



Guide to the Allen-Angier family papers, 1843-1981

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Summary

Collection Title:

Allen-Angier family papers, 1819-1981

Creator:

Allen, George V. (George Venable), 1903-1970

Abstract:

Two Durham families. Collection includes papers kept by Zalene Allen Angier which include correspondence, 1936-1969, largely letters from her brother George Venable Allen (1903-1970), diplomat, official of the Tobacco Institute, and trustee of Duke University. Includes material on the U.S. Foreign Service, the U.S. Information Agency, U.S. foreign relations, India, Iran, the tobacco industry, and the cigarette smoking and health controversy. Also includes family photographs from the Angier house on Trinity Avenue in Durham.

Extent:

12.5 Linear Feet (17 boxes, 1 oversize folder)

Language:

Materials in English

Collection ID:

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Background

Scope and Content

Collection includes papers kept by Zalene Allen Angier which include correspondence, 1936-1969, largely letters from her brother George Venable

Allen (1903-1970), diplomat, official of the Tobacco Institute, and trustee of Duke University.

Allen's letters describe his diplomatic career and personal matters, including foreign relations and social life in Greece, Egypt, and Iran in the 1930s and 1940s; the royal family of Iran; the Potsdam Conference; and customs of Saudi Arabia. Letters of the 1950s mention celebrities Allen met, such as Yehudi Menuhin and Aristotle Onassis; and relations of the U.S. with India and of Russia with Yugoslavia. Letters of Allen's wife Katherine Martin Allen reflect diplomatic social life.

Clippings relate to Allen's career as diplomat and as director of the United States Information Agency, to his family, and to his death.

Miscellaneous papers include invitations; White House dinner menus; press releases; a report, February 9, 1932, on Japanese-Chinese relations; articles by Allen; and other printed materials.

There are photographs of Allen and many acquaintances, including Marshall Tito, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Amjad All, Abba Eban, Wellington Koo, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles, and William Fulbright.

Papers, 1945-1970, kept by George and Katherine Allen include letters from Eisenhower and Dulles about Allen's shift from the State Department to the USIA; a report on the political situation in Iran, January 21, 1948; correspondence on Egyptian-U.S. relations in the 1950s and the Henry A. Byroade scandal, the Cold War, the cigarette smoking and health controversy, and on Allen's speeches.

Enclosed with a letter from Allen of May 10, 1970, is a petition against slavery by the Baptist Church of Augusta, Maine, dated August 17, 1843.

There are files of speeches and related correspondence on Russia, propaganda, the space race, foreign policy, peace, the tobacco industry, India, Iran, UNESCO, and other topics.

There is material on the Dulles and Eisenhower oral history projects and on various honors and awards received by Allen.

Two scrapbooks contain clippings about Allen's career and family photographs. There is also a photocopy of his book-length manuscript reminiscence of experiences as Ambassador to Iran in the 1940s and 1950s; a letter from Josephus Daniels, 1940, commenting on Allen's review of Daniels' book, *Tar Heel Editor*; and a tape recording of Allen's address, 1967, to the Tobaccoland Kiwanis Club on the United States in the world.

Biographical/Historical

The Allens and Angiers were two white Durham families.

Zalene Allen (1897-1987) moved to Durham as a child, attended Durham city schools, and graduated from the Southern Conservatory of Music. She married Samuel Angier in 1917.

Zalene's brother, George Venable Allen (1903-1970), was a diplomat, director of the U.S. Information Agency, and president of the Tobacco Institute. Allen graduated from Trinity College in 1924 and married Katharine Martin in 1934.

Sources: Winston-Salem Journal (10 July 1917) and The Herald-Sun (23 March 1987), accessed via Newspapers.com on 06 March 2023.

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Arrangement

Collection is organized into two series--Allen Materials and Angier Materials--with two additions that have not been interfiled. Accession 2019-0001 was interfiled with correspondence.

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Administrative Information

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Accessions described in this finding aid: 1971-1972; 1993-0171; 2010-0029; 2019-0001.

Acquisition Information

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Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

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Names and Subjects

- United States -- Foreign relations -- 20th century
- Tobacco -- Physiological effect
- Diplomatic and consular service
- Iran -- History -- 20th century
- India -- History -- 20th century
- United States. Foreign Service
- Tobacco Institute (Washington, D.C.)
- Allen family
- Angier family
- United States Information Agency

Collection Inventory

Allen Materials, 1843-1971

Physical Description: 5 boxes

Correspondence

Correspondence, 1940-1959 May	Box 1
Correspondence, 1959 June-Dec.	Box 1
Correspondence, 1960	Box 1
Correspondence, 1961	Box 1
Correspondence, 1962-1970	Box 1

Subject Files

Albion College, Albion, Michigan, 14 February 1967	Box 1
American Assembly, 1962-1967	Box 1
American Ordnance Association, 19 October 1967	Box 1
"Basic Themes of U.S. Foreign Policy," Rome, 1965 Nov. 22	Box 2
Duke Executive Committee	Box 2
California Educators Conference, 1967 Feb. 25	Box 2
Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1967 Jun. 11	Box 2
"Diplomacy, Loud or Quiet? Freedom & Union", 1961 Oct.	Box 2
Duke Executive Committee	Box 2
Federal Union Luncheon, 1964 April 16	Box 2
Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Creel Conference, 1967 May 29	Box 2
Freedom Assembly at the Overseas Press Club, NYC, speech, 1961 Oct. 7	Box 2
"Germany revisited," write-up of visit to Germany, 1964 October	Box 2

Honors and Awards	Box 2
How Foreign Policy is Made, 1964 Oct.	Box 2
Hanover College, Indiana, commencement address, 1966 May 29	Box 2
Harvard-Radcliffe Student Government Association, 1967 Feb. 2	Box 2
Hood College, Frederick, Md., 1967 Mar. 6	Box 2
"How U.S. Foreign Policy is Made"	Box 2
Hunter College, 1967 June 8	Box 2
Oral History Project on Eisenhower Administration	Box 2
Interview, John Foster Dulles Oral History Project, Princeton University Library, 1965 July 29	Box 2
Inter-American Defense College, speech, Fort McNair, D.C., 1966 Mar. 10	Box 3
International Visitors & Sister Cities Conference, mayor's council, 1967 Jan. 28	Box 3
"Must We Be Red or Dead?" Founder's Day, Duke, 1961 Dec. 11	Box 3
Miscellaneous	Box 3
National Secretaries Association, Sheraton Park Hotel, D.C., 1967 Oct. 14	Box 3
National Tobacco Tax Association, Philadelphia, Pa., summary of address, 1964 Sept. 21	Box 3
Nehru - Saturday Review article for USIS book, 1965 May 11	Box 3
"Our Libraries Overseas," Atlantic Monthly, 1961 May	Box 3

North Georgia College, Dahlonega, Ga., 1966 June 5	Box 3
Pennsylvania State University	Box 3
People to People	Box 3
Pharmaceutical Manufacturers annual meeting, Boca Raton, Fla., 1967 Mar. 31	Box 3
Princeton speech, 1962	Box 3
"Some Thoughts on Career Service," State Newsletter, 1964 June	Box 3
Spartanburg, S.C., 1966 Jan.	Box 3
State University College, New Paltz, N.Y., 1966 Oct. 18	Box 3
"Success in Training," article for Success Unlimited, 1967 July	Box 3
"The Suez Affair," book review for Interplay, 1967 Jun.	Box 3
"To Tell the Truth", 1967 Feb. 2	Box 3
"Understanding: The Surest Road to Peace," G.E. Defense Quarterly, 1959 July 9	Box 3
"Meet the Press", 1958	Box 3
Tobacco Institute, Inc.	Box 3
Walter Johnson High School, Bathesda, Md. (commencement address), 1967 Jun. 20	Box 3
World Affairs Council of Northern Calif., San Francisco, 1967 Oct.	Box 3
"Whose Ambassador," by Fitzpatrick	Box 3
Review of "The Strategy of Subversion," by Prof. Paul L. Blackstock, Saturday Review, 1964 Oct.	Box 3

"Yugoslavia and the West", 1950	Box 3
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United States Information Agency (USIA), 1957-1963	Box 4
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United States Information Agency (USIA), 1958-1963

"USIA: The Big Problem is Belief," NY Herald Tribune, 1963 Aug. 4	Box 4
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USIA speeches, 1958	Box 4
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USIA speeches, 1960	Box 4
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Binder of USIA speeches, 1957-1960	Box 4
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Miscellaneous Writings and Addresses, 1939-1970

Writings and addresses, 1939-1958	Box 5
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Writings and addresses, 1959-1960	Box 5
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Writings and addresses, 1961	Box 5
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Writings and addresses, 1962-1965 Sept.	Box 5
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Writings and addresses, 1965 Oct. - 1970	Box 5
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"Mission to Iran," Chapters 1-5	Box 5
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"Mission to Iran," Chapters 6-10	Box 5
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Angier Materials, 1930s-1970s

Physical Description: 3 boxes

Correspondence, 1936-1969

Correspondence, 1936-1957	Box 6
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Correspondence, 1958-1969, undated	Box 6
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Miscellany, 1932-1970s

Miscellany, 1932-1963	Box 6
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Miscellany, 1966-1970s	Box 6
Clippings, 1930s-1970s	
Clippings: Greece, 1950s	Box 6
Clippings: India, 1950s (online item available)	Box 6
Digital Object: Clippings: India, 1950s	
Clippings: Middle East, 1950s	Box 6
Clippings: Yugoslavia, 1950s	Box 6
Clippings: USIA, 1950s	Box 6
Clippings, 1930s-1940s	Box 6
Clippings, 1950s	Box 6
Clippings, 1960s	Box 7
Clippings: Tobacco Institute, 1960s	Box 7
Clippings: Duke University, 1960s	Box 7
Clippings: Foreign Service Institute, 1960s	Box 7
Clippings: USIA, 1960s	Box 7
Clippings: Presidential Campaign, 1964	Box 7
Clippings, 1970, undated	Box 7
Printed Materials	
Printed materials, 1940-1959	Box 7
Printed materials, 1960-1961 July	Box 7
Printed materials, 1961 July - 1965	Box 7
Printed materials, 1966-1970	Box 7
Broadside, 1960 Nov. 14	Box 7
Photographs and Tape Recordings	
Photographs: Atoms for Peace	Box 8

Photographs: Belgium	Box 8
Photographs: China	Box 8
Photographs: Family	Box 8
Photographs: Greece	Box 8
Photographs: India	Box 8
Photographs: Iran	Box 8
Photographs: Lebanon	Box 8
Photographs: Miscellaneous	Box 8
Photographs: Nepal	Box 8
Photographs: Yugoslavia	Box 8
Photographs: Pakistan	Box 8

Tape Recording: "The Position of the U.S. in the World"

Box 8 > Audio-reel RL10097-RR-0001
 Digital-materials RL10097-SET-0001 > Audio-file
 RL10097-RR-0001.wav

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Allen-Angier Family Papers addition, 1819-1981

Foreign Service Diary (book) by Katharine M. Allen, 1967	Box 9
Correspondence, 1906-1974	Box 9
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Addresses and writings, 1929-1968	Box 9
Financial papers, 1819-1907	Box 9
Photographs and ephemera, 1906-1981	Box 9
Photo scrapbook (disbound), 1940s-1950s	Box 10

Printed materials, 1918-1971	Box 9
Clippings, 1948-1970	Box 9
Clipping scrapbooks, 1930s-1950s Physical Description: 2 Volumes	Box 11
Trinity College diploma, 1924	Oversize-folder 1
Kentucky Colonel certificate, 1961	Oversize-folder 1

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Accession (1993-0171), circa 1930s-1960s

Physical Description: 6 boxes

Correspondence, 1931-1966, undated	Box 93/171: 1
Miscellany	Box 93/171: 1
Clippings, 1935-1964	Box 93/171: 2
Photographs	Box 93/171: 3
Family scrapbook	Box 93/171: 4
Scrapbook of clippings and family scrapbook	Box 93/171: 5
Family scrapbooks, clippings, and photographs	Box 93/171: 6

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