W. G. Allen Vladivostok [Russia] Collection

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Guide to the W. G. Allen Vladivostok [Russia] Collection, 1898-1899

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Descriptive Summary
Title: W. G. Allen Vladivostok [Russia] Collection
Dates: 1898-1899
Collection number: Bernath Mss 261
Collection Size: .3 linear feet (1 flat oversize box).
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Abstract: Collection contains a diary, photo album, and loose photos, detailing a mining engineer's trip from San Francisco to Vladivostok to work for Clarkson & Company, an American mining company establishing coal mines in eastern Russia.

Physical location: Del Norte Oversize.

Languages: English

Access Restrictions
None.

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Acquisition Information

Scope and Content of Collection
Collection contains a diary, photo album, and loose photos, detailing a mining engineer's trip from San Francisco to Vladivostok to work for Clarkson & Company, an American mining company establishing coal mines in eastern Russia.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Allen, W. G.
H. Clarkson & Company.
Coal mines and mining--Russia.
Vladivostok (Russia).
Diary, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1899

Additional Note
365 pages, describes Allen’s voyage on board the S.S. City of Pekin; travels in Yokohama, Kobe, and Nagasaki (Japan); arrival in Vladivostok; social interactions with Americans and Russians; Chinese and Russian workers; establishment of a coal mine and camp as Chief Engineer. Also includes some pencil sketches by Allen.

Photo album, ca. 1898-1899

Additional Note
387 black and white, handcolored, and sepia-tone photographs illustrating events described in the diary, some with handwritten captions. Images include commercial souvenirs and snapshots from Japan; portraits of Allen and colleagues; street, market and harbor views, featuring boats and ships, vendors and wares; local peoples; construction and finished shots of Clarkson coal mine.

Loose photos, 1898-1899

Additional Note
15 black and white and sepia-toned snapshots taken in Nagasaki, on the ship, and in Vladivostok, some with brief captions.