



# SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## **James Allan Papers, 1889-1930** **SCHS 101.00**

**Description:** 3 linear ft.

**Creator:** Allan, James, 1889-1930

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Summerville and Charleston, S.C. attorney. He was the son of James Allan (II), a jeweler, and Mary Doar Tupper. In 1917 he married Marian Aley of Wichita, Kansas. Allan was appointed Ninth Circuit solicitor in 1923 by Gov. Thomas G. McLeod at the request of Thomas P. Stoney, who had resigned the position to become mayor of Charleston. Allan was elected solicitor in 1924 and again in 1928.

**Scope and Content:** Papers consist of correspondence; organizational, project, subject, and case files; documents organized by material type; and family papers.

The bulk of correspondence (1914-1930) falls in the 1920s with a considerable portion focusing on the 1923 and 1927 mayoral elections of Thomas P. Stoney and Allan's involvement in his mayoral administration. There are also letters pertaining to the beautification of Ashley River Road (Charleston, S.C.), Allan's solicitor campaigns, and compulsory auto insurance. Early correspondence (to 1920) includes letters concerning Allan's military service during and after World War I; and letters of a personal nature to his uncle Elias D. Tupper. Correspondents include Thomas P. Stoney, Thomas G. McLeod, and others.

Organizational, project, and subject files consisting of correspondence, minutes, reports, financial records, membership lists, resolutions, by-laws, and other items include information on the Carolina Coastal Oil Development Co., Cooper River Bridge Co., Cooper River Ferry Commission, Lower Pee Dee Bridge Commission, The Manor Co. (for which Allan was attorney), the Middleburg Hunting Club (1915-1916), solicitorship races (1921-1928), Charleston Chamber of Commerce, Charleston Country Club, Wappoo Country Club, and the Zona Toilet Company of Wichita, Kan. (including correspondence with F.D. Aley regarding the advertising and marketing of Zona Face Pomade in Charleston, S.C.). Case files contain incomplete records of numerous cases prosecuted by Allan, and include both civil and criminal matters.

Documents arranged by material type include clippings; invoices; writings, including an essay (1925) by Allan entitled "The Historical Significance of a Trip to Folly Island"; and vote tallies and statistics concerning Charleston mayoral races in 1919 and 1923. Family papers include estate records (1914-1920) of James Allan, Sr.

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