

THOMAS ALLEN'S SCRAPBOOKS

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Thomas Allen, compiler.
- Title:** Thomas Allen's Scrapbooks.
- Dates:** 1925-1952.
- Abstract:** Thomas Allen's scrapbooks, dated from 1925-1952, mainly describe games played by Glens Falls (N.Y.) High School and Wilmington (Del.) High School sports teams against other area schools. Thomas Allen was director of physical education for the schools in Glens Falls. The scrapbooks primarily contain newspaper clippings, along with photographs and other documents.
- Quantity:** 3 cubic feet (3 boxes, 6 volumes).
- Identification Number:** Archives and Manuscripts: Scrapbooks

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Thomas Allen graduated from Lafayette College, Easton, PA, where he was captain of the track team, when Harold Anson Bruce was coach of the team. In the summer of 1925 he was assistant to Harold Anson Bruce, the Superintendent of the Municipal Recreation Commission of the City of Glens Falls, New York. His main duties were to coach young people and organize competitive events, mainly in track and field. In the fall of 1927 Allen was coach of the football team, the swimming team, and Assistant Head of Physical Education at the Wilmington High School, Wilmington Delaware. In 1927 the swimming team won the national interscholastic swimming title. Beginning in 1929, he was Director of Physical Education for the Schools of the City of Glens Falls and coached many of the sports teams of Glens Falls High School.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

Thomas Allen's scrapbooks, dated 1929-1930, 1943-1945, and 1951-1952, mainly describe games played by Glens Falls High School teams against other area schools. Scrapbook Volume 1 describes Allen's work in the summer of 1925 as assistant to the Superintendent of the Municipal Recreation Commission of the City of Glens Falls, organizing playground activities and instructing young people, especially in track and field events. In addition there are some photographs of Lake George. Also included in Volume 1 are newspaper reports, photographs, and other documents describing the accomplishments of the 1927 swimming team at Wilmington High School. Volume 2 describes Allen's football coaching activities in the fall of 1927 at Wilmington High School. The scrapbooks primarily contain newspaper clippings, but some photographs, correspondence, reports, and programs are also included.

INDEX TERMS

- Topics:** School sports—New York (State)—Glens Falls.
School sports—Delaware—Wilmington.
- Places:** Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History—Sources.
Wilmington (Del.)—History—Sources.
George, Lake (N.Y.: Lake)—Photographs.
- Organizations:** Glens Falls High School (Glens Falls, N.Y.)
Wilmington High School (Wilmington, Del.)
- Important People:** Allen, Thomas.
- Form/Genre:** Scrapbooks.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Box 1

Volume 1: Glens Falls, 1925; Wilmington High School, 1927.

Volume 2: Wilmington High School, 1927.

Box 2

Volume 3: Glens Falls High School, 1929-1930.

Volume 4: Glens Falls High School, 1943-1944.

Box 3

Volume 5: Glens Falls High School, 1944-1945.

Volume 6: Glens Falls High School, 1951-1952.