



## **Clifford and Blanche Adams Papers, 1929-1986**

### **MSS 36**

#### **Overview**

Creator: Clifford and Blanche Adams  
Title: Clifford and Blanche Adams Papers  
Collection Number: MSS 36  
Collection Dates: 1929-1986  
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#### **Collection Information:**

##### **Scope and Content Note**

Papers of Samuel Clifford (known as Clifford or Cliff) and Blanche Adams, dated 1929-1986. Documents include a compilation of items from their time at Hanover College as undergraduates; their work as professors at Hanover; and memorials/tributes for Clifford Adams. It also includes letters from Clifford to Blanche and from Blanche to her mother during World War II, pertaining to the war, daily lives, different army camps/forts, Pearl Harbor, Japanese internment camps, rations, supply shortages, and war wounds.

##### **Historical Information**

Clifford Adams and Blanche Hall (Adams) were both born in 1912 in Indiana. They both went to Hanover College, Clifford graduating in 1935 and Blanche in 1936. Clifford's major was Geology and Blanche's major was Social Science. The couple were married on December 24, 1938 and did not have any children. They both went on to graduate school and Clifford joined in the army. On November 12, 1944 he was wounded in Leyte Philippines, where he sustained a large amount of shrapnel in his face and eyes. The explosion left him permanently blind. Clifford became a Geology professor at Hanover College and Blanche became his assistant professor. Blanche also worked for Raymond A. Kent School of Social Work at the University of Louisville. Clifford passed away in August of 1971, he was found at his desk in Goodrich Hall on Hanover College campus. Blanche passed away on June 24, 1992.

##### **Organization**

The folders in the first box are organized from the start of Clifford and Blanche's education at Hanover College, Life after Hanover College, Professorship at Hanover

College, and memorials for Clifford Adams. In the second box the folders are organized in chronological order. The photos are separated from print photographs to negatives.

## Administrative Information:

### Related Items:

Related materials may be found by searching the [Hanover College online catalog](#).

Artifacts from the collection:

2002.3.1.1- Class of 1936's 50th Anniversary plaque given to Blanche Adams, 1986

2002.3.1.2- Desk plaque, given 'In appreciation Kent School Class of 1963.'

2002.3.1.3- Distinguished service award given to Clifford Adams

2002.3.1.4- Academy of Certified Social Workers certificate given to Blanche Adams

2002.3.1.5- Citation for 25 years of outstanding and faithful service Blanche Adams  
University of Louisville 1978

2002.3.1.6- Service award given to Blanche Adams by Hanover College

### Acquisition:

Donated by Blanche Hall Adams, 2002.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Folder Title	Date	Notes
1	1	Acceptance Letter/Loans and Hanover College Booklets	1929-1937	Hanover College; Hanover, Indiana; Members of the Faculty; Bulletin; Student's Handbook; President Parker; Scholarly setting; Scholarship; Rotary Loan
1	2	Hanover College Bulletins	1935-1943	Cuba and the United States; Dr. Russell H. Fitzgibbon; Senior class of 1935; Hanover College campus; Hanover men and women in the Armed Forces
1	3	Blanche Hall's (Adams) graduation/ resumes	1936	Newspaper clipping of an announcement of Blanche's graduation; 1936 graduating class; Baccalaureate Services; Salutatorian address; Annual Commencement; Resume/experience drafts

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1	4	Alumni Biographies	1935-1986	Life after Undergraduate education; Graduate studies; Professional work; Geology at U.S. Soil Conservation Service; Alumni fund; Public welfare; Tentative Schedule for Summer School; Alumni News; Hanover College Alumni Association; Alumni Biography; Alumni Achievement Awards for 1967
1	5	Appointment Book	1949	Newspaper clippings; G. R. Pierce; Faculty study of College Purpose; Educational policies committee; College Cornell; Herbert B. Hendricks; Reports of low grades; Report of the President to the Trustees of Hanover College; Faculty Bulletin about examinations; List of Faculty and Administration; Disabled American Veterans letter; University of Missouri; Presidents of student organizations; Notes on pre-registration
1	6	Appointment Book	1950	Committee report of College Purpose; Student hours; Field Conference; Final exams; Minutes of the Meeting of the Educational policies committee; Music Appreciation Club; Student Health; Student grade report; The State University of Iowa; Newspaper Clipping
1	7	Professorship at Hanover College	1950-1971	Teachers insurance and Annuity Association; Hanover College salary contracts; Insurance coverage; President Parker; Frank Baker; Standard Life Annuity (or Pension) Plan
1	8	Tributes for past Hanover College Presidents	1958	Photocopy of a newspaper clipping of President Parker's death from Indianapolis Star and Courier Journal; Typed letter from Blanche and Clifford to Mrs. Parker; Tribute for Dr. John Edward Parker (x2)
1	9	Obituary and memorials for Clifford	1971	Photocopies of newspaper clippings from Madison Courier of Clifford's obituary Frank Baker; The Hanoverian; Letters of memorial; Leona Snyder; Gail R. Burchfield; Floyd Kuaga; Tom Scott; John W. Hawley; Lloyd Kroger; Lawrence D. Cooper; C. C. Hawley; Stanley M. Totten; Memorial pamphlet from the Geological Society of America; Pamphlet from the Proceedings of the Indiana Academy of Science; Minutes in Memory of Dr. Samuel Clifford Adams Faculty Meeting

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1	10	Miscellaneous	1935-	Hanover College report card for H. H. Patton with clippings and notes on the back, 1887; Post cards from Louise to Blanche from 1923-1932; Dance card for the Beta Theta Pi Annual Winter Dance, 1935; Two construction paper cutouts, one of a trophy and the other a rabbit's foot, 1936; A spring Dance program, 1950; The Hanover Presbyterian Church Booklet, 1970; Hanover College Alumni Fund receipt for \$100.00, 1974
1	11	Correspondence	Dec 7, 1941 – July 20, 1942	Hilo, Hawaii; Camp Robinson; Honolulu, Hawaii; Nettie H. Lyman; Letters during WW2; Japanese-Americans; Japanese internment/concentration camp; Town curfew and mandatory black-outs; Ecclesiastes 12,5; Christmas; Thanksgiving; Pearl Harbor; State of emergency; Hospital Bomb shelters; Education; Army; Possibilities of evacuation; Red Cross; Gas drills; Newspaper clipping of Jeanette MacDonald visiting Camp Robinson to entertain the troops
1	12	Correspondence	Aug 3, 1942 – Feb 23, 1943	Camp Robinson; Seattle, Washington; Honolulu, Hawaii; Fort Benning; Letters during WW2; SUI; Army training; YANK magazine; Clifford suffering from colds; Seasonal weather; Christmas; Pearl Harbor; The community trying to recover after the bombing; Sunday school; Bomb shelters; Mentions of the Blitz; Rations/restrictions on certain supplies; Labor shortages on the island; Government involvement after Pearl Harbor; Diagram of a 'frontline'
1	13	Correspondence	Jan 3, 1944 – April 26-29, 1944	San Mateo, California; Dibble General Military Hospital, Medford, Oregon; Hotel Medford; Camp White; Holland Hotel; Camp San Luis Obispo; Seattle, Washington; Letters from Blanche to her mother during WW2; Mentions of Clifford's accident (Shrapnel in his eyes causes permanent blindness); Braille and typing classes; German prisoners of war at Camp White; Mentions of financial problems; Ration books; Mentions of Blanche's education and studies; Hotel amenities

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1	14	Correspondence	1944 – July 1944	Avon, Connecticut, San Luis Obispo; Blackstone Hotel; San Francisco; Camp Beale; California; Los Angeles; Seattle; Washington; Letters from Blanche to her mother during WW2; Paul; Easter; Braille lessons; Clifford going on to be a Geology professor with the help of Blanche; Blanche's mom is suffering from an illness; San Francisco harbor filled with warships; Blanche's education and studies in Spanish; Train rides
2	1	Correspondence	Jan 21, 1945 – Aug 3, 1945	San Francisco; Oakland; Seattle; Washington; Hartford, Connecticut; Iowa; Easter; Letters about daily life; Blanche's mother is suffering from an illness; attending a play that Clifford would be able to follow, Clifford still has stitches in his eyes; Red Cross; Braille and typing lessons
2	2	Truman Dinner and 96 <sup>th</sup> Division booklet	1958 and 1967-1969	Democratic National Committee donation card; Christmas card from State Senator Clifford H. Maschmeyer; Harry S. Truman dinner booklet; 96 <sup>th</sup> Deadeye Dispatch booklets discussing the members of the division
2	3	Miscellaneous	1941-1945	Samuel C. Adams Army card; Samuel C. Adams' card allowing him to search the enemy for important documents; Samuel C. Adams army card; Samuel C. Adams searching permit; Booklet sent from Hanover, Germany to Hanover, Indiana; Geology information about The Hall family; newspaper clipping about Vice Admiral Royal E. Ingersoll (Cousin of Blanche Hall); newspaper clipping about the wedding announcement (part 1&2) for Catherine Westervelt Shannon and Earl Cranston Hall, 9-21-1911; J. F. D. Lanier State Memorial pamphlet; Madison, IN Tour of Homes booklet, 1950; a photocopy of Madison's old Mansions
2	4	Catherine Westervelt Hall Diary		Journal of Catherine Westervelt Hall (Blanche's mother) consisting of one to two lines of description about her day; Major events documented; Japan declaring war on U.S.; U.S. declaring war on Japan; Hitler speaks to Germany; Italy declares war on U.S; U.S. declares war on Italy and Germany; Clifford wounded;

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2	5	Photo album	Earliest photo: 1890	The photos are of Yuma Arizona and the Hall family when they visited
2	6	Photo album	1951	The construction of Clifford and Blanche Adams House on Campus (West Side), Clifford was blind at this time
3	1	Photos from a disassembled photo album	-	See complete photo inventory; Most of the photos are of nature shots and a few of the Hall family
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4	1	Photo Negatives	-	See complete photo inventory
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6	Slides 1-65	Photo Slides	-	See complete photo inventory
OV-2-1_F1		YANK Magazine	Oct 7, 1942 – July 9, 1943	Vol.- 1 (I), No.- 17, Oct 7, 1942 "How Does It Feel to Bomb Europe" Vol.- 2 (II), No.- 3, July 9, 1943 "The Waacs With the Army in North Africa"
OV-2-1_F2		YANK Magazine	Sept 28, 1945 – Nov 2, 1945	Vol.- 4 (IV), No.- 15, Sept 28, 1945 "American GI's First Look at Japs on Peace Errand" Vol.- 4 (IV), No.-16, Oct 5, 1945 "Surrender and Occupation of Japan" Vol.- 4 (IV), No.- 20, Nov 2, 1945 "Silver Hunt"

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	OV-2-1_F3	YANK Magazine	Nov 9, 1945 – Nov 16, 1945	Vol.- 4 (IV), No.- 21, Nov 9,1945 “Reconversion City – Detroit” Vol.- 4 (IV), No.- 22, Nov 16, 1945 “Prisoners’ War” “County Fair”
	OV-2-1_F4	YANK Magazine	Nov 23, 1945 – Nov 30, 1945	Vol.- 4 (IV), No.- 23, Nov 23, 1945 “Fire Raid” Vol.- 4 (IV), No.- 24, Nov 30,1945 “Home Again” “Kamikaze Pilot”
	OV-2-1_F5	Miscellaneous	1936 - 1976	Blanche Hall’s diploma from Hanover College, Blanche Adams’ diploma from Graduate studies at State University of Iowa, An award from The American Nation Red Cross, Grand Consul’s Citation award from Sigma Chi Fraternity to Dr. Clifford Adams, The Royal Society for the Promotion of Health award given to Blanche Adams, the Affirmative Action Committee of Kent School of Social Work to Blanche Adams, Commonwealth of Kentucky award to Blanche Adams, Two photos; for information see complete photo inventory below.
	OV-5-1_F1	Newspapers	Dec 6, 1942 – June 6, 1944	Vol.- n/a, No.- n/a, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Dec 6, 1942 “Warships Aflame in Pearl Harbor” Vol.- 1 (I), No.- 23, Ft. Benning ‘Bayonet’, Feb 18, 1943 “Ration Program Affects Military” “Army-Navy Salvage Day Program Planned by Post” Vol.- 67 (LXVII), No.- 158, The Seattle Daily Times “Allies 9 Miles Inland; Fight for French Town”
	OV-5-1_F2	Newspapers	June 7, 1944 – Oct 19, 1944	Vol.- 67 (LXVII), No.- 159, The Seattle Daily Times, June 7, 1944 “Counter-Attacks Repulsed; Invasion Beaches Cleared” Vol.- 46 (XLVI), No.- 200, The Seattle Star, Oct 17, 1944 “Carrier-Based Planes Blast Philippines” Vol.- 46 (XLVI), No.- 201, The Seattle Star, Oct 18,1944 “Philippine Anti-invasion Defenses Hit by Raiders” Vol.- 46 (XLVI), No.- 202, The Seattle Star, Oct 19, 1944 “U.S. Transport Fleet in Philippines, Say Japs!”

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OV-5-1_F3	Newspapers		Oct 20, 1944 – June 30, 1946	Vol.- 46 (XLVI), No.- 203, The Seattle Star, Oct 20, 1944 <i>"Yanks Drive on Leyte's Airfield"</i> <i>"Light Resistance to Philippine Invaders"</i> Vol.- 67 (LXVII), No.- 294, The Seattle Daily Times, Oct 20, 1944 <i>"Americans Push Inland on Leyte in Face of Heavy Jap Resistance"</i> Vol.- 67 (LXVII), No.- 295, The Seattle Daily Times <i>"Yanks Take All Leyte East Coasts, Advance Against Japs' Shellfire"</i> Vol.- 67 (LXVII), No.- 296, The Seattle Sunday Times, October 22, 1944 <i>"Yanks Take Town on Leyte!"</i> <i>"U.S. Floods Nazi Supply Center"</i> Vol.- 78 (LXXVIII), No.- 240, The Daily Iowan <i>"OPA Dies at Midnight" "Ghost Fleet Awaits Atomic Destruction"</i>
2002.3.1	Plaque		1986	The base of the plaque is wooden and cut into a rectangle. There is a slice of silver and blue metal, the blue being on top and smaller to create color contract, screwed to the face of the plaque. The writing is silver and is issued to Blanche Hall Adams. It is to signify the Class of 1936's 50th Anniversary. The plaque was given to Blanche hall on Alumni Day at Hanover College in 1986. There is no indication of the company that made/distributed the plaque.
2002.3.2	Plaque		1963	The base of the plaque is wooden, light tan color, and cut into a rectangle. The plaque is 3-D, signifying that it was meant to be set on a desk and not hung on a wall. In the center is a golden slice of metal engraved with 'In appreciation Kent School Class of 1963.' Bracketing the metal are two birds, either Cardinals or Eagles, with their wings spread out and up.



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2002.3.3	Plaque		n.d.	The base of the plaque is wooden, light brown color, and cut into the shape of a shield. In the center is a slice of golden metal cut in the shape of a scroll with the ends curled away from the wooden base. the plaque was given to Clifford Adams and the engraving says 'Clifford Adams '35 For distinguished service, Professional accomplishment, Outstanding character and Continued loyalty to Hanover College.' There is no indication of the company that created this plaque.
2002.3.4	Plaque		n.d.	The base of the plaque is wooden, with a sheet of blue paper/plastic covering the front. It is layered on the front with a smaller slice of wood covered in a cream color, turned yellow with age. The writing is black and states 'The Academy of Certified Social Workers hereby attests that Blanche Adams having met the requirements prescribed by The National Association of Social Workers is a member of the Academy and has been certified as a professional social worker for the years signified above.' It is signed by both the executive directors of the Academy of Certified Social Workers and National Association of Social Workers.
2002.3.5	Plaque		1978	The base of the plaque is wooden, with a light brown wood. The center has a slice of copper, there are signs of oxidation in the metal leaving small green spots/patina. At the top there is what looks like a Roman coin with the University of Louisville Kentucky around the edges, under it are a set of olive branches. The engraving states 'Citation for 25 years of outstanding and faithful service Blanche Adams University of Louisville 1978.' The plaque was made by Bruce Fox Incorporated in New Albany, Indiana.
2002.3.6	Plaque		[1967]	The base of the plaque is wooden, with a light brown wood, cut into the shape of a shield. In the center there is a slice of golden metal in the shape of a scroll with the ends curled away from the wooden base. the plaque was given to Blanche Adams. The engraving states 'Blanche Hall Adams '36 For distinguished service, Professional accomplishment, Outstanding character and Continued loyalty to Hanover College.'

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2002.3.7		Serving plate	1970	Serving plate given to Clifford Adams upon his retirement from Hanover College. Inscription on back reads "S. Clifford Adams in Gratitude for Twenty-five years of loyal service to Hanover College, June 6, 1970." Created by Webster Wilcox