



Robert Gene CLARK

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Primary Position	Founder	Source	Self-Made
Primary Company	Clayco Construction Company	Age	61
Estimated Net Worth	At least \$710 million	Birthday	Jan 1959
Estimated Liquid Assets	At least \$190 million	Marital Status	Widowed
Estimated Household Wealth	-	Religion	Unknown
Estimated Household Liquid Assets		Alternate Names	Bob Clark Bob
Estimated Family's Net Worth			
Estimated Family's Liquid Assets			
Wealth Trend	Majority of fortune fluctuates with the performance of Clayco Construction Company; remainder fluctuates with the broad equity and bond markets.		

Residences	Chicago, Illinois, United States Snowmass, Colorado, United States Saint Louis, Missouri, United States
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Hometown	Saint Louis, Missouri, United States
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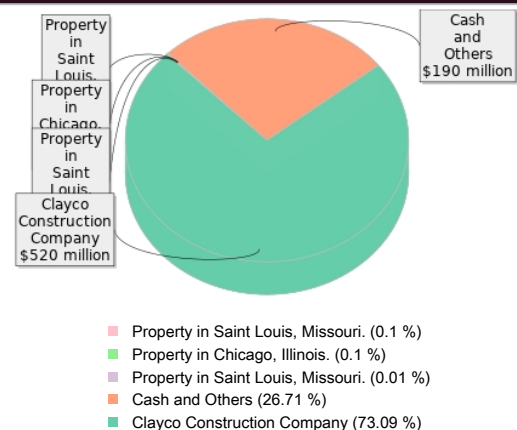
Biography

Native of Saint Louis, Missouri, U.S. Clark decided to join the Development business during his time at Parkway Central High School. Soon after obtaining his diploma, Clark joined the father's business, Clark Painting Company, where he served as Project Director. Clark left his father's company after gaining some experience; became a Partner at Machine Maintenance and Equipment Company (MMECO). Under Clark's stewardship, MMECO became the leading Midwest distributor for Ingersoll Rand and Gardner Denver products. At the age of 24, Clark founded Clayco, as a start-up construction company. In it's first year, the company made annual revenues of \$1 million. Clark has since expanded the business to include Forum Studio, an architecture and engineering group, Concrete Strategies, a specialty contracting firm and Clayco Realty Group which provides full-service commercial real estate development, delivery and consulting. The company posted annual revenues of over \$800 million for 2010. Clark currently serves as Chairman and CEO of Clayco Construction Company.

Career History					
Company	Type	Position Held	Year Started	Year Ended	Remarks
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce	Non-Profit or Social Organization	Director	2011	2017	Chicago, Illinois-based non-profit or social organization; served as a Director.
LaBarge	Private Company	Director	2005	2011	Provides electronics sales and service. Clark served as a Director until the company merged to become Ducommun LaBarge Technologies and left the Stock Exchange.
Clayco Construction Company	Private Company	Founder	1984		Founded by Clark; a real estate, architecture, engineering, design-build and construction firm that delivers high quality solutions to clients from around the world. Clark also serves as Chairman and CEO.
Machine Maintenance & Equipment Company	Private Company	Partner		1984	Appears to have been a construction company. Clark served as a Partner and under his leadership, MMECO became the leading Midwest distributor for Ingersoll Rand and Gardner Denver products.
Clark Painting Company	Private Company	Executive			Painting business owned by Clark's father, Harold. Clark started his career at the company, where he served as Project Director.
Chicago Architecture Biennial	Non-Profit or Social Organization	Director			United States-based private company; served as a Director.

Wealth Analysis			
Estimated Net Worth	At least \$710 million	Liquid Estimate	At least \$190 million

List of Assets		
Class	Value	Remarks
Alternative Assets	At least \$700,000	Estimated value of stake in a property in Saint Louis, Missouri.
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Alternative Assets	At least \$40,000	Estimated value of stake in a property in Saint Louis, Missouri.
Cash & Others	At least \$190 million	Estimated value of proceeds from previous salaries, bonuses, investments, dividends, and stock transactions.
Private Holdings	At least \$520 million	Estimated value of stake in Clayco Construction Company.



Interesting Facts

When Clark first started Clayco, it was in an underprivileged neighborhood. One day, Todd Weaver, an 11-year-old boy visited the office asking for a job as he needed to take care of his family, Clark told him to go to school, but come work in the afternoons, and he eventually took the boy in to live with him. Weaver became like a big brother to his own three children, graduated from college and has his own construction business, the Legacy Building Group.

During Clark's Interim Administration at the Central Institute for the Deaf, the Institute entered into a Partnership with the Washington University in St. Louis, the alma mater of Tom Cohn, who is the President of Thomas Cohn Associates. Clark serves as a Director in the Institute.

When Clark's wife died in 2010, he felt he needed to get away for a while, so he traveled around the world alone and ended up in Katmandu, Nepal. He remembers: "I hired a guide and trekked a couple hundred rugged miles with him. I wasn't in good shape, and at one point I was in such agony that I lay down. My guide said he'd leave me there if I didn't get up."

In his professional career Clark has received many awards, including: the 1992 Construction / Real Estate Award Winner Central Midwest Region by the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the year award, was also named Construction Man of the Year in 1997. In 2003, March of Dimes awarded him with the "Building the Community" Lifetime Achievement Award for on-going commitment to the St. Louis community. In 2007, Clark was received the What's Right with the Region Award, for Improving Racial Equality and Social Justice, given by Focus St. Louis. In 2008, Engineering News-Record voted him one of the Top 100 Green Contractors, the St. Louis Business Journal voted him for Heroes of the Planet for Sustainable Communities Winner and he won Entrepreneur of the Year by the AFL-CIO Building Trades Council of St. Louis NAACP for his Commitment to St. Louis.

In a statement about his late wife, Clark described her as a very determined person: "Ellen was a passionate person who campaigned for the 2006 constitutional amendment protecting human embryonic stem cell research in Missouri, and last April (2009), President Barack Obama invited us to the Oval Office after he signed the legislation."

Clark suffered from Attention Deficit Disorder since his childhood, but he believed this to have been what drove him to become a builder. In an article that he authored, Clark remembers looking at the construction site outside his school and getting distracted in classes.

Clark organized an Egyptian themed party for his wife Ellen's 50th Birthday, reportedly so that Ellen was able to be carried into the party on a litter as Cleopatra and set up in a loggia where guests could meet with her. At the time she suffered from Cerebroretinal Vasculopathy (CRV), which made it difficult to walk or stand for long periods of time.

Clark met his late wife, Ellen, at Parkway East Junior High School in 1972 and married her in 1984, the same year he started Clayco. The couple was together until she died in 2010.

In 2001, Clark took a sabbatical to run the non-profit Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, which his wife had attended as a child. Reportedly he was elected Interim President because the organization faced financial difficulties, and after making management changes he became Executive Director, forgoing a salary. Supposedly he was in charge of merging much of the institute with Washington University Medical Center.

Due to Clark's late wife's affliction with the Cerebroretinal Vasculopathy (CRV) disease, the couple spent money and energy trying to find a cure. Ellen, Clark's late wife, spent her last years promoting stem cell research and working for a cure for the disease, also donated her body to medical research and within minutes of her death, a Washington University School of Medicine research team, headed by Dr. John Atkinson was assembled at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. The team conducted an autopsy to determine the cause for the cell's deterioration. The quick access they were permitted to was unprecedented at the time, and the doctor said "It will provide dividends for a long time."

Interests, Passions, Hobbies

Hobby Name	Description
Travel	Has an interest in travelling. When his wife, Ellen, died in 2010, Clark took a long holiday travelling around the world alone. He particularly enjoyed Trekking and Climbing in the Nepal region.
Outdoors - Fishing	Appears to have an interest in fishing; Clark has a Fishing License which is valid in the state of Missouri.
Real Estate	Clark has been in the real estate and development business for his entirety of his career. In an interview, he stated that he remembered looking at the construction site outside his school and being fascinated by it.
Outdoors - Hunting	Appears to have an interest in hunting; Clark has a Hunting License which is valid in the state of Missouri.
Philanthropy	Clark is an active member and Trustee on several Boards, in particular Educational and Medical Research Centers. Clark and his wife, Ellen, were reportedly heavy investors in the research to discover the cause of Cerebroretinal Vasculopathy or CRV, a disease which Ellen suffered from.
Politics	Clark is very passionate about the Democratic Party and politics, he was a member of the National Finance Committee for Senator Barack Obama's Presidential Campaign, raising over \$999,000, He also served as the Missouri chair for the "Committee for Change". His personal lifetime giving to political causes exceeds \$350,000.
Aviation	Clark appears to have leased a Learjet 45XR jet for his company.

Clubs & Boards			
Organization	Type	Position	Remarks
Washington University School of Medicine	Education	Council Member	United States-based educational institution; serves as an Advisory Council Member.
Saint Louis University	Education	Trustee	A private, co-educational Jesuit university located in Saint Louis, Missouri, U.S. Clark served as a Trustee.
The Regional Business Council (RBC)	Non-Profit or Social Organization	Director	United States-based non-profit or social organization; serves as a Director.
World Business Chicago	Non-Profit or Social Organization	Member	Chicago, Illinois-based non-profit economic development organization; serves as a Member.
Committee for the Preservation of the White House	Government	Member	Committee in charge of advising the President, and the Director of the National Park Service on preserving the public spaces of the White House, working closely with the Executive Residence staff, the White House Historical Association to support the refurbishing projects and finance acquisitions. Clark served as a Member of the Committee.
Greater Chicago Food Depository	Non-Profit or Social Organization	Director	United States-based non-profit or social organization; served as a Director.
Art Institute of Chicago	Non-Profit or Social Organization	Council Member	Chicago, Illinois-based art museum; serves as a Council Member.
Construction Career Development Initiative (CCDI)	Non-Profit or Social Organization	Trustee	United States-based non-profit or social organization; serves as a Trustee.
Obama for America National Finance Committee	Government	Member	Fundraising committee to finance the election campaign for President of the U.S., Barack Obama. Clark reportedly helped raise over \$999,000 for the committee, also served as a Member.
St. Louis Symphony Orchestra	Non-Profit or Social Organization	Director	United States-based non-profit or social organization; served as a Director.
Urban Healthcare Initiative Program (UHIP)	Non-Profit or Social Organization	Advisory Board Member	United States-based non-profit or social organization; serves as an Advisory Board Member.
The University of Chicago Medical Center	Education	Trustee	Academic medical center in Hyde Park, Chicago, it includes the Center for Care and Discovery, Comer Children's Hospital, Bernard A. Mitchell Hospital for adult inpatient care, Chicago Lying-in Hospital, and the Duchossois Center for Advanced Medicine. Clark served as a Trustee and was also a Member of the Clinical Business Planning Committee, as well as the Advisory Board of the Urban Health Initiative by the University of Chicago.
Loyola University Chicago	Education	Regent	Chicago, Illinois-based private Catholic research university; served as a Regent.
Urban Land Institute (ULI)	Non-Profit or Social Organization	Member	Washington, D.C.-based network of cross-disciplinary real estate and land use experts; serves as a Member.
St Louis Regional Chamber	Private Company	Director	Appears to be a private company in the United States; serves as a Director.
Central Institute for the Deaf (CID)	Education	Director	Leading education and research centers for hearing disorders in the world. Under Clark's Interim Administration, the Institute entered into a Partnership with the Washington University in St. Louis. Clark currently serves as a Director and has also served as Executive Director and President of the institute.
The Economic Club of Chicago (ECC)	Non-Profit or Social Organization	Member	Non-profit organization aimed at addressing social and economic issues, by creating connections among Chicago leaders to cultivate the next generation of civic leadership. Clark is a Member of the club.
Forest Park Forever	Non-Profit or Social Organization	Director	Nonprofit organization that is dedicated to restore, maintain and sustain the public park, Forest Park; served as a Director.

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Young Presidents' Organization (YPO)	Non-Profit or Social Organization	Member	United States-based non-profit or social organization; serves as a Member.
The Committee for Change	Non-Profit or Social Organization	Member	Committee created in July 2008 for Ultra High Net Worth (UHNW) Democratic donors as a vehicle to distinguish themselves from the others behind Obama's presidential candidacy. Clark was a Member of the Committee.

Philanthropy

Giving Profile

Modest philanthropic donor, gives primarily to Healthcare causes. Clark does not appear to have a family foundation, but has been donating privately, his late wife Ellen appears to have been the inspiration for his philanthropic gestures as she suffered from Cerebroretinal Vasculopathy, or CRV, a rare disease. Both Clark and his wife invested money and time in efforts to find a cure. Ellen even asked that her body be donated for scientific and medical research, and an autopsy was carried out within minutes of her being declared deceased. Lifetime giving is uncertain. Recipients include: The BJC Institute of Health at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, where the couple donated an undisclosed amount as a naming gift to found the Ellen S. Clark Hope Plaza. Clark is also a Trustee of the University of Chicago Medical Center, and Saint Louis University; he also serves as a Director on the Board of the Central institute for the Deaf.

Organization	Cause	Year	Amount (\$)	Remarks
Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis	Arts, Culture & Humanities	2009	2 thousand - 4 thousand	Together with spouse, Ellen, donated more than \$2,000 to Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis in 2009.
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Managers Club	Other	2005	100 dollar - 200 dollar	Together with family member, donated more than \$100 to Managers Club, which is based in Chicago, Illinois.
Variety the Children's Charity	Social Services	2009	5 thousand	Together with spouse, Ellen, donated more than \$5,000 to Variety the Children's Charity in 2009.

Education History

Institution Name	Qualification Name	Education Level	Start Date	End Date
Parkway Central High School	Diploma	High School		

Political Interests

Political Profile

Generous political giver primarily supports Democratic candidates and causes; lifetime giving exceeds \$350,000. Top recipients include Barack Obama, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher Bond, Thomas Richard Harkin, Harry Reid, Jeremiah Nixon and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Party Affiliation

Democratic Party

Candidate Name	Committee	Party	Date	Amount
Michael Alexander BLAKE	Michael Blake For Congress	Democratic Party	29 Sep 2019	\$1,000
Nick COLVIN	Nick Colvin For Congress	Democratic Party	29 Sep 2019	\$1,000
	DSCC	Democratic Party	27 Sep 2019	\$5,000
Joseph Robinette BIDEN JR.	Biden For President	Democratic Party	26 Sep 2019	\$15
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William CASSIDY	Bill Cassidy for US Senate	Republican Party	18 Sep 2019	\$2,800
	Iowa Democratic Party	Democratic Party	18 Sep 2019	\$10,000
Eric BRAKEY	Brakey For Congress	Republican Party	17 Sep 2019	\$500
William CASSIDY	Bill Cassidy for US Senate	Republican Party	13 Sep 2019	\$5,600
Pete BUTTIGIEG	Pete For America	Democratic Party	20 Aug 2019	\$2,800
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Nick COLVIN	Nick Colvin For Congress	Democratic Party	17 Jul 2019	\$1,000
Haley STEVENS	Haley Stevens for Congress	Democratic Party	13 Jun 2019	\$1,000
Joseph Robinette BIDEN JR.	Biden For President	Democratic Party	25 Apr 2019	\$2,800
Richard M. BLUMENTHAL	Blumenthal for Connecticut	Democratic Party	8 Apr 2019	\$2,500
	DCCC	Democratic Party	14 Mar 2019	\$35,500
	ActBlue		3 Mar 2019	\$5,000
	American Possibilities PAC		3 Mar 2019	\$5,000
Chris PAPPAS	Chris Pappas for Congress	Democratic Party	12 Oct 2018	\$625
	Mccaskill Victory Fund	Unknown	8 Oct 2017	\$10,000
	Democratic State Committee (Delaware)	Democratic Party	11 Oct 2016	\$1,315
	Hillary Victory Fund	Unknown	11 Oct 2016	\$50,000
	Mississippi Democratic Party	Democratic Party	11 Oct 2016	\$1,315
	Arch Leadership PAC	Unknown	13 Sep 2012	\$2,500
	Arch Leadership PAC	Unknown	6 Aug 2012	\$2,500
	DNC Services Corp./Dem. Nat'l Committee	Democratic Party	23 Apr 2009	\$5,000
Barack Hussein OBAMA II	Obama Victory Fund	Democratic Party	30 Jul 2008	\$28,500
	DNC Services Corp./Dem. Nat'l Committee	Democratic Party	28 Dec 2007	\$5,000
Claire C. MCCASKILL	Mccaskill for Missouri	Democratic Party	3 Mar 2006	\$2,100
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John Russell CARNAHAN	Russ Carnahan in Congress Committee	Democratic Party	30 Sep 2005	\$2,100
George Walker BUSH	Bush-Cheney '04 (Primary) Inc	Republican Party	3 Sep 2003	\$2,000

Known Associates

Name	Company	Relationships	Remarks
Kevin MCKENNA	Clayco Construction Company	Business - Colleague	Senior Vice President and Partner of Clayco Construction Company, where Clark is Founder, Chairman and CEO.
Paul Anthony NOVELLY Confirmed UHNW	Apex Oil	Non-Profit/University Board	Chairman of Apex Oil; served as a Trustee of Saint Louis University with Clark.

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Kirk WARDEN	Clayco Construction Company	Business - Colleague	Senior Vice President and Partner of Clayco Construction Company, where Clark is Founder, Chairman and CEO.
Pamela BASS-BOOKEY	Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation	Non-Profit/University Board	President of the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation and Member of the Committee for the Preservation of the White House with Clark.
Caroline SAUNDERS	Clayco Construction Company	Business - Colleague	General Counsel of Clayco Construction Company, where Clark is Founder, Chairman and CEO.
Rodney Louis GOLDSTEIN Confirmed UHNW	Frontenac Company	Non-Profit/University Board	Chairman of Frontenac Company; serves as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago Medical Center with Clark.
James Schine CROWN Confirmed UHNW	Henry Crown and Company	Non-Profit/University Board	President of Henry Crown and Company; serves as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago Medical Center with Clark.
Stephanie COMER Likely UHNW	Comer Science and Education Foundation	Non-Profit/University Board	Trustee of the Comer Science and Education Foundation, she also serves as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago Medical Center with Clark.
Steven R. SIECKHAUS	Clayco Construction Company	Business - Colleague	COO and Partner of Clayco Construction Company, where Clark is Founder , Chairman and CEO.
Paul J. CARBONE JR. Likely UHNW	Pritzker Group	Non-Profit/University Board	Managing Partner of Pritzker Group; serves as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago Medical Center with Clark.
Russ BURNS	Clayco Construction Company	Business - Colleague	President of Clayco Construction Company, where Clark is Founder, Chairman and CEO.
Thelma GOLDEN	Studio Museum in Harlem	Non-Profit/University Board	Director and Chief Curator of The Studio Museum in Harlem; also serves as a Member of the Committee for the Preservation of the White House with Clark.
Thomas SIECKHAUS	Clayco Construction Company	Business - Colleague	Senior Vice President and Partner of Clayco Construction Company, where Clark is Founder, Chairman and CEO.
Anthony M. SCHOFIELD	Clayco Construction Company	Business - Colleague	Chief Financial Officer of Clayco Construction Company, where Clark is Founder, Chairman and CEO.
Richard Hampton JENRETTE Likely UHNW Deceased	Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette (DLJ)	Non-Profit/University Board	Founding partner of the investment firm Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette and was instrumental in taking it public in 1970, making it the first publicly traded securities firm in the United States. He also serves as a Member of the Committee for the Preservation of the White House with Clark.
Tom M. SCHROYER Likely VHNW	Clayco Construction Company	Business - Colleague	Principal of Clayco Real Estate Services and Partner of Clayco Construction Company, where Clark is Founder, Chairman and CEO.
Robert F. O'LOUGHLIN Confirmed UHNW	Lodging Hospitality Management	Non-Profit/University Board	
James Alexander TORREY Confirmed UHNW	MicroVest	Business	
Brien Michael O'BRIEN Confirmed UHNW	Port Capital	Non-Profit/University Board	

Service Providers

Name	Company	Position	Remarks
John ATKINSON	Barnes-Jewish Hospital	Doctor	The head of the team of Doctors who carried out the autopsy on Clark's late wife, and are currently researching the cause and cure for the CRV disease that Clark's late wife, Ellen, had.
Keith ALPER	Creative Producers Group	Event Planning	Was the event planner who helped Clark organize late wife, Ellen's 50th birthday celebrations for over 240 guests, in 2010.

Family Details

Marital Status		Widowed	
Relation	Name	Age	Remarks
Spouse	Ellen Sue CLARK (Lending) <small>Deceased</small>	60	Late wife of Clark. Started dating Clark when she was 15. The couple has five children and three grandchildren. Was diagnosed with Cerebroretinal Vasculopathy or CRV. After a long fight with the disease, Ellen passed away in 2010.
Brother	Michael CLARK		Currently President and Owner of Clark Properties and Clark Logistic Services, he is also Co-Owner of Eco Recycling. Together the brothers serve as Directors on the Board of the Central Institute for the Deaf.
Father	Harold Leo CLARK <small>Likely UHNW</small> <small>Deceased</small>		Originally founded Clark Painting Company, a painting contractor firm, where Clark started his career. Also founded Clark Properties, which has renovated and sold or leased more than five million square feet of office, warehouse/distribution and light manufacturing space in metropolitan St. Louis since 1985. Reportedly Harold was Clark's inspiration to venture in the same sector of business.
Other	Todd WEAVER		Clark took Weaver in as a young teen to live with him and his wife, he became part of the family and was like a brother to the other Clark children. Weaver graduated from college and currently has his own construction business, the Legacy Building Group.

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