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The memoirs of Stephen Allen : typescript, edited, with an introduction and notes, by John C. Travis

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Summary

Creator: Allen, Stephen, 1767-1852

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Creator History

Businessman, Mayor of New York City.

Stephen Allen was a shareholder of the New York Society Library.

Custodial History

Sept. 30, 1927.

Scope and Content Note

Allen's memoirs, written in the form of letters to an imaginary correspondent, compiled and edited by his great grandson John C. Travis from copies of the original letters. Allen writes of life in New York City, the great fire, occupation of the city by the British during the Revolution, his work as a sailmaker apprenticing under James Leonard, his partnership with Thomas Hillson, his progress in sailmaking and business, the War of 1812, his services on behalf of the 10th ward on the Common Council, management of city affairs, activities as Chairman of the Croton Aqueduct Water Commissioners,

politics, public funds for Roman Catholic schools, plans for a railroad from New York to Albany, and his various public offices and positions with charitable and other organizations.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Association copies (Provenance) -- New York (State) -- New York -- 1927
Letters -- New York (State) -- New York -- 1927

Occupations

Businessmen
Mayors
Sailmakers

Subjects

Church schools -- New York (State) -- New York -- Finance
Fires -- New York (State) -- New York
Mayors -- New York (State) -- New York -- Biography
Railroads -- New York (State)
Water-supply -- New York (State) -- New York

Geographic Names

Croton Aqueduct (N.Y.)
New York (N.Y.) -- Commerce
New York (N.Y.) -- History -- 1775-1865
New York (N.Y.) -- Politics and government -- To 1898
New York (N.Y.) -- Social life and customs
United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783
United States -- History -- War of 1812

Names

Allen, Stephen, 1767-1852
Hillson, Thomas
Leonard, James
Travis, John C., d. 1931
Catholic Church
Hudson River Railroad
New York (N.Y.). Common Council
New York (N.Y.). Water Commissioners
New York Society Library