

BIBLE RECORDS

Allen family (Jesse Allen, 1777-),
Middle TN

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ALLENS OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Data copy from the Jesse Allen Bible pub. 1802 now (Dec. 1933) in the possession of Mrs Nannie Carnes, 909 N Marsailles Ave, Dallas Texas.

Births:
Jesse Allen June 17, 1777
Nancy Walker Sept. 5, 1779
Children:
Wm. H. Nov. 4, 1798
Samuel Dec. 30, 1800
Mary Ann May 13, 1803
George W. July 21, 1805
Jane B. July 13, 1808
Cornelius May 5, 1811
John Stag Feb. 19, 1813
Susan A. T. Aug. 19, 1815
Jesse I. (J) Oct. 8, 1817
Nancy Sept. 21, 1819
James Madison Sept. 15, 1822

Other dates recorded in Bible:
George Allen Sr. born Jan 12, 1713 (43?),
departed this life Jan 12, 1835 with small box.
John Allen Sr. died Oct. 12, 1854--Complaint, drossy.
Martha Allen borned Mar. 1, 1781
Samuel H. Allen borned Feb. 17, 1741 or 1748
Bethanias (Betheniah) Allen borned Feb. 26, 1788

(Family tradition is that the three brothers Jesse, George and John married three sisters (Walkers) and came to Tennessee from Virginia.)

Deaths:

Mrs. Sarah Walker departed this life Aug. 3, 1831
Nancy (Walker) Allen departed this life Sept. 2, 1841 in the 42 year--
(or marriage?) *see below*
Jesse I. (J) Allen Sept. 11, 1842 in Washington County, Texas
James M. and Elizabeth's (Talley) first child borned and died Jan. 1848

Marriages:

Jesse Allen and Nancy Walker -----Oct. 19, 1797
Mary Ann and Geo. Eastham Aug. 9, 1819
Nancy G. Allen and Samuel L. Tyree July 3, 1824
John Allen and Martha P. Martin July 25, 1839
James M. Allen and Elizabeth Talley Oct. 22, 1846

The Bible also lists the births of thirty slaves. On the margin are noted interesting and unusual happenings, as falling stars, frost in August, big freshet in the Cany Park April 12, 1843--dark dismal day, a rain came, and with it, to all appearances, a great quantity of flower of sulphur. The water was turned black everywhere.

James M. Allen stated in Goodspeed's History that his mother d. 1840. She was Nancy Walker, wife of James Allen, and not listed in 1840 Census (DeKalb Co.)
Estate Settlement of Wm. H. Allen, eldest son, states that his death date was Sept. 2, 1841. This is undoubtedly an error by a copyist.
Samuel H. (Hunt?) Allen's will is dated Jan. 30, 1799 in Amherst Co. Va.
Mrs. Christian Bundleton James, Buck Island, Lutesville, Ala.

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Concerning Jesse Allen's children:

William H. died leaving wife and 3 children and 12 slaves; left a will by word of mouth.
Samuel married---4 children
Mary Ann married George Eastham
Geo. ...
Jane B. married Hughes
Cornelius
John Stag married Martha Parker Martin
Susan A. T. married McFarland
Jesse I. married --had one son.
Nancy G. married Sam Tyree
James M. married Elizabeth Talley

John Stag Allen married Martha Parker Martin July 25, 1839

Children:
Elnora Ross Allen-----Aug. 5, 1840 --Boy twin died before named.
Mary Ann Allen Aug. 25, 1842
Susan M. Allen Feb. 2, 1844
Martha Jane Allen Jan. 8, 1848
Cora Allen Oct. 21, 1850
Missouri A. Allen Dec. 14, 1860

Marriages:
Isaac Drake (MD) and Elnora R. Allen May 4, 1860
Mary A. Allen (Smith) and Horace McGuire Oct. 15, 18--
Henry Clay Eastham and Susan M. Allen Feb. 26, 1861
Wm. Smith and Mary Ann Allen Feb. 26, 1861

Wm. Smith died in war Oct. 16, 1861.
(This was copied from Allen Testament now in possession of Miss Ravenell McGuire Smithville, Tenn. R# 6 1943. She no longer lives at this address.)
Dr. Isaac N. Drake was my grandfather and Elnora Ross Allen, my grandmother. She was John Allen's daughter. He was Jesse Allen's son.

Jesse Allen entered land on Smith Fork Creek, Smith County, the richest in the state, a mile on each side of the creek but sold his rights for four hundred dollars, after which he entered land in another part of the County which later in 1837, became DeKalb.

In 1831 he was settled on Eagle Creek called later the Nat Parker farm, and the Narrows. He as a Baptist minister in Smithville from 1847 to 1857 (year of death) with a church that was organized with 14 members. It was his policy to give on or two slaves, depending on value, to each of his children on his or her marriage. He died in 1857 and was buried on his farm beside his wife and one child, the so-called Nat Parker farm, now covered by water.

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White County Deeds etc. March 1838*-40 shows Jesse Allen authorizes sale of lands late in Cannon Co., now in DeKalb some 58,300 acres, acquired by Grant. Uncle Jim Drake, Judge in DeKalb Co. for many years, said the records of Jesse's holdings in the county was amazing--that he had owned most of DeKalb County apparently. He came to this conclusion from his years of examining titles and research. He was not interested in genealogy. Judge Drake was a grandson of John S. Allen.

Mr. J. W. Lee, Dallas, Texas wrote this June 15, 1954:

By tradition I know something of Jesse Allen's life and activities. After crossing the mountains of East Tennessee around the turn of the eighteenth century with his family and slaves, he settled temporarily in the fertile valley of Smith's Fork Creek in DeKalb County on a track of land two by six miles. The purchase price was a horse. Later selling it for four hundred dollars. He located permanently on a large boundary of land covered with virgin forest and cane brakes on Caney Fork River, at the mouth of Eagle Creek in DeKalb about seven miles north-east of Smithville. There he established his home and farm. After this, he distinguished himself by building many miles of roads with his slaves leading to and from a ferry at the river. Thus, he provided for the accommodation of the vast army of emigrants traveling overland in ox-drawn covered wagons, seeking new homes in the west, the land of promise.

Thus, Jesse Allen blazed the trail and laid the first stone perhaps, in the foundation of a splendid civilization that the country enjoys today. Jesse Allen's roads and Ferry (Allen's Ferry) became famous and known far and wide, being located on the main routes leading West. Many notables traveled the roads and used his ferry. Among the most prominent figures was Andrew Jackson, then President of the United States, who made the long and tedious journey from the Hermitage to and from Washington overland in a horse-drawn carriage, stopping by and was entertained over-night frequently in the home of Jesse Allen.

I am eighty years old.
Mrs. J. W. Lee of Dallas, Texas.

Sent this information June 15, 1954

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FAMILY RECORD.

DEATHS

BIRTHS

of John & Leticia Allen
and their family

John Allen was Born
Feb. 24th 1776

Leticia Allen was Born
Feb. 27th 1772

Elija H. Allen Daughter of
John & Leticia Allen was
Born Saturday night Dec. 8th 1799

George Melvin Allen son of
John & Leticia Allen was Born
Sunday night Dec. 8th 1811

Martha Ann Allen
was Born Thursday night
Feb. 7th 1814

Harriet Allen
was Born Monday morning
May the 1st 1816

James Sanders Allen
son of John & Leticia Allen
was Born Wednesday morning
Sept 15th 1816

Joseph Campbell Allen
son of John & Leticia Allen
was Born Friday morning
Jan. 7th 1824

Benjamin Franklin Allen
son of John & Leticia Allen
was Born Monday night
the 6th of March 1821

Charles Crandall Allen
son of John & Leticia Allen
was Born Tuesday night Aug. 18th

Martha Allen
daughter of John & Leticia Allen
was Born Saturday
the 1st of May 1828

Leticia George Allen
daughter of John & Leticia Allen
was Born Thursday morning
Nov. 22nd 1832

Martha Allen Douglass
daughter of John & Leticia Allen
was Born Sunday morning
the 1st of May 1834

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES

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John Allen
Leticia Sanders
Friday 23rd Decr 1808

on Thursday evening Jan. 24th
Elija H. Allen daughter of
John & Leticia Allen to
Benjamin Franklin Allen

On Tuesday evening May
20th 1824 Martha H. Allen
daughter of John & Leticia Allen
to J. H. Mackinnon

On Thursday evening Jan.
2nd 1834 George W. Allen
son of John & Leticia Allen to Dr. W. H. Staggard
to Leticia H. Douglass July 5th 1837

August 1837 James Sanders
Allen son of John & Leticia
Allen to Mary
Hops

November 1840
Elija H. Allen to
Elmore Douglass

Joseph Campbell Allen
to Susan C. Lonsdale
Jan. 27th 1824

Benjamin H. Allen and
Leticia Traversa were
married January 3rd
1830

Martha A. Douglass
daughter of John & Leticia Allen to Dr. W. H. Staggard
to Leticia H. Douglass July 5th 1837

