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MEMO RE. CONTACTS WITH THOMAS A. CLARKE: (Summer and Fall, 1964)

1. Mr. Clarke is currently a student at the University, finishing a degree which he began some years ago. He is a history major who has done good work in the advanced classes which he has taken from me.
2. Mr. Clarke worked for a number of years for Libbey-Owens Glass Co. as an executive of some sort and was forced to retire early because of an automobile accident.
3. Mr. Clarke's father was a labor leader in the 1920's and very prominent in Toledo. He was president of a bank and onetime candidate for mayor. He was a good friend of Samuel Gompers. He later became Libbey's industrial relations man and was in Washington during the NRA period, aiding in the drafting of codes.
4. Mr. Clarke has interesting early memories of the University of Toledo, his father having been among the leaders in the events surrounding the location of the University on its present site and the issues surrounding the building of University Hall. Mr. Clarke even remembers helping lay the sidewalk that runs from Bancroft up to the main entrance to University Hall.
5. Mr. Clarke has a large collection of his father's papers stored in file cabinets in his basement. He says that he has never had the time to go through them completely, but does take good care of them, having bought a dehumidifier to help preserve them. In addition he also has a collection of books for the period.
6. Several universities have solicited Mr. Clarke for the papers but so far he has refused (Cornell, University of Pennsylvania, etc.)
7. Mr. Clarke has ambitions to write a biography of his father in the future.
8. Mr. Clarke indicated to me that if he ever deposited the papers in a public institution he would much rather see them in Toledo than outside. However, at another time, he gave me the impression that a condition would be the establishment of some sort of formal labor archives at the University.

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