



**Horatio Allen travel journal, 1835-1837**  
**SCHS 1159.00**

**Description:** 0.25 linear ft.

**Creator:** Allen, Horatio, 1802-1889.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Civil engineer and inventor. A native of Schenectady, N.Y., he graduated from the engineering school of Columbia University (N.Y.) in 1823. In 1829 Allen became the chief engineer of the South Carolina Railroad Company to construct its railroad from Charleston, S.C. to Augusta, Ga. Under Allen's direction the West Point Foundry (N.Y.) built "The Best Friend," the first locomotive constructed for sale in the United States. In 1834 Allen married Mary Moncrief Simons (b. 1811), daughter of James Dewar Simons (1785-1814) and Harleston Corbett Simons (b. 1785). James Dewar Simons was a Protestant Episcopal priest of Charleston, S.C. and the rector of St. Philip's (Episcopal) Church in that city. Allen returned from his three years of travel abroad to settle in New York City, where he became one of the proprietors of the Novelty Iron Works (Stillman, Allen & Co.) and continued to work as a consulting engineer and inventor.

**Scope and Content:** Typewritten transcription of a travel journal in six volumes kept by Horatio Allen during a trip to Europe with his wife Mary M.S. Allen and mother-in-law Harleston C. Simons. The Allens and Mrs. Simons visited England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Turkey, Greece, Egypt, and Italy.

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**Container list:**

11/603/1-6 European Journal, 1835-1837

Typescript journal (1835-1837) of Allen traveling to Europe with his wife, Mary M. Simons, and mother-in-law Mrs. James D. Simons. Journals regarding travel of HA in England (1835), France (1835-1836), Germany and Switzerland (1836), Bavaria, Austria, and Turkey (1836), Greece (1836), Egypt and Italy (1836-1837)