

Henry T. Allen Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Henry T. Allen Papers

Span Dates: 1806-1933

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1883-1933)

ID No.: MSS10504

Creator: Allen, Henry T. (Henry Tureman), 1859-1930

Extent: 15,000 items

Extent: 62 containers plus 11 oversize

Extent: 22 linear feet

Extent: 3 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Army officer. Correspondence, diaries, writings, reports, military documents, photographs, printed matter, scrapbooks, and miscellaneous material relating mainly to Allen's military career.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Allen family.

Allen, Henry T. (Henry Tureman), 1859-1930.

Allen, Henry T. (Henry Tureman), 1859-1930. My Rhineland journal. 1923.

Baker, Newton Diehl, 1871-1937--Correspondence.

Bliss, Tasker Howard, 1853-1930--Correspondence.

Dresel, Ellis Loring, 1865-1925--Correspondence.

Harbord, James G. (James Guthrie), 1866-1947--Correspondence.

Herrick, Myron T. (Myron Timothy), 1854-1929--Correspondence.

Hyde, James H. (James Hazen), 1876-1959--Correspondence.

MacArthur, Arthur, Jr., 1845-1912--Correspondence.

MacArthur, Douglas, 1880-1964--Correspondence.

March, Peyton Conway, 1864-1955--Correspondence.

Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.

Smith, Alfred Emanuel, 1873-1944.

Tirard, Paul, 1879-1945--Correspondence.

Wallace, Hugh G.--Correspondence.

Weeks, John W. (John Wingate), 1860-1926--Correspondence.

Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927--Correspondence.

Organizations

Philippine Constabulary.

United States. Army--History--Punitive Expedition into Mexico, 1916.

United States. Army. Infantry Division, 90th.

Subjects

Elections--United States--1928.

Police--Philippines.

Veterans--United States--Societies, etc.

World War, 1914-1918--Germany.

World War, 1914-1918.

Places

Alaska--Discovery and exploration.
Germany--History--Allied occupation, 1918-1930.
Rhine River Valley--History.

Occupations

Army officers.

Provenance

The papers of Henry T. Allen were given to the Library of Congress by his son, Henry T. Allen, Jr., in 1956.

Processing History

The Henry T. Allen Papers were processed in 1957 and revised and expanded in 2005. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Additional Guides

A note about the Henry T. Allen Papers appeared in the Library's *Information Bulletin*, vol. 16, no. 2 (14 Jan. 1957), and the material was described in the Library of Congress *Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions*, vol. 14, no. 3 (May 1957), p. 118. In 1958, the Library published *Henry T. Allen, a Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress*.

Transfers

A portfolio of sketches of Aristide Briand has been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where it is identified as part of the Henry T. Allen Papers.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Henry T. Allen in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Henry T. Allen are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on three reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Henry T. Allen Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1859, Apr. 13	Born, Sharpsburg, Ky.
1882	Graduated, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1887	Married Dora Johnston
1885-1886	Engaged in exploration of Alaska
1888-1890	Instructor, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1890-1895	Military attaché, Russia
1897-1898	Military attaché, Germany In Santiago Campaign as major and adjutant general In Philippines as lieutenant colonel, Forty-Third Regiment
1901	Governor, Island of Leyte Started organization of Philippine Constabulary; was its chief
1903	Brigadier general and chief of constabulary by act of Congress
1910-1912	Lieutenant colonel, General Staff, in charge of Cavalry Section, War Department
1916-1917	In Mexican Punitive Expedition as lieutenant colonel and colonel
1917	Organized cavalry brigade from Thirteenth Cavalry Regiment, Fort Riley, Kans. Assigned as commander, Ninetieth Division, Camp Travis, Tex.
1917-1918	Commanded Ninetieth Division at Toul, Saint-Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, France
1918-1919	Commanded Eighth Army Corps at Montigny-sur-Aube, France
1919	Commanded Ninth Army Corps at Nogent-en-Bassigny, France Commanded Seventh Army Corps at Wittlich, Germany
1919-1923	Commanded American forces in Germany
1923	Retired from United States Army
1928	Active in organizing veterans' groups for Alfred Emanuel Smith for president; unsuccessful aspirant for Democratic vice-presidential nomination
1930, Aug. 30	Died, Burne Vista Spring, Pa.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Henry Tureman Allen (1859-1930) span the years 1806-1933, with the bulk of the material dating from 1883 to 1933. The collection relates mainly to Allen's military career as a member of an Alaskan exploring party, 1885-1886; as organizer and chief of the Philippine Constabulary, 1901-1907; as a member of the Mexican Punitive Expedition, 1916-1917; as commander of the Ninetieth Division during the First World War, and as commander of the American Occupation Forces on the Rhine, 1919-1923. Subsequent to his retirement from the army in 1923, he was active in organizing various veterans' groups for the 1928 Democratic presidential candidate, Alfred Emanuel Smith; material relating to this political activity is among the papers. A few Allen family papers are also in the collection. The papers are organized into the following series: [Diaries, 1883-1930](#), [General Correspondence, 1806-1933](#), [Letterbooks](#), [Military Matters](#), [Speech, Article, and Book File](#), [Miscellany](#), [Photographs](#), [Printed Matter](#), [Clippings](#), [Maps](#), [Reports](#), [Photograph Albums](#), [Scrapbooks and Portfolio](#), and [Oversize](#).

The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence, personal as well as professional. Included, too, are diaries, manuscripts of a book, *My Rhineland Journal*, and numerous speeches and articles, reports of Allen's military activities, photographs, and scrapbooks.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in fourteen series:

- [Diaries, 1883-1930](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1806-1933](#)

- Letterbooks, 1887-1924
- Military Matters, 1900-1923
- Speech, Article, and Book File, 1899-1930
- Miscellany, 1847-1930
- Photographs, circa 1890-1930
- Printed Matter, circa 1890-1933
- Clippings, 1901-1930
- Maps, circa 1911-1923
- Reports, 1918-1928
- Photograph Albums, 1899-1923
- Scrapbooks and Portfolio, 1884-1931
- Oversize, 1884-1931

Description of Series

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BOX 5-26	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1806-1933</u></p> <p>Letters sent and received including occasional family papers. Arranged chronologically. <i>Partially available on negative microfilm. Shelf no. 19,102.</i></p>
BOX 27-31	<p><u>Letterbooks, 1887-1924</u></p> <p>Letters received and sent. Arranged as letters received and letters sent and therein chronologically.</p>
BOX 32-35	<p><u>Military Matters, 1900-1923</u></p> <p>Correspondence, memoranda, reports, transcripts, general, operations, and field orders, maps and sketches, ordinances, notes, minutes of meetings, speeches and writings, printed matter, and miscellaneous military papers. Arranged by military action.</p>
BOX 36-41	<p><u>Speech, Article, and Book File, 1899-1930</u></p> <p>Handwritten and typewritten drafts and printed copies of speeches and articles as well as typescripts of Allen's book <i>My Rhineland Journal</i>. Arranged by type of material and thereunder chronologically.</p>
BOX 42-43	<p><u>Miscellany, 1847-1930</u></p> <p>Genealogical and biographical material, financial papers, and military honors. Chronological span dates provided, but otherwise unarranged.</p>
BOX 44-45	<p><u>Photographs, circa 1890-1930</u></p> <p>Photographs of Allen and various persons and scenes in his life. Chronological span dates provided, but otherwise unarranged.</p>
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BOX 62

Photograph Albums, 1899-1923

Photographs relating to occupied Germany, Marechal Joffre, and the Philippines.
Arranged by subject.

BOX 62

Scrapbooks and Portfolio, 1884-1931

Correspondence, photographs, clippings, and miscellany. Also includes portfolio of maps, photographs, and drawings at end of file.
Chronologically arranged.

BOX OV 1-OV 11

Oversize, 1884-1931

Photograph album, scrapbooks, and portfolio.
Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

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General Correspondence, 1806-1933

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Speech, Article, and Book File, 1899-1930

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