

A BRIEF HISTORY
OF
THE ALLEN FAMILY
IN AMERICA

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EARLY ALLENS IN AMERICA.

- *(1669) 1. Samuel Allen. Married (1) Ann——
(2) Margaret Lamb.
Children: Samuel, Joseph, James,
Sarah, Mary, Abigail.
- (1632) 2. Samuel, son of Samuel 1. Married
Sarah Partridge.
Children: Samuel, Ezziel, Mehitable,
Sarah, Bethiah, Nathaniel, Ebenezer,
Josiah, Elisha, Nehemiah.
- (1660) 3. Samuel, son of Samuel 2. Married
(1) Rebecca Carey, (2) Mary Alden.
Children: Samuel, Ephraim, Timo-
thy, Joseph, Mehitable, Joseph, Ben-
jamin, Mary, Rebecca, Matthew, Seth,
Abigail.
- (1691) 4. Timothy, son of above Samuel. Mar-
ried Rachel Bushnell.
Children: Timothy, Daniel, Rachel,
Rebecca, Seth, Ebenezer, Thankful,
Hezekiah, Phineas.
- (1731) 5. Phineas, son of above Timothy. Mar-
ried Alice Cady.
Children: Asher, Cady, Phineas,
Diarca, Comfort, Alice, Elizabeth, Ex-
perience, (2) Experience, Epenetus.

* *Date of Death.*

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SAMUEL ALLEN I.

Samuel Allen was probably of Massachusetts Colony. He settled in Duxbury and died in 1669.

The records in Boston New England Geneological Society mention that Samuel Allen was made a freeman in 1635, and settled in Braintree, not Duxbury. His first wife, Ann, died on September 29, 1641. His second wife, Margaret, was the widow of Edward Lamb, and had a son Joseph by her first husband, born May 15, 1650, and also a daughter Abigail.

The children of Samuel Allen were:

1. *Samuel*, born November 10, 1632.
2. Joseph.
3. James.
4. Sarah, born 1639. Married Lieutenant Josiah Standish, second cousin of Miles Standish of the Mayflower. The Lieutenant was an original proprietor of the town of Bridgewater, having bought it in company with others from Massasoit, the Indian Chief. He removed to Norwich, Connecticut.
5. Mary, married Nathaniel Greenwood.
6. Abigail, married John Carey, 1670.

SAMUEL ALLEN 2.

Samuel Allen, first son of the above Samuel, was born November 10, 1632. In 1658, he married Sarah Partridge of Duxbury. He settled in East Bridgewater. He was a Deacon, Second Town Clerk, and Representative. He died in 1703.

The children of Samuel Allen were:

1. *Samuel*, born December 4, 1660.
2. *Ezziel*.
3. *Mehitable*, married Isaac Alden, grandson of Hon. James Alden of the Mayflower, the Governor's Assistant.
4. *Sarah*, married Jonathan Carey.
5. *Bethiah*.
6. *Nathaniel*.
7. *Ebenezer*.
8. *Josiah*.
9. *Elisha*.
10. *Nehemiah*.

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SAMUEL ALLEN 3.

Samuel Allen, first son of the above Samuel, was born December 4, 1660. He married Rebecca Carey, a sister of John and Jonathan Carey named above, and later a second wife, Mary, grand daughter of John Alden of the May Flower.

His children were:

1. Samuel.
2. Ephraim, settled in Royalton, Vermont.
3. *Timothy*, born February 22, 1691.
4. Joseph, died young.
5. Mehitable, married — Bushnell.
6. Joseph, by second wife.
7. Benjamin, by second wife.
8. Mary, by second wife.
9. Rebecca, by second wife.
10. Matthew, by second wife.
11. Seth, by second wife.
12. Abigail, by second wife.

TIMOTHY ALLEN.

Timothy Allen, third son of Samuel Allen, was born February 22, 1691. On October 11, 1714, he married Rachel Bushnell from Norwich, Connecticut.

The children of Timothy Allen were:

1. Timothy, born August 31, 1715, died January 12, 1806. He was a clergyman, graduated at Yale College in 1736, and ordained at Westhaven in 1738. He was dismissed in 1742, and afterward settled at Ashford and at Potspany, now Franklin, near Norwich, and finally in Chesterfield, Massachusetts, where he died. He favored Whitefield and the Great Revival.

His children were:

- a. Mary.
 - b. Harmony.
 - c. Evangelah.
 - d. Finelah.
 - e. Didama.
2. Daniel, born August 2, 1717.
3. Rachel, born June 10, 1719.
4. Rebecca, born October 10, 1721.

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5. Seth, born November 16, 1723.
6. Ebenezer, born March 4, 1726.
7. Thankful, born January 8, 1727 or 1728.
8. Hezekiah, born August 23, 1729.
9. *Phineas*, born June or July 24, 1731.

PHINEAS ALLEN.

Phineas Allen was the ninth child of the above Timothy, born at Windham, Connecticut, June or July 24, 1731. He was united in marriage to Alice Cady, of Killingsly, Connecticut. Phineas died December 21, 1776. Alice died in May, 1764. Their children were:

1. Asher, born May 23, 1754, died in Morgan County, Ohio in 1840.

His Children were:

- a. Asher.
 - b. Jehiel.
 - c. Phineas.
 - d. Elizabeth.
 - e. Sarah.
2. Cady, born May 22, 1756 in Mansfield, Connecticut. Married February 13, 1777 to Parthena Goodwin of Lebanon, Connecticut. Died in Lebanon, New Hampshire, August 5, 1818.

His children were:

- a. Ozias, born July 5, 1778, married Lucy Seymour. Had one son and four daughters. Died in 1814.

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- b.* Parthena, born May 6, 1780, married Giles Cook. Had four sons and four daughters. Died in Lebanon, New Hampshire, November 5, 1865. Giles Cook died March 13, 1851.
- c.* Erastus, born April 19, 1873. Married Betsy or Elizabeth Bliss. Had one son, Henry.
- d.* Cady, born October 11, 1788. Married Susan Alden. Died September 24, 1819.
- e.* Alice, born May 17, 1791. Married Oliver Earl, April 22, 1810. Had four children.
- f.* Sarah, born July 22, 1793, died March 24, 1814.
- g.* Lucia, born March 29, 1796, died May 6, 1796.
- h.* Roxana, born May 3, 1797, died October 13, 1830.
- i.* Maria, born July 13, 1800, married Zuon Eldridge. Had four children:
- Edwin.
- Laura.

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Sarah.

Diana.

Died February 23, 1833.

3. Phineas, born October 29, 1758. Married March 9, 1785, to Sybel Bicknell. Died in Jamestown, New York, about 1852. His children were:

- a. Sibbel, who married Ziba Alden. Their children were:

Phineas, who married a Mrs. Parkhurst.

Lydia, who married Stevens.

Delia, who married Smith.

- b. Jason, married Lucy A. Parkhurst.

Their children were:

Horace P., living at Royalton, Vt.

Lucy Ann, living at Hanover, Vt.

- c. Horace, married Fanny Fenton, died October 3, 1862. Their children are:

Dana H., died in 1875.

Dwight A. C., lives in Montana.

Albert, who married Kate Duncan.

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They have a son, George D., living with his father in Dubuque, Iowa.

d. Delia, who married Rev. Asa Donaldson. Their children are:

Lucius Allen, deceased.

John Watts, lived in 1886 at Sanborn, Dakota.

Charles B., deceased.

Emeline L., a widow, lived in 1886 in Dakota.

Dana Dwight, deceased.

Aurelia L., Mrs. H. J. Stacey, lives at Staceyville, Iowa.

Henry Chapman, M. D., lives at Momson, Illinois.

Alfred Ely, Manhattan, Kansas.

Erasmus Joel Hawes, Mitchel, Iowa.

Loreno Edwards, deceased.

Mary Delia, Mrs. B. J. Guernsey, Blossburg, Pennsylvania.

e. Polly, married W. D. Blackman, of Union City, Michigan.

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- f.* Phineas, married Nancy Ryckman.
- g.* Lucia, died at 12 days.
- h.* Joseph Dana, born at Burlington, Vermont, October 16, 1799. He married Elizabeth Rachel Johnson, January 22, 1836. Died October 12, 1878. Had three children:
- Charlotte Augusta.
- Charles Edwin.
- John Johnson.
- i.* Alice, married Rev. Levi Collins. They had two children:
- Mary Ann, married Erastus Foote.
- Levi D., lives in Chicago.
- j.* Sumner, married Flavia Fenton, died in 1884. Had four children.
4. Diarca. Born in Mansfield, Connecticut, April 2, 1761. At the age of 16 he enlisted in the Army of the Revolution and served three years in the First Connecticut Regiment. He was with the Army at Valley Forge and shared in their sickness and want. He was present at the Battle of Monmouth and was one of the

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company sent out by General Washington to commence the battle while he should bring up the main army.

He was discharged in April, 1780 and soon after went to Lebanon, New Hampshire, then a new country and purchased 100 acres of land. He married Rebecca Howe of Connecticut, a native of Brookfield, Mass., February 6, 1788, by whom he had eleven children as follows :

- a.* Abner.
- b.* Ira.
- c.* Sophronia.
- d.* Lucius.
- e.* Harry.
- f.* Harriet. (Harry and Harriet are twins).
- g.* Edwin, died at three years.
- h.* Laura, died in infancy.
- i.* Albe Cady.
- j.* Diarca Howe.
- k.* James Edwin.

In 1802 they removed to another farm in the same neighborhood, and there spent the remain-

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der of their lives. Rebecca Howe Allen died November 20, 1821. He then married Anna Bruce, who died April 12, 1844. Diarca Allen died June 9, 1850, at the age of 89 years.

5. *Comfort*. Born November or December 4, 1763, and died in 1843 or 1845. His children were as follows:
 - a. John, who died November 8, 1789.
 - b. Amanda, married Urial Woodworth.
 - c. Richard, married Margaret Smith, Cornwall, Canada.
 - d. *John*, married (1) Betsy Schofield Nelson, and in 1839, (2) *Roxanna Conger*.
 - e. Betsy, married Donald McDonnell, of Cornwall, Canada.
 - f. Lucy, married Walker of Indiana. Died Chelsea, Vermont.
6. Alice. Born March 13, 1767, died April 17, 1813, at Woodstock, Vermont. First child of Phineas Allen by second wife.
7. Elizabeth. Born March 29, 1769, died in infancy.
8. Experience. Born July 10, 1770, died young.

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9. Experience. Born July 10, 1772, died May, 1801. He married Priscilla Bennett by whom he had one daughter:

a. Mary B., born January 26, 1799. She lived in Rochester, New York, where she conducted a Female Seminary. She married Moses King, October 25, 1866, and died April 3, 1893.

John Allen, third son of Comfort, was sent through college at Rochester University, 1853-1857, by her. He afterward lived in her home for some time and was a teacher in her school. She was a woman of note.

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DESCENDANTS OF COMFORT ALLEN.

Comfort, fifth son of Phineas Allen, brother of Asher, Cady, Phineas and Diarca, was born at Mansfield, Connecticut, December 4, 1763, and died at Hinesburg, Vermont in 1845, at the home of his son John, aged 82 years. He married Lucy Andrus at Chelsea, Vermont, in 1793, who died February 14, 1813, aged 42 years. Their children were:

1. John, who died November 8, 1789.
2. Amanda, born January 31, 1797. She married Uriel Woodworth, by whom she had four children:
 - a. Saphronia, who married Mr. Quimby of Northfield, Vermont.
 - b. Louisa, who married Erastus Young of Chelsea, Vermont. He died December 21, 1906, leaving wife and two daughters.

Mrs. William Gordon.

Mrs. Alice Cooley, Grand Forks.
 - c. Horace, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1855, was a Congregational minister in Iowa twenty years and professor in North Dakota University from 1894 to 1904, at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

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- d. Lucy Ann, who married Alphonger Wolcott. She died at Dubuque, Iowa, as did her father and mother.
3. Richard, born at Chelsea, Vermont, January 22, 1799, died in Cornwall, Ontario, in 1842. He married Margaret Smith of Cornwall, Ontario, by whom he had one son:
- a. Horatio Nelson, died at Potsdam, New York, October, 1858.

Richard was buried in Cornwall, Ontario.

4. *John*, born December 28, 1802 at Burlington, New York. His first wife was Betsey Schofield Nelson, whom he married December 26, 1826. They had one daughter:
- a. Mary Lucretia, died at Hinesburg, Vermont, October 16, 1849, aged 21 years.

Betsey Allen died in 1836 or 1837. August 14, 1837, he married *Roxana Carpenter Conger* by whom he had one son:

- b. *John Hamilton Allen*, born July 14, 1838. John Allen died April 15, 1860. He was a rank abolitionist and was known as Honest John Allen.

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5. Betsey, born February 12, 1805. Married Donald McDonnell by whom she had two children:

a. McKenzie.

b. Amanda, who now lives in Chicago. She has been connected with the public schools for twenty years.

Betsey McDonnell died at Ogdensburg, New York, about 1892.

6. Lucy, born in August, 1808. Married a Mr. Walker of Indiana. She died with consumption at Chelsea, Vermont, about 1850.

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JOHN H. ALLEN.

John H. Allen, grandson of Comfort, son of the above John, in 1857 married Elizabeth Burns, who was born at Westville, New York. They had seven children:

1. Nelson Le Roy, born May 16, 1858 and died July 20, 1870, aged 12 years.
2. *John Clayton*, born February 14, 1860. He married Abbie Stapleford of Vermont, Illinois, at Lincoln, Nebraska, August 1, 1881, by whom he had one son:
 - a. Ralph C., born September 1, 1883. His wife died in July, 1899. In January 1902, he married Dora Durell of Vermont, Illinois.
3. Mary Lucretia, born November 23, 1866. She married Henry Cassady of Hinesburg, Vermont, March 22, 1892.
4. Katie Hortense, born June 18, 1870. She married Arthur L. Walker of Burlington, Vermont, October 17, 1894. They have one child, a daughter:
 - a. Hilda Allen, born November 24, 1898.
5. Howard, born July, 1871, died, August, 1872.
6. Florence Elizabeth, born June 23, 1874.

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7. Mabel Edna, born January 16, 1879. She married Charles Clifford of Bristol, Vermont, January 3, 1900. They had three children:
 - a. Allen Comfort, born December 29, 1900.
 - b. *Wayne*, born September 15, 1902, died August, 1904.
 - c. Dorothy, born October 25, 1903, died August, 1904.

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JOHN H. ALLEN.

John H. Allen was educated in the public schools of Hinesburg and Morrisville, Vermont, and Potsdam Academy, Potsdam, New York. He enlisted in Co. G of the 14th Vermont Regiment, September 8, 1862, and was elected First Lieutenant. He participated in the Battle of Gettysburg and was mustered out July 30, 1863. He was Captain of Company H, Vermont National Guard, 1872-73.

He represented Hinesburg in the Legislature in 1880 and was elected Assistant Judge of Chittenden County in 1900; re-elected in 1902-04. He was a member of the Baptist Church, superintendent of the Sunday School for 30 years. He was a member of Patriot Lodge No. 33, F. and A. M., First Commander of Cummings Post, No. 37, G. A. R.; Companion of Vermont Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

John H. Allen died at Hinesburg, Vt., November 3, 1914, at the age of 76 years.

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JOHN CLAYTON ALLEN

John Clayton Allen, second son of above John H. Allen, was born February 14, 1860. He was married on August 2, 1881, to Abbie Stapleford of Vermont, Illinois, at Lincoln, Nebraska, by whom he had one son:

1. Ralph C., born September 1, 1883.

His first wife died in July, 1899. In January, 1902, he married Dora Durell of Vermont, Illinois. They had five children:

1. John C. Jr., born May 29, 1903.
2. Katherine E., born August 13, 1905, died February 13, 1906.
3. Theodore, born June 8, 1907.
4. George N., born July 19, 1908, died December 1, 1908.
5. Edna, born September, 1911, died in infancy.

John Clayton Allen was educated at Beaman Academy, New Haven, Vermont. He removed to Lincoln, Nebraska in 1881. He was here elected Secretary of State of Nebraska in 1890, re-elected in 1892. In 1896 he removed to Monmouth, Illinois, where he engaged in the mercantile business. For 13 years he was president of the Monmouth Board of

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Education. In 1914 he was elected to the presidency of the Peoples National Bank of Monmouth. He is a companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

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RALPH C. ALLEN.

Ralph C. Allen, son of John Clayton, Sr., was born September 1, 1883, at Vermont, Illinois. On December 10th, 1908 he married Marjorie Dennis of Dubuque, Iowa. They have one daughter:

1. Abbie G., born December 23, 1910.

Ralph C. Allen was educated in the public schools of Monmouth, and Chicago University. He resides in Kansas City, Missouri. He is a Thirty-second Degree Mason and Knight Templar.

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Pequabuck, Conn., Dec. 20, 1897.

Mr. John C. Allen:

Mrs. James Warner of Albany sent me your letter to answer, saying that she knew nothing about Father Allen's ancestry. By the way, she was his daughter only by marriage. Father married her mother for his second wife and she brought four children into the family. My husband, Rollin D. H. Allen, was the eldest son of Ira Allen of Middleburg, Vt. He died the 19th of December, 1893. He left quite a pile of papers relating to his ancestry and I will copy some commencing with the ancestry of Diaren Allen, who was father of Ira Allen.

First Samuel Allen probably of the Massachusetts Colony settled in Duxbury, died in 1669. Children, Samuel, born Nov. 10, 1632., Joseph, James, Sarah, born in 1639, married Lieut. Josiah Standish, second son of Miles Standish of the May Flower.

Dec. 30—You see that I commenced writing to you some time since I found that I was not able to go on so do all the other writing necessary at this time of year, so I spoke to my daughter and she said she would write after Christmas but her nurse girl is sick so she cannot at present. My son Charles who lives in the house with me cannot copy now but may after a time. I do not know whether Mrs. Warner in-

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formed you that she had sent your letter to me. Thinking that you might wonder why you did not hear from your letter I concluded to let you know how the matter stands. Uncle Alby Allen who is over ninety is living at Honeoye Falls nearly blind. He has quite a genealogy of the family. My husband was looking for more as long as he lived. I wish you could see Uncle Alby. He is a saint upon earth. You will hear more from us in the future.

Yours truly,

Mary E. Allen

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Holland Patent, N. Y., Jan 26, 1898.

John H. Allen,

Hinesburg, Vt.,

Dear Sir and Cousin :

In reply to your letter, I have copied for you a few pages from my genealogy of the Allen family. I have given you the names of the descendants of my grandfather, Diarca. I have a full genealogy of his descendants which is a long one covering many pages. My father, Albe Cady, is the only living one of Diarca's children, and he was born Nov. 2, 1804 and is now in his 94th year. Harry, James, Edwin and my father all settled in Honeoye Falls and the first two are buried there. Diarca Howe, the tenth child was the most distinguished of them all. He was for a long time Professor and President of Lane Seminary Cincinnati, O. I have in my genealogical record a copy of the last will and testament of the first Samuel Allen, dated Aug. 2, 1669. I am one of eight children, one of whom died in infancy, and two more in recent years. My oldest brother is Henry Howe aged 70, living in Tiskilwa, Ill. He has a number of children, grand children and one great grand child, so including my father, there are five generations of them. My oldest sister, Martha, Mrs. Nathan Wood-

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ward, lives in Batavia, N. Y., then I have a sister Mary, Mrs. J. E. Dayton, Williamsport, Pa., and also a sister Helen, Mrs. Henry P. Ellinwood of East Pembroke, this state. I have buried two wives and am now a widower, have buried three children and have three living, the oldest, William, is a sophomore in Cornell University, the other two, Mary aged 13 and Cady aged 11 are with me at home.

If you want to know anything further of the Dirca line I can give it you. The members of this line were in the habit of having family meetings once in five years, and I have the records of their meetings. My full name is Horace Hews, named after a brother of my mother who died in 1868. My present mother is a step-mother.

Sincerely yours,

H. H. Allen