

**ALLEN FAMILY PAPERS  
1796-1952**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Allen Family papers, 1796-1952, consist of items relating to the Allen family of Rhea County, Tennessee. The Allen Family Papers are a gift of Dr. Cromwell Tidwell, Nashville, Tennessee. The collection occupies 1.68 cubic feet of shelf space and numbers approximately 2,000 items.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Allen Family papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Allen Family Papers span the period 1796-1952. The collection consists of account books, accounts, advertisements, bonds, budget documents, cards, certificates, correspondence, court documents, election results, financial documents, financial statements, genealogical data, land records, law license, legislation, military discharge, military orders, newspaper clippings, petitions, poetry, political handbills, printed materials, programs, and some wills.

The Allen Family lived in Dayton, Rhea County, Tennessee and was very active in local affairs. Valentine C. Allen (1842-1915) served as Chancellor on the Circuit Court, Twelfth District. Prior to service on the court, V.C. Allen was an attorney practicing out of Dayton, Rhea County, Tennessee. In 1871, V.C. Allen served in the legislature, but refused to run for re-election. In addition to his professional service, Valentine was very active in Confederate Veteran organizations based in Dayton, Rhea County, Tennessee, and in the Methodist Episcopal Church South. William B. Allen, Valentine's son, served as Circuit Court Clerk in the Twelfth District Court. William was very active in church affairs relating to the Methodist Episcopal Church South and also in the Scottish Rite Organization.

The Allen Family Papers are concentrated around legal proceedings. The correspondence is divided into separate series between V.C. Allen and W.B. Allen because of the matters covered in the letters and for ease of research. The collection is an interesting view into various court cases that were heard at the time.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Box 1

1. Account Books--V.C. Allen--Court Business 1877-1912
2. Account Books--W.B. Allen--Court Business 1918-1930
3. Accounts--Receipts-- Abel Family 1904-1911
4. Accounts--Receipts-- Allen Family 1900-1913
5. Accounts--Receipts-- Court Business 1889-1937
6. Accounts--Receipts-- Dayton Scottish Rite Society 1923
7. Accounts--Receipts-- Methodist Episcopal Church South 1904-1926
8. Advertisements--Miscellaneous 1912-1924
9. Bond--William B. Allen 1906-1907
10. Budget--Rhea County 1923-1932
11. Cards--Business, n. d.
12. Cards--Holiday, Postal 1912-1952
13. Certificate--V.C. Allen 1869-1912
14. Certificate--W.B. Allen 1926
15. Correspondence--V.C. Allen 1863
16. Correspondence--W.B. Allen 1902-1936
17. Correspondence--N.Q. Allen - S.A. Brown to V.C. Allen 1886-1915

### Box 2

1. Correspondence--Chamber of Commerce, San Antonio - C.E. Custer to V.C. Allen 1886-1915
2. Correspondence--J.A. Darr - J.L. Ewell to V.C. Allen 1886-1915
3. Correspondence--J.M. Farrell - Jeff D. Gults to V.C. Allen 1868-1915
4. Correspondence--Hamilton Brown Shoe Company - Clem J. Jones to V.C. Allen 1885-1915
5. Correspondence--C.F. Keith, Jr. - McQuiddy Printing Company to V.C. Allen 1886-1915
6. Correspondence--J.S. Marshall - John C. Myers to V.C. Allen 1901-1915
7. Correspondence--Mary E.C. Neal - Sidney A. Ross to V.C. Allen 1885-1915

### Box 3

1. Correspondence--C. Schepflin and Co. - R.K. Sutherland to V.C. Allen 1887-1915
2. Correspondence--S.S. Tate - John B. Vaughn to V.C. Allen 1891-1915
3. Correspondence--Jerry W. Walker - W.B. Zeigler to V.C. Allen, Also Author  
Unknown Letters 1886-1914

4. Correspondence--Hugh Allen - J.H. Hood to W.B. Allen 1898-1951

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**CONTAINER LIST, continued:**

Box 3, continued:

5. Correspondence--Eugene E. Ivins - B.S. Roberts to W.B. Allen 1890-1935
6. Correspondence--Alex Scott - J.A. Wright to W.B. Allen, Also Author Unknown Letters 1890-1942
7. Correspondence--John Correspondence--John E. Patton - G.H. Salisbury 1912-1913

Box 4

1. Court Documents--Various Documents 1881-1933
2. Election Results--Rhea County, n. d.
3. Financial Documents--Income Tax Report--Tennessee 1941-1943
4. Financial Documents--Checks--Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday School 1914-1929
5. Financial Statement--Citizens National Bank 1910
6. Financial Statement--Rhea County 1904-1926
7. Genealogical Data--Allen Family 1842-1915
8. Genealogical Data--McGavock Family 1826-1965
9. Land Records--East Tennessee and Fowlerton, Texas 1796-1902
10. Law License--V.C. Allen 1874
11. Legislation--Formation of various East Tennessee Counties 1777-1836
12. Military Discharge--V.C. Allen 1862
13. Military Orders--V.C. Allen 1865
14. Newspaper Clippings--Rhea County 1908-1952
15. Newspaper Clippings--Rhea County 1890-1939
16. Petitions 1874-1926
17. Poetry, n. d.
18. Political Handbills, 1917-1950
19. Printed Materials--Excerpts of Mrs. Martha Overton Dickinson's Trip Around the World 1910
20. Printed Materials--The Thompson Story 1976
21. Printed Materials--Twelve Weeks to Better Health, n. d.
22. Programs 1905-1912
23. Wills-- Allen Family 1890-1940
24. Wills-- George Frazier 1830

