



# *The Courtship Years*

Diaries of Lewis F. Allen and Marion E. Hoag  
1897-1899

## Preface

The diaries of Lewis F. Allen and Marion E. Hoag are filled with the day to day activities of residents of Macedon and Farmington, New York. It appears that Marion ceased keeping a diary after 1900, perhaps because the demands of being a wife and mother made it difficult to take time at the end of each day to record the day's events. Lewis on the other hand continued to keep a daily accounting until his death in 1962. The diaries of Lewis F. Allen are located in the collection of the Wayne County Historian in Lyons, New York. The diaries of Marion E. Hoag are held in private hands.

Transcriptions of the diaries began over 10 years ago and have been shared with those attending the Annual Allen Family Reunion, held the first Sunday of August in Pumpkin Hook, New York. This booklet was inspired by the 100<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Allen Family planned for August 2, 2009. It was in 1910 that the children of Ellery G. and Mary Jane "Jennie" (Briggs) Allen formalized their annual "get together" to celebrate the birthday of their mother and it is the descendants of these children that have continued the tradition.

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