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## ALLIN (ALBERT ELLIS) COLLECTION

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Albert Ellis Allin, 1906-1966, was a physician, naturalist and writer who spent most of his working career in Fort Williams, Ontario, where he collected specimens of birds, eggs, and flowers which he sent to the Royal Ontario Museum for its collections.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT

The papers contain his diaries with field notes, scrapbooks, correspondence, drafts of articles, notes, minutes of meetings for organizations of which he was an officer, and printed materials including newspaper clippings of columns written by other naturalists but collected by Allin. Included in the correspondence are letters from J.L. Baillie whose papers are also in the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, Manuscript Collection 127.

Extent: 29 boxes and items, mapcase.  
3.06 metres

Accession number: 81.019

Gift of David E. Allin in 1981.

Edna Hajnal July  
1989

## Chronology

- 1906 Born at Hampton, Ontario, son of Frederick T. Allin and Io Europa Ellis. Attended public school in Hampton, then high school in Bowmanville.
- 1915 First article published, "The Black Swallow-tail Butterfly" in Toronto Star Weekly.
- 1926 Became member of the Brodie Club
- 1928 Worked on the Cooperative Survey of Lake Erie for the Department of Game and Fisheries.
- 1929 Obtained B.A., Honours, Biology from Victoria College.
- 1931 A founding member of the Toronto Ornithological Club.
- 1932 Obtained M.D. from University of Toronto.
- 1932-33 Interned at Riverdale Isolation Hospital, Toronto.
- 1933-34 Resident physician at Riverdale Isolation Hospital, Toronto.
- 1935 Obtained Diploma in Public Health, School of Hygiene, University of Toronto.
- 1935 Married Adeline Dorothy May Kirkton.
- 1935-36 Was Hastings Memorial Fellow, School of Hygiene.
- 1937 Demonstrator in Bacteriology at McGill University and Assistant in Bacteriology at Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal.
- 1937 Director of the Province of Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds.

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	Medical Director of the Provincial Laboratory, Fort William.
1937-54	Pathologist for McKellar Hospital, Fort William.
1937-50	Pathologist for Port Arthur General Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital, Port Arthur, Ontario.
1943-55	Regional Pathologist at Fort William for the Attorney General's Department.
1946	Certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada as specialist in bacteriology and pathology.
1966	Died in Fort William

## CONTAINER LIST

Boxes 1,3, Diaries, Notebooks and Item 2 Scrapbook

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**A. Diaries, Scrapbooks and Notebooks**

Natural History Notes, volume I, 1921-1931. Holograph notes, black and white photographs, clippings, correspondence such as T.L.S. from J.L.Baillie informing him of membership in the Brodie Club; a Life List of Birds to 1960. Natural History Notes, volume 2, 1932-1934 Notes on birds seen. Natural History Diary, volume 3, 1935, June 1-1937, October 9. Extensive notes; correspondence; black and white photographs, and clippings. Natural History Notes, volume 4, 1937, October 11 to 1941, May 31. Holograph notes with one black and white photograph of the Brodie Club Field Day, May 17, 1937. Oology and Nidology Notes, special volume A, 1927-1949. Dated notes arranged according to bird, with holograph index inside front cover, and black and white photographs. Notes on Mammals, special volume B. Natural History Notes. Holograph notes arranged according to mammal, with index for each group; Notes on Reptiles and Notes on Amphibians. Fishes. Notes, April 1938. Holograph notes arranged according to fish.

Item 2

Scrapbook of Old Notes, Clippings, Pictures, etc., Collected by A.E. Allin. ca 1915-1946. Complements material in diaries. Postcards, black and white photographs, clippings from The Fort William Times Journal mainly of "Birds Seen in District", and articles relating to conservation; clippings of "In Birdland", by J.L. Baillie in.~ Toronto Evening Telegram, of "Wings in the Wind", by Anne Merrill in The Globe and Mail, of "Chickadee Notes", by A.G. Lawrence and Harold Mossop in The Winnipeg Free Press, of "Birdlife in Ontario", by Hugh Halliday in The Toronto Star.

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**Box 3** First Year Zoology, spring term 1926. Lab notes with drawings laid in. Biology, October 1926. Lab notes with drawings laid in. Note pads 1 and 2. Annotated list of birds observed in the region from November 1937 to 1960. Notes and clippings laid in.

**B. Correspondence**

**Box 4** 1936-1946

**Box 5** 1947-1952

**Box 6** 1953-1956

**Box 7** 1957-1959

**Box 8** 1960-1963

**Box 9** 1964-1966

**C. Articles, Speeches and Related Correspondence**

**Box 10** Articles, related correspondence and speeches chronologically arranged to 1949. "The Fauna of Darlington Township", 1941. 4 folders

Correspondence from J.L. Baillie. 1 folder Other correspondence 2 folders "Fishes of Long Point Bay", 1942. Holograph drafts of article, charts, notes, correspondence referring to article.

**Mapcase** Map of Long Point Bay with three accompanying tables and charts showing distribution of fish in Long Point Bay. Holograph

**Boxes 11-12** Other articles, speeches and related correspondence .

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D. Field Naturalist Organizations and Publications

**Box 13**

Canadian Field Naturalist, 1929-1952.  
Flicker (Minnesota Ornithologists union),  
1947-1966.  
Drafts of articles, galleys for articles  
book reviews, birding notes, correspondence  
chronologically arranged. Includes other journals.

**Items  
14-15**

"The Canadian Lakehead", by A.E. Allin in The Flicker. Typescript  
carbon copy of a series of articles dealing with the natural history of  
the Canadian Lakehead which appeared quarterly in The Flicker,  
December 1951 to December 1963.

**Box 16**

Federation of Ontario Naturalists.  
Correspondence, 1938-1966. Minutes of  
committees and meetings. Drafts of  
articles.

**Box 17**

Federation of Ontario Naturalists. Printed  
materials.

**Items  
18-21**

Newsletter of Thunder Bay Field  
Naturalists' Club, with holograph  
revisions. 1938-1965.

**Box 22**

Ontario Waterfowl Research Foundation  
Correspondence, 1961-1964, minutes of  
meetings, form letters.

**Box 23**

Royal Ontario Museum signed receipts for specimens  
donated by Allin.

E. Printed Materials

**Boxes  
24-25**

Appearances by Allin and research materials.

**Item 26**

The Vertebrate Fauna of Darlington Township, Durham  
County, Ontario. 1941.

**Item 27**

"Connecticut Warbler" contained in  
The Warblers of North America by Ludlow  
Griscom et al. 1957.

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**Box 28** Biographical materials.

**Box 29 OVS** Clippings collected by Allin and not in Scrapbook, Item 2.

**Mapcase** Our Bird Neighbours, supplied by the Hamilton Bird Protection Society. Blank chart.