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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Allen, George Marcus, 1888-1969
<b>Title:</b>	George Marcus Allen Collection
<b>ID:</b>	6944113
<b>ID:</b>	UA#0030
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1945-1948, 1993
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.21 linear feet 1 half-size document box
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection contains a scrapbook compiled by Professor George Marcus Allen, from when his time as Chair of the Committee on Public Ceremonies at Columbia University (1945-1948).

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); George Marcus Allen collection; Box and Folder; University Archives, Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Columbia University Libraries.

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## Biographical / Historical

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George Marcus Allen was born on April 28, 1888 in Salt Lake City, Utah, the son of Professor D.R. Allen of the University of Utah. Allen received the bachelor of science degree from the School of Mines at the University of Utah in 1908, and the bachelor of architecture degree from Columbia School of Architecture in 1914. Appointed an instructor in architecture in 1916, Professor Allen taught at Columbia until 1953 when he was appointed Professor Emeritus of Graphics. George Marcus Allen passed away on July 25, 1969.

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## Summary

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This very small collection contains the pages of a scrapbook compiled by Professor George Marcus Allen when he was Chair of the Committee on Public Ceremonies at Columbia University in the City of New York, July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1948. The scrapbook contains correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings, programs and related printed matter all connected to the ceremonial events he was in charge of organizing. Among the events documented are commencements and convocations of the time period, Maria Moors Cabot Prize ceremonies, the ceremony honoring Columbia University for its work with Atomic Bomb Research (4 Oct 1945), special convocations awarding honorary degrees to Juan Antonio Rio, President of the Republic of Chile (18 Oct 1945), Winston Churchill (18 March 1946), The Archbishop of Canterbury (16 September 1946), and eleven wartime leaders from the U.S. Armed Forces (21 February 1947). In addition to the scrapbook, a self-published book of Allen family genealogy as compiled by Jane M. Allen was also donated and is included with this collection.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in one series.

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### **Restrictions on Access**

This collection has no restrictions.

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### **Accruals**

No additions are expected.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

2004.016: Source of acquisition--Jane McMurty Allen, daughter of Professor George Marcus Allen. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--May 2004.

### **Processing Information**

This collection was processed by Jocelyn Wilk in August 2004.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Commencement ceremonies
- Columbia University

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I. George Marcus Allen Collection, 1945-1948, 1993

Title/Description	Instances	
Chair of the Committee on Public Ceremonies scrapbook, 1945-1948	box 1	folder 1
Abraham Alling of Oyster Bay, New York [abt. 1630- post 1711] : some of his descendants and their related families / compiled by Jane McMurtry Allen, 1993	box 1	folder 2

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