

**WARD SYKES ALLEN**

**[FAMILY PAPERS]**

**1857 – 1942**

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### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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