

# Guide to the Allen Johnson Correspondence Relating to the Chronicles of America Series

GEN MSS 1110



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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1110

**CREATOR:** Johnson, Allen, 1870-1931

**TITLE:** Allen Johnson correspondence relating to the Chronicles of America Series

**DATES:** 1907-1920

**BULK DATES:** 1916-1920

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 6.68 linear feet (16 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence of Allen Johnson concerning his editorship of the Chronicles of America Series, consisting of incoming typed and autograph letters, signed, and outgoing typescript carbons, 1916-1920. Correspondents include historians Max Ferrand, Yale University, and Nathaniel Stephenson, College of Charleston, and other authors of volumes in the Chronicles of America Series; United States Publishers' Association founders Robert Pollock Glasgow and Arthur H. Brook, Gerhard Richard Lomer, and other staff of the United States Publishers' Association; and George Parmly Day, president, and other staff of Yale University Press. Also present are memoranda and financial accounts concerning publication of the Chronicles of America Series; and correspondence about publication of Johnson's Stephen A. Douglas: A Study in American Politics (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1908), 1907-1916.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Allen Johnson, 1925.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Processing Information

Former call number: MS Vault Johnson, A. Formerly restricted except by permission of Allen Johnson. In 2014, the collection received a baseline level of processing, and was reclassified under a new call number. Folder titles were based on information provided by the creator. Folder titles were not verified against contents.

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## Allen Johnson (1870-1931) and the Chronicles of America Series

Allen Johnson (1870-1931), American historian; Yale University professor of history, 1910-1926; and editor of *Dictionary of American Biography* and the *Chronicles of America Series*. The *Chronicles of America Series*, a series of monographs on topics in American history, was published in fifty volumes by the United States Publishers' Association and Yale University Press, 1919-1921. Fifteen films based on monographs in the Series were produced by the Chronicles of America Picture Corporation, 1923-1924.

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## Scope and Contents

Correspondence of Allen Johnson concerning his editorship of the *Chronicles of America Series*, consisting of incoming typed and autograph letters, signed, and outgoing typescript carbons, 1916-1920. Correspondents include historians Max Farrand, Yale University, Nathaniel Stephenson, College of Charleston, and other authors of volumes in the *Chronicles of America Series*; United States Publishers' Association founders Robert Pollock Glasgow and Arthur H. Brook, Gerhard Richard Lomer, and other staff of the United States Publishers' Association; and George Parmly Day, president, and other staff of Yale University Press. Also present are memoranda and financial accounts concerning publication of the *Chronicles of America Series*; and correspondence about publication of Johnson's *Stephen A. Douglas: A Study in American Politics* (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1908), 1907-1916.

## **Arrangement**

Organized into two series: I. Incoming Correspondence, 1907-1920. II. Outgoing Correspondence, 1916-1920.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Incoming Correspondence, 1907-1920 Bulk, 1916-1920, bulk 1916-1920

3.34 linear feet (8 boxes)

Arranged chronologically by time period, and alphabetically by correspondent within each time period.

b. 1, f. 1	"A"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 2	"B"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 3	"C"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 4	"D"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 5	"E-F"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 6-10	"G"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 11	"H-J"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 12	"K-L"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 13	"M"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 14	"N-O"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 15	"P-Q"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 16	"R"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 17	"S"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 18	"T-V"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 19	"W"	1916 January- June
b. 1, f. 20	Macmillan Company About publication of Johnson, Allen. <i>Stephen A. Douglas: A Study in American Politics</i> (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1908)	1907 October-1916 November
b. 2, f. 21	"A"	1916 July- October

b. 2, f. 22	"B"	1916 July- October
b. 2, f. 23	"C"	1916 July- October
b. 2, f. 24	"D"	1916 July- October
b. 2, f. 25	"E-F"	1916 July- October
b. 2, f. 26-29	"G"	1916 July- October
b. 2, f. 30-31	"H-J"	1916 July- October
b. 2, f. 32	"K-L"	1916 July- October
b. 2, f. 33	"M"	1916 July- October
b. 2, f. 34	"N-O"	1916 July- October
b. 2, f. 35	"P-Q"	1916 July- October
b. 2, f. 36	"R"	1916 July- October
b. 2, f. 37	"S"	1916 July- October
b. 2, f. 38	"T-V"	1916 July- October
b. 2, f. 39	"W"	1916 July- October
b. 3, f. 40	"A"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 3, f. 41	"B"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 3, f. 42	"C"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 3, f. 43	"D"	1916 November-1917 April

b. 3, f. 44-45	"E-F"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 3, f. 46	"G"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 3, f. 47-48	"H-J"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 3, f. 49	"K-L"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 3, f. 50	"M"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 3, f. 51	"N-O"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 3, f. 52	"P-Q"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 3, f. 53	"R"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 3, f. 54	"S"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 3, f. 55	"T-V"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 3, f. 56	"W"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 4, f. 57	Copies of letters from the Yale University Press about decisions of the Yale University Council Committee on Publications	1917 May- August
b. 4, f. 58	"A"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 4, f. 59	"B"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 4, f. 60	"C"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 4, f. 61	"D"	1917 May-1918 March



b. 4, f. 62-64	"E-F"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 4, f. 65	"G"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 4, f. 66-67	"H-J"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 4, f. 68	"K-L"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 4, f. 69	"M"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 4, f. 70	"N-O"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 4, f. 71	"P-Q"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 4, f. 72	"R"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 4, f. 73-74	"S"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 4, f. 75	"T-V"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 4, f. 76	"W"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 4, f. 77	"Y-Z"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 5, f. 78	"A"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 79	"B"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 80	"C"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 81	"D"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 82-84	"E-F"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 85-86	"G"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 87-88	"H-J"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 89	"K"	1918 April- September

b. 5, f. 90-93	"L"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 94	"M"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 95	"N-O"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 96	"P-Q"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 97	"R"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 98	"S"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 99	"T-V"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 100	"W"	1918 April- September
b. 5, f. 101	"Y-Z"	1918 April- September
b. 6, f. 102	"A"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 6, f. 103	"B"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 6, f. 104	"C"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 6, f. 105	"D"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 6, f. 106-107	"E-F"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 6, f. 108-112	"G"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 6, f. 113	"H-J"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 6, f. 114-115	"K-L"	1918 October-1919 April

b. 6, f. 116	"M"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 6, f. 117	"N-O"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 6, f. 118	"P-Q"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 6, f. 119	"R"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 6, f. 120	"S"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 6, f. 121	"T-V"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 6, f. 122	"W"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 6, f. 123	"Y-Z"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 7, f. 124-128	United States Publishers' Association Letters from Robert Pollock Glasgow and other United States Publishers' Association staff  See also letters from Glasgow filed under "G" and letters filed alphabetically under other names	1919
b. 7, f. 129	"A"	1919 May- October
b. 7, f. 130	"B"	1919 May- October
b. 7, f. 131	"C"	1919 May- October
b. 7, f. 132	"D"	1919 May- October
b. 7, f. 133	"E-F"	1919 May- October
b. 7, f. 134	"G"	1919 May- October
b. 7, f. 135	"H-J"	1919 May- October

b. 7, f. 136	"K-L"	1919 May- October
b. 7, f. 137	"M"	1919 May- October
b. 7, f. 138	"N-O"	1919 May- October
b. 7, f. 139	"P-Q"	1919 May- October
b. 7, f. 140	"R"	1919 May- October
b. 7, f. 141	"S"	1919 May- October
b. 7, f. 142	"T-V"	1919 May- October
b. 7, f. 143	"W"	1919 May- October
b. 8, f. 144	"A"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 8, f. 145	"B"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 8, f. 146	"C"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 8, f. 147	"D"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 8, f. 148	"E-F"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 8, f. 149-152	"G"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 8, f. 153	"H-J"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 8, f. 154	"K-L"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 8, f. 155	"M"	1919 November-1920 May

b. 8, f. 156	"N-O"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 8, f. 157	"P-Q"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 8, f. 158	"R"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 8, f. 159	"S"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 8, f. 160	"T-V"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 8, f. 161	"W"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 8, f. 162	"Y-Z"	1919 November-1920 May

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b. 9, f. 165	"C"	1916 January- June
b. 9, f. 166	"D"	1916 January- June
b. 9, f. 167	"E-F"	1916 January- June
b. 9, f. 168-170	"G"	1916 January- June
b. 9, f. 171	"H-J"	1916 January- June
b. 9, f. 172	"K-L"	1916 January- June
b. 9, f. 173	"M"	1916 January- June
b. 9, f. 174	"N-O"	1916 January- June
b. 9, f. 175	"P-Q"	1916 January- June
b. 9, f. 176	"R"	1916 January- June
b. 9, f. 177-178	"S"	1916 January- June
b. 9, f. 179	"T-V"	1916 January- June
b. 9, f. 180	"W"	1916 January- June
b. 10, f. 181	"A"	1916 July- October
b. 10, f. 182	"B"	1916 July- October
b. 10, f. 183	"C"	1916 July- October

b. 10, f. 184	"D"	1916 July- October
b. 10, f. 185	"E-F"	1916 July- October
b. 10, f. 186-188	"G"	1916 July- October
b. 10, f. 189-191	"H-J"	1916 July- October
b. 10, f. 192	"K-L"	1916 July- October
b. 10, f. 193	"M"	1916 July- October
b. 10, f. 194	"N-O"	1916 July- October
b. 10, f. 195	"P-Q"	1916 July- October
b. 10, f. 196	"R"	1916 July- October
b. 10, f. 197-198	"S"	1916 July- October
b. 10, f. 199	"T-V"	1916 July- October
b. 10, f. 200	"W"	1916 July- October
b. 10, f. 201	"Y-Z"	1916 July- October
b. 11, f. 202	Circular letters to multiple authors	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 203	"A"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 204	"B"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 205	"C"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 206	"D"	1916 November-1917 April

b. 11, f. 207-209	"E-F"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 210	"G"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 211-213	"H-J"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 214	"K-L"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 215	"M"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 216	"N-O"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 217	"P-Q"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 218	"R"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 219-220	"S"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 221	"T-V"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 222	"W"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 11, f. 223	"Y-Z"	1916 November-1917 April
b. 12, f. 224	Accounts and memoranda	1917 May-June
b. 12, f. 225	"A"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 12, f. 226	"B"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 12, f. 227	"C"	1917 May-1918 March



b. 12, f. 228	"D"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 12, f. 229	"E-F"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 12, f. 230	"G"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 12, f. 231-232	"H-J"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 12, f. 233	"K-L"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 12, f. 234	"M"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 12, f. 235	"N-O"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 12, f. 236	"P-Q"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 12, f. 237	"R"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 12, f. 238-239	"S"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 12, f. 240	"T-V"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 12, f. 241	"W"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 12, f. 242	"Y-Z"	1917 May-1918 March
b. 13, f. 243	"A"	1918 April- September
b. 13, f. 244	"B"	1918 April- September
b. 13, f. 245	"C"	1918 April- September
b. 13, f. 246	"D"	1918 April- September
b. 13, f. 247	"E-F"	1918 April- September
b. 13, f. 247a	"G"	1918 April- September
b. 13, f. 248	"H-J"	1918 April- September

b. 13, f. 249	"K-L"	1918 April-September
b. 13, f. 250	"M"	1918 April-September
b. 13, f. 251	"N-O"	1918 April-September
b. 13, f. 252	"P-Q"	1918 April-September
b. 13, f. 253	"R"	1918 April-September
b. 13, f. 254	"S"	1918 April-September
b. 13, f. 255	"T-V"	1918 April-September
b. 13, f. 256	"W"	1918 April-September
b. 13, f. 257	"Y-Z"	1918 April-September
b. 14, f. 258	"A"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 14, f. 259	"B"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 14, f. 260	"C"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 14, f. 261	"D"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 14, f. 262	"E-F"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 14, f. 263-265	"G"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 14, f. 266	"H-J"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 14, f. 267	"K-L"	1918 October-1919 April

b. 14, f. 268	"M"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 14, f. 269	"N-O"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 14, f. 270	"P-Q"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 14, f. 271	"R"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 14, f. 272	"S"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 14, f. 273	"T-V"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 14, f. 274	"W"	1918 October-1919 April
b. 14, f. 275	"Y-Z"	1918 October-1919 April
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b. 15, f. 277	"B"	1919 May- October
b. 15, f. 278	"C"	1919 May- October
b. 15, f. 279	"D"	1919 May- October
b. 15, f. 280	"E-F"	1919 May- October
b. 15, f. 281-282	"G"	1919 May- October
b. 15, f. 283	"H-J"	1919 May- October
b. 15, f. 284	"K-L"	1919 May- October
b. 15, f. 285	"M"	1919 May- October

b. 15, f. 286	"N-O"	1919 May- October
b. 15, f. 287	"P-Q"	1919 May- October
b. 15, f. 288	"R"	1919 May- October
b. 15, f. 289	"S"	1919 May- October
b. 15, f. 290	"T-V"	1919 May- October
b. 15, f. 291	"W"	1919 May- October
b. 15, f. 292	"Y-Z"	1919 May- October
b. 16, f. 293	"A"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 16, f. 294	"B"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 16, f. 295	"C"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 16, f. 296	"D"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 16, f. 297	"E-F"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 16, f. 298	"G"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 16, f. 299	"H-J"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 16, f. 300	"K-L"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 16, f. 301	"M"	1919 November-1920 May

b. 16, f. 302	"N-O"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 16, f. 303	"P-Q"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 16, f. 304	"R"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 16, f. 305	"S"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 16, f. 306	"T-V"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 16, f. 307	"W"	1919 November-1920 May
b. 16, f. 308	"Y-Z"	1919 November-1920 May

## **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.

### **Preferred Titles**

*Chronicles of America series*

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- History -- Study and teaching

### **Subjects**

American literature -- 20th Century  
Authors, American -- 20th Century  
Authors and publishers -- United States  
Historians -- United States -- Archives  
Publishers and publishing -- United States

### **Occupations**

Authors -- United States -- 20th Century  
Historians -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Brook, Arthur H.  
Day, George Parmly, 1876-1959  
Farrand, Max, 1869-1945  
Glasgow, Robert Pollock, 1875-1922  
Johnson, Allen, 1870-1931  
Lomer Gerhard Richard, 1882-  
Stephenson, Nathaniel W. (Nathaniel Wright),  
1867-1935

### **Corporate Bodies**

United States Publishers' Association  
Yale University Press