

## **Armstrong-Clemens Papers, 1915**

**Ontario City Library  
Robert E. Ellingwood Model  
Colony History Room**



**Ontario, California**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Armstrong-Clemens Papers

**Creator:** John S. Armstrong and Earle R. Clemens

**Extent: Number of containers:** 1 **Linear feet:** 0.25

### **Administrative History/Biographical Note**

Earle R. Clemens was born in Flowerfield, Michigan in 1878. He was a newspaper editor who moved west, founding newspapers along the way. He was the editor of the Grand Encampment Herald in Wyoming, then editor of the Rhyolite Herald in Rhyolite, Nevada before settling in Terra Bella, California, where he founded the Terra Bella News in 1911. It appears, from the materials in this collection, that Clemens also worked as an agent for Armstrong Nurseries, selling primarily trees to residents in the Terra Bella area. He is listed in the California Directory of Nurserymen, 1918-1919 as a licensed agent. It is unclear whether or not he owned a nursery business. John S. Armstrong is well-known as an Ontario pioneer, founding Armstrong Nurseries in 1893. See the John S. Armstrong Nursery Collection Finding Aid for more information.

### **Abstract**

The Armstrong-Clemens papers is a small collection containing correspondence between Earle R. Clemens and John S. Armstrong in 1915, concerning sales of olive and other trees.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Access**

Collection is open for research during the operating hours of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, or by appointment.

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Acquisitions Information**

This collection was donated by Eugene Verkaik, firefighter for the City of Ontario, who purchased the items on eBay on behalf of the Model Colony History Room in September 2016.

### **Scope and Content Note**

Included are letters from Armstrong on nursery letterhead, carbon copies of letters sent to Armstrong by Clemens, postcards, and telegrams.

## **Container List**

One folder containing correspondence between Clemens and Armstrong from 1915.