

William Allen

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of William Allen

Span Dates: 1796-1879

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1840-1876)

ID No.: MSS10520

Creator: Allen, William, 1803-1879

Extent: 3,000 items; 23 containers; 5 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Lawyer, farmer, and U.S. representative and senator from and governor of Ohio. Correspondence, speeches, memoranda, financial records, printed material, maps, and other papers largely relating to Allen's service as U.S. senator (1837-1848) and governor (1873-1875) of Ohio.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Allen, William, 1803-1879.

Faran, James John, 1808-1892--Correspondence.

Graham, James, 1793-1851--Correspondence.

Hough, John, fl. 1831-1845--Correspondence.

Layman, Amos--Correspondence.

Morgan, George, 1777-1846--Correspondence.

Whitman, Henry A.--Correspondence.

Organizations

Ohio. Militia. Chillicothe Independent Blues.

Stoney Mill Salt Works.

Subjects

Greenbacks.

Mexican War, 1846-1848.

Oregon question.

Salt industry and trade--Ohio--Chillicothe.

Locations

Northwest boundary of the United States.

Ohio--Politics and government--1787-1865.

Ohio--Surveys.

Oregon--Boundaries.

Oregon--History--To 1859.

Texas--Annexation to the United States.

United States--Politics and government--1815-1861.

Occupations

Farmers.

Governors--Ohio.

Lawyers.

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Ohio.

Senators, U.S. Congress--Ohio.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of William Allen, lawyer, farmer, and politician, were purchased from Effie Allen Scott together with the Duncan McArthur Papers in 1905.

Copyright Status:

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Preferred Citation:

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1803, Dec. 27	Born, Edenton, N.C.
1819	Moved to Chillicothe, Ohio
1827	Admitted to Ohio bar
1833-1835	Member, United States House of Representatives
1837-1849	United States Senator
1849-1874	Resided on estate near Chillicothe, Ohio
1874-1876	Governor of Ohio
1879, July 11	Died, Chillicothe, Ohio

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Allen (1803-1879) span the years 1796-1879, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1840-1876. The collection focuses on his career in Ohio politics, first as United States representative and senator, then as governor of Ohio. Included are correspondence, speeches, memoranda, financial records, printed matter, maps, and other material. The papers are arranged in a bound [Chronological File](#) and a [Miscellany](#).

The [Chronological File](#) consists primarily of correspondence, financial records, maps, and other material concerning Ohio and national politics during the 1840s and the 1870s. Topics include support of the United States annexation of Texas, the Mexican War, Oregon claims, land surveys, and the Greenback movement. Correspondents include James Faran, James Graham, John Hough, Amos Layman, George Morgan, and Henry A. Whitman.

The [Miscellany](#) consists of an account book of the Stoney Mill Salt Works, Chillicothe, Ohio, dating from 1811 to 1823, which Allen used partially as the backing for a scrapbook of clippings from 1825 to 1827. Also in the series are cancelled bank checks, an 1838 directory of the United States government, memoranda books containing jottings and accounting notes, newspaper clippings, a notebook, a promissory note, political literature, a scrapbook, speeches by Allen and others, and the records of the Chillicothe Independent Blues, an Ohio militia corps.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in two series:

- [Chronological File, 1825-1879, n.d.](#)
- [Miscellany, 1796-1877, n.d.](#)

Description of Series

Container

BOX 1-21

Series

Chronological File, 1825-1879, n.d.

Correspondence, speeches, memoranda, financial records, printed matter, and other papers largely related to Allen's career as a United States congressman (1833-1835) and senator (1837-1848) and governor of Ohio (1874-1876).

Bound and arranged in chronological order.

BOX 22-23

Miscellany, 1796-1877, n.d.

Account book, scrapbooks, memorandum books, notebooks, political literature, records of the Chillicothe Independent Blues Militia Corps, speeches, and other material.

Arranged in alphabetical order by name of organization or type of material.

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BOX 2	27 Sept. 1831-21 Jan. 1840
BOX 3	28 Jan. 1840-22 Jan. 1844
BOX 4	27 Jan.-28 Nov. 1844
BOX 5	29 Nov. 1844-12 Jan. 1845
BOX 6	13 Jan.-21 Feb. 1845
BOX 7	22 Feb.-29 Mar. 1845
BOX 8	30 Mar.-1 Dec. 1845
BOX 9	2 Dec. 1845-4 Jan. 1846
BOX 10	5 Jan.-1 Feb. 1846
BOX 11	2-27 Feb. 1846
BOX 12	28 Feb.-1 Apr. 1846
BOX 13	2 Apr.-21 May 1846
BOX 14	22 May-13 July 1846
BOX 15	16 July 1846-24 Jan. 1847
BOX 16	25 Jan. 1847-20 Mar. 1850
BOX 17	27 Mar. 1850-15 Oct. 1873
BOX 18	17 Oct. 1873-30 July 1875
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BOX 23	Notebook, 1845, n.d. Political literature, 1823-1856 Printed matter, 1796, 1824 Promissory note, 1833 Scrapbook, n.d.

Miscellany, 1796-1877, n.d.

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Speeches

By Allen, 1834-1876

By others, 1840-1877

Stoney Mill Salt Works, Chillicothe, Ohio, account book and scrapbook, 1811-1827

United States government directory, 1838