

The Filson Historical Society

**The Papers of
Young Ewing Allison**

The papers of Young Ewing Allison, poet, and editor of Louisville, Ky.

For information regarding literary and copyright interests for these papers, see the Curator of Manuscripts James J. Holmberg.

Size of Collection

6 cubic feet

Locator Number Mss.\A\A439

Biographical Note

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| 1853 | Born in Henderson, Ky. |
| 1880 | Became city editor of the Courier-Journal. |
| 1883 | Married Maggie Yeiser. |
| 1888 | Founded and edited an insurance trade newspaper the <i>Insurance Herald</i> . |
| 1899 | Started the <i>Insurance Field</i> . |
| 1891 | Wrote his epic poem <i>Derelict</i> . |
| 1932 | Died and was buried at Cave Hill Cemetery. |

For more information consult the *Kentucky Encyclopedia*.

Scope and Content Note

Collection contains correspondence, pictures, legal documents, manuscript and printed copies of Allison's works, much of it collected by Otto A. Rothert to be used in the *Select Works of Young E. Allison*. Young's works include lyrics, opera scores, biographical sketches, editorials and news stories, essays, speeches, etc. Includes material concerning the work of the Old Kentucky Home Commission. Collection includes paperwork regarding the publication of *Select Works*. Also includes separate correspondence files of Y.E. Allison and Rothert. Three notebooks of Allison, two letterbooks, and miscellaneous notes of Allison and Rothert.

Correspondents include J. Christian Bay, William Fortune, Henry A. Sampson, Madge Rowan Frost, Samuel J. Boldrick, Phillip Allison, Frank M. Drake, and Gustave A. Breaux.

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fl. 1 Correspondence 1887-1890.
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fl. 7 Correspondence 1927-1928.
fl. 8 Correspondence 1929-1930.
fl. 9 Correspondence 1931 Feb.-Dec.
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fl. 11 Bibliographies.
fl. 12 Manuscript: Cradle of Uncle Tom's Cabin, 13 May 1881.
fl. 13 Manuscript: How Father Ryan Died, Aug. 1886.
fl. 14 Manuscript: Moonshine Men, 1887.
fl. 15 Courier-Journal article: Sue Mundy, Feb. 1887.
fl. 16 Manuscript: The Longworth Mystery, Oct. 1889.
fl. 17 Derelict, 1890; printed copies and reviews.
fl. 18 Manuscript: Social Morality and Hypocrisy in Fiction, 1893.
fl. 19 Playbill: "The Ogalallas," 1893. The Columbia, Chicago.
fl. 20 Manuscript: An Incident of War, Oct. 1894.
fl. 21 Manuscript: Robert Louis Stevenson, Mar. 1895.
fl. 22 Manuscript: On the Vice of Novel Reading, 24 June 1897.
fl. 23 Manuscript: The Mouse and the Garter (opera), 1897.

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fl. 24 Manuscript: Autobiography of His Youth, ca. 1915.
fl. 25 Manuscript: Autobiography of His Youth (continued), ca. 1915.
fl. 26 Manuscript: Burns' Day Remarks, 25 Jan. 1915.

fl. 27 Newspaper articles: The Trappist Abbey of Gethsemani, Jan. 1916.
Life in a Trappist Monastery, Feb. 1916.
fl. 28 Manuscript: The Vital Relation of Insurance to Banking and Shipping in the World's Trade After War, 1917.

fl. 29 Manuscript: The Old Piano, May 1917.
Second draft-Dec. 1931.

fl. 30 Courier-Journal story: The Old Music Master, Dec. 1919.

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fl. 31 Manuscript: Morgue, 1920.

fl. 32 Manuscript: Stephen Collins Foster and American Songs, 1920.

fl. 33 Manuscript and newspaper article: My Old Kentucky Home, 1921.

fl. 34 Manuscript and printed article: The Curious Legend of Louis Philippe in Kentucky, 1924.

fl. 35 Printed article: The Curious Legend of Louis Philippe in Kentucky, (continued), 1924.

fl. 36 Reviews of The Curious Legend of Louis Philippe in Kentucky.

fl. 37 Manuscript: A Chapter of Trappist History in Kentucky, 1927.

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fl. 38 Manuscripts: Men, Women, and Careers, 16 May 1927.
The Constitution and Women.

Newspaper clippings about women in industry.

fl. 39 Manuscript: Women in Business, ca. 1927.

fl. 40 Manuscript: Cross Examined, 1927.

fl. 41 Manuscript: Spawn of Satan, 1929.

fl. 42 Manuscript: A Pioneer for Souls: Benedict Joseph Flaget, first Bishop of Bardstown-Louisville, 1932.

fl. 43 Sheet music.

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fl. 44 Addresses 1896-1929.

fl. 45 Biographical sketches 1918-1928.

fl. 46 Manuscripts of humorous works 1897-1919.

fl. 47 Printed material on insurance topics 1913-1927.

fl. 48 Manuscript: Mary the Apple-Girl (play).

fl. 49 Poems: Recollections of a Country Town.

Sequel to The Vital Relation.

Fragments.

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fl. 50 Miscellaneous works n.d.

fl. 51 Miscellaneous works 1876-1913.

fl. 52 Newspaper clippings 1914-1929.

fl. 53 Copy of an 1829 letter written by Young E. Allison, Sr.
Sketch giving the background of the letter and its writer.

Copy of an 1837 letter written by Lazarus W. Powell.

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fl. 55 Miscellaneous notes.

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- fl. 58 Newspaper clippings and other material about Young E. Allison 1884-1920.
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- fl. 62 Allison Memorial Meeting, Henderson, Ky. 24 June 1933 materials.
- fl. 63 Materials concerning the bronze tablet to Allison unveiled in Henderson, Ky. 3 Nov. 1934.
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- fl. 65 Select Works of Young E. Allison- Lists of contents, record of material sent to the printer, revisions, etc.
- fl. 66 Pictures used in Select Works of Young E. Allison.
- fl. 67 Select Works of Young E. Allison. Copies of the bibliography compiled by J. Christian Bay.
- fl. 68 Select Works of Young E. Allison- Galleys 1-10: Pipe Dreams.
- fl. 69 Reviews of Select Works of Young E. Allison.
- fl. 70 Lists of subscribers, bills, receipts, etc. for the sale of Select Works of Young E. Allison.
- fl. 71 Statements sent for purchase of Select Works: A-K.
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- fl. 77 Young E. Allison, Jr. (1890-) correspondence 1935 June-Nov.
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- fl. 79 Otto A. Rothert correspondence 1915-1932.
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fl. 88 Henry A. Sampson correspondence 1907-1909.
fl. 89 Old Kentucky Home Commission correspondence 1921.
fl. 90 Madge Rowan Frost A.L.S. 19 July 1923.
fl. 91 Samuel J. Boldrick correspondence 1923-1934.
fl. 92 Philip Allison letter to his father, George Allison 26 June 1933.
fl. 93 Frank M. Drake correspondence 1935 June-Nov.
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fl. 95 William Fortune correspondence 1919-1935.

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fl. 96 Henry Watterson articles.
fl. 97 Newspaper clippings 1920-1938.
fl. 98 Old Kentucky Home Commission materials 1921.
fl. 99 Material about Allison family members 1934-1935.
fl. 100 Henry A. Sampson poetry.
fl. 101 Otto A. Rothert miscellaneous notes.

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102 Notebook 1927-1930.
103 Notebook 1930-1932.
104 Notebook.
105 Letterbook 1892-1895.
106 Letterbook 1899-1902.

Package 107

Two unbound copies of Select works of Young E. Allison.

Package 108

Mimeographed biography of Allison written by J. Christian Bays for the Select Works.

Package 109

Original manuscript and page proofs of Select Works of Young E. Allison.

Package 110

Bound copies of Brother Francesco and A Piratical Ballad.
Negative photostats of Brother Francesco, The Furnace, and A Piratical Ballad.