

**Guide to the Grace Norcross Allen Manuscripts Collection – 1986.26, &
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Collection Summary

Dates 1900-1948
Bulk dates 1910-1948
Level of description Series
Extent .5 cubic ft
Creator(s) David Henderson

Administrative/Biographical History

Grace Norcross Allen was born on May 15, 1868 in Brownsville, Pennsylvania, the first child of William Robert Norcross (1844-1908) and Mary Emma Barclay Norcross (1848-1939). Her three siblings were all born in Greeley, where her parents were among the pioneers of the Union Colony in 1870. In 1889, she married Ulysses M. Henderson. They had one son, John W. Henderson, who became a prominent local businessman and attorney. This marriage was dissolved in 1905, and the following year she married Albert J. Allen, who predeceased her in 1928. Having lived in Greeley her entire adult life, she died in her home there on March 20, 1948.

Grace Norcross graduated from Greeley High School in 1886, and began teaching school at Pleasant Valley at the age of 17. She continued teaching for a while at other schools, using the education she gained at the Colorado State College of Education in Greeley. Later, she served for a time as secretary of School District #6, and even ventured briefly into local politics, serving as deputy county treasurer. During the years between 1929 and 1939, she enjoyed traveling abroad, particularly in the company of three close Greeley friends, Mrs. Agnes Nusbaum, Mrs.

Kittie Marsh Parker, and Miss Elizabeth Kendel. With her active intellect and wide-ranging interests, her greatest passion was journalism.

Mrs. Allen wrote for the early “Denver Republican” as a Weld County correspondent, as well as for the “Weld County Republican.” Long passionate about the history of the Union Colony and Greeley, she wrote extensively about the personalities and events that shaped its character and culture.

Scope and Content

This collection of the writings of Grace N. Allen is one component of a much larger collection associated with her name. It consists of approximately 75 typewritten manuscripts including 25 which were intended for oral presentation at meetings of the Want-to-Know Club. Two of the manuscripts were associated with photos which served as illustrations, and these photos are retained in the collection and linked to the corresponding manuscripts. There are also several pages of hand-written notes and personal correspondence which provided background information for articles.

In addition to the manuscripts, this collection also contains newspaper clippings of Mrs. Allen’s series as they appeared in the Greeley Tribune in the 1930s and 40s. These series include: “Old Houses of Greeley”, “Our Pioneer Neighbors”, “Pioneer Days in Greeley”, “Early School Days in Greeley”, “Weld County Frontier Life”, and “Cow County Recollections”.

System of Arrangement

No original order in the collection. Dates were indicated on some items, but not all. Manuscripts are grouped by series title assigned by the author, where once was given. If there was no title, a brief descriptor was used. Newspaper clippings grouped according to published series.

Conditions

Governing access There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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Reproduction and
Use**

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

Languages and Scripts of the Materials

English

Immediate source Of acquisition

Materials in this collection were donated by David Henderson, grandson of Grace Norcross (Henderson) Allen.

Notes

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This finding aid does not follow the usual format for archival collections. It covers only the writings of Grace Norcross Allen and associated ephemera, rather than the entire donation bearing her name. The finding aid includes the following **Object IDs: 1986.26.0019** through **1986.26.0022, 1986.26.0029, 1986.26.0036** through **1986.26.0037**, and **AI -4772** through **AI-4778**.

Names

Acree, S.F.
Adams, Susan G
Allen, Albert J.
Allen, Grace Norcross
Anthony, Susan B
Atkinson, James
Atkinson, Sharon
Atkinson, Thomas
Barclay, J.B.
Barnum, P.T.
Baxter, Alfred
Birkle, Louis
Bliss, Stephen
Borne, Jennie
Boyd, Psyche
Boyd, Robert
Brush, Jared L
Brush, John
Bryan, William Jennings
Burroughs, Henry
Cadman, Charles
Wakefield
Calkins, Bill
Camfield, Lottie
Camp, Archibald Lacy
Childs, Francis
Childs, Will
Copeland, A.B.
Dangerfield, Rachel
Darling, Frank
Darling, Mort
Darling, Willard
Delbridge, Lucy B.
Delbridge, William
Eaton, Aaron

Eaton, Benjamin
Ellis, David
Emerson, Charles
Evans, John
Fisk, Jerry
Gallup, Mary
Gipson, Albert
Green, Franklin Joseph
Hanna, Robert
Heaton, Ephraim
Henderson, J.W.
Hogarty, M.J.
Hopkins, Lewis A.
Howard, Oliver
Hoyt, Homer
Huffsmith, Ed
Ilf, John Wesley
Johnson, Bruce F.
Kendel, Elizabeth
Kennedy, S.S.
LaGrange, B.S.
Luther, A.J.
Markle, Sherman
McArthur, Jessie
McClellan, W.H.
McClements, Clara, Mrs
McCutcheon, John M.
McKissick, J.W.
McLeod, Ace
Meeker, N.C.
Moodie, Alexander Dunbar
Murphy, Francis
Nichols, E.F.
Norcross, Fred
Norcross, W.R.
Nusbaum, Agnes Moodie
Nusbaum, Jesse
Orr, James
Paine, I.H.
Parker, Kittie Irene Marsh
Petrikin, John M.B.
Petrikin, Katherine Norcross
Petrikin, Nancy

Pinkerton, J.M.
Plumb, Ovid
Read, Julia
Rising, Walter
Salomon, A.Z.
Senier, John Howell
Shattuck, Hubert
Sims, Homer
Southard, Angelina S. Kuhl
Stanton, Elizabeth Cady
Sterling, Asa
Stillwell, John Thomas
Thomas, Helen
Thumb, Tom
Todd, Andrew
Vanderlip, L.C.
VanGohren, Edmond
Watt, Tom
Watts, Virgil
West, H.T.
Williams, Eugene
Williams, Mabel Woolf
Wolaver, Jacob M.
Wright, S.B.
Wyatt, D.B.
Wyatt, Frank E.
Wyman, George E.

Places

Greeley (Colo.)
Weld County (Colo.)
Union Colony of Colorado
Evans, Colo.
Grover, Colo.
Briggsdale, Colo.

Subjects

Union Colony of Colorado
Union Colony Pioneer Society
Greeley Tribune (Colo.)
Cattle herding
Cattle ranches
Churches
Cowboys

Historic buildings
History
Homesteading
Journalism
Pioneers
Railroads
Ranches
Reminiscence
Schools
Travel sketches
Want-to-Know (W.T.K.) Club

Document Forms

Manuscripts
Newspaper Clippings
Photographs
Correspondence

Contents

Series I: Scrapbooks

Subseries A: Pioneer stories published in the Greeley Tribune 1945-46, adhered to scrapbook pages.

Subseries B: “Old Houses in Greeley” and “Cow County Recollections” series, glued to white paper, three-hole punched.

Series II: Writings and associated ephemera of Grace Norcross Allen

Subseries A: Literary works: travel, plays, memoirs

Subseries B: Pioneer stories: articles for various historical series published in the Greeley Tribune during the 1940s.

Subseries C: Want To Know (W.T.K) Club presentations

Subseries D: Manuscripts and ephemera related to the history of cowboys and ranching in Weld County

Subseries E: Other manuscripts found in the collection, not part of a published series.

Series III: Newspaper clippings found in collection, aggregated by series as published in the Greeley Tribune.

Subseries A: “Pioneer Days in Greeley”

Subseries B: “Cow Country Recollections”

Subseries C: “Our Pioneer Neighbors”

Subseries D: “Early School Days”

Subseries E: “Weld County Frontier Life”

Subseries F: “Old Houses in Greeley”

Subseries G: “Pioneer Life in Greeley”

Container List

Series I: Scrapbooks

Subseries A: Pioneer stories published in the Greeley Tribune
Rehoused with scrapbooks

Subseries B: “Old Houses” and “Cow Country Recollections” articles

Box	Folder
ARC-Allen-002	25

Series II: Writings and associated ephemera of Grace Norcross Allen

Subseries A: Literary works: travel, plays, memoirs, photographs

Box	Folders
ARC-Allen-001	2-5

Subseries B: Pioneer stories: articles for historical series published by the Tribune in the
1940s

Box	Folders
ARC-Allen-001	6-10

Subseries C: W.T.K. Club presentations

Box	Folders
ARC-Allen-001	11-16

Subseries D: Manuscripts and ephemera related to the history of cowboys and ranching
in Weld County

Box	Folders
ARC-Allen-001	1
ARC-Allen-002	17-22

Subseries E: Other manuscripts found in the collection, not part of a published series.

Box	Folders
ARC-Allen- 002	23-24

Series III: Newspaper clippings found in the collection, aggregated by series as published in the Greeley Tribune.

Subseries A: “Pioneer Days in Greeley”

Box	Folder
ARC-Allen-002	26

Subseries B: “Cow Country Recollections”

Box	Folder
ARC-Allen-002	27

Subseries C: “Our Pioneer Neighbors”

Box	Folder
ARC-Allen-002	28

Subseries D: “Early School Days”

Box	Folder
ARC-Allen-002	29

Subseries E: “Weld County Frontier Life”

Box	Folder
ARC-Allen-002	30

Subseries F: “Old Houses in Greeley”

Box	Folder
ARC-Allen-002	31

Subseries G: “Pioneer Life in Greeley”

Box	Folder
ARC-Allen-002	32