

Allen, Edmund Eliel (1855-1939)

Diaries, 1873/1874; 1881-1904; 1910-1914; 1920-1931; 1933-1938.

Sketchbook, 1922

Expense book, 1934-1937

50 vols. Mss. 14.5 to 19 cm.

Allen was the son of Josiah and Mary Stebbins Allen, and brother to photographers Mary and Frances Allen. Edmund worked on his father's farm, but eventually became a surveyor and civil engineer. He established an engineering firm in Olean, New York, and served as Superintendent of Streets, and eventually City Engineer.

The 1873/1874 diary includes entries on agricultural labor. The remaining diaries focus on his engineering work for railroads and other companies. The 1938 is mostly blank.

The earlier diaries were written in Deerfield; 1886-1890 in Holyoke, MA; 1891 in Rochester, NY; 1892-1894 in Oil City, PA; 1895 on in Olean, NY.

The 1922 sketchbook contains surveying sketches and notes.

Most volumes include accounts at the end.

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