

INVENTORY OF THE
EVERETT S. ALLEN PAPERS
IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
WHALING MUSEUM LIBRARY

Content: Papers of a New Bedford, Mass., newspaper reporter and author, 1925-1975.

Volume: 5 inches.

Provenance: Gifts of Everett S. Allen on 29 November 1984 and 31 December 1985.

Restrictions: None.

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INTRODUCTION

Materials in this collection were donated to the Old Dartmouth Historical Society by Everett S. Allen on 29 November 1984 and 31 December 1985.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Everett Slocum Allen was the son of Joseph Chase and Mary Etta Ashton Allen born in New Bedford, Mass., in 1916. His father was a noted author and poet especially on subjects relating to Martha's Vineyard. Everett attended Tisbury High School on Martha's Vineyard and graduated from Tabor Academy in Marion, Mass. He received his bachelor's degree from Middlebury College in Vermont in 1938. In the fall of 1938, Allen began his long journalism career with the Standard-Times of New Bedford, Mass., which was only interrupted by his service in the U. S. Navy during World War II. Allen covered many beats for the Standard-Times beginning with the city waterfront, then as police-fire reporter, assistant city editor, acting city editor, advancing to Sunday editor and assistant to the editor, a position he held from 1950 to 1976. He served as an editorial writer from 1955 and editor of the editorial page from 1975 until his retirement at the end of 1979. During 1979, Allen received several journalism awards, among them the Editors Award by the American Society of Newspaper Editors. That same year, he was named a fellow of the Academy of New England Journalists. Allen continued his affiliation with the newspaper with his syndicated weekly column "The Present Tense" until his death.

Allen wrote numerous article series during his career covering such topics as the Communist purge in China in 1957, the fishing industry in 1953, McMillan, the Arctic explorer in 1954 and American-Soviet oceanography in 1958. His deep interests in his topics turned several article series into full length books. Allen authored seven books that were published between 1962 and 1982. Most noted among these are Children of the Light published in 1973 relating to the decline of the New Bedford whaling industry; A Wind to Shake the World in 1976 regarding the 1938 hurricane which was Allen's first assignment for the Standard-Times and Black Ships in 1979 about rumrunners during prohibition along the New England coast.

In 1985, Allen was awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree from Southeastern Massachusetts University in North Dartmouth, Mass. Allen married Phyllis Johnson in 1939 and they had two adopted children. He had resided in Fairhaven, Mass. for many years and died in 1990.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Materials in this collection reflect the activities of Everett S. Allen as a newspaper reporter and an author and his involvement in the local community of New Bedford, Mass., between 1925 and 1975. The majority of the material relates to the John L.E. Pell Papers and the Pitcairn Island Relief Expedition Records.

The John L.E. Pell Papers, 1925-1973, consists of correspondence, short stories, clippings, a biographical sketch and materials on Edward G. Robinson and his wife, Gladys Lloyd Robinson. Pell's correspondence, 1925-1958, contains letters from the office of D.W. Griffith, Inc., a motion picture producer, actor Edward G. Robinson and his wife Gladys Lloyd Robinson, an artist and from Pell to Everett Allen and others. Pell wrote a short story with Clay Perry entitled The Golden Eldorado of the Americas, Porcupine, ca. 1945 which was published in Esquire. He also wrote A Kid in Little Old New York, a reminiscence of his childhood in New York. Pell asked Allen to help him market this work in 1958. There are also art exhibition catalogs for Gladys Lloyd Robinson's work, 1948-1954 and clippings about both Robinsons, 1933, 1973. Other clippings are about "Down to the Sea in Ships," 1922 which Pell wrote the original scenario and regarding Pell himself, 1945-1956. There is also a brief biographical sketch on Pell, ca. 1958.

The Pitcairn Island Relief Expedition Records, 1939-1940, contain correspondence, minutes of meetings, financial records, crew papers, a sea journal and clippings. This expedition was to provide medical and dental aid as well as food supplies to the people of Pitcairn Island. Granville P. Lindley had recently been to Pitcairn and noted the conditions there, he felt that there was a need to assist the residents. Lindley interested several New Bedford men to assist him in this project including Everett Allen. A committee was established to raise funds for the expedition. As the European war had just begun, no commercial vessel was available to ship any goods. The committee also had to charter a vessel and outfit her for a voyage. The Schooner LIBERTY of Portland, Maine was secured and brought to New Bedford, unfortunately it was discovered that she was too financially encumbered to be used.

Additional material in this collection reflects Allen's involvement in activities of the community or in his job. Records for the Committee of the "Moby Dick" Premiere in 1956, consist of lists of committeemembers and guests invited to a luncheon, a souvenir booklet and clippings about the event. Material on Operation Sail which was a parade of tall ships in New York harbor in 1964 includes press releases, articles on the event and Allen's article covering the event.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE (cont.)

Papers on the Unknown Sailor relate the story of a man who was wounded during World War II and brought to a government hospital in Brighton, Mass., paralyzed from those wounds. He was admitted in 1945 and died there in 1975, without anyone ever knowing his true identity. His story drew national attention and numerous investigations were made to identify him. His funeral service was held at the Seamen's Bethel and his burial was at Rural Cemetery, both in New Bedford. These papers include his eulogy as delivered by Allen, a memorial booklet and clippings about him and his death and funeral, 1974-1975.

Additional papers consist of a typescript about Capt. James A. Tilton, ca. 1930; clipping of an article by Allen and a later letter regarding the moving of the CHARLES W. MORGAN from Dartmouth to Mystic, 1941, 1975; an invitation to a centennial celebration of the Standard-Times, 1950 and a program commemorating the centennial of a flag raising ceremony at an elementary school which Allen served as master of ceremonies, 1961.

- Series A. Correspondence, 1950, 1975. 4 items.
- Series B. John L.E. Pell Papers, 1925-1973.
Correspondence, short stories, clippings, biographical sketch and clippings and art exhibit catalogs on Edward G. Robinson and his wife, Gladys Lloyd Robinson. 1 inch.
- Series C. Pitcairn Island Expedition Records, 1939-1940.
Correspondence, minutes of meetings, financial records, crew papers, sea journal and clippings. 1 inch.
- Series D. "Moby Dick" Premier Committee Records, 1956.
Lists of committee members and guests, souvenir booklet and clippings. 7 items.
- Series E. Operation Sail, 1964 Records, 1964.
Press releases and articles on event including Allen's. 1 inch.
- Series F. The Unknown Sailor Papers, 1974-1975.
Eulogy, memorial booklet and clippings. 10 items.
- Series G. Miscellaneous Papers, ca. 1930-1975.
Typescript, clippings, correspondence, invitation and program. 5 items.

DESCRIPTION

Series A. Correspondence, 1950, 1975

Folder 1. 1950, 1975

Series B. John L.E. Pell Papers, 1925-1973

- Folder 1. Correspondence, 1925, 1933, 1950-1958
- " 2. The Golden Eldorado of the Americas, Porcupine, ca. 1945
- Volume 1. A Kid in Little Old New York, 1958
- Folder 3. Art exhibit catalogs of Gladys Lloyd Robinson, 1948-1954
- " 4. Clippings on Edward G. & Gladys Lloyd Robinson, 1933, 1973
- " 5. Clippings on "Down to the Sea in Ships", 1922
- " 6. Clippings, 1945-1956
- " 7. Biographical sketch, ca. 1958

Series C. Pitcairn Island Relief Expedition Records, 1939-1948

- Folder 1-2. Correspondence, 1939-1940
- " 3. Minutes of meeting, 1940
- " 4. Financial records, 1939-1940
- " 5. Crew papers, 1939-1940
- Volume 1. Journal of the LIBERTY from Portland, Me. to New Bedford, Mass., 1940
- Folder 6-7. Clippings, 1939-1940

Series D. "Moby Dick" Premier Committee Records, 1956

- Folder 1. Lists of committee members, 1956
- " 2. List of guests invited to luncheon, 1956
- " 3. Souvenir booklet, 1956
- " 4. Clippings, 1956

Series E. Operation Sail, 1964 Records, 1964

- Folder 1-2. Press releases, 1964
- " 3. Articles on program, 1964
- " 4. Allen's article on program, 1964

Series F. The Unknown Sailor Papers, 1974-1975

- Folder 1. Eulogy by Allen, 1975
- " 2. Memorial booklet, 1975
- " 3. Clippings, 1974-1975

Series G. Miscellaneous Papers, ca. 1930-1975

- Folder 1. Typescript about Capt. James A. Tilton, ca. 1930
- " 2. Clipping and correspondence regarding CHARLES W. MORGAN, 1941, 1975
- " 3. Invitation and program, 1950, 1961

ADDED ENTRIES

Authors--Correspondence, reminiscences, etc.
Authors, American--Mass.--New Bedford
Liberty (Schooner)
Moving-picture authorship--Mass.--New Bedford
Moving pictures--Mass.--New Bedford
New Bedford, Mass.--Moving pictures
Pell, John L E , b. 1874
Pitcairn Island
Reporters and reporting--Mass.--New Bedford
Robinson, Edward G , 1893-1973
Robinson, Gladys Lloyd
New Bedford, Mass.--Authors
Pitcairn Island Relief Expedition, 1939-1940

SEPARATIONS LIST

Removed to printed collection:

✓Allen, Everett S. "60 Years of Service, 1884-1953," St. Luke's Hospital, 1953

Pam Briggs, James Franklin. "An Obscure Fragment of New Bedford's History," 1935. Inscribed to ESA from John L.E. Pell, 1957

Lower Stacks _____ . "In the Wake of the Mary Celeste" Old Dartmouth Historical Society Sketch No. 74

Pam Ceremonies Commemorative of George Washington, 1732-1799, 1952. Inscribed to ESA from WMC, 1952.

"Clippings from Curator Tripp's Scrapbook," n.d.

Columbian Courier, New Bedford, Mass., Oct. 23, 1799.

The Daily Mercury, New Bedford, Mass., April 1, 1861; May 13, 1869

Societies Log of Mystic Museum Bulletin #35, March 1, 1947.

Pam "New Bedford in 1810 (corrected to 1807)" H.S. Hutchinson, New Bedford, Mass., 1897. Inscribed to ESA from John L.E. Pell, 1957.

The New Bedford Mercury, Oct. 4, 1828; Jan. 2, 1829.

~~Pictorial Review of World's War Activities, Spruce Production Division, U.S. Army Oregon & Washington, 1918~~

Pam "William L. Sayer, Feb. 26, 1848 - April 15, 1914."

Lower Stacks Wilson, Earle D. Remember?, 1947.