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Student Affairs
Student Scrapbooks and Papers
Allen Family Papers, 1773-96, 1802-06, 1816-18, 1822-23, 1828-39, 1842-2000

Box 1:

Correspondence including letters by William Allen & Paschal Allen, receipts, 1773, 1784, 1789, 1791, 1793-95
Essay books, 1802
Correspondence, receipts, poem, 1804-06
Sermon, hymn book, 1816
Correspondence including letters by Paschal Allen, Genealogical material, receipts 1818, 1822-23
Correspondence including letters by Paschal Allen, receipts, bills of sale, marriage certificates (of Paschal Allen & Mary Tillinghast, Dec. 1837, of Jonathan B. Allen & Harriet M. Horton, Nov. 27, 1845) stock certificates, poem, 1828, 1831, 1833-38, 1842-43, 1845
School journal of Harriet Allen, 1846
Correspondence including letters by Paschal Allen and Jonathan Bowers, receipts, stock certificates, temperature readings, 1843-49
Receipts for Washington Masonic Lodge, Warren, R. I., 1834-1856
Correspondence including letters of Jonathan, Paschal, William & Louise Allen, receipts, a printed sermon & genealogical material. (See also oversize material, map case 2, room 106F: Jonathan B. Allen, membership certificate of the Agriculture Manufactures and Mechanical Arts, The Rhode Island Society for the Encouragement of Domestic Industry, March 17, 1852), 1850, 1852-59
Allen & Horton family correspondence, papers dealing with the estate of Paschal Allen, poetry, a letter from Lucy Cleveland Eaton, mother of Ada Allen, from Philo, III. in May, 1862, describing farming conditions. 1860-62, 1864, 1866
Farmer's Almanac 1864-67
Journal of Ralph Allen, 1866-68
Letters from Ralph Allen's former schoolmates in Warren, R. I. with descriptions of school-boy activities. Also letters from S.J. Horton to Jonathan Allen, 1867-1869
Composition book of Ralph Allen, 1869-73
Letters from Ralph Allen's former schoolmates in Warren, R.I., County Superintendent's Certificates, First and Second Grade for Louise B. Allen (a school certificate), 1870-72
Herbert Spencer's Philosophy of Style, 1872

Box 2:

Letters from Ralph Allen at Illinois Industrial University to parents discussing first experiences at school, living conditions & studies, Letters from home & also letters from classmates during the summer vacation period. A frequent correspondent among the latter group was A.C. Scribner. Ralph Allen began at the University in the spring of 1873. 1873-74.
I.I.U. receipts, 1873-75
Ada Eaton I.I.U. and teaching certificates, 1873-74, 1878
I.I.U. programs, announcements, catalogues, publications (The Student), 1872-1879
I.I.U. student government tickets, correspondence, notices & acts, The University Reporter, 1874-1876
Ralph Allen's exercise papers at I.I.U., 1874-75
Agricultural course notes, ca. 1874
Ralph Allen's cryptogamic botany notes (T.J. Burrill), ca. 1875
Papers & notes, I.I.U. Scientific Association concerning natural philosophy (physics), ca. 1874-

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- Letters from Ralph Allen to his parents discussing living conditions, classwork & giving advice on agricultural matters based upon what he has learned, Letters from classmates including M.A. Scovell of Rantoul who described the 1875 commencement, A letter to Ralph Allen from T.J. Burrill, Aug. 11, 1875, giving advice concerning the construction of a greenhouse, Letters to Ralph Allen from home, Invitations to social events, 1875.
- Letters to Ralph Allen from classmates, some of these concern the Centennial Year, 1876, Letters from his father Jonathan Allen concerning agricultural matters primarily, Letters from Ralph Allen to friends, Letters to Ada Eaton from friends, A recommendation for Ada Eaton written by Dr. Gregory, April 21, 1876. (See also oversize material, map case 2, room 106F: Ralph Allen, Sr., I.I.U. certificate naming him attorney and counselor at law in the supreme court of the University, March 11, 1876, Ralph Allen, Sr., I.I.U. diploma, 1876), 1876.
- Ralph Allen's correspondence with former classmates including M.A. Scovell & D.W. Stookey, a letter to Ralph Allen from G.E. Morrow, April 29, 1877, inviting him to address a farmers' institute to be held Jan. 14-18 at Urbana, 1877
- Ada Eaton's diary, 1877
- Ralph Allen's correspondence with former classmates, a copy of part of a letter from Ralph Allen to Ada Eaton describing his family background, railway passes, advertisements, 1878
- Ralph Allen correspondence with his fiancé, Ada Eaton, & former classmates & also dealing with agricultural matters & the possibility of a position as Professor of Agriculture at Texas A. & M., letters to Ada Eaton, a short & incomplete journal by Ralph Allen for 1879, a program for the Wrightonian Literary Society of Green Valley, 1879.
- Correspondence of Ralph & Ada Allen including more letters concerning the possibility of a position at Texas A. & M., a letter by Lizzie Allen of June 25, 1880 discussing the birth of Edith Allen, a program of the Agricultural Institute to be held at I.I.U., Jan. 27-30, 1880.
- Letter to Ralph Allen from former classmate Hiram Gilkerson describing his endeavors in farming, program of the 13th anniversary of I.I.U., list of I.I.U. alumni for the years 1872-1880. 1881
- Descriptive Catalogue of Flowering & Vegetable Plants for Spring of 1872 by L.B. & R. Allen, Cattle Registrations, Correspondence concerning estate of deceased Stephen Horton, 1882
- Correspondence of Ralph & Ada Allen dealing with agricultural business & education in Tazewell County, a catalogue of Jersey cattle of J.B. Allen & Son. 1883
- Correspondence primarily concerning farm business & cattle breeding. 1884
- Correspondence primarily concerning farm business & sale of cattle, also contains letter from James R. Mann, an I.I.U. alumnus, asking for support in seeking appointment to the I.I.U. Board of trustees, cattle registrations 1885
- Ralph Allen correspondence--general, John Deere's Pocket Companion, an incomplete journal of expenses for 1886, receipts, cattle registrations, 1886.
- Cattle Registrations, announcement of a performance of the Mikado at Delavan, "The Old School Bell", written by Hezekiah Butterworth for the 1st Annual Reunion of Warren (R.I.) High School Alumni, 1887

Box 3:

- Ralph Allen correspondence including some discussion of farmers' institutes, notices of farmers' institutes, "George Woodley's February Catalogue--1888--of Lumber & Building Materials", will of Harriet M. Allen, 1888
- Ralph Allen correspondence concerning farm business, farmers' institutes & former classmates,

- Henry M. Dunlap is a correspondent, notices of farmers' institutes, cattle registrations, advertisements, 1889
- Ralph Allen correspondence primarily concerning farm business & the sale of Jersey cattle, notice of farmers' institute, 1890
- Allen family correspondence including that of Ralph Allen's mother Harriet, receipts, notices of farmers' institutes, notice of the 17th annual meeting of the Illinois State Dairymen's Association, 1891, notice of the Second Decennial Reunion of Alumni, U. of I., June 8, 1892. 1891-1895
- Correspondence concerning farmers' institutes & notices & programs of institutes in Tazewell, Logan, Madison, & Mason counties, Family correspondence including letters to Edith Allen, material concerning Illinois State Dairymen's Association, Program of 23rd Annual Commencement of Delavan High School, 1898, Program of J.M. Gregory memorial Convocation, October 23, 1898. Program of U. of I. Class Day, June 12, 1899, (See also oversize material, map case 2, room 106F: Edith Louise Allen, Delavan High School diploma, May 17, 1898). 1895-1899
- Correspondence concerning farm business, farmers' institutes & letters from old school friends including D. W. Stookey of Cedar Rapids, Iowa (from the U. of I.) & G. W. Easterbrook of Warren, R. I., Two poems by Ada Allen, Letters to & from Ralph Allen, Jr. & Paschal Allen at the U. of I., Programs & notices of farmers' institutes, A letter from Cyril G. Hopkins to Ralph Allen, Oct. 29, 1901, giving results of soil experiments. 1900-1901
- Illinois Farmers' Institute - Soil Investigation Advisory Committee - Report, 1901
- Herbarium by Jonathan B. Allen, 1901
- Correspondence from Cyril G. Hopkins to Ralph Allen concerning soil experiments, 1902
- Jonathan B. Allen's Laboratory notebook, 1902
- Correspondence from Cyril G. Hopkins concerning soil inoculation, work of Advisory Committee on soil investigation, & letters from Eugene Davenport concerning the same, Printed material by Hopkins & others on soil inoculation in the growth of alfalfa, U of I commencement program (See also oversize material, map case 2, room 106F: Edith Louise Allen, University of Illinois diploma, Bachelor of Arts, General Science, June 10, 1903), 1903
- Correspondence from Cyril G. Hopkins & Eugene Davenport on soil experimentation & investigation, Allen family correspondence, (See also oversize material, map case 2, room 106F: Jonathan B. Allen, Delavan High School diploma, May 20, 1904), 1904
- Correspondence including a letter from Hester Allen to Jonathan Allen, Nov. 13, 1905, Program for installation of Edmund James as University of Illinois President, October 17, 1905

Box 4:

- Correspondence from Cyril G. Hopkins concerning soil investigation & experiments, Funeral notice on Jonathan Allen & related material, Allen family correspondence, 1906
- Letters concerning soil experimentation & farm business including one from Frank I. Mann, Copies of letters from son, Fred E. Allen, from Montana, (See also oversize material, map case 2, room 106F: Ralph Allen, Jr., Delavan High School diploma, May 31, 1907, Fred Eaton Allen, University of Illinois diploma, Bachelor of Science, Agriculture, June 12, 1907), 1907
- Correspondence from Cyril G. Hopkins, Family correspondence including letters to Ralph Allen, Jr., in school at Champaign, Material relating to the Union Club of Warren, R. I., 1908
- Material relating to the North Burial Ground in Providence R. I., 1908
- Correspondence between Ralph Allen and Cyril G. Hopkins and Eugene Davenport, Allen

- family correspondence including letters to & from Ralph Allen, Jr., at the U. of I., Programs of farmer's institutes, March 6 copy of the Daily Illini, 1909
- Correspondence with Cyril G. Hopkins & Eugene Davenport relating to the needs of the College of Agriculture & the Experiment Station, Allen family correspondence with emphasis mainly on Ralph Allen, Jr., F. E. Allen, & Edith Raymond, Material on soybean sales (2 folders), 1910
- Agricultural Advisory Committee Report, 1910
- Allen family correspondence including letters from Ralph Allen in Montana, Correspondence from F. I. Mann relating to farmers' institutes, 1911 U. of I. Commencement Program, Copy of a bill to enlarge College of Agriculture, 1911
- Allen family correspondence, U. of I. commencement material, Correspondence from Cyril G. Hopkins relating to College of Agriculture, (See also oversize material, map case 2, room 106F: Louise Bowers Allen, membership certificate for the Daughters of the American Revolution, February 10, 1912), 1912
- Allen family correspondence, Correspondence with Cyril Hopkins & Eugene Davenport on agricultural matters & expansion of the University, Letters from Ralph Allen to Governor Edward F. Dunne in support of purchase of lands for the University, 1913
- Letter book containing carbon copies of Ralph Allen's letters sent relating to Farmers' Institutes & College of Agriculture. Correspondents include Frank I. Mann & Eugene Davenport. 1910-1913

Box 5:

- Correspondence from Eugene Davenport, Allen family correspondence, 1914
- Correspondence from Cyril G. Hopkins concerning the State Advisory Committee on Soils, Allen family correspondence, 1915
- Allen family correspondence, Material relating to fortieth reunion of U. of I. class of 1876, Material relating to farm business, 1916
- Allen family correspondence, including letters from F. E. Allen in Montana, Correspondence with Eugene Davenport relating to an Agricultural Hall of Fame, Material relating to farmers' institutes, (See also oversize material, map case 2, room 106F: Edith Allen, Columbia University, New York diploma, Master of Arts, June 6, 1917, Edith Allen, Columbia University, New York diploma, Supervisor of Household Arts, June 6, 1917), 1917
- Letters from F. E. Allen in Montana, Receipts & material relating to farm business, 1918
- Allen family correspondence including letters from F. E. Allen, letters concerning farm business, & correspondence from Cyril G. Hopkins on agriculture in Greece, List of Allen family degrees, diplomas and certificates, 1919
- Allen family correspondence including letters from F. E. Allen, Material concerning farm business including that relating to an income tax audit, 1920
- Allen family correspondence, Material relating to the U. of I. 45th anniversary of the Class of 1976, & the 1921 Commencement Program, 1921
- Letters relating to the death of Fred E. Allen & his son & letters from Ralph Allen from Montana after he had gone there to manage the affairs of his son, 1922
- Material relating to the management of the affairs of the late F. E. Allen, Correspondence concerning the establishment of an agricultural hall of fame with Eugene Davenport, H. W. Mumford, M. Burlison, & David Kinley, Allen family correspondence, U. of I. Commencement programs, 1923
- Eloise Allen material relating to her student days at U. of I., dance cards, correspondence,

programs (2 folders), 1920-23

Box 6:

Edith Allen material, including correspondence, school work, certificates, photographs, newspaper clippings, papers describing her life, education, and publications, obituaries and memorial service book, photocopied material (2 folders), (See also oversize material, map case 2, room 106F: Edith L. Allen, Extension Workers Creed, undated), 1880-1949

Edith Allen photocopied genealogical material

Edith Allen family research

Allen Family correspondence including "Dear Children" letters (4 folders), 1921-27

Box 7:

Correspondence concerning F. E. Allen's estate in Montana, Allen family correspondence including letters from Ralph Allen concerning his trip to Washington, D. C., 1924

Allen family correspondence, 1925

Allen family correspondence, 1926

Material relating to the death of Ralph Allen, 1927

Allen family correspondence, Notices concerning Poorland Farm, (See also oversize material, map case 2, room 106F: Edith Louise Allen, American University diploma, Doctor of Philosophy, June 4, 1928), 1928

Allen family correspondence & papers, 1929

Subscription list, ca. 1920-30

Allen family correspondence, 1930

Louise B. Allen's diary, 1930

Allen family correspondence, correspondence with alumni of the Class of 1878 (Ada Allen's class), 1931

Allen family correspondence, 1932

Allen family correspondence, 1933

A letter of Edith Allen, Aug. 16, 1934, "Five Years of Progress" - a publication of the Illinois Grain Corporation, 1934

Allen family correspondence Y papers, Correspondence concerning the Ralph Allen memorial plaque in the U. of I. College of Agriculture including a letter by Herbert W. Mumford, 1935

Allen family correspondence & papers, Materials relating to the Ralph Allen Memorial plaque, Letters relating to Ralph Allen, Jr.'s contribution to the Institute of Cooperation held at the U. of I. in the summer of 1936, including one from H. W. Mumford & H. C. M. Case, Ralph Allen, Jr.'s campaign letters in support of Roosevelt, 1936

Democratic Agricultural Campaign literature, 1936

Allen family correspondence, Correspondence & papers dealing with Ralph Allen, Jr.'s dealings with the Farmers' Institute, Illinois Agricultural Association, College of Agriculture, & Mississippi Valley Farm Business Association, 1937

U. of I. Bulletin: "Annual Farm & Home Week Program", Jan. 10-14, 1938

Allen family correspondence & papers including mention of the retirement of Dr. J. C. Blair of the College of Agriculture (1939), Material related to the Nora Dunlap School for Homemakers attended by Ada M. Allen in 1940, Mary Trowbridge Honey material, 1939-41

Box 8:

Allen family correspondence & papers, 1944-45
 Allen family correspondence & papers, 1946
 Allen family correspondence & letters relating to farm business, 1947
 Material regarding Samuel C. Stanton, U. of I. class of 1879, 1947-49
 Allen family correspondence including obituary for Ada M. Allen, 1948
 Allen family correspondence, Ralph Allen, Jr.'s correspondence & papers concerning his plans to make tape recordings for an oral history of Illinois Agriculture. This includes a transcript of an interview with David Thompson, a former farm adviser in McLean County. The folder also includes photographs of Thompson & his interviewer, Phil Alampi, in addition to photographs taken by Thompson while in McLean County in 1915-1919. 1949
 Correspondence and material relating to the exchange of young farmers between the U. S. and Europe. Ralph Allen, Jr. was the host of a young Danish farmer, Inge Schwensen, 1950
 Inge Schwensen correspondence, 1951
 Allen family correspondence (4 folders), 1952-55
 Correspondence (11 folders), 1956-75
 Perry G. Holden, Reid Memorial, William Burlison, George Iftner, Class of 1911, Tazemen County, Agricultural Center, M.L. Mosher, Report of the Giles House at Delavan, (See also oversize material, map case 2, room 106F: Mrs. Paschal Allen, Pan American Airways certificate for crossing the International Dateline, August 1, 1957)
 Ralph Allen, Jr. Obituaries, 1975
 Correspondence, (See also oversize material, map case 2, room 106F: Edith Hatch Allen, University of Illinois certificate, "Fifty Year Illini" recognizing her as being an alumnus of the University for 50 years, undated), undated

Box 9:

Reports of the Illinois Farmers' Institute, 1906 and 1907 issues, correspondence & material relating to the Farmers' Institute, the College of Agriculture, the Soil Advisory Committee of the College of Agriculture, Ralph Allen's farm business, & beginning in 1920, the attempt to form the Hopkins Memorial Association with the object of purchasing Poorland Farm. Correspondents include Cyril G. Hopkins, Eugene Davenport, F. I. Mann, H. E. Young, F. H. McKelvey, 1901-1920

Box 10:

Correspondence relating to the Hopkins Memorial Association. Other material concerns the Farmers' Institute, the College of Agriculture, Ralph Allen's farm business, & Ralph Allen's views on major issues in U. S. agriculture in the period. Among Allen's most frequent correspondents were Eugene Davenport, William L. Burlison, H. W. Mumford, Cyril G. Hopkins, F. I. Mann, H. E. Young, & F. H. McKelvey. 1921-1927

Box 11:

Copies of The Prairie Farmer (an agriculture & livestock journal), 1902-03
 Newspaper clippings including Rhode Island and local Illinois papers (Delavan Advertiser)

Times) kept mainly for obituaries & marriage notices (4 folders), 1812-1866, 1874-1912, 1913-66 and undated
 Poetry & Address Books
 Programs, 1912-17

Box 12:

Tape Recordings:

Reel 1 -

- 2-3 Ralph Allen interviewing Prof. Joseph C. Blair, ca. January, 1949
- 4-22 Blair's parents, Migration from Scotland to Nova Scotia
- 23-27 Blair's decision to leave the farm
- 28-33 Arrival in Boston after a storm
- 34-39 Brooklyn Bridge
- 40-49 Arrival in Ithaca, New York, to study agriculture at Cornell on April 1, 1892
- 50-62 Liberty Hyde Bailey
- 63-78 Came to Illinois in 1896, contacts with farmers and students, appreciation of Illinois
- 79-94 Introduction, Nov. 27, 1967, Ralph Allen interviewing Paschal and Edith Hatch Allen.
 Paschal Allen is 86 & was an early agriculture student
- 96-106 Went from Delavan to the University of Illinois in 1900
- 107-117 Farmer's Institutes
- 118-135 Registration, Courses of studies, Prof. Ward & soil physics
- 136-142 Prof. Crane & Farm Mechanics, getting machinery & surveying, laying out tile
- 143-150 Trips to equipment manufacturers, Agricultural College train trip to Ohio. Photograph.
- 151-170 Collection and operation of machinery, corn pickers, power, McCormick & Deering
- 171-191 Threshing machines
- 192-199 Pres. Andrew S. Draper: "he was an Eastern man, who didn't know much about agriculture"
- 200-204 Agriculture appropriations
- 205-206 Special students in agriculture who did not have "high school" background
- 207-209 Short course boys called shorthorns
- 210-217 Prof. Kennedy (Animal Husbandry) stock judging
- 218-222 Prof. T. J. Burrill--Bacteriology
- 223-238 Prof. J. C. Blair--Landscape gardening
- 242-244 Edith Hatch Allen
- 245-259 My Uncle Miles Hatch was in the first graduating class, Farmed on Vashan Island near Tacoma, Washington
- 260-272 Fred Hatch (brother) also attended University & was in the second class, married Ann Reynolds, who died soon after, was a good reader
- 273-274 Built silo, green alfalfa
- 275-276 University trustee
- 277-279 Attended 1902 graduation
- 280-283 Altgeld Hall was a showplace
- 284-288 Cyclone went through Champaign before graduation day
- 289-298 My father was a younger brother, Class of 1880
- 307-314 Paschal Allen resumes, Agricultural meetings at the University.
- 315-338 Professors from Kansas gave advice on raising alfalfa in Illinois Dr. Hopkins corrected them--stressed inoculation of the soil. Hopkins was a knowledgeable chemist

- 339-348 Hopkin's analyzed corn--breeding of corn started through Hopkin's ideas. He was a chemist.
- 349-357 Hopkins and soil fertility
- 359-375 Chemistry & quantitative & qualitative soil analysis
Hopkins was first to analyze soil chemically
- 376-392 The Experiment Station, Soil survey was started by Dr. Hopkins--Allen made a soil survey of his farm his thesis
- 393-406 Meetings with livestock men, Arguments over yellow corn vs. white--vitamins
- 407-418 Ignorance of vitamins & soil bacteria at the time.
Hopkins brought much of this out. Was head of the Dept. of Agriculture.
- 419 Memories of athletic activities
- 420-423 George Huff--was a good baseball coach
- 424-425 Successful Eastern baseball tour
- 426-440 Baseball and football stars--Jack Stahl
- 441-445 Basketball was a girls game then.
- 446-453 Allen stayed out one year--belonged to Class of 1904, but graduated with 1905
- 454-460 Classmates--J. C. Spitler
- 464-478 Prof. William L. Burlison--identification of agricultural leaders in a photograph:
Herbert Mumford, Rankin, Charles Hottes, Eugene Funk, Lewis Smith
- 479-488 Ralph Allen & Frank I. Mann, classmates in 1876, members of opposing student parties
- 489-515 Advisory committee
- 516-532 Ralph Allen comments on the picture
- 535-840 Radio program theme music for the Prairie Farmer "Dinner Bell" program,
American & Danish national anthems,
Interview with Inge Schwensen, Danish exchange student who stayed at the Ralph Allen farm, Charles Ray on Illinois, DHIA, artificial insemination, cattle judging
(recopied from paper tape)

Reel 2 -

- 1-62 Dedication of James L. Reid Memorial for yellow dent corn, Sept. 10, 1955.
Excerpts from Dr. R. W. Jugenheimer's remarks on the importance of corn & corn breeding
1846--Robert Reid moved from Brown County, Ohio, to Delavan, Illinois
Robert Reid spent 20 years developing a corn strain
James L. Reid's bumper yields
- 57-61 Welcome by Delavan mayor
- 63-79 Introductions
- 80-124 Dean Louis B. Howard on the University of Illinois role & its staff
- 125-188 Ralph Allen introduces Reid family
- 189-310 Ralph Allen's remarks
- 311-510 Robert W. Jugenheimer's remarks, corn breeding, Reid's yellow dent corn yields, prizes, hybrid corns developed by crossing many inbred lines which were developed from Reid's yellow dent corn
- 511-662 Dr. Kenyan C. Paing, Michigan State University Corn Foundation citation presentation, corn
- 663-699 Mr. Clifford Walton
Response by great grandson of James L. Reid
- 715-802 George Iftner, assistant director Illinois Department of Agriculture, former Tazewell County farm advisor

(recopied from paper tape)

Reel 3 -

- 1-10 Ralph Allen message to David Thompson
 11-34 March 26, 1949, Bloomington, Illinois
 Greetings to Thompson from an old friend, Frank Bill
 Bill identifies Thompson as a former McLean County farm advisor
 Recalls meetings that Thompson held in the past
 Thompson lives in New York City
 35-54 Ralph Allen gives details of how recording by Bill was made
 March 30, 1949
 Discusses his recording hobby
 Comments on the weather
 Mentions Thompson's other old friends in Illinois including
 Earl Smith, Sam Thompson, Chester G. Starr, W. L. Burlison, J. C. Blair
 55-60 Discussed with Bill the best method of making of a historical recording on agriculture
 61-90 Refers to Dr. Joseph C. Blair's recording & his acquaintance with horticulturist Liberty
 Hyde Bailey
 91-98 Joke on relativity
 99-110 Recalls J. H. Turkley, former farm advisory in Logan County
 Turkley invited Allen to a Rotary meeting in Lincoln
 Hopes that he can make a recording of Turkley's corny stories sometime
 Hopes Thompson will make a recording to return to him
 111-118 George Iftner, July 21, 1950
 119-136 Tazewell County Farm Bureau president Milo Miller sends recorded greetings to
 Chester G. Starr, second farm advisor in Tazewell County
 137-179 Mr. Benniman sends greetings to Starr
 180-204 Mr. White or Hoyt, Assistant Tazewell County farm advisor
 205-220 Mr. Paul Miller, Farm Bureau insurance man
 221-232 Miss Eleanor Winkle, reminiscences
 233-259 Mr. Clarence Bale, 5th Tazewell County Farm Advisor
 Soil fertility, changes in farm living, agricultural progress
 260-313 George Deppert, Tazewell County Farm Bureau treasurer, Farm Bureau assets
 314-354 President of Pike County Farm Bureau
 355-619 Chester G. Starr
 Recollections of Farm Bureau men and programs
 Mr. Starr arrived in Pekin to replace Mr. Robbins on June 1, 1918
 Reminiscences of first days as advisory, securing miss Eleanor Winkle as
 secretary for office, use of "pure Bred" as slogan for county livestock, types
 of pure breds, herd of Brown Swiss cattle shown at Illinois fair as
 advertisement (Prof. Rhodes of U. of I. helped in selection), 1st Brown Swiss
 sale
 Recollections of Tazewell County Farm Bureau (continued) during his time there,
 100 bushel corn club initiated, R. Robinson, son of Archy Robinson, usually
 had best corn yield, Dept. of Animal Husbandry sent Dr. Lyon to test cattle,
 origination of auto insurance for members, acknowledges Mr. John
 Schwarztaub of Morton for help in developing auto insurance program,
 development of the Farm Bureau automobile insurance program in Tazewell
 County
 620-712 Starr recalls his personal history

Born in Ohio, moved to Missouri, Purdue, circumstances of his employment as Tazewell County Farm Advisor, Tazewell County work, 1918-22, Colorado, 1922-26, Bloomington, Farm Credit Corporation, Jefferson City, Missouri last 19 years, medical service, Now Director of the Rural Health Service and President of Missouri Agricultural Credit Corporation

713-742 Son--Chester Jr., presently Professor of history at U. of I.,
Previous experience in war (History of 5th Army)

Reel 4 - (entire)

Recording made by Dave Thompson (Agricultural Consultant for the Grocery Manufacturers Association of America) on April 29, 1949 in New York City at Ralph Allen's request. Thompson relates his activities as Farm Advisory for McLean County (February 1915-February 1919), as Executive Secretary of the Illinois Agricultural Association (1919-1922) & as Editorial staff member of radio station WLS (1922-41). Phil Alampi (Farm Director of radio station WJZ, where the recording was made) serves as moderator. (recopied from Scotch tape to Ampex, 7-21-94, interview concludes on second side of reel)

Reel 5 and 6 - (entire)

Recording was made on February 12, 1952 in the Farm Bureau Building at Eureka, Woodford County, Illinois. The speakers are Hugh Brock (Farm Advisor of Woodford County), Lester Davidson (former Director of the Illinois Agricultural Association), Frank Felder (first man to use the Farm Bureau's Farm Management Service), Charlie Smith, Louis C. Schurtz, Simon Lantz (former State Senator), W. H. Smith. Ralph Allen acts as moderator. Speakers relate their experiences in establishing the Woodford County Farm Bureau & the Illinois Agricultural Association, in introducing soil treatment and in farming during the early 1900's. (recopied from Soundmirror to Ampex, 7-21-94, recordings conclude on second side of reels)

Reel 7 - (No date of recording given)

1-672 E. T. Robbins recounts his experiences as the first Farm Advisor of Tazewell County
675-831 Herman W. Danforth (first President of the Farm Bureau and first President of the Illinois Agricultural Association) comments on Robbins' talk & relates how Robbins was appointed Farm Advisor. Ralph Allen serves as moderator (recopied from Soundmirror to Ampex, 7-21-94)

Reel 8 -

1-11 Introduction of Frank W. Hatten. Interview in Delavan, Illinois by Ralph Allen
12-18 Allen reads letter from Hatten's granddaughter about his work in building the Panama Canal
19-39 Hatten relates how he completed his Westinghouse Electric Company apprenticeship by accepting a job as engineer on the Panama Canal after completing his work at the University of Illinois
40-73 Boat trip to Panama
74-85 Cristobal
86-100 Work as a wareman on barge pumps pumping water from the lower Miraflores lock. Later worked on cranes in the lock chambers
101-107 Tools were run by compressed air
108-143 He lived at a government hotel three miles from Panama. Good meals at 30 cents each. Meal tickets were deducted from wages French & Spanish lived in silver quarters

- 144-170 He was made foreman of the electricians. Had charge of telephone & power lines.
Most of the laborers were Barbadean Negroes. Sings songs
- 171-208 YMCA entertainment. William J. Bryan lectured. Encounter with Bryan & a carriage
- 209-237 Raould Amundsen lectured. He brought his dog sleds. Cook-Perry controversy. Perry & Henson gave an interesting account. He later met Richard Byrd who flew over the South Pole
- 238-259 He learned to operate a motion picture projector for the YMCA
He did this 4 or 5 nights a week. He took Spanish and French lessons & dancing lessons. Lists motion picture stars.
- 260-285 He made a swimming platform & had to obtain permission from Colonel Goethals in Culbra. They became good friends.
- 286-334 He escorted President Taft through our end of the canal. He was general foreman of the electrical department for the Pacific end of the canal. Fire control fortification responsibilities. Sixteen inch rifles with a fourteen mile range. Pacific island fortifications. Wireless
- 335-349 Airplane flight across canal. He escorted the aviator back on an army flatcar. Bomb protection
- 350-368 1917 he was in New York on leave when World War I began.
German ships were interred in Panama
- 369-370 He took a dive on a C-series submarine
- 371-400 Flora & Fauna of the tropics. Tarantulas & coral snakes
- 401-425 Government sanitarium on a Pacific Island. They fished for sharks. Alligator hunt
- 426-447 Tropical storms
- 448-472 Theodore Roosevelt visited Delavan & spoke. Hatten was at camp Yaphank when he died. He knew his sons
- 473-479 He met Wilson, Taft & F. D. Roosevelt. None compare with "sheer bravado and accomplishment."
- 480-485 Caruso, Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Castle also visited Panama.
- 486-840 Organ music & funeral service for Frank W. Hatten by Reverend Charles Hendricks of the Delavan United Presbyterian Church

Photograph Negatives
75 envelopes

Box 13: (oversize)

- A scrapbook dating from Ralph Allen Sr.'s student days at I. I. U. Includes tickets, announcements, circulars, programs. Also includes clippings & pictures taken from newspapers & illustrated journals of the time, 1874-81.
- A scrapbook dating from Ralph Allen Jr.'s student days at the U. of I. Photographs and clippings, announcements, programs relating to student life. Photographs of the Allen family, 1909-10.
- Revolutionary War document, 1773, 1781, Mary Allen widow document, 1791, Pascal Allen Indenture papers, 1796, "Burning of the ship Gaspee, 1839, Stephen Horton obituary, 1865 (oversize)

Box 14: (oversize)

A scrapbook by Eloise Allen (Mrs. Jesse Johns) during her student days at the U. of I., 1918-22. Includes photographs of classmates, campus scenes & activities. Also contains clippings, announcements, programs, tickets & invitations.

A scrapbook by Hester A. Allen during her student days at the U. of I., 1911-16. Includes photographs, clippings, dance cards, announcements.

Box 15:

Photographs:

Allen family--individual photographs, ca. 1844-1920, the pictures of the Horton & Bowers families, Mrs. Lucy C. Eaton, Ada Mary Eaton, Lucius Eaton, Edith Allen & Fred E. Allen

Allen family group photographs, ca. 1844-1955, including small album, ca. 1910

Houses, 1850-1960

Individual portraits, ca. 1860-1950

Ralph Allen, Sr.--7 individual photographs, ca. 1862-1920

Louise B. Allen & "Beta Circle", c.1870-80

Portraits of Ralph Allen, Sr. classmates by Thomas Naughton, ca. 1876

Pictures of University Associates, ca. 1876-1935

Group Photographs, c. 1890-1970

Sand Springs, Montana, c. 1907-22

Farm groups & scenes, Delavan

Hotaling family & unidentified photographs

Cross-reference for oversize photos of I. I. U. scenes, c. 1875, of University greenhouse, statuary, library, & Natural Philosophy Laboratory

Box 16:

Farm & house diagrams and maps, letterhead, c.1860-1945

Speeches & essays by Ralph Allen Sr. & Jr., c.1880-1938

Poems, pictures & games, undated

School papers, undated

Class notes in agriculture, 1905-11

Hackney Farm Record, Dillon Twp., Tazewell County, 1918-25

Perry G. Holden, 1958

Cyril Hopkins Memorial, 1959-64

Brazil, correspondence, map and photographs (9 folders) (See also oversize material, map case 2, room 106F: El Alcalde de la Municipalidad de Arequipa, August 15, 1963), 1956, 1963, 1965, 1967

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Harriet H. Allen Scrapbook, (no longer in book form) 1913-18

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