

## **A0021**

### **Allen-Rodgers Family Papers, 1858-1924 (bulk 1871-1889)**

2 manuscript boxes; 2 oversize boxes; 14 volumes

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### **REPOSITORY**

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### **DONOR INFORMATION**

Not available.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Thomas Allen was born August 29, 1813, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. As a young man, he worked as a lawyer and newspaper publisher in New York City and Washington, D.C. In 1842, he moved to St. Louis, where he married Ann Russell. Allen became president of several railroads including the Iron Mountain Railroad. He was the first president of the University Club and served in the Missouri Senate (1850-1854). He died April 8, 1882, in St. Louis.

Thomas Rodgers was born December 30, 1835, in Mercer, Pennsylvania. During the Civil War, he served with the 140th Pennsylvania Infantry, eventually earning the rank of lieutenant colonel. Following the war he came to St. Louis, where he worked as an insurance agent and a deputy clerk in the circuit clerk's office. Rodgers also served as assistant adjutant general for the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri. He died May 30, 1916, in St. Louis.

The Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) papers of Thomas Rodgers were housed with the Thomas Allen papers when the processing of the collection was begun. While no direct link between the two men could be found, it is presumed that there is a family connection.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Allen-Rodgers Family Papers consists of correspondence and business papers of Thomas Allen and his family, as well as correspondence and G.A.R. papers of Thomas Rodgers. The papers are arranged into three series: **Allen Family Series**, **Grand Army of the Republic Series**, and **Miscellaneous Series**.

The **Allen Family Series** is divided into four subseries: *Business Papers*, *Real Estate Papers*, *Personal Papers*, and *Other Family Members Papers*. The *Business Papers Subseries* contains papers regarding Allen's work in publishing the "Madisonian" and his work with the railroads. The *Real Estate Papers Subseries* contains papers regarding Allen's extensive land holdings. The *Personal Papers Subseries* contains correspondence and personal accounts. The *Other Family Members Papers Subseries* contains correspondence to Ann Allen and papers of George Allen.

The **Grand Army of the Republic Series** is divided into three subseries: *Members*, *Posts*, and *Subjects*. The *Members Subseries* consists of correspondence and various G.A.R. documents including transfer cards, membership applications, and discharge certificates. These items are arranged alphabetically by the name of the member. The *Posts Subseries* includes correspondence, charter applications, and surrendered charters for various G.A.R. posts, primarily in the Department of Missouri. Most of the items are arranged numerically by the number of the post. The *Subjects Subseries* contains various G.A.R. papers, including information regarding national encampments and pensions, which are arranged by subject matter.

The **Miscellaneous Series** contains correspondence, envelopes, pictures, calling cards, and miscellany.

## **Allen Family Series**

### ***Business Papers Subseries***

#### **Box 1**

- Folder 1 Business and political papers of Thomas Allen, 1874-1878. 3 items
- Folder 2 Papers regarding the Iron Mountain Railroad, including payrolls and receipts, 1878, no date. 11 items
- Volume 1 Allen Market Scales (St. Louis, Missouri) ledger, February-November 1856
- Volume 2 Allen Iron Works (St. Louis, Missouri) ledger, 1855-1860
- Volume 3 Allen Printing Company (Washington, D.C.) journal of fee accounts (1822-1824) and printing accounts (1837-1843)
- Volume 4 "Madisonian" (Washington, D.C.) daybook, 1839-1843
- Volume 5 "Madisonian" (Washington, D.C.) journal with unidentified St. Louis accounts (1848-1850) and rent roll (1830), 1837-1842
- Volume 6 "Madisonian" (Washington, D.C.) ledger, September 1837-January 1843

### ***Real Estate Papers Subseries***

#### **Box 1**

- Folder 3 Papers regarding land holdings of Thomas Allen, 1871-1880, no date. 41 items
- Volume 7 Real estate records (St. Louis, Missouri), ledger of loans, mortgages, and rents, April 1851-May 1860
- Volume 8 Real estate records (St. Louis, Missouri), ledger of rents received, with printed schedules of mail arrivals at the St. Louis Post Office (1860), January 1860-February 1862
- Volume 9 Real estate records (St. Louis, Missouri), ledger of holdings, April 1848-1861

### ***Personal Papers Subseries***

#### **Box 1**

- Folder 4 Personal papers of Thomas Allen including correspondence, 1878-1880, no date. 8 items
- Volume 10 Personal accounts journal, February 1849-July 1859
- Volume 11 Personal accounts journal, January 1877-December 1881
- Volume 12 St. Louis Circuit Court decision, Thomas Allen et al. v. Elizabeth L. Donaldson and William R. Donaldson, July 1897

Volume 13 Account book with the following hand-written title on the cover: "Journal of Congress printing, Thomas Allen with Leather Manufacturers' Bank," which contains 10 pages of accounts dated 1841. The back of the volume contains a journal (22 pages) dated May 5-22, 1842, written in pencil, which describes a trip up the Missouri River from St. Louis to Weston and the return to St. Louis. The journal describes the journey on the steamboat *Rowena* from St. Louis to Liberty Landing; a visit to Major John Dougherty's residence near Liberty Landing; the brief trip on the steamer *Col. Woods* from Liberty Landing to Lexington; and the continuation of the journey on the steamboat *Edna* from Lexington to Ft. Leavenworth and Weston. The journal contains descriptions of several towns along the river.

Volume 14 Survey of Thomas Allen Addition, no date.

oversize Statement of plants forwarded to Thomas Allen by Geo. C. Thorburn, November 1842

***Other Family Members Papers Subseries***

**Box 1**

Folder 5 Correspondence to Ann Russell Allen primarily from her son Thomas (also includes letter signed William Greenleaf Eliot, dated February 6, 1885), 1872-1893, no date. 38 items

Folder 6 Papers of George W. Allen, Thomas' son, 1874-1881. 19 items

**Grand Army of the Republic Series**

***Members Subseries***

Folder 7 Baker, Walter R., correspondence, March 1892. 1 item

Folder 8 Bolton, Frank, correspondence regarding, August 1907. 1 item

Folder 9 Daugherty, Frank, discharge certificate, September 1864. 1 item

Folder 10 Eliot, Thomas J., transfer card, March 1893. 1 item

Folder 11 Fetty, S.W., charges against, 1886, no date. 2 items

Folder 12 Graham, W.J., transfer card, November 1895. 1 item

Folder 13 Hatfield, Abe, transfer card, November 1895. 1 item

Folder 14 Henderson (alias Hennison), Isaac, papers regarding pension and burial, 1905, 1908. 3 items

Folder 15 Hester, Francis M., discharge certificate and correspondence, 1865-1889. 3 items

- Folder 16 Hill, William, discharge certificate and correspondence, 1883-1890, no date. 14 items
- Folder 17 Hoffman, D.L., charges against, 1891. 6 items. Includes photocopies.
- Folder 18 Hoffman, J. Christian, transfer card, May 1889. 1 item
- Folder 19 Hooker, W.G., transfer card, November 1895. 1 item
- Folder 20 Johnson, William H., charges against, 1886, no date. 5 items
- Folder 21 King, John G., certificate of service, July 1888. 1 item
- Folder 22 King, John R., G.A.R. card, no date. 1 item
- Folder 23 Lambert, George, correspondence, October 1883. 1 item
- Folder 24 Lant, John A., correspondence regarding transfer, 1909-1910, no date. 7 items
- Folder 25 Liephart, William F., papers regarding his death, 1907-1908. 7 items
- Folder 26 Madden, Liberty S., membership application, 1885. 1 item
- Folder 27 Martin, James W., papers regarding his death, 1906-1907, no date. 4 items
- Folder 28 Mayes, James I., certificate of service, December 1888. 1 item
- Folder 29 McKown, James B., papers regarding pension, 1909, no date. 5 items
- Folder 30 Millstedt, James, charges against, July-September 1890. 4 items
- Folder 31 Moore, Thomas, pension voucher, December 1898. 1 item
- Folder 32 Perkins, Isaac, transfer card, May 1891. 1 item
- Folder 33 Rommell, Fredolin, card granting leave of absence, September 1890. 1 item
- Folder 34 Seigrist, Adam J., charges against, 1890-1891. 3 items
- Folder 35 Wells, John I., discharge certificate and correspondence, 1865, 1888. 2 items
- Folder 36 Wilson, Brooker, charges against, October 1886. 1 item

***Posts Subseries***

- Folder 37 Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, receipt, December 1908. 1 item

- Folder 38 Garfield Post No. **6**, correspondence, September-October 1883. 5 items
- Folder 39 O.P. Morton Post No. **14**, correspondence, June-August 1907, no date. 20 items
- oversize Surrendered charter of Captain Wagoner Post No. **31**, July 13, 1898. 1 item
- Folder 40 Captain Wagoner Post No. **31**, correspondence, November 1891. 1 item
- oversize Charter of Ault Post No. **55**, January 24, 1883. 1 item
- Box 2**
- Folder 1 B.B. King Post No. **70**, correspondence and charter application, April-June 1883, no date. 7 items
- oversize Surrendered charter of U.D. Wixam Post No. **[83]**, 1889 February 27. 1 item
- oversize Surrendered charter of Captain E.B. Howard Post No. **89**, March 24, 1887. 1 item
- oversize Charter of General Halleck Post No. **91**, October 1, 1889. 1 item
- oversize Charter of Lockwood Post No. **94**, June 30, 1883. 1 item
- oversize Charter of William E. Wood Post No. **101**, July 28, 1883. 1 item
- oversize Charter of John Brown Post No. **122**, October 24, 1883. 1 item
- oversize Charter of Harrison Post No. **125**, March 14, 1891. 1 item
- oversize Surrendered charter of James Marques Post No. **127**, March 22, 1895. 1 item
- Folder 2 Fred Miller Post No. **130**, correspondence, December 1883, no date. 6 items
- Folder 3 Ransom Post No. **131**, correspondence, no date. 1 item
- oversize Surrendered charter of Gardner Post No. **133**, March 8, 1898. 1 item
- Folder 4 General J.G. Foster Post No. **[137]**, correspondence, January, November 1883. 3 items
- oversize Surrendered charter of Colonel Keith [Kief?] Post No. **164**, December 29, 1887. 1 item
- oversize Charter of Conrad Dumert Post No. **165**, June 25, 1892. 1 item
- oversize Surrendered charter of Jesse H. Moore Post No. **168**, May 1905. 1 item

- oversize Surrendered charter of Justi Post No. **173**, February 17, 1915. 1 item
- oversize Surrendered charter of Windsor Post No. **186**, June 28, 1884. 1 item
- oversize Surrendered charter of Julius P. Garesche Post No. **193**, August 15, 1892. 1 item
- oversize Charter of Austin Hubbard Post No. **194**, March 21, 1905. 1 item. (Attached is commission of Benjamin W. Wright as postmaster of Cedar County, Missouri, January 3, 1896.)
- oversize Charter of Alek Hays Post No. **195**, August 26, 1884. 1 item
- oversize Surrendered charter of Captain J. Burch Post No. **199**, February 16, 1899. 1 item.
- oversize Surrendered charter of Bradshaw Post No. **201**, January 1903. 1 item
- oversize Surrendered charter of Wilson Stanley Post No. **208**, December 4, 1889. 1 item.
- oversize Surrendered charter of Isaac Clevenger Post No. **211**, November 9, 1901. 1 item.
- oversize Charter of Jamesport Post No. **220**, October 15, 1888. 1 item.
- oversize Surrendered charter of Colonel Almstaedt Post No. **227**, June 4, 1898. 1 item
- oversize Charter of General Charles R. Wood Post No. **246**, August 27, 1885. 1 item
- oversize Surrendered charter of Colonel Leonard Post No. **251**, November 5, 1926. 1 item.
- oversize Charter of George B. McClellan Post No. **255**, November 25, 1885. 1 item.
- oversize Surrendered charter of Wakefield Stanley Post No. **282**, January 21, 1914. 1 item
- oversize Surrendered charter of Charles Sumner Post No. **286**, July 15, 1915. 1 item
- oversize Surrendered charter of Captain Blandowsky Post No. **296**, January 15, 1900. 1 item
- oversize Surrendered charter of John S. Phelps Post No. **297**, July 1905. 1 item
- oversize Charter of Stewartsville Post No. **298**, November 10, 1886. 1 item
- oversize Surrendered charter of H.B. Carroll Post No. **310**, January 22, 1886. 1 item
- oversize Surrendered charter of Archie Post No. **336**, March 28, 1889. 1 item

oversize Surrendered charter of Levi F. Pennington No. **347**, August 1, 1887. 1 item

Folder 5 Levi Pennington Post No. **347**, correspondence, no date. 1 item

oversize Surrendered charter of William H. Porter Post No. **349**, December 1888. 1 item

oversize Surrendered charter of Splitlog Post No. **359**, December 12, 1916. 1 item

Folder 6 Anderson Post No. **359**, correspondence, December 1916. 1 item

oversize Surrendered charter of Upton Post No. **366**, 1911. 1 item

oversize Surrendered charter of Iuka Post No. **378**, 1897. 1 item

oversize Surrendered charter of Dawn Post No. **384**, February 10, 1908. 1 item

oversize Surrendered charter of George E. Wells Post No. **389**, September 17, 1894. 1 item

oversize Charter of A.T. Jordan Post No. **401**, September 15, 1888. 1 item

oversize Surrendered charter of Richland Post No. **413**, September 26, 1898. 1 item

oversize Charter of Thomas Gordon Post No. **428**, May 28, 1899. 1 item

oversize Surrendered charter of Joseph L. Wray Post No. **431**, June 1905. 1 item

oversize Surrendered charter of Captain Colman Post No. **443**, April 6, 1898. 1 item

oversize Charter of Clutter Post No. **460**, December 27, 1889. 1 item

oversize Surrendered charter of Lieutenant E. Gaither Post No. **462**. 1 item

oversize Charter of Robert Taylor Post No. **463**, January 9, 1890. 1 item

oversize Charter of L.W. Weathermon Post No. **473**, December 3, 1892. 1 item

oversize Surrendered charter of Whitesville Post No. **510**, January 17, 1900. 1 item

oversize Surrendered charter of Harrison A. Gleim Post No. **512**, November 13, 1922. 1 item

oversize Charter of John H. Crenshaw Post No. **516**. 1 item.

Folder 7 General George H. Pierson Post, correspondence, February-November 1884. 3 items



- Folder 8      General Halleck Post, correspondence and charter application, July-November 1883, no date. 6 items
- Folder 9      Lyon Post, charter application, October 1884. 1 item
- Folder 10     Thomas Weber Post, charter application, no date. 1 item
- Folder 11     Washington Post, correspondence, December 1886. 2 items. Includes photocopies.
- oversize      Charter of Captain York Post, October 8, 1890. 1 item
- oversize      Charter of Russeau Post, May 26, 1883. 1 item
- oversize      Three unidentified post charters.

***Subjects Subseries***

- Folder 12     National encampment at Atlantic City, New Jersey, correspondence and photocopy of newspaper article, 1909, no date. 6 items
- Folder 13     Encampment of the Department of Missouri at Brookfield, Missouri, correspondence, 1910. 3 items
- Folder 14     Encampment of the Department of Missouri at Sedalia, Missouri, correspondence and reports, May 1922. 13 items
- Folder 15     Correspondence of J. Cory Winans and Thomas Rodgers regarding trip to St. Louis, November-December 1908, no date. 6 items
- Folder 16     Correspondence to Thomas Rodgers, 1909-1910, no date. 3 items
- Folder 17     Receipts to Thomas Rodgers for Simmons medals and miscellany, no date. 4 items
- Folder 18     Receipts for G.A.R. party, December 1908. 3 items
- Folder 19     Minutes of meetings, 1908, no date. 3 items
- Folder 20     Lists of names, 1865, no date. 6 items
- Folder 21     Pensions, correspondence and typed information circular, 1892, 1906-1911, no date. 6 items
- Folder 22     Federal Soldiers Home, correspondence, June-July 1923. 2 items

Folder 23 Photocopy of newspaper article from *The Sentinel* (Oregon, Missouri), regarding Memorial Day, June 1898. 1 item

Folder 24 Miscellaneous, pendant and crests, 1884, no date. 3 items

**Miscellaneous Series**

Folder 25 Typed "Rules and Regulations of the Missouri Commandery," January 1889. 1 item

Folder 26 Papers regarding Adolph Liebschutz, 1901-1902. 2 items

Folder 27 Letter signed Henry Neff, Jackson Benefit Association, regarding prize money for raffle, March 1867. Also includes strip of raffle tickets. 2 items

Folder 28 Typescript letter signed Isaac Lionberger, St. Louis, December 1924, to Alexander Demenil, St. Louis. Includes typed poem. 3 items

Folder 29 Envelopes, no date. 8 items

Folder 30 Unidentified photographs, no date. 8 items

Folder 31 Calling cards, no date. 12 items

Folder 32 Miscellaneous items including issue of *American Publishers' Circular*, dated September 1858, correspondence, and a document regarding Wright's Protective Police, 1858-1890, no date. 13 items