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Allen and Hancock family papers, Part 2

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Abstract: A history of the Allen and Hancock families, specifically the accomplishments of Mary Beulah Nock Allen, her daughter, Dr. Gladys Martha Allen, and her niece, Julia “Betsy” Allen Hancock, can be found in Part 1 of this finding aid. In Part 2, personal items of Walter K. Allen and Florence Byrd Allen Cooper can be found in addition to the previous family members.

Walter Kendall Allen (c. 1892-1925) married Mary Beulah Nock Allen in Stockton, Maryland in 1918. The couple moved to India as missionaries with the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. While his wife served as a teacher, Walter continued his religious work as a Reverend. While abroad, the couple had two daughters, Florence Byrd and Gladys.

Florence Byrd Allen Cooper (1922-2011) was Mary Beulah Nock Allen and Walter Kendall Allen’s first child. Born in India while her parents pursued missionary work, she moved to the United States with her mother and younger sister, Gladys Martha Allen, after her father’s death in 1925. While living in Maryland, Florence Byrd attended Goucher College, graduating in 1944 on D-Day. After graduation, she taught in the Maryland school system for eleven years and achieved her MA in Education from the University of Maryland in 1950. In 1955 she was awarded the Ford Foundation Scholarship. Florence Byrd married Levin Taylor Cooper in 1957, with whom she had three children: L. Franklin Cooper, Clifford P. Cooper, and Mary Ellen Cooper. Throughout her life she was an avid stamp collector and genealogist for the Allen, Cooper, and Payne families. As a descendant of the Allen family for whom the village was named in 1882, her interest in family history led to a published pamphlet about Allen in 1970. 25 years later, she aided in the creation of the Allen Historical Society, which pursued a mission to preserve and enhance history and culture of Allen and to provide educational opportunities for residents and non-residents regarding life in Allen across the centuries. She actively participated with the Society as the Vice President and a board member until her death.

Part 2 of the records of the Allen and Hancock family papers document childhood and adult accomplishments of Julia “Betsy” Allen Hancock and the extensive correspondence the Allen family maintained while living in India and the United States. The personal effects of Julia Hancock include educational records and notes as well as fictional reports displaying her witty and humorous personality. In addition, publications, programs, and musical sheets document her interests in the theater and music. The substantial collection of correspondence from Beulah, Walter, Florence Byrd, and Gladys Allen, mainly to Beulah’s parents in Stockton, Maryland, record the family’s experiences, accomplishments and hardships while missionaries in India, as well as their lives after returning to the United States and pursuing their individual affairs.

Citation: <http://obitree.com/obituary/us/maryland/salisbury/holloway-funeral-home---salisbury/florence-byrd-cooper/1259099/>

Arrangement Statement: The Allen and Hancock family papers, Part 2 have been arranged into two series according to creator: JULIA “BETSY” ALLEN HANCOCK and ALLEN FAMILY. The materials within each series are arranged first by subject, then chronologically. Series I (Julia “Betsy” Allen Hancock) contains personal materials from her education, photographs, musical memorabilia and publications. Series II (Allen Family) contains personal correspondences between the family members, photographs, lists of property, religious notes, and travel documentation.

Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.

Subject Terms:

General Terms

Assam, Burma, India
Education – Maryland
Salisbury, (Md.)

Corporate Names

Maryland State Normal School
Salisbury Colored High School
Salisbury State University
Wicomico High School

Personal Names

Allen, Dr. Gladys Martha
Allen, Mary Beulah Nock
Allen, Walter Kendall
Cooper, Florence Byrd Allen
Hancock, Julia “Betsy” Allen
Nock, Edward E.
Nock, Florence

Series I: Julia “Betsy” Allen Hancock

Box 6

16. Essay by Julia Allen, “Fanny Kemble: A Passionate Victorian,” 1938
17. Report Cards, Julia Allen, 1938-1942
18. Academic Notes, Zoology 101 by Julia Allen, 1942

Box 7

1. Invitation, Salisbury State University Homecoming/ Reunion 1998, 1998
2. Matchmaker Report for Julia Hancock, 1969 February 14

3. Form, WIN/SAU Social Service Plan, Julia Hancock, 1980
4. Memo, To Julia Hancock, Re: Your New Position, 1983
5. Notes, Julia Allen's Classmates at Maryland State Normal School, 1998
6. Notes, Julia Hancock, undated
7. Get Well Soon Card to Julia Hancock, undated
8. Photograph, Groundbreaking Ceremony, circa 1940s
9. Photograph, Rufus C. Johnson, Board of Education, circa 1960
10. Photographs, Office Party, circa 1980
11. Photographs, Julia Hancock, Recognition Ceremony, circa 1980s
12. Photograph, Salisbury Colored High School, undated
13. Photographs, Wicomico High School, undated
14. Program, Night of Roses, The Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City, 1936 October 29
15. Program, *Our Town* by The Marionettes of Hood College, undated
16. Choral Sheet, Three-Part Choruses For Women's Voices, 1937
17. Songbook, Rock-A-Bye-Baby: A Modern Choral Score in Radio Idiom, 1942
18. Advertisement, Pocahontas Coal Company, Salisbury, Maryland, undated
19. Publication, *Protecting the Dionnes*, 1936
20. Publication, *Tish* by Alice Chadwick with Notes by Julia Allen, circa 1939
21. Publication, *Population Problems in the South*, circa 1939
22. Booklet, *Futurama* by General Motors, Display Highways and Horizons, 1940

Series II: Allen Family

23. Correspondence, 1917-1918
24. Correspondence, To and From Mr. Walter K. Allen, 1920
25. Correspondence, 1921
26. Correspondence, 1922
27. Correspondence, 1923
28. Correspondence, 1924
29. Correspondence, 1925
30. Correspondence, To Mr. E.E. Nock, 1926 January 21
31. Correspondence, 1931
32. Correspondence From Mary Beulah Nock Allen to Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Nock, 1932
33. Correspondence, To Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Nock from Mary Beulah Nock Allen, 1933-1934
34. Correspondence, 1935
35. Correspondence, 1936
36. Correspondence, 1937-1938
37. Correspondence, To Florence Byrd From Mary Beulah Nock Allen, 1942-1948
38. Correspondence, undated
39. Photograph, Mary Beulah, Florence Byrd, and Gladys Allen, circa 1930
40. Photograph, Beulah, Florence Byrd, and Gladys Allen at Ava Prison, circa 1932
41. Photograph, Dr. Gladys Allen, circa 1940s
42. Photograph, Beulah Nock Allen, 1974 August 10
43. Supply Request from Walter Allen, 1923
44. Description of Photographs Taken by Walter K. Allen, Golaghat, Assam, India, 1924 March

45. Hotel Receipt from The Mandeville Hotel, 1925-1926
46. Travel Log, circa 1926-1927
47. Church Calendar, Allen Memorial Baptist Church, Salisbury, Maryland, 1937-1938
48. Luggage Inventory, undated
49. Library of Walter K. Allen, undated
50. Religious Notes, undated
51. Cut Postage Stamps, circa 1920s
52. Male Identification Card, undated
53. Newspaper Clippings, circa 2005

Oversize Materials

1. Certificate, A Tribute to Mrs. Beulah Nock Allen upon Retirement From Teaching, 1960
2. Newspaper, Wi-Hi News, Senior Issue, 1940 May 29