



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	ALLEN, Sir Harry Brookes
ACCESSION NO	1963.00003
CATEGORY	University, Individual
ACTIVITY	Academics, Pathology
DATE RANGE	1868 - 1926
SIZE OF COLLECTION	2 boxes and 1 album
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>Harry Brookes Allen was born in Geelong on 13 June, 1854 and educated there at Flinders School, and later at the Church of England Grammar School, Melbourne. In 1871 he entered the University of Melbourne, studying medicine and topping his class every year. In 1876 he was appointed to the Faculty, initially as a demonstrator and then lecturer in anatomy and pathology. Allen rose quickly to the position of Dean which he held from 1886-1994, and again from 1896-1924 when he retired. Allen built up a collection of thousands of pathology specimens which form the core of the museum that now bears his name.</p> <p>Allen had many interests outside the University, particularly in fields relating to medicine and public health. He was appointed to preside over the Royal Commissions regarding the sanitary condition of Melbourne and the extermination of rabbits in Australasia. Allen presented reports to the Victorian government on hospital construction and management and was involved with the establishment of the Australian Institute of Tropical Medicine in Townsville in 1909 and the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute between 1912 and 1915.</p> <p>Allen secured the recognition of Melbourne medical degrees by the General Council of Medical Education & Registration and was the first Australian graduate to be registered in Britain. In 1914 the medical school celebrated its jubilee and Allen was knighted.</p> <p>Allen died on 28 March 1926. He was survived by his wife Ada (neé Mason) and three daughters.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	September 1963
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open

DESCRIPTION	Letters from the University concerning employment; his letters to The Age concerning claim to be paid for work as demonstrator; appointment to the Royal Commission to enquire into the Sanitary Condition of Melbourne with bound copies of progress and final reports, 1882-1889; letters concerning his trip to Europe in 1890; University business including the Dickson frauds, 1897-1904; travel to U.K. and Europe, 1912; the foundation of the Medical School, Brisbane, 1914; personal letters to Allen, including letters from Sir James Paget, London, 1891-1898. School reports from the Church of England Grammar School, 1869. Notes from Professor McCoy's Comparative Anatomy, Vertibrata, 1872 and General Anatomy notes, 1873; ward notes Melbourne Hospital 1880; certificates for attendance at the Melbourne Hospital and for Registration; testimonials supporting appointments from E. James, S.D. Bird, G.B. Halford, T.N. Fitzgerald, James Robertson etc., 1882; licences to practice; conferring programmes for ceremonies at which Allen received honour; tributes to Allen on his retirement and death; invitations and programmes. Pencil drawing of the door of the old Wilson Hall by daughter, Mary Cecil Allen.
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	Due to its high use, the collection was re-boxed into Type 1 archive boxes, and transferred into acid-free folders in January 2009. Some of the more fragile items were placed in Mylar or other inert plastic sleeves. Items in each group were checked against the original listing, as the correspondence particularly, was out of order. Items were re-ordered to match the lists. <i>Notes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several items were missing from correspondence: I/1(a) – (d), these are starred on the list. • Series II (o) was also not located. • Re note by Mary Allen referring to proof sheets. Proof sheets not located.
NOTE ON LISTING	Information from the original transfer of records has been retained in this listing. Some items seem to have been added after the original transfer and added to the original list in pencil. This supplementary material is recorded as Series III (h).
Original Listing	Cecily Close 5 January 1964
Updated	Samara McIlroy 30 th January 2009
Amended	Sophie Garrett 14 July 2011

BOX 1	I	Correspondence 1(f) – 6(n)	
	II	Other documents II(a) – (g) from various stages of Allen’s academic career	
BOX 2	II	Other documents II(h) – (n) from various stages of Allen’s academic career	
	III	Australasian Medical Congress	1908
	IV	Notes and Speeches, writings	
	V	Miscellaneous	
ALBUM		Photographs	

Photograph Album

University of Melbourne-related photographs that may have been compiled into this album by Frank Gladish

The album is indexed; some University items are labelled as such, others are known to be University-related by common knowledge. Any items not listed have no direct University connection is known or none is inferable.

Page Title or description

1	H B Allen 1908 (2 different glossy published), G B Halford
2	Redmond Barry (horseback shot), Sir John Madden n.d., T F a'Beckett n.d.
3	Undergraduate Club proposed new building (published perspective and floor plans by A Eggleston: not built) n.d. Anatomy & Pathology building, front, and practical room
4	Wilson Hall, Biology, lake & Chemistry, lake & Conservatorium, Trinity, Ormond, Queen's, and Trinity Hostel (Janet Clarke Hall)
5	Old pavilion, new pavilion; Biology
56	Halford, McCoy, Hearn (lithographs)
57	A dissecting class in the sixties (the usual shot); Medical School Library
59	Henry Laurie
66	'The Late Sir Samuel Wilson's Gift' (interior, exterior, bust)
67	Brownless, F Tate, A Leeper, R L J Ellery, Sir Thomas N Fitzgerald (Senior Surgeon to the Melbourne Hospital)
68	Jas E Neild, Jas Jamieson, John Williams, W Balls-Headley, Dr Rothwell Adam, David Grant, J W Springthorpe, Frederic D Bird
69	Thos Cherry (Pathology), G A Syme, G C Rennie (Anatomy)
70	C J Martin (Physiology), J W Barrett, W Fielder (Histology), W H Green (Chemistry) D O Masson, Bertram D Steele
71	T R Lyle, E F J Love (Natural Philosophy)
72	Franklin Peterson; W A Laver; Arthur Chanter (first Mus.Bac.)
73	H Darnley Naylor (& article); 3 shots of Ormond production 'The Frogs' 1901
76	Lecture class, Anatomy (with skeleton, skulls etc.) [and H B Allen?]; Sir Thomas Fitzgerald
77	Lady Halle (Madam Norman-Neruda)
79	'Boys of the Old Brigade' - U of M academic and general staff group in quadrangle; 70 numbered figures with key; University gardens; University Officers' Instruction Company (militia group)

80-1	Article on Veterinary School and Research Institute with photo of Gilruth and plan of site and buildings, from <i>The Farmer and Grazier</i> , 1 September 1909
83	Staff and students of the Training College (some with tennis racquets); Lieut- Surgeon Palmer of Trinity; Brownless; Arthur Bartholomew; John Marzorini, L. Meyer
84	Wilson Hall, cloisters, lake, quadrangle, Law building; University site plan with medical buildings keyed (all from Alma Mater supplement?); Smart, Tappin
85	Trinity, Ormond, Queen's
87	Edmond Fleming et al.
89	Medical/Chemical building facade (good sepia photo, fairly close up)
96	Sir Thomas Smith
98	Shackleton, Prof David
99	Alexander Fraser, MB
100	Lord Kelvin
101	Card for dinner to Prof Berry 1909, showing Medical School (Pathology), Berry on cartoon figure with golf clubs, interior Museum (medical), and pram with two babies
103	Smith, "50 years ago, and at the 'close of life' "
104	College of Pharmacy (?Melbourne), no address
105	Laboratory of the College of Pharmacy
113	Chemistry & Physiology Depts (smaller, b & w version of photo on p.89)
121	Lord Brassey
122	Sir Rupert Clarke
127	Bacteriology Dept (behind Pathology?)
128	F L Apperly (Rhodes Scholar 1910); Dr G E Morrison; A Henrick Jackson
129	Thos Murphy MD Bendigo; Dr A V M Anderson; Mjr H V Champion
130	SRC Executive (J McKee, J Sutcliffe, c Williams, E Tate, G Wickens, G G Anderson, R N Levi, I Jones, Dr J H Anderson, G J Holmes) n.d.
130	Cartoons: 'Our Varsity Corps - At Attention!' and Forward March!
131	Marcham (sepia postcard)
134	Staff and students? white-bearded figure in mortarboard (?Allen), Masson (holding mortarboard) and eleven younger men, n.d., no names (Wilson Hall visible r. background)
141	Redmond Barry caricature (poor newsprint quality)
158	Sir Henry Wrixon
160	M U Intervarsity Rifle Team (C W Littlejohn, F A Boynton, J Reid, C G Morrison, J S Penrose, E F Lind, D Bennet, I O Masson, C Burrage)
164	Prof Payne
166	F S Grimwade
171	W C Kernot, and clipping concerning his memorial service
200	Programs for Melba reception (26 Nov 1909) after she laid Conservatorium foundation stone, and University Jubilee, and a tour of grounds and buildings 8 September 1909 (with site plan); another site plan
loose	Loose after p.200 - Jubilee Year Commencement, Exhibition building, 26 April 1906, 7 pp.; and Australasian Medical Congress Programme of Proceedings, Melbourne October 1908, with frontispiece University site plan and key