

b.9/10/1843 Heard County Georgia

d.12/12/1923 East Point, Fulton County Georgia
Buried Bethsadia Church Yard, Fulton County Georgia

Note: Some references show Walton County GA as birthplace of Benjamin Z. Allen, others Heard County GA. Heard County is used herein because that is the county shown on his enlistment and pension application; also his father resided in Heard County at time of Benjamin Allen's birth.

Enlisted at Savannah GA 5/1/1862
Company I (later Company E) 30th
Georgia Regiment Volunteer Infantry,
Army of Tennessee, Confederate
States of America. Company "E"
referred to as "Clayton County
Invencibles".



Wounded Jonesboro GA 8/3/1864 and
captured 10/6/1864. Sent first to
prison at Louisville KY. and later
to Camp Douglas IL (the most infamous of all Yankee prisons);
escaped and recaptured. Released 6/16/1865 and walked home.

Son of 6. Young Simeon and Elizabeth C. Anthony Allen. Reference:
Young S. Allen Bible and family records; U. S. Census Henry Co.
GA 1850 and U. S. Census Clayton County GA 1860 page 95 173/173
shows Benjamin as son of Y. S. Allen. Pension Application of
B. Z. Allen, Fayette County 1/22/1898 (Georgia Department of
Archives and History) shows birth date and place.

Served as Overseer on the plantation of 6. Martha Hartsfield
McLeroy and while in that capacity, meet and later married her
daughter, 5. Martha Frances
McLeroy Travis (widow of
Benjamin Travis and mother
of 3 children).

Married: 6/17/1867 Clayton
County Georgia.

5. MARTHA FRANCES McLEROY
TRAVIS

b. 7/20/1842 Fayette Co. GA
d. 8/3/1934 Fulton Co. GA
Buried Bethsadia Church
Yard, Fulton County GA
(on Highway 138)



Daughter of 6. Henry and 6. Martha Hartsfield McLeroy. Reference:
1850 U. S. Census Fayette County Georgia page 44; will of

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6. Henry McLeRoy 1853, Book A Fayette County GA pages 122-124. Georgia Department of Archives and History, drawer 94 box 37; Benjamin Allen Bible and family records.

Born on a plantation in Fayette Co. Georgia and at an early age moved to a new location (this property which included a home, later sold to Philip Fitzgerald, great-grandfather of Margaret Mitchell).

After death of her father in 1853 her mother purchased a few farm and assumed active management.

Very active socially in and around Jonesboro. In order to discourage an early romance with Benjamin Travis her mother sent her away to a finishing school. This action failed to discourage the love affair and she climbed out the 2nd story window one night and eloped with the awaiting Benjamin Travis. She was 17 at the time of her first marriage. However, her mother was quick to forgive and presented the young couple with farm, house, live stock and implements as a wedding gift.

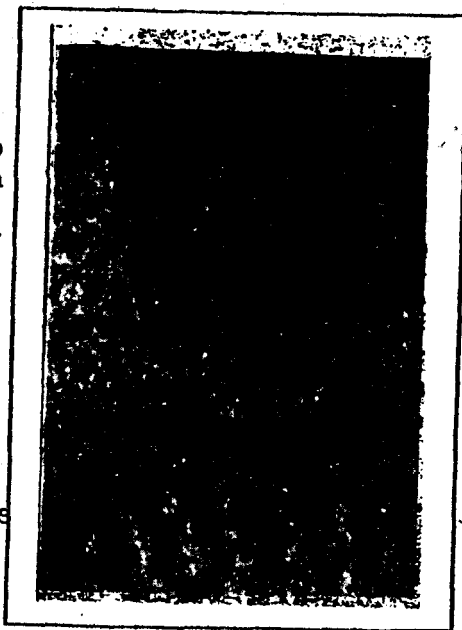
1860 Clayton County census shows B. M. Travis age 26 and wife M. F. Travis age 18 with real estate \$1600 and personal property \$1000...this represents the gift referred to above.

Martha Frances McLeroy Travis Allen wrote under the authorship of "Grandma Fannie Allen", a newspaper column for the Clayton County News and Farmer.

These articles started around 1928 and continued until shortly before her death in 1934.

These articles dealt principally with life on the plantation before the Civil War and news about the families in the Jonesboro area in the late 19th century.

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 She kept up an extensive correspondence, even in old age, with



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5.Martha Frances McLeroy Travis...continued



"Grandma Fannie Allen" 1930. This photograph represents five generations, "Grandma Fannie Allen", her daughter Edna, her granddaughter Madge, her great-grandson James, her great-great-grandaughter Barbara.

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with friends and relatives.

Both Benjamin Zachary Allen and his wife Martha Frances McLeroy Travis Allen were members of the First Baptist Church in East Point Georgia at the time of their deaths.

Death notice of Benjamin Allen in the Atlanta Constitution of 12/13/1923 page 24 and that of Martha Frances Allen 8/4/1934 lists children as survivors.

Issue: Benjamin Zachary Allen and Martha Frances McLeroy Travis Allen (her 2nd marriage).

Arthur Otto Allen b.7/12/1868 d.Fulton County Georgia
buried College Park Cemetary Fulton County Georgia m.
8/9/1891 Wilda Bray

4.EDNA LORENA ALLEN b.8/23/1870 Clay County Alabama d.
11/20/1960 Fulton County Georgia, buried Greenwood
Cemetary Fulton County GA. m.6/27/1887 Clayton County
Georgia 4.WILLIAM ERNEST McCONNELL b.4/10/1864 Clayton
County Georgia d.2/14/1891 Fulton County Georgia, buried
Dorsey Cemetary, Lovejoy, Clayton County Georgia.

Josie Elizabeth Allen b.12/25/1872 d.6/12/1964 Fulton
County Georgia, buried Bethesda Church yard, Fulton
County Georgia m.12/23/1894 William Aaron Smith

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Issue: B.Z. Allen and M.F. McLeroy Travis Allen...continued

Eulalia Allen b.3/31/1875 d.7/2/1893, buried Bethsadia Church Yard, Fulton County Georgia

Pitt McLeroy Allen b.2/12/1878 d.2/22/1952 Baldwin County Georgia, buried Coopers Cemetary, Baldwin County GA m.12/24/1905 Lois Mae Murphy

Issue: Benjamin Marlin Travis and Martha Frances McLeroy (her 1st marriage 3/14/1859 Fayette Co GA; Book A p 301)

Iula G. Travis b.1/29/1860 Clayton County GA d.9/21/1935 Fulton County GA, buried Greenwood Cemetary, Fulton County GA m.11/24/1878 William Henry Fuller

James Benjamin Travis b.12/7/1861 Clayton County GA d.4/5/1952 Fayette County GA, buried Bethsadia Church Yard, Fulton County GA m.4/5/1891 Ada Collingsworth

Mollie Colquit Travis b.8/31/1862 Clayton County Georgia d.5/12/1946 Fulton County Georgia buried Greenwood Cemetary, Fulton County Georgia m.11/24/1880 Thomas E. Zellers

Children of Benjamin and Martha Allen were born in Clayton or Fayette County, except Edna who was born in Clay County AL.

Information on children is from the Benjamin and Martha Frances Allen Bible (1/1/1975 in possession of Raymond Travis, son of Benjamin Travis) and family and tombstone records.

The 1860 census referred to is found on page 48. Georgia Dept. of Archives and History

5. BENJAMIN ZACHARY ALLEN...continued

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Letter to James T. McConnell and his wife congratulating them on the birth of their daughter Barbara. James was her first born great-grandchild and Barbara her first great-great-grandchild. She was 88 years old at the time this letter was written and she died age 92, before another great-great-grandchild was born.

My dear James & wife
 I hope you are all well
 I am well & hope to see you
 soon. I am taking good care of her
 little darling & she is
 before you. Great-grandchildren need her
 as much as I do. I wish you & Babe
 much joy & pleasure with
 lots of little daughters
 Love from Grandma