

# Guide to the Walter Hinds Allen Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 2056

**CREATOR:** Allen, Walter Hinds, 1875-1938

**TITLE:** Walter Hinds Allen papers

**DATES:** 1894–2016

**BULK DATES:** 1894–1920

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.42 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** The material is in English.

**SUMMARY:** The papers document the wartime activities and family background of Walter Hinds Allen. The bulk of the papers consist of correspondence with Allen's family, especially his parents, Walter and Grace. Much of this correspondence was written during and in the years immediately after the Spanish-American War. Other materials in the papers include photographs of Allen, his family, and his classmates, as well as biographical writings and genealogical charts of the Allen and related families. Materials date from 1869 to 2016, with the bulk of the materials from 1894 to 1920.

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- b. box
- f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Alice Wiltrout Moffa, 2016.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Walter Hinds Allen was born on January 9, 1875 in Newton Highlands, Massachusetts to Walter Allen, a journalist. He attended Yale College (1895) and the Sheffield Scientific School (1896). Allen also worked on a Ph.D in Mathematics at the Yale Graduate School from 1895 to 1898, but he left school to participate in the Spanish-American War. He served with the Connecticut Naval Militia from 1896 to 1898 and from 1902 to 1903. He also served in the United States Navy from June to September of 1898. He continued his career in the Navy when he was commissioned as a Civil Engineer with the rank of Lieutenant in 1906 and eventually achieved the rank of Captain. For much of his career, he worked as a public works officer in which he led engineering projects at various naval bases and yards, including the Philadelphia Naval Yard, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Brooklyn Naval Yard, in Brooklyn, New York, and the Twelfth Naval District in San Francisco, California. He also participated in the building of the Montauk Point, Bay Shore, and Rockaway, Long Island aviation stations, all located in New York. He died in San Francisco, California on April 19, 1938.

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## Scope and Contents

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## **Arrangement**

Arranged into three series: I. Correspondence, 1894-1901. II. Photographs, 1895-1896. III. Biographical and genealogical materials, 1895-2016.

## **Collection Contents**

### **Series I: Correspondence, 1894–1901**

This series comprises correspondence sent by Walter Hinds Allen to his family, especially his parents, Walter Allen and Grace Allen. This includes correspondence written from Louisiana, Texas, and Mexico during his Naval service in the Spanish-American War, 1898.

Series I is arranged chronologically.

b. 1, f. 1-4

**Series II: Photographs, 1895–1896**

This series comprises photographs of Walter Hinds Allen, his family, and his classmates. Also included are a few photographs of Walter Hinds Allen's and Edith Allen's graves at Arlington National Cemetery. While almost all of the photographs are identified as being related to Allen, some of the photographs have no description.

Series II is arranged alphabetically.

b. 2, f. 1	Allen with classmates	Circa 1895-circa 1896
b. 2, f. 2	Printouts of family members' graves and a family portrait of the Allens	Circa 1910-circa 1919, circa 2000-circa 2010
b. 2, f. 3	Unidentified group photograph Photograph depicts an unidentified group of men and women seated on a train flatbed.	Undated

### Series III: Biographical and genealogical materials, 1895–2016

This series comprises biographical and genealogical materials on the Allen family. The majority of the series was created by Walter Hinds Allen, with exception of a compilation of obituaries about and tributes to his father, Walter Allen. Biographical materials include Allen’s school notes, journal entries and the obituaries. Genealogical materials consist of several genealogical charts of different branches of the family and research notes.

Series III is arranged alphabetically.

Biographical materials		
b. 3, f. 1	Compiled obituaries of Walter Allen	1907, 1985
b. 3, f. 2	Journal entries	1899
b. 3, f. 3	Student notebook	Circa 1895-circa 1896
Genealogical materials		
b. 3, f. 4b. 4, f. 1	General	1906–1928
b. 3, f. 5	Allen, Walter Hinds	2014–2016
b. 3, f. 6	Stark-Harrison and Stark-Mitchell genealogical charts and related notes	Circa 1920
b. 3, f. 7	Stark, Mitchell, and Hancock family information	1869-1892, 1987



## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Spanish-American War, 1898

### **Names**

Allen, Walter Hinds, 1875-1938

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale College (1887- )

Yale University. Sheffield Scientific School.

Class of 1896