OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION
Number: 056-03
Title: Scrapbook on Allen Family Hot Air Balloonists
Creator: Unknown
Dates: 1874-1905
Quantity: 0.5 linear feet

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
Acquisition: Unknown.
Accruals: No accruals are expected.
Custodial history: Unknown.
Processed by: The collection was processed in 2017 by Claire Uziel.
Conservation: None.
Language: Materials are in English.

RIGHTS AND ACCESS
Access: This collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Providence Public Library, Rhode Island Collection department.
Preferred Citation: Researchers are requested to use the following citation format: Scrapbook on Allen Family Hot Air Balloonists, Rhode Island Collection, Providence Public Library
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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS
Separated material None.
HISTORICAL NOTE
James Allen (1824-1897) was born in Barrington, Rhode Island and began ballooning in the 1850s. James was a well known “aeronaut” in his day. He and brother Ezra (1819-1902) served in the Union Army Balloon Corps during the Civil War. After the war, the Allen brothers did many exhibition balloon ascensions. A number of James’ descendants and their spouses -- including sons James K. (1852-1920), Ezra S. (1854-1918) and his wife Mary F. Penno (1849-1905), and Malvern H. (1869-1955) -- were also balloonists in and around Rhode Island.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION
1 scrapbook including photographs of hot-air balloons in New England, 1885-1890, and clippings mostly regarding flights of the balloonist family lead by James Allen.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION
The collection is contained entirely in a single scrapbook.