

INVENTORY / REGISTER

to the CARL F. VANDER CLUTE PAPERS

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Introduction

Mr. Carl F. Vander Clute graduated from Maritime College in 1921. He was a member of the College's Board of Visitors from 1934 to 1954, and Chairman of the College's Council from 1955 to 1960. In professional life he was the Manager of the Marine Department of the Gulf Oil Company, General as well an admiralty lawyer and a merchant marine officer with the United States Lines. His papers reflect, with but a few rare exceptions, solely on his work with the Maritime College Council. Papers are dated, with but a rare exception, for the period 1955 to 1961.

Scope

The Papers of Carl F. Vander Clute, fragmentary in nature, measure approximately one and three quarters cubic feet. They are arranged into the three series of: Minutes of Meetings held by the Council for the Maritime College; General Correspondence; and Miscellaneous Documents. With the exception of a very small quantity of publications, all materials are loose documents.

Contents

I. Minutes of the Council for the Maritime College of the State University of New York.

Found here are the Minutes of most of the meetings held by the Council during the interval of January 20, 1955 to May 15, 1961. Besides the minutes, files usually consist of some related correspondence or memoranda related to the thrust of the discussions to be taken up at the particular meeting, and these documents are dated around the time the meeting was to be held. Also from time to time are found drafts or work papers. Though most meetings were held at the Maritime College, some others were held in other locations in Manhattan. The Council consisted of about ten or twelve individuals. Mr. Vander Clute was chairman for only the earlier portion of the time-frame covered by the minutes, while apparently Admiral George M. Wauchope was chairman from the middle of 1960. Occasionally, duplicate minutes are found. The file for the meeting of July 13, 1960 contains a listing of all the Council meetings held from this date back to January 20, 1955. Also included in this series are Minutes of the Board of Visitors of the State University held January 27, 1953 at the Whitehall Club at 17 Battery Place in Manhattan. The Council evolved out of this predecessor group. Minutes are available for the following meetings:

Box 1

Jan 20, 1955
Jun 9, 1955
Dec 21, 1955
Mar 27, 1956
Jun 11, 1956
Oct 12, 1956
Jan 9, 1957
Jun 28, 1957
Oct 17, 1957
Feb 26, 1958
Jun 3, 1958
Oct 1, 1958
Jan 28, 1959
Jun 8, 1959
Sep 1, 1959
Feb 5, 1960
Jul 13, 1960
May 15, 1961
Jan 27, 1953 (Board of Visitors)

II. General Correspondence

Consisting of Letters Received and copies of Letters Sent, this series covers with the exception of some small gaps, the period of January 1956 through July 1961 with a small quantity of material as well for the month of August 1955. Most letters are addressed to Mr. Vander Clute at his office at the Gulf Oil Corporation at 17 Battery Place in New York City where he held the position of General Manager of the Marine Department. It may be said that most letters in one aspect matters, and relatively few are directly related to the Gulf Oil Corporation. From time to time there are found in this file some memoranda, reports, or similar documents.

Correspondence is arranged as follows:

Box 2

Aug 1955
Jan 1956 - Feb 1956
Mar 1956 - Apr 1956
May 1956 - Jun 1956
Jul 1956 - Aug 1956
Sep 1956 - Oct 1956
Nov 1956 - Dec 1956
Jan 1957 - Feb 1957
Mar 1957
Apr 1957
May 1957
Jun 1957
Jul 1957
Aug 1957 - Sep 1957
Oct 1957
Nov 1957 - Dec 1957
Jan 1958
Feb 1958
Mar 1958
Apr 1958 - May 1958
May 1958
Jun 1958
Jul 1958
Aug 1958
Sep 1958
Oct 1958
Dec 1958

Box 3

Jan 1959 - Feb 1959
Mar 1959 - Apr 1959
May 1959
Jun 1959
Jul 1959
Aug 1959
Sep 1959
Oct 1959
Nov 1959
Dec 1959
Jan 1960 - Feb 1960
Mar 1960 - Apr 1960
May 1960 - Jun 1960
Jul 1960 - Aug 1960
Sep 1960 - Oct 1960
Jan 1961 - Feb 1961
Mar 1961 - Apr 1961
May 1961
Jul 1961

III. Miscellaneous Documents

Varied in nature, these documents consist of the following:

Box 4H

- Publications - two catalogs of the Maine Maritime Academy (1960 & 1961); excerpts from the New York State Education Law Relating to State Universities of New York (two items, one ca. 1954, the other 1958); brochure issued by Maritime College - "the college for maritime career". und, but ca. late 1950s

- Correspondence - a small quantity of correspondence regarding the establishment of the New York State Maritime College Foundation, Inc., ca. Apr 1958, and June-July 1959

- Correspondence - a small quantity of correspondence regarding applications submitted for the office of President of Maritime College

- Manuscript - carbon copy of typewritten manuscript (63 pages) United States Senate **Study of Merchant Marine Training and Education in the United States**. Undated, but ca. late 1950s - early 1960s.
- Photographs - three photographs, two of which pertain to ceremonies held upon the retirement of Vice Admiral C.T. Durgin as head of Maritime College; the other depicting the principals at a brief ceremony in which the Corporation presented a check Gulf Oil to help funding for the training ship, EMPIRE STATE III. ca. 1959
- Program - program of ceremonies held June 15, 1957 for the recommissioning of training ship, EMPIRE STATE III.
- Newspaper Clips - four clippings regarding the voyage of training ship EMPIRE STATE III to Albany, New York. June 1957
- Miscellaneous - carbon copy of letter dated July 21, 1937 from J.H. Tomb to Arthur M. Tode enclosing brief manuscript titled "Education in the Merchant Marine Profession"; and a 12 page mimeographed manuscript titled "The Development of the Maritime College". This manuscript is labelled "Fourth Draft 6/20/57".

CONTAINER LIST (Shelf List)

For Staff Use Only

Box 1

Series - Minutes of the Council For the Maritime College
of the State University of New York

No. of Folders - 19

Box 2

Series - General Correspondence
Extent - Aug. 1955 - Dec. 1958

No. of Folders - 26

Box 3

Series - General Correspondence
Extent - Jan-Feb 1959 - July 1961

No. of Folders - 19

Box 4H

- Series - Miscellaneous Documents

No. of Folders - 8

Remarks - Original newspaper clippings have been copied
on acid-free paper, but originals have still
been retained