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A history on how Clark County received its name. The county is named after Charles F. Clark, captain and assistant adjutant of the U.S. Volunteers during the Civil War.

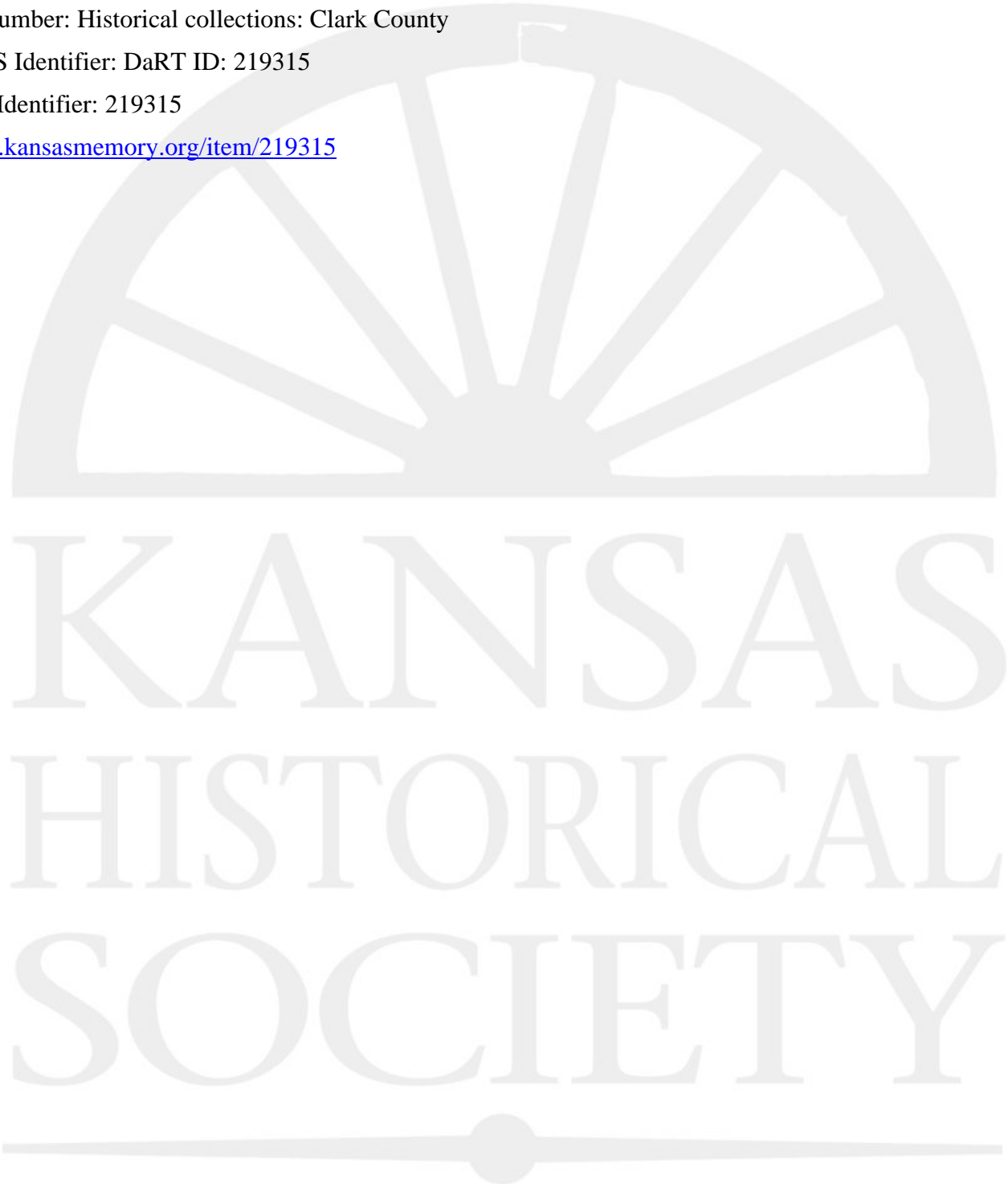
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THE COUNTY OF CLARK WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE GENERAL ACT OF 1867, CHAPTER 33, WHICH NAMED AND ESTABLISHED THE BOUNDARIES OF A LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTIES. THE ACT WAS PASSED AT THE SUGGESTION OF GOVERNOR CRAWFORD. THE NAME OF THE COUNTY WAS IN THIS ACT SPELLED CLARKE. THE ACT OF 1868, CHAPTER 24, PAGE 232 ALSO GIVES THIS SPELLING. IN THE ACT OF 1873, CHAPTER 72, PAGE 147, THE FINAL "E" IS DROPPED FROM THE NAME, AND THE STATUTE GIVES THE NAME AS CLARK. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE JOURNALS TO SHOW WHY THIS CHANGE IN SPELLING WAS MADE.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51, SESSION OF 1867, DECLARES IN HONOR OF WHOM? THE COUNTIES ESTABLISHED BY CHAPTER 33 WERE NAMED. IT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING: CLARKE COUNTY FOR CHARLES F. CLARK, CAPTAIN AND ASSISTENT ADJUTANT U. S. VOLUNTEERS, DIED DECEMBER 10, 1862, AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.