the Van Hynings in New Mexico. Lyril remained in New Mexico until her death as a result of breast cancer on June 9, 1973.

Scope and Content

The Lyril Clark Van Hyning Papers contain materials related to Lyril's activities as a political activist through organizations like We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America, Inc. and her publication of *Women's Voice*. This collection also includes many items regarding Lyril's family, providing a vivid picture of family life in the Van Hyning household. Materials include correspondence, newspaper articles, speeches, handwritten notes, journals, books, photographs, and three-dimensional objects. Some items, particularly certain correspondence and official documents, are in Spanish due to the Van Hynings' numerous activities and residences in South America. The records are arranged alphabetically within each series.

Series 1: Family Records, 1920-1973, 2009, n.d., Boxes 1-5

This series contains records relating to Lyril's family, particularly her children, grandchildren, and sisters. The bulk of the material in this series consists of correspondence, primarily among the family members, between 1927 and Lyril's death in 1973. Much of this correspondence occurred during World War II when Tom was serving as an Air Force pilot and later moved to Venezuela. Other items in this series include Tom's military and personal records, the family's travel records to

South America from 1929 to 1930, and various newspaper articles and other documents related to other members of Lyrl's family.

Series 2: Professional Records, 1913-1973, n.d., Boxes 5-6

Materials in this series relate to Lyrl's professional activities, including her participation in the Daughters of the American Revolution and We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America, Inc., as well as her editorship of the newsletter *Women's Voice*. Documents and newspaper articles regarding Lyrl's political and religious views are also included in this series as well as items related to her trial for libel in 1952. Materials in this series include articles, correspondence, newsletters, brochures, speeches, and handwritten notes.

Series 3: Photographs, 1892-1982, n.d., Boxes 6-8

This series contains photographs of Lyrl's family, including her husband, children, and grandchildren. Also included are photographs of the farm Lyrl grew up on in Ohio and photographs from her childhood that include her parents and sisters. A scrapbook compiled by Lyrl when she was a young adult and Tom's baby book are also part of this series.

Series 4: Journals, 1907-1973, n.d., Boxes 9-12

Lyrl's handwritten journals comprise this series. The journals span from 1907 until her death in 1973. Also included are typewritten transcriptions of some of the journals between 1907 and 1955.

Series 5: Books, 1881-1969, n.d., Boxes 13-15

This series contains books from Lyrl's library, covering topics from religion to politics to poetry. Most of the books discuss Christian Science and the "I AM" Activity, while many of the others reflect Lyrl's political views.

Series 6: Three-Dimensional Objects, 1940-1978, n.d., Boxes 16-18

Three-dimensional objects from Lyrl's life comprise this series, including her sweater, pins, watch face, lace banquet cloth, engraved silverware, a painting of her home in New Mexico, and two framed photographs of the Clark farm in Ohio. Also included in this series are Tom's flying scarf and a Chicago Adventurers' Club banner given to him in 1954.

Series 7: Restricted Material, Box 19

These materials are restricted until 2034.

Subjects:

Antisemitism
Antisemitism--United States
Antisemitism--United States--Societies, etc.
Christian Science--Doctrines
Christian Scientists
Conservative women
I AM Religious Activity
Mothers' movement
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| Series 1: Family Records, 1920-1973, 2009, n.d. | | | |
| 1 | 1 | Correspondence | 1927-1941, n.d. |
| | 2 | Correspondence | January-June 1942 |
| | 3 | Correspondence | July-December 1942 |
| | 4 | Correspondence | January-June 1943 |
| | 5 | Correspondence | July-December 1943 |
| | 6 | Correspondence | 1944 |
| 2 | 1 | Correspondence | 1945 |
| | 2 | Correspondence | 1946 |
| | 3 | Correspondence | 1947-1948 |
| | 4 | Correspondence | 1949-1951 |
| | 5 | Correspondence | 1952 |
| | 6 | Correspondence | 1953-1954 |
| 3 | 1 | Correspondence | 1955-1956 |
| | 2 | Correspondence | 1957-1961 |
| | 3 | Correspondence | 1962-1965 |
| | 4 | Correspondence | 1966-1973 |
| | 5 | <i>El Sol</i> | 1971 |
| | 6 | Miscellaneous Family Records | 1936-1964, n.d. |
| 4 | 1 | Newspaper Articles | 1965, n.d. |
| | 2 | Parrie Ann Van Hying Shortle | 1920-1975, n.d. |
| | 3 | Tom Van Hying: Congressional Run | 1946 |
| | 4 | Tom Van Hying: Diaries | 1943, n.d. |
| | 5 | Tom Van Hying: Expense Account | 1946 |
| | 6 | Tom Van Hying: Pedigree Chart | 2009 |
| | 7 | Tom Van Hying: Personal Records | 1920-1939 |
| | 8 | Tom Van Hying: Personal Records | 1941-1944 |
| | 9 | Tom Van Hying: Personal Records | 1945-1947 |
| 5 | 1 | Tom Van Hying: Personal Records | 1949-1955 |
| | 2 | Unattributed Poetry | 1970, n.d. |
| | 3 | Van Hying Family Venezuelan Documents | 1929-1930 |

Series 2: Professional Records, 1913-1973, n.d.

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| 4 | Articles about Lyrl | 1942-1973 |
| 5 | Brochures and Stationery | n.d. |
| 6 | Daughters of the American Revolution | 1928-1960, n.d. |
| 7 | Libel Trial | 1952 |

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| 8 | Political Views: Documents | 1933-1972, n.d. |
| 9 | Political Views: Newspaper Articles | 1925-1967, n.d. |
| 10 | Religious Views | 1914-1951, n.d. |
| 11 | Rio Grande College Materials | 1913-1917 |
| 12 | South America | 1929-1958, n.d. |
| 13 | Speeches and Notes | 1920-1942, n.d. |
| 6 | 1 We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America, Inc. | 1941-1945, n.d. |
| | 2 <i>Women's Voice</i> | 1944-1960, n.d. |
| | 3 <i>Women's Voice</i> Correspondence | 1947-1967 |

Series 3: Photographs, 1892-1982, n.d.

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| | 4 Clark Family | 1906-1968, n.d. |
| | 5 George H. Van Hyning | 1892-1960, n.d. |
| | 6 Leila "Aleita" Albert Van Hyning | 1935-1945 |
| | 7 Lyrl and George Van Hyning | 1913-1915, n.d. |
| | 8 Lyrl and George Van Hyning Family | 1919-1971, n.d. |
| | 9 Lyrl and George Van Hyning's Homes | n.d. |
| | 10 Lyrl Clark Van Hyning | 1892-1970, n.d. |
| 7 | 1 Parrie Ann Van Hyning Shortle | 1918-1940, n.d. |
| | 2 Parrie Ann and Samuel Shortle Family | 1948, n.d. |
| | 3 Parrie Theresa Van Hyning | 1953-1969, n.d. |
| | 4 Shirley Barger Van Hyning Stahmann | 1940-1957, n.d. |
| | 5 Tom Van Hyning | 1919-1982, n.d. |
| | 6 Tom and Shirley Van Hyning Family | n.d. |
| | 7 Van Hyning Family | 1898-1964, n.d. |
| | 8 Venezuela | 1950-1952, n.d. |
| | 9 <i>Women's Voice</i> Staff | n.d. |
| 8 | 1 Lyrl's Scrapbook | n.d. |
| | 2 Lyrl's Scrapbook: Loose Photos | n.d. |
| | 3 Lyrl's Scrapbook: Loose Materials | 1915-1916, n.d. |
| | 4 Tom's Baby Book | 1919 |
| | 5 Tom's Baby Book: Loose Photos | n.d. |
| | 6 Tom's Baby Book: Loose Materials | 1919-1924, n.d. |

Series 4: Journals, 1907-1973, n.d.

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| 9 | 1 Lyrl's Journal: n.d. | n.d. |
| | 2 Lyrl's Journal: 1907-1918, 1915, 1937, 1967 | 1907-1967 |
| | 3 Lyrl's Journal: 1913-1915 | 1913-1915 |
| | 4 Lyrl's Journal: 1920 | 1920 |
| | 5 Lyrl's Journal: 1934-1938 | 1934-1938 |
| | 6 Lyrl's Journal: 1935-1936 | 1935-1936 |

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| 7 | | Lyrl's Journal: 1936-1938, 1959 | 1936-1938, 1959 |
| 8 | | Lyrl's Journal: 1937 | 1937 |
| 9 | | Lyrl's Journal: 1938-1940 | 1938-1940 |
| 10 | | Lyrl's Journal: 1939-1941 | 1939-1941 |
| 10 | 1 | Transcriptions of Lyrl's Journals | 1907-1955 |
| | 2 | Lyrl's Journal: 1945, 1961 | 1945, 1961 |
| | 3 | Lyrl's Journal: 1945, 1961-1965 | 1945, 1961-1965 |
| | 4 | Lyrl's Journal: 1952-1955 | 1952-1955 |
| | 5 | Lyrl's Journal: 1955 | 1955 |
| | 6 | Lyrl's Journal: 1960 | 1960 |
| | 7 | Lyrl's Journal: 1963 | 1963 |
| | 8 | Lyrl's Journal: 1964, 1971 | 1964, 1971 |
| 11 | 1 | Lyrl's Journal: 1964-1969 | 1964-1969 |
| | 2 | Lyrl's Journal: 1965-1967 | 1965-1967 |
| | 3 | Lyrl's Journal: 1966-1968 | 1966-1968 |
| 12 | 1 | Lyrl's Journal: 1967-1969 | 1967-1969 |
| | 2 | Lyrl's Journal: 1970-1973 | 1970-1973 |

Series 5: Books, 1881-1969, n.d.

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| 13 | 1 | <i>Christian Science and Organized Religion</i> , Hugh A. Studdert Kennedy | 1930 |
| | 2 | <i>The Constitution Explained</i> , 2 nd ed., Harry Atwood | 1962 |
| | 3 | <i>The Disappearance</i> , Philip Wylie | 1951 |
| | 4 | <i>English Poems</i> , ed. Walter C. Bronson | 1907 |
| | 5 | <i>Ex America</i> , Garet Garrett | 1951 |
| | 6 | <i>A Fair Barbarian</i> , Frances Hodgson Burnett | 1881 |
| | 7 | <i>Holy Bible</i> | n.d. |
| | 8 | <i>"I AM" Ascended Master Forgiveness and Mercy Decrees</i> | 1950 |
| | 9 | <i>"I AM" Decrees for America's Freedom</i> | 1941 |
| 14 | 1 | <i>"I AM" Decrees for Violet Consuming Flame – Part I</i> | 1941 |
| | 2 | <i>"I AM" Decrees for Violet Consuming Flame – Part II</i> | 1947 |
| | 3 | <i>"I AM" Decrees for Violet Consuming Flame – Part II</i> | 1947 |
| | 4 | <i>"I AM" Decrees for Violet Consuming Flame – Part III</i> | 1952 |
| | 5 | <i>The "I AM" Discourses</i> , 3 rd ed., Godfré Ray King | 1945 |
| | 6 | <i>"I AM" The Law Decrees – Part I</i> | 1951 |
| | 7 | <i>"I AM" The Law Decrees – Part I</i> | 1951 |
| | 8 | <i>"I AM" Violet Flames Series II</i> | 1965 |
| | 9 | <i>The Iliad of Homer</i> , trans. Alexander Pope | 1919 |
| | 10 | <i>I Say Sunrise</i> , Talbot Mundy | 1947 |
| | 11 | <i>The Law of Liberty</i> , L. Fry | 1963 |

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| 12 | | <i>Law of Life: Book II</i> , A. D. K. Luk | 1960 |
| 13 | | <i>Let the Hurricane Roar</i> , Rose Wilder Lane | 1933 |
| 14 | | <i>Life and Teaching of Jesus and Mary</i> , A. D. K. Luk | 1966 |
| 15 | | <i>The Mountain on the Desert: A Philosophical Journey</i> , Conrad Richter | 1966 |
| 16 | | <i>New Horizons: Beyond the World</i> , Frank Bowman | 1969 |
| 17 | | <i>The Odyssey of Homer</i> , trans. Alexander Pope | 1911 |
| 18 | | <i>One Hundred and One Famous Poems</i> , revised ed., Roy J. Cook | 1958 |
| 15 | 1 | <i>Our Messenger's "I AM" Speaks</i> | 1941 |
| | 2 | <i>Pentecostal Hymns: Number Three</i> , Henry Date | 1902 |
| | 3 | <i>The Prophet</i> , Kahlil Gibran | 1945 |
| | 4 | <i>Quiet Talks with the Master</i> , Eva Bell Werber | 1936 |
| | 5 | <i>The Revelation to John</i> , Aylmer Firebrace, | 1963 |
| | 6 | <i>A Royal Diadem</i> , Walter C. Lanyon | 1921 |
| | 7 | <i>Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures</i> , Mary Baker Eddy | 1934 |
| | 8 | <i>Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures</i> , Mary Baker Eddy | 1934 |
| | 9 | <i>Scriptural Healing Arranged from the Bible</i> , Helen L. Young | 1907 |
| | 10 | <i>The Voice of the "I AM,"</i> no. 3, May 1936 | 1936 |
| | 11 | <i>The Voice of the "I AM,"</i> no. 3, May 1936 | 1936 |
| | 12 | <i>The Voice of the "I AM,"</i> no. 6, August 1937 | 1937 |
| | 13 | <i>The Voice of the "I AM,"</i> no. 10, December 1937 | 1937 |
| | 14 | <i>The Voice of the "I AM,"</i> no. 6, August 1939 | 1939 |
| | 15 | <i>The Voice of the "I AM,"</i> no. 10, December 1941 | 1941 |
| | 16 | <i>The Voice of the "I AM,"</i> no. 3, March 1945 | 1945 |
| | 17 | <i>The Voice of the "I AM,"</i> no. 5, May 1945 | 1945 |
| | 18 | <i>The Voice of the "I AM,"</i> no. 8, August 1947 | 1947 |
| | 19 | <i>The Voice of the "I AM,"</i> no. 9, September 1947 | 1947 |
| | 20 | <i>The Voice of the "I AM,"</i> no. 1, January 1948 | 1948 |
| | 21 | <i>The Voice of the "I AM,"</i> no. 12, December 1948 | 1948 |
| | 22 | <i>The Voice of the "I AM,"</i> no. 8, August 1950 | 1950 |
| | 23 | <i>The Voice of the "I AM,"</i> no. 4, April 1951 | 1951 |
| | 24 | <i>The Voice of the Silence</i> , H. P. Blavatsky | 1946 |
| | 25 | <i>War—What For?</i> , 10 th ed., George R. Kirkpatrick | 1914 |

Series 6: Three-Dimensional Objects, 1940-1978, n.d.

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| 16 | 1 | Sweater | n.d. |
| 17 | 1 | Pins and watch face | n.d. |
| | 2 | Engraved silver knife and fork set | n.d. |
| | 3 | Lace banquet cloth | 1940s |

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| | 4 | Tom's flying scarf | n.d. |
| | 5 | Tom's Chicago Adventurers' Club banner | 1954 |
| 18 | 1 | Framed photos of Lyril on the Clark farm | n.d. |
| | 2 | Painting of Lyril's home in New Mexico | 1978 |

Series 7: Restricted Material

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| 19 | | Restricted Material | |
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