

WARD SYKES ALLEN FAMILY PAPERS

1857 - 1942

Biography/History

Ward Sykes Allen, a Nashville native, attended Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee and Vanderbilt University. He received a B.A. in 1947, a M.A. in 1949 and a PhD. in 1963. A relative of Ward Allen, James H. Joyner, was a medical doctor in Sumner County, Tennessee during the late 19th century.

This collection was donated by Ward Sykes Allen.

Scope and Contents

This .42 linear foot collection is comprised of two series. **Series I** contains correspondence written to Ward Allen from his family and friends during his college years. The correspondence is in the form of letters, postal cards, and greeting cards. This material is arranged alphabetically by first name, with their relationship if known, then by date. Where dates were not included on the letter, the postmark date from the envelope has been used. **Series II** relates to Dr. James H. Joyner of Sumner County, Tennessee. It contains information on property ownership (tax receipts, insurance policies, mortgage), stock dividend receipts, and lists of medical debts owed to Dr. Joyner for his services (see also, James H. Joyner Collection, MSS #232).

SERIES I

Correspondence – from Alberta – (2)

September 1940 - letter
October 11, 1940 – letter

Correspondence – from Alvin West – (1)

September 5, 1940

Correspondence – from Clare Allen (sister) – (12)

August 31, 1940 – letter
September 7, 1940 – letter
September 23, 1941 – letter
October 1, 1940 – letter
October 13, 1940 – letter
November 2, 1940 – letter
November 12, 1940 – letter
November 16, 1940 – letter

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January 25, 1941 – letter
March 7, 1941 – letter
April 5, 1941 – letter
April 14, 1941 – letter

Correspondence – from Clarence Allen (father) – (8)

August 1940 – letter (portion of letter torn off)
[September 1940] – letter
September 25, 1940 - letter

January 29, 1941 - letter
February 26, 1941 - letter
March 3, 1941 - letter
April 10, 1941 - letter
May 1, 1941 - letter

Correspondence – from Mrs. Clarence Allen (mother) – (14)

[1940] – letter
September 3, 1940 – letter
[October 1940] – letter
[October 1940] – letter
October 29, 1940 – letter
November 14, 1940 – letter
November 25, 1940 – letter
[December 1940] – letter

[January 1941] – letter
January 24, 1941 – letter
[February 1941] – letter
[February 1941] – letter
March 7, 1941 – letter
April 3, 1941 – letter

Correspondence – from Clifton Allen – (1)

September 14, 1940 - letter

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Correspondence – from Dudley Tanner – (3)

August 28, 1940 - letter
September 23, 1940 - letter
n.d. – post card

Correspondence – from Evelyn – (2)

1940 - letter
September 13, 1941 - letter

Correspondence – from Frank McCullough – (1)

September 14, 1940 - letter

Correspondence – from Henry Miller Cox – (35)

August 1940
September 4, 1940 - letter
September 18, 1940 – post card
September 25, 1940 - letter
October 26, 1940 – letter
November 10, 1940 – letter
November 26, 1940 – letter
December 1940 – letter

January 7, 1941 – letter
January 17, 1941 – letter
February 9, 1941 – letter
February 15, 1941 – letter
March 10, 1941 – letter
March 26, 1941 – letter
April 1941 – letter
April 29, 1941 – letter
May 31, 1941 – letter
June 4, 1941 – post card
July 3, 1941 – letter
July 29, 1941 – letter
August 11, 1941 – letter
August 27, 1941 – post card

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October 10, 1941 – post card
October 17, 1941 – letter
December 8, 1941 – post card

9 letters – not dated

Correspondence – from Jane Allen (sister) – (9)

August 24, 1940 – letter
August 30, 1940 – letter
September 2, 1940 – letter
September 12, 1940 – letter
[1940] - letter

January 4, 1941 – letter
January 17, 1941 – letter
February 3, 1941 – letter [envelope with note attached]

March 22, 1942 - letter

Correspondence – from Jane Allen to Mrs. Clarence Allen – (1)

October 1942 - letter

Correspondence – from Jane S. Huggins – (4)

May 22, 1941 – letter
June 20, 1941 – postal card
September 30, 1941 – letter
November 22, 1941 – letter

Correspondence – from Jeff – (1)

n.d. - letter

Correspondence – from Jenell Greer (cousin) – (2)

September 21, 1940 - letter
Christmas Card – n.d.

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Correspondence – from Jennie (cousin) – (1)

February 1941 - letter

Correspondence – from Josie G. Ryan (friend)

1940 – letter

1940 – Christmas Card

January 22, 1941 – letter

Correspondence – from Katherine (aunt) – (1)

September 17, 1940 - letter

Correspondence – from Nancy & Dot (cousins) – (1)

December 28, 1941 - letter

Correspondence – from Roberta – (9)

August 30, 1940 - letter

September 10, 1940 - letter

September 11, 1940 - letter

October 8, 1940 - letter

October 27, 1940 - letter

November 16, 1940 - letter

February 7, 1941 - letter

February 16, 1941 - letter

March 2, 1941 - letter

Correspondence – from Stacy – (1)

October 6, 1940 - letter

Correspondence – from Victor (brother-in-law) – (1)

March 13, 1941 - letter

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Correspondence – from William J. Baldrige – (1)

October 13, 1940 - letter

Correspondence – from William Skinner – (5)

September 2, 1940 – letter
September 12, 1940 – post card
October 14, 1940 – post card
Graduation Invitation
Christmas Card – n.d.

Greeting Cards – (7)

Pamphlet – (1)

The History of 'In His Steps' – by Charles M. Sheldon, 1938

Photographs – (2)

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SERIES II – JAMES H. JOYNER

Court Papers – (3)

1873 – 1893

Ephemera – (2)

First Class Train Ticket, Illinois Central Rail Road
January 18, 1887 [Arlington to Cairo]

Advertisement on back of Facsimile of Confederate Currency

Financial Records – (4)

1857 – 1888

Insurance – (7)

May 1906
January 1910 w/envelope
January 1915
January 1917

Site Plan of Property

Itemized Property Losses by County – 1917 Circular

Stock/Bond Receipts – (3)

1874 – 1908

Tax/Mortgage Receipts – (15)

1861 - 1909

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