

**CLARK, RICHARD H., 1824-1896.**  
**Richard H. Clark Law Brief and Memoranda book, 1863**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Clark, Richard H., 1824-1896.  
**Title:** Richard H. Clark Law Brief and Memoranda book, 1863  
**Call Number:** L-043  
**Extent:** 0.20 linear ft. (1 volume)  
**Abstract:** Contains one law brief and memoranda book owned by Richard Clark in 1863.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

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**Citation**

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Born in Effingham County, Georgia on March 24, 1824, Richard Clark began his law career at the office of Ward & McAllister in Savannah, where he prepared for admission to the Georgia state bar. He eventually moved to Albany, Georgia where he would reside for 24 years. He engaged in his practice at Albany until he was appointed to the bench as judge of the Southwestern Circuit in 1862. During the same year of 1862, Clark was in law partnership with Richard F. Lyon, a previous mayor of Albany who was serving as associate justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Following his resignation as judge of the Southwestern Circuit in 1866, Clark moved to Atlanta where he resumed his career as a prosecutor until 1876, when he was appointed to the bench of the Atlanta City Court. He remained on the bench until 1883 when he resumed general practice, and would eventually serve again as a judge on the Stone Mountain Circuit in 1885.

Richard H. Clark died at the Markham House in Atlanta on February 14, 1896.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains one law brief and memoranda book owned by Richard Clark. The handwritten text in the volume was transcribed verbatim from the 1861 Code of Georgia, which Clark used during his tenure as a judge of the Southwestern Circuit from 1862-1866. Richard Clark himself, along with two other commissioners, were the compilers of the 1861 Code of Georgia.

Numbering 304 pages, the book is arranged in alphabetical order. The book is a Gould Universal Index, described as "A universal index with directions for saving time, acquiring knowledge, and having it at command through life, by means of an appropriate alphabetical and numerical key; designed for the use of schools and colleges in the United States, and for professional men, lovers of literature and science, and men of business." It was created by Marcus T. C. Gould in 1848.

