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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

NAME OF COLLECTION:

Allen, Charles, Papers, 1828-1877

LOCATION(S):

Mss. boxes "A"

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

one manuscript box (ca. 200 items)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

See *Biographical Directory of the American Congress 1774-1961* (U.S. Government Printing Office, 1961), p. 469

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

Papers relating to Allen's estate probably removed from the collection of Peter Child Bacon Papers, 1833-1884, given to AAS by Thomas Hovey Gage.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

Charles Allen (1797-1869), Worcester County, Mass., judge and lawyer, was the son of Joseph Allen (1749-1827) and the brother of Samuel Allen (1789-1863). He attended Leicester Academy and studied at Yale College in 1811 and 1812. He served in the Massachusetts state legislature and the U.S. Congress and was an abolitionist and one of the founders of the Free Soil Party.

Most of the items in this collection are receipts and correspondence pertaining to the administration of Allen's estate by his son Charles Allen (-) and his executor Peter Child Bacon (1804-1886). There are leases, statements of assets and liabilities, his will, cancelled checks, receipts, and various account statements and inventories. The elder Allen's correspondence, for the period 1850 to 1863, and some papers relating to his estate settlement have been item-cataloged.

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CHARLES ALLEN, PAPERS, 1828-1877
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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Allen, Joseph, Papers, 1768-1827</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Misc. Mss. Boxes "A" Folio Volumes "A"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 folder, 9 items; 1 folio volume</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>

Finding aids:

See Harriette M. Forbes, New England Diaries 1602-1800 (privately printed, 1923), p. 6; and Worcester Fire Society Reminiscences, pp. 7-10

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Source of collection:

Source unknown

Collection description:

Joseph Allen (1749-1827) was the son of James Allen, a Boston merchant, and Mary Adams Allen, a sister of Samuel Adams. In 1770 he opened a store in Leicester, Massachusetts, and in 1776 he succeeded Levi Lincoln as clerk of the courts, an office he held until 1810. In 1810 he was chosen to the 11th Congress to fill an unexpired term but he declined re-election. He was one of the founders of Leicester Academy. He was the brother of Samuel Allen (1757-1830) and the father of Samuel Allen (1789-1863) and Charles Allen (1797-1869).

This collection of papers includes seven official documents: Allen's appointment as a Worcester County Justice of the Peace, 1788, 1796, and 1822; three documents signed by Allen as court clerk; and a document appointing him a presidential elector, 1796. All these manuscripts are filed in the folder in the manuscript box and all have been item cataloged.

The following manuscripts in the collection have not been cataloged: a 1785 writ and his 1768 diary (both of which are filed in the folder in the manuscript box), and the folio volume of his book as a trial justice, 18 April 1786-12 March 1791. His diary, 23 pages, was originally bound in Bickerstaff's Boston almanac for 1768. Kept while he was living in Boston, it is a daily record of the weather with some shipping news and a few entries of a political nature. The trial record has 86 pages of entries plus an index at the end of the volume.

LIST OF WRITERS FOR THE JOSEPH ALLEN PAPERS

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