

Henry C. Allen Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Creator	Allen, Henry C., (Henry Covert), 1873-1939
Title	Henry C. Allen Collection
Date	1884-1918
Extent	0.75 Linear feet
Language	English
Collection [Box]	.75 lf
Abstract	The Henry C. Allen collection consist of personal and business records, club memberships, insurance policies, and other material related to Henry Covert Allen. A Denver lawyer, Allen was a partner in the Allen and Crump law firm. Allen was involved in cases that focused on water rights and laws.

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical Note

Henry Covert Allen was born January 24, 1873 in Rochester, New York. He received his legal education from the University of Pennsylvania with former Pennsylvania state solicitor William Nelson as his advisor.

Just before taking the Pennsylvania bar exam, Allen was compelled to leave for the west for health reasons. In February 1899, he moved to Montrose, Colorado, where he worked as an attorney, making real estate his specialty. A special Bench and Bar edition of the *Denver Times* in February 1899 described him as already having “obtained recognition from older members of the bar for his legal worth, and he bids fair to becoming a shining light at the bar of this great state.”

In 1909, he moved to Denver and was a partner in the law firm of Allen & Crump, located in the Kittredge Building, specializing in water law. He was involved in cases for such organizations as the Platte Water Company, the City Ditch Company and the Henrylyn Irrigation District, as well as investing in several mining concerns. He was a member of several clubs in Denver, including the Fortnightly Club, the Searchlight Club, the Denver Athletic Club and the New York Society of Colorado. He was also an active member of St. John’s Cathedral in Denver.

Allen died at the Porter Sanitarium in Denver in November 1939, just five months after the death of his second wife, Dr. Helmina Jeidell.

Scope and Contents note

Henry Allen was an attorney involved in one of the most important issues in Colorado history. Water rights and laws have motivated some heated debates and court cases in the state, and the outcomes of the cases have established some ground-breaking practices in water rights in the arid West. Henry C. Allen was a lawyer in the center of the debate, and this collection provides unique insight into the legal process.

This collection spans the years 1884 to 1916, almost the entire length of Henry Allen’s professional career. The series includes Biographical Material (1898-1915), Correspondence (1892-1916), Financial Material (1894-1916), Insurance Material (1899-1918), Literary Material (undated), Nevada Land Speculation Records (1907), Colorado Irrigation Company (1884-1914), Platte Water Company (1905-1908), City Ditch (Denver) (1903-1908), Henrylyn Irrigation District (1916), Fruit Lands Company (1912-1915), and Water Rights (1902-1905).

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Use note

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Provenance

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Brotherhood of St. Andrew .
- Capitol Hydraulic Company. (Denver, Colo.)
- Colorado Electric Club.
- Denver Athletic Club.
- Fruit Lands Company.
- Henrylyn Irrigation Company. (Denver, Colo.)
- Henrylyn Irrigation District.
- Mosida Fruit Lands Company.
- Northern Colorado Irrigation Company.
- Platte Water Company. (Denver, Colo.)
- St. John's Cathedral (Denver, Colo.) .
- The Union Pacific Coal Corporation.

Genre(s)

- Abstracts.
- Account books.
- Contracts.
- Correspondence.
- Deeds.
- Insurance policies.
- Pamphlets.
- Receipts.

Occupation(s)

- Lawyers--Colorado.

Personal Name(s)

- Cobb, C.L.
- Pouppirt, E.E.
- Sanford, Albert B.

Subject(s)

- Irrigation--Colorado.
- Water rights--Colorado.
- Water-supply--Colorado--Denver.

Collection Inventory

Biographical Material 1898-1915 11.0 File folder(s)	
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Daybook 1903	1
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Clubs/Organizations - Letter to the members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; List of members of St. Marks; Note to H.C. Allen from "F.H." regarding meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; Minutes of a meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; Dance list of the Denver Athletic Club n.d.

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Plan of readjustment sent to H.C. Allen by the Columbian Woodsmen 1915

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Business Cards n.d. 9.0 Item(s)

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Letter with check from the Mercantile Bank and Trust Co.; Letter from the Milwaukee Fire Insurance Co. to H.C. Allen 1908-1910 9.0

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Letter of introduction to J.E. Wilkie from C.A. Lawson 5/28/09

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Three letters from Edward to H.C. Allen 1910

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Letter from Edward to H.C. Allen; Letter from W.C. Van Alstyne to H.C. Allen; Letter from Elizabeth M. Booth to H.C. Allen 1910-1913

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