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Scrapbook on Allen Family Hot Air Balloonists
1874-1905

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.

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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

Separated material None.

Published descriptions Not applicable.

Location of originals Not applicable.

Location of copies Not applicable.

Publication note Not applicable.

Subject headings Hot air balloons--Launching
Hot air balloons
Balloonists

SEE ALSO

Not applicable.

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.