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1/1	Booklet, "The Bigot in Our Midst"; circa October 6, 1944	Reprint of an article from the October 6, 1944 issue of <i>The Commonweal</i> , an opinion magazine published by Catholic Americans, written by Gordon W. Allport.	CRHC.ALLEN.001	
1/2	Booklet, "Democracy and Race Relations"; circa May 26, 1944	Text of an address delivered at the National Conference of Social Work, Cleveland, Ohio by Edwin R. Embree.	CRHC.ALLEN.002	
1/3	Booklet, "How Management Can Integrate Negroes in War Industries"; 1942	Published by the New York State War Council Committee on Discrimination in Employment, suggests that because the United States in in an all-out war, all must participate – including the 9.8% of the population that are African American.	CRHC.ALLEN.003	
1/4	Booklet, "Legislative Procedure in the General Assembly..."; September 1928	"Legislative Procedure in the General Assembly of the State of Indiana" was compiled by the Legislative Bureau of the Indiana Library and Historical Department. It serves, essentially, as a user's manual for the Indiana General Assembly on how to pass bills into law.	CRHC.ALLEN.004	
1/5	Booklet, "The Myth of Reverse Racism"; circa mid-1970s	Published by the International Committee Against Racism out of Brooklyn, New York, from an unknown author or authors. References years prior to 1976, presumably published near that year.	CRHC.ALLEN.005	
1/6	Booklet, "The Negro: A Selected List for School Libraries of Books by or about the Negro in Africa and America"; 1941	Published by the Tennessee State Department of Education, contains a bibliography of titles related to African and African American history organized by age (elementary and high school).	CRHC.ALLEN.006	
1/7	Booklet, "Negro Women War Workers"; circa 1945	Published by the United States Government Printing Office, chronicling the contributions of African American women in the war industry.	CRHC.ALLEN.007	

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1/8	Business Card	Two identical cards that identify J. Chester Allen as a Councilman At Large from the City of South Bend and Chairman of the Ordinances Committee. Unknown date.	CRHC.ALLEN.008	MM
1/9	Business Card, Lynda Daley; circa 1993	Business card for Lynda Daley of the St. Joseph County Bar Association. Though undated, it was originally attached to the Memorial Resolution for Ms. Allen (see CRHC.ALLEN.038).	CRHC.ALLEN.009	
1/10	Card, Common Council	Promotional card identifying J. Chester Allen, Democrat, Councilman at Large. Unknown date.	CRHC.ALLEN.010	MM
1/11	Card, U.S. Senate Chamber; April 3, 1944	Card inviting Mr. and Mrs. [J.] Chester Allen to the reserved gallery for the 78th Congress. Signed by Raymond E. Willis, United State Senator from Indiana between 1941 and 1947.	CRHC.ALLEN.011	MM
1/12	Certificate, District Court; October 18, 1939	Certificate from the Northern Indiana District Court of the United States certifying that Elizabeth Fletcher Allen was admitted as a practicing attorney as of October 18, 1939.	CRHC.ALLEN.012	
1/13	Certificate, Indiana Bar; 1979 to 1980, and 1984 to 1985.	Two certificates (approximately 2 1/4" x 3 1/2") acknowledging that Elizabeth Fletcher Allen paid resigtration fees to be a member of the Bar of Indiana. – CRHC.ALLEN.013a: 1979 card – CRHC.ALLEN.013b: 1984-85 card.	CRHC.ALLEN.013	
1/14	Certificate, NAACP; February 20, 1993	Both J. Chester Allen and Elizabeth Fletcher Allen were honored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on the same day. – CRHC.ALLEN.014a: Mr. Allen's certificate – CRHC.ALLEN.014b: Ms. Allen's certificate	CRHC.ALLEN.014	MM
1/15	Certificate, U.S. Selective Service Program	Presented by President Richard Nixon to J. Chester Allen in recognition of his work with the Selective Service Program, awarded July 1, 1971.	CRHC.ALLEN.015	MM
1/16	Invitation, LBJ Inauguration; circa January 1965	Official invitation to the inauguration of President Lyndon Banes Johnson and Vice-President Hubert Humphrey. Although the invitation itself is undated, the inauguration took place on January 20, 1965.	CRHC.ALLEN.016	MM

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1/17	Letter, Marvin Heidt to J. Chester Allen, re: Indiana Female Labor Law; February 4, 1941	Marvin Heidt was Director of Industrial Relations of the Bendix Products Division of Bendix Aviation Corp. He wrote Mr. Allen to propose changes to an Indiana law limiting the number of hours a woman could work in their factory.	CRHC.ALLEN.017	MM
1/18	Matchbook, Tidwell for State Representative	Promotional matchbook encouraging people to vote for John H. Tidwell for State Representative.	CRHC.ALLEN.018	MM
1/19	Matchbooks, Allen for Councilman-At-Large	Two identical matchbooks encouraging people to vote for J. Chester Allen for South Bend Common Council.	CRHC.ALLEN.019	MM
1/20	Membership Card, NAACP; January 1944	Certifies Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher Allen's membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for the year 1944.	CRHC.ALLEN.020	MM
1/21	Newspaper Clippings, Assorted Papers; circa 1942	Includes, "Ball Park Rally Tops Bond Quota," <i>Indianapolis Star</i> (August 31, 1942), "Postwar Economic Controls," <i>Chicago Journal of Commerce</i> (August 31, 1942).	CRHC.ALLEN.021	
1/22	Newspaper Clippings, South Bend Tribune; Assorted years	Includes, "Mrs. Allen Sits in for City Judge" (September 19, 1955), "County Draft Quota is Increased to 423" (August 2, 1950), "Dramatic Changes: Blacks and women were welcomed into the wartime work force" written by IU South Bend Professor Patrick Furlong (October 31, 2004), and a photograph from the December 23, 1969 issue showing J. Chester Allen amongst others honored by the St. Joseph County Bar Association for fifty years or more of law practice.	CRHC.ALLEN.022	
1/23	Pamphlet, Proposed Legislation on Certification of Librarians; no date	Promotional pamphlet from the Indiana Library Trustees Association and the Indiana Library Association on legislation proposed to establish standards of training for public library staff in Indiana. Unknown date.	CRHC.ALLEN.023	

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1/24	Photograph, Club DeLisa	Matted black and white photograph from the Club DeLisa in the Bronzeville section of Chicago, Illinois. J. Chester and Elizabeth Fletcher Allen are in the photo, along with Dr. Bernard Streets and others as yet unidentified. The photograph is presumably from the Second World War – two American flags are on the left and right of the matte with the letter “V” in English and Morse Code written underneath.	CRHC.ALLEN.024	MM
1/25	Plaque, NIHS Black History Award; February 20, 2005	Plaque presented by the Northern Indiana Historical Society to J. Chester Allen in honor of their Black History Award program.	CRHC.ALLEN.025	
1/26	Proclamation, Honorary Deputy Attorney General of Indiana; December 1, 1968	John J. Dillon, Attorney General of Indiana, confers the title of Honorary Deputy Attorney General to J. Chester Allen. Contains the official seal of the Attorney General and signature from Mr. Dillon.	CRHC.ALLEN.026	MM
1/27	Program, St. Joseph County American Red Cross; September 22, 1992	Program from the 75th Annual Meeting of the St. Joseph County Chapter of the American Red Cross held at the First Presbyterian Church in South Bend, Indiana. Elizabeth Fletcher Allen received a special citation.	CRHC.ALLEN.027	
1/28	Promotional Card, Re-Elect Allen to Councilman at Large; circa 1963	Card urging people to vote to re-elect J. Chester Allen as Councilman-At-Large on the South Bend Common Council. There is no indication when the card was published; however, the election was to take place on May 7, 1963, presuming the card was printed before.	CRHC.ALLEN.028	MM
1/29	Quitclaim Deed; May 14, 1952	Copy of a quit claim deed from Sarah Harris Fletcher, widow and adult survivor of Joseph Fletcher, to Joseph Chester Allen Jr., Sarah Fletcher Allen, and Irving Merrill Allen, "establishing a life estate in Sarah Harris Fletcher and Elizabeth Fletcher Allen) for the property at 501 Howard Street.	CRHC.ALLEN.039	

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2/N-A	Certificate of Appreciation, American Red Cross; September 22, 1992	Framed certificate awarded to Elizabeth Fletcher Allen for, according to text written on the certificate, "initiating cultural diversity on behalf of the St. Joseph County Chapter [of the American Red Cross] by establishing nurse's aid training and placement for African-American women in the early 1940's."	CRHC.ALLEN.029	
2/N-A	Certificate, Inter-American Bar Association; October 1963	Framed certificate certifying that Elizabeth Fletcher Allen was a Senior Member in good standing of the Inter-American Bar Association. Their mission as stated on the certificate is to, "[A]dvance the science of jurisprudence throughout the Americas." Dated October 15, 1963, in Washington, D.C.	CRHC.ALLEN.030	
2/N-A	Photograph, Elizabeth Fletcher Allen in Court; circa 1950s	Photograph of Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher Allen sitting as Judge in the St. Joseph County Courthouse. Six unidentified men and one unidentified woman sit around her, presumably because court was in session. The photograph is undated, but presumed to be taken in the 1950s.	CRHC.ALLEN.031	
2/N-A	Badge	Metal badge with leather case identifying Chester Allen as a Councilman for South Bend, Indiana.	CRHC.ALLEN.032	
2/N-A	Ashtray; 1941	Glass ashtray from the National Bar Association, Little Rock, Arkansas.	CRHC.ALLEN.033	
2/N-A	Promotional Button	Metal, featuring the phrase, "Don't ask for equality... Vote it!".	CRHC.ALLEN.034	
2/N-A	Ceremonial Gavel	Judge's gavel presented by the St. Joseph County Bar Association engraved with J. Chester Allen's name and the words, "Past President / 1969-1970." Note: The gavel and base were connected to each other, but had become unattached prior to its inclusion in the collection. The gavel is stored in the divided tray, the base stored below it.	CRHC.ALLEN.035	

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2/N-A	License Plates; 1939–1942	Four Indiana automobile license plates, two from 1942, one from 1939, and one from 1940. According to J. Chester and Elizabeth Fletcher Allen's son, Dr. Irving Allen, the plates were from the Allen's Studebaker Commander. – CRHC.ALLEN.036a: 1940 – CRHC.ALLEN.036b: 1939 – CRHC.ALLEN.036c: 1942 (without extra piece) – CRHC.ALLEN.036d: 1942 (with extra piece attached)	CRHC.ALLEN.036	
2/N-A	Framed Photograph, Judge John. W. Pfaff; 1955	Official photograph of Appellate Court Judge John. W. Pfaff, signed "To my good friends Chester and Elizabeth Allen... 1955." Judge Pfaff had a private law practice in South Bend before serving three non-consecutive terms on the Indiana Appellate Court beginning in 1955. (See "Judge John W. Pfaff," Indiana Judicial Branch Court of Appeals of Indiana, http://www.in.gov/judiciary/appeals/2416.htm .)	CRHC.ALLEN.037	
FLAT	Memorial Resolution; January 18, 1995	Framed memorial resolution from the St. Joseph County Bar Association posthumously honoring Elizabeth Fletcher Allen and her accomplishments.	CRHC.ALLEN.038	