



Austin Seminary Archives, Stitt Library

ALLEN (WILLIAM YOUEL) DIARIES AND SERMONS, 1835-1848

Descriptive Summary

Title: William Youel Allen diaries and sermons

Dates: 1835-1848 and undated

Accession Number(s): 1996-014

Extent: 1.5 inches

Language: Materials are written in English.

Biographical Note:

William Youel Allen (1805-1885) was a Presbyterian minister in Kentucky, Texas and Indiana. He was licensed in 1836 by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, New Jersey, and worked for a black colonization society in Pennsylvania before traveling to Texas in March 1838. Allen was chaplain of the Texas Senate in 1838, and organized a church in Houston in March 1839, as well as another in Austin in October. In 1840 he founded a church in Columbia, Texas. Allen participated in the organization of the Presbytery of the Brazos in April 1840. He returned to Kentucky in 1842, served as president of Danville College and later as pastor in Bethany, Kentucky. The last fourteen years of his life were spent as a pastor in Rockville, Indiana.

William Stuart Red relied heavily on the papers and diaries of Allen while writing his *History of the Presbyterian Church in Texas* (1936), many of which were published serially by the *Texas Presbyterian* from 1876-1885.

Source: *Handbook of Texas Online*, s.v. "ALLEN, WILLIAM YOUEL (1805-1885)," <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/AA/fal30.html> (accessed February 22, 2008).

Scope and Contents:

This collection consists of diaries and sermons written by Allen from 1835-1848. One diary relates Allen's return to Kentucky via New Orleans and the Mississippi River, and includes details on early Presbyterian activity in Galveston & Houston, Republic of Texas. An autobiographical entry covers the period of Allen's life through May 1838. The sermons were generally preached in more than one location in Texas and Indiana.

Photocopies relating to the life of William Youel Allen and published excerpts from his diaries compiled by William Stuart Red are available in the holding record for the collection. Ask the archivist for details.

Restrictions:

Materials are available by appointment only. Contact the archivist for details.

Index Terms:

Allen, William Y. (William Youel), 1805-1885.
American diaries--19th century.
Presbyterian Church--Clergy.
Presbyterian Church--Texas--History--19th century.
Sermons, English--Indiana.
Sermons, English--Texas.

Related Collections:

William Y. Allen Letters, 1842, 1878 at the Center for American History on The University of Texas at Austin campus. Finding aid available online at:
<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/utcah/00724/cah-00724.html>

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