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CLARK MILLER  
PROFESSOR OF LAW

MAIN 5-2200

April 17, 1965

Director  
State Teachers College  
Indiana, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a letter which I recently discovered in going over some old papers and I thought it might be of interest in the archives of the school.

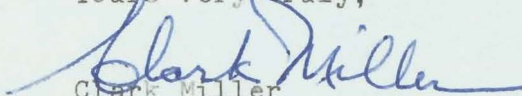
I must give you some anterior history and background because I am sure this may be meaningless without it.

Silas M. Clark was a trustee (maybe at that time, President of the Board of Trustees) of the (then) Indiana State Normal School whose men's dormitory, Silas M. Clark Hall, was named for. I am his eldest grandson. At the time of this letter, he had recently been elevated to the bench of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Miss Leonard (I remember her well as an old lady when I was a youngster) was Dean of Women. Apparently there had occurred some sort of student fracas similar to some recent ones - history does repeat itself! - with which she had been unable to cope. The "Steele" he mentions was my mothers oldest brother - then in the class of 1885 at Princeton.

Justice Clark's home was at Sixth Street and Wayne Avenue - an old residence which, from my latest information (some twenty years ago) had been acquired by the County of Indiana. I spent many months there in my pre-teen years and was most familiar with your campus when Hope Stewart, a distant cousin succeeded Miss Leonard.

I do not want this letter buried in an obscure file, therefore if you have no place or method by which it can be displayed as a matter of the School's history, please return it to me so that my cousins and I may retain it as a matter of family history.

Yours very truly,



Clark Miller  
B.A., L.L.B., S.J.D.  
Professor of Law

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P.S. I was baptised Silas Moorhead Clark Miller in 1897.

May 14, 1965

Mr. Clark Miller  
Professor of Law  
Brooklyn Law School  
375 Pearl Street  
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201

Dear Professor Miller:

A belated reply to your letter of April 17.

I want to convey to you on behalf of our students, our faculty, and our library staff my deepest appreciation for this lovely family gift.

We are trying so diligently to attract historical material relating to the college. In the near future I will have it framed and posted at the entrance to our Archives Room along with your letter.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Lafranchi  
Head Librarian

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Grand Home

Philada. July 3 / 83

Remember me  
Trusty to Mr & Mrs  
D. May stays  
till the next

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