Finding aid of the Walter C. Allen Papers, 1943-1944

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Walter C. Allen Papers, 1943-1944
Dates: 1943-1944
Collection Size: 6 folders
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Abstract: Documents related to the writing and publication of an article by Walter C. Allen about the creation of the original San Francisco City Directory and its two reprints published by Charles P. Kimball in 1850.
Physical location: Stored on-site at the Society of California Pioneers
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English
Access
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Preferred Citation
Biography / Administrative History
Walter C. Allen (Walter Cummings Allen) was born in San Francisco on October 27, 1867 and died March 18, 1948. Mr. Allen became a member of the Society of California Pioneers on September 3, 1929 tracing his pioneer roots through his father Henry Monroe Allen. Mr. Allen graduated from the University of California with a degree in civil engineering in 1891 and worked as an electrical engineer for his entire career. He held positions in Schenectady, NY (1893-1894), the District of Columbia (1894-1924), and Philadelphia, PA (1924-1933). Mr. Allen also served in public office as the Executive Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission for the District of Columbia from 1916 to 1924. He was married Alice Margaret Allen on February 19, 1902. (Institutional Archives, Society of California Pioneers, vol. 7)

Scope and Content of Collection
Six folders which include handwritten notes, original draft and publication proof for an article written in 1943-1944 by Walter C. Allen about the publication of the original San Francisco City Directory by Charles P. Kimball in 1850. Also included in this collection are the correspondence between Allen and various librarians about the original City Directory and its publication, photographic reproductions of some pages from the directory, its cover and a photo of Charles P. Kimball, and an undated newspaper clipping of an article about the city directories.

Arrangement
Folder 1: Proofs of Publication of The Society of California Pioneers For the Year 1943, containing Allen's article "San Francisco's First City Directory and Its Two Reprints." Also separate proof of the first two pages of the article. Folder 2: Article draft. Folder 3: Reproductions for the article. Contains negative image of Kimball, 6 photos and photocopies of the
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