Maynard Dale Allen Autobiography  
(K1074)

Collection Number: K1074

Collection Title: Maynard Dale Allen Autobiography

Dates: 1963

Creator: Allen, Maynard Dale, 1893-1989

Abstract: The Maynard Dale Allen Autobiography consists of a single spiral bound notebook outlining the Allen family’s genealogy as well as Allen’s life from 1893 to 1937. Allen recalls his first interactions with automobiles and telephone service, visiting Kansas City as a teenager, moving, the Great Depression, politics, and war.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic foot  
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Maynard Dale Allen was born on July 26, 1893, near Maryville, Missouri, to John Henry and Lora Belle Henson Allen. Allen was one of eight children. In 1907, Allen and his family moved to Eldorado, Kansas. After a year in Kansas, they returned to a farm near Maryville. Allen enrolled in the Northwest Normal School but was unable to graduate as he terminated his schooling every winter to assist on the farm in the spring. At 18, Allen took teaching exams and passed. In spring 1912, the family moved to Nebraska where Allen received a second teaching certificate and accepted a teaching position for $50.00 per month. While teaching, Allen met Gladys Loveall and they married, together they had three children. After a few years in education, Allen returned to farming. In 1925, Allen sold his farm implements and moved to Fort Collins, Colorado. Continuing marital problems pushed Allen to seek employment where he could find it, eventually moving away from his family. In 1928, Allen’s father encouraged him to move to Vernon County, Missouri and help run the family farm. In 1929, along with his brother Bert, Allen moved to a farm near Deerfield, Missouri. In 1930, the family could no longer afford to keep the farm and sold their livestock and implements. Unable to pay for the property, the family abandoned it and moved to Arizona.

Little is known about Allen’s life after 1937. According to the notebook, Allen married Regina Burstyn around 1941. Allen died in 1989 and is buried at Tempe Double Butte Cemetery in Tempe, Arizona.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of a single spiral bound notebook. Pages of the notebook contain Allen’s handwritten entries outlining family genealogy as well as his life from 1893 to 1937. Allen recalls his first interactions with automobiles and telephone service, visiting Kansas City as a teenager, moving, the Great Depression, politics, and war. Also included in the notebook is a photocopy of an article about Lucian Allen, a retiring Garfield County, Colorado, school superintendent.

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