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
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
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.
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
Correspondence – from William J. Baldridge – (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)
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