

**Albert E. Clements Papers**  
**1924-1962**

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## **Descriptive summary Notes**

**Title:** Albert E. Clements Papers

**Dates:** 1924-1962

### **Abstract**

Albert E. Clements documenting the literary career of Hudson resident, writer, novelist and poet; consisting of personal documents, typescript drafts, reviews, and a few newspaper articles.

## **Administrative Information**

**Accession number:** A 2017-001 - Main floor, Archives room– shelf 5

**Extent:** 1.27 Linear Feet

**Access/ Use restrictions:** None

**Repository:** Hudson Area Library

**Language (s):** Materials are in English

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**Processing information:** Collection processed by Archivist Marie O'Toole, August, 2018.

## **Biographical/Historical note**

Albert Edward Clements was born in Brooklyn, New York, on February 17, 1906. The family moved to Hudson when he was twelve years old. There is little information about his life, but the information in the collection shows that Albert E. Clements developed his love of writing and poetry early in his life. He resided at 245 Allen Street and he went to Hudson High School, where he participated in various school activities. Later, he worked as bookkeeper at The Farmer's National Bank and at the Athens Imperial Life Boat Company. Besides his professional life, Albert Edward Clements wrote several poems and novels published in many literary reviews and, in 1935, the author and poet was honored by The New York Society in the early 1940s.

### **Scope and content note**

This collection consists mainly of personal documents, typescript drafts, reviews, a self-portrait, a photograph, and a few newspaper articles. 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.

### **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged by alphabetical and chronological order into five series.

**Series 1:** Student records

**Series 2:** Rejection letters

**Series 3:** Typescript drafts

**Series 4:** Newspaper articles

**Series 5:** Literary reviews

### **Subject Terms**

- Clements, Albert E., 1924-1996--Archives
- Author, New York--Hudson--20th century--archival resources
- Correspondence
- Manuscripts
- Typescripts
- Letters
- Hudson (N.Y.)--Hudson Area Library

## **Description of the collection**

### **Box 1**

#### **Series 1. Student records, and life 1924-1925, 1944, undated**

10 items

Student records and life include: a Certificate of Proficiency in Typewriting dated in May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1924; a certificate of the High School Department of the Public Schools that Albert E. Clements obtained in June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1925; the Hudson High School "Blue and Gold" yearbook of 1925, and The Maritime "M" Award for Production Excellence, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1944; a copy of a charcoal self-portrait, 1929; copy of a photograph of the Author [undated]; black and white photographs of Albert E. Clements at "Rocky's Community Grill" and family's members [undated]; letter written by donor summarizing the main lines of his life [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**

1 container

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 appeared 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.