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The Allen Line

From Ralph Allen of Sandwich to Zelotus Paddock Allen — the proof, the documents, and the one joint still standing

One working story, with every document standing in it as the proof:
the Sandwich register · the Shrewsbury Quaker registers · the wills of Jedediah, Jacob, David, and Martha ·
the Morristown registers · the deeds · Henry Allen's pension file, whole ·
every record transcribed in full · with sources & links and the open searches

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How This Book Works

This is the Allen line told as one working story, from Ralph Allen of Sandwich, Massachusetts, down to Zelotus Paddock Allen and his children. Every document the story stands on stands *in* the story, at the point where the story needs it: the document's picture, small, and its full transcription directly underneath, so any reader can read every word without facing the handwriting alone. There is no separate exhibits part and no separate transcription part — the proof travels with the telling.

My program for this line, and the rule of this book: *move back, prove who it is, move back, prove who it is, until we find our brick wall.* Where a record proves a link, the book says so. Where the evidence is strong but no record names the tie outright, the book says that too. Where a claim rests on a family tree alone — mine or anyone's — it is labeled as a tree claim, a hint and not a fact. What we cannot prove is stated plainly at the end, in the Still in Search Of list, where I ask my readers for help.

The governing source for my own line is my guideline book, *Ancestors of Coni Allen by Coni Dubois 2026*. The documents below were pulled from my own files, from FamilySearch, from Ancestry, and from Fold3 in November 2026, and every one of them is kept in Zelotus Paddock Allen's research folder.

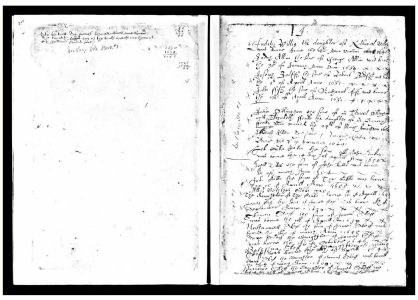
The ladder, at a glance

Link	Standing
George Arthur Allen → son of Zelotus Paddock Allen	**Proven** — his own records name his father three ways, the last two mangled spellings of Zelotus
Zelotus Paddock Allen → son of Henry Jefferson Allen & Elizabeth (Olivia) Paddock	**Strong circumstantial** — his sister Louisa's death certificate names their parents; the censuses place him in the family
Henry Jefferson Allen → son of Henry Allen (1756) & Catherine Fisher	**Carried by the book and the tree** — supported by Martha Racket's probate citation naming "Henry Allen of Bradford" among her kin; no naming record yet
Henry Allen (1756) → son of Henry B. Allen & Lydia	**Tree only — THE BRICK WALL**
Henry B. Allen → son of Jacob Allen	**Strong** — Jacob's recorded will names his son Henry; the published abstracts and the Morristown registers agree
Jacob Allen → son of Henry Allen (1679/80–1748) & Hannah Corlies	**Proven** — Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting birth register
Henry Allen (1679/80–1748) → son of Jedediah Allen	**Proven** — Jedediah's will and the Shrewsbury family record, p. 105

Jedediah Allen → son of Ralph (Ralfe) Allen of Sandwich & Esther Swift	**Proven at record level** — Sandwich town birth register

1 · Sandwich: Ralph Allen and the Birth of Jedediah

Ralph Allen — the records write him *Ralfe* — was an Englishman of Thurcaston, Leicestershire, born about 1617–1621, who settled at Sandwich, in Plymouth Colony, Massachusetts, and married Esther Swift. Sandwich held more than one Allen family in those years, and the town register keeps them side by side on the same pages: George Allin's household, and Ralfe Allen's. They are different families, and the register itself is careful about which son belongs to which father. That care is what anchors this whole line, because the entry that matters names the father outright.



The Sandwich, Massachusetts, town birth register — the page headed “1.” The Allen entries on the page are transcribed in full below, with the entries standing around them; the entry heads below Jedediah’s are listed in the scope note. [record]
The document, transcribed directly below.

Judeth Willis the daughter of Nathanael Willis
was borne June the 14th. Anno Domini 1641.
[a figure is struck through before "1641"]

Judah Allin the sone of George Allin was borne
the 30th of January, Anno Dom: 1650.

Joseph Bodfish the sone of Robert Bodfish was borne
the 3d of Aprill Anno 1651.

John Fife[?] the sone of Nathanael Fife[?] was borne
the 13th of Aprill Anno 1651.

John Dillingham the sone of Mr Edward Dillingham
and Elizabeth Feake the daughter of Mr .... Feake
Feake[?] wer married the 24th of March Anno Dom 1650

Jediah Allen the sone of Ralfe Allen was
borne the 3d of January 1646:

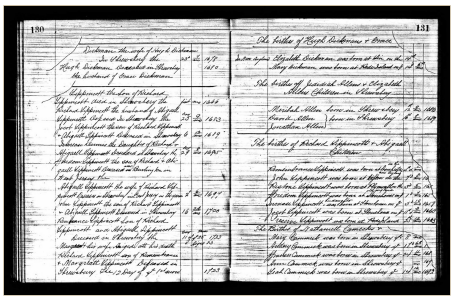
There it stands in the town clerk's hand: *“Jediah Allen the sone of Ralfe Allen was borne the 3d of January 1646.”* The same page records Judah Allin, son of *George* Allin, born January 30, 1650 —

George of Sandwich's boy, not ours. Two families, one page, and the clerk kept them straight. **What this proves:** Jedediah Allen was the son of Ralfe Allen of Sandwich, born January 3, 1646 (1646/47 by the old calendar). **What it doesn't prove:** anything about Ralph's other children, or about Esther Swift — her place as Jedediah's mother rests on the family record carried in my guideline book, not on this page.

Jedediah grew up at Sandwich, married Elizabeth, and about 1683 carried his family south to Monmouth County, New Jersey, where they became the Shrewsbury Allens — Quakers, entered in the Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting registers that prove the next two links of this ladder.

2 · Jedediah Allen of Shrewsbury and His Will

At Shrewsbury the family joined the Society of Friends, and the Monthly Meeting's register kept their births the Quaker way, by numbered months. The register page for Jedediah and Elizabeth's children carries its own limit in its heading — these are the children born *in Shrewsbury*, after the move. The older children, born at Sandwich, stand in the family record on p. 105, which the next chapter reads.



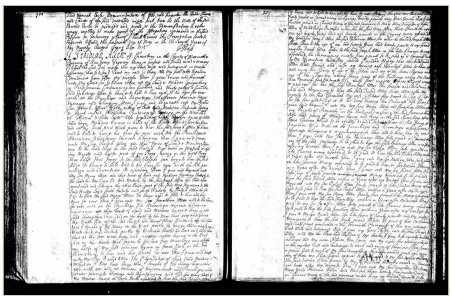
Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting register, p. 131 — “The births of Jedidiah Allens & Elizabeth Allens Children in Shrewsbury.” [record]
The entry, transcribed in full directly below.

The births of Jedidiah Allens & Elizabeth Allens Children in Shrewsbury

Meribah Allen born in Shrewsbury — 12th of 2 mo 1686
David Allen } born in Shrewsbury — 16th of 6 mo 1689
Jonathan Allen } [same date]

The heading's own limit — children born **in Shrewsbury** — is why the older children (Ephraim, Ralph, Henry, and the elder daughters, born at Sandwich, Massachusetts, before the family's move about 1683) do not appear in this list.

Meribah, David, and Jonathan — the Shrewsbury-born children. Every one of them fits inside the family Jedediah's will names, without remainder or contradiction. The will itself is the great document of this generation. Jedediah made it on September 15, 1711, added a codicil ten days later, and it was proved February 6, 1711/12. It is a rich man's careful instrument: land in Pennsylvania, land and bogs in Shrewsbury and Freehold, cash legacies counted out son by son, and twelve silver spoons.



The will of Jedediah Allen of Shrewsbury, September 15, 1711 (New Jersey Wills, Liber 1, pp. 350–351). [record]
The will, transcribed in full directly below.

I, **Jedidiah Allen of Shrewsbury** in the County of Monmouth [in the] Province of New Jersey, Yeoman, being in perfect and sound mind & memory (blessed be the Lord), do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say):

First, my will is that all my just debts be paid in convenient time after my decease.

Item: I give, devise and bequeath unto my eldest son **Ephraim Allen** all my Land & Meadow lying & being in Pensilvania [Pennsylvania], containing two hundred and thirty acres, to him and to his heirs for ever, with all the Privileges and Advantages whatsoever thereunto appertaining and belonging.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Grandson **Joseph Allen** [a parcel] of Land and Meadow situate lying & being in said Shrewsbury, butting & bounding on the West end of Thomas White's land; also another piece of land and bogs Meadow lying at head of [the branch of?] White's brook, bounded on the South West with pines; to him and his heirs for ever.

Item: I give and devise unto my son **Ralph Allen** all that piece of Land & Meadow lying [adjoining] to the Land that he the said Ralph now dwells on, Westerly; and also one Moiety and half part of my Bogs lying in the Great Bogs that joyns to the said Ralph's own bogs; to him and his heirs for ever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son **Henry Allen** all that tract of Land and Meadow lying Easterly to the land he now lives on and Westerly by the said Joseph Allen his land aforementioned; and likewise the other half part of the said bogs [adjoining] to the said Henry's land, South Easterly, and South Westerly by Ralph Allen his bogs; to him the said Henry Allen to have and to hold to him and his heirs for ever.

Item: I give unto my son **Jonathan Allen** and to his heirs for ever all those Tracts of Land and Meadow lying & being in the said Shrewsbury, bounded on the South by [the way?] that goes and lyes on the North side of the said Ralph and Henry Allens, Northerly by the Land that I bought of [Job?] Almy on the West, partly by George Allen and Joseph West's land, and Easterly partly by William Hewlet his land; and also that Land at the Iron mine bogs and sixteen acres lying on the West side of the brooks that joyns to the said Iron mine bogs; and also one half of my salt meadow lying on [Pooles?] Neck in the said Shrewsbury.

Item: I give and devise unto my son **David Allen** the Plantation of Land and Meadow whereon I now live, being that I bought of Job Almy, together also with all and all manner of Improvement and Privileges whatsoever thereunto belonging and appertaining; and also the other half of my Meadow

lying on [Pooles] Neck as aforesaid; to him and his heirs for ever — **paying therefore one hundred and twenty pounds in current money in Legacys**, twenty pounds every year yearly: that is to say, **fourteen pounds** in Current Money of the said province **to Mary Allen, Daughter of John Allen of Woodbridge, Deceased**, when the said Mary Allen shall come to the age of one and twenty years; and also **twenty pounds** in like Current money **to my Grandson Joseph Allen, the said Ephraim Allen's son**, when he shall come to the age of one and twenty years; and **twenty pounds to my Granddaughter Dinah Allen**, sister to the said Joseph Allen; the remaining [sum] to be paid as it becomes due to my Executors hereafter named — **Provided always** that the said David Allen shall permit and suffer **my loving wife Elizabeth Allen** to have, use and enjoy her choice of one of the Cellars and one of the lower Roomes and one of the Chambers above, being part of the buildings where I do now live, during her natural life, with free ingress, egress & regress, ways & passages for her, her friends and Relations; and [my] will and meaning is that the said David Allen shall allow after my decease to the said Elizabeth all her firewood [cut and carried] to her door during her natural life.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my two sons **Henry Allen and Jonathan Allen** all my Rights of Propriety in the Eastern Division of the said province, and also that piece of Meadow lying and being in the said Shrewsbury upon [Balcoms?] Island, to be equally divided between them; to them and to their heirs for ever.

Item: I give unto my said son **Ephraim Allen** forty pounds in Current money of the said province, to be paid within a Year after my decease. — **Elisha Allen**, forty pounds, within a Year. — **Nathan Allen**, forty pounds, within a Year. — **Judah Allen**, forty pounds, within a Year. — **Ralph Allen**, forty pounds, within a Year. — **Henry Allen, forty five pounds**, within a Year. — **Jonathan Allen**, forty pounds, within a Year. — **David Allen**, the like sum of forty pounds, [my] meaning [being] that the said forty pounds shall be part of that one hundred and twenty pounds mentioned in [this] my present Last Will and Testament.

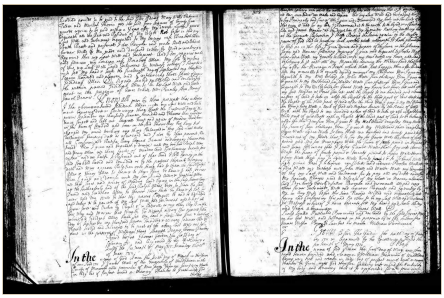
Also I give **my Great Bible unto the said David Allen**, and all the Rest and Residue of my books I give to be equally divided amongst all my owne Children.

Item: I give unto my eight sons already named in this my Last Will and Testament, to each and every of them, **one silver spoon apiece**; and to each of my four daughters hereafter named, each and every one of them, one silver spoon apiece — the said twelve silver spoons to be delivered to my said twelve children by my Executors in convenient time after my decease.

Item: I give unto my four daughters **Esther Adams, Mary Wells, Patience Tilton and Meribah Thorn**, twenty five pounds apiece in Current money of the said province — all the said four Legacies of twenty five pounds apiece to be paid within a Year after my Decease.

Lastly, I give & bequeath all the Rest and Residue of my Estate, not before in this my Last Will and Testament bequeathed, to **my loving wife Elizabeth Allen**, both Real and personal. I do revoke and make null and void all former Wills by me made and declared either by word or in writing, and do appoint this my Last Will and Testament. And I do appoint, make and ordaine my loving wife **Elizabeth Allen my sole Executrix** of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seale the **fifteenth day of September one thousand seven hundred and**

eleven. — **Jedediah Allen** [seal]. Signed, sealed, published and declared by the within named Jedediah Allen to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of **Amos White, Wm. Pinnely [?], Sam. Jenny [?], Jacob Dennis**.



Jedediah Allen's will, continued (Liber 1, pp. 352–353), with the codicil of September 25, 1711, and the probate endorsement. [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

Know all men by these presents that whereas I, the abovementioned Jedediah Allen, made my Last Will and Testament bearing date the fifteenth day of the present September one thousand seven hundred and eleven, and have therein forgott and left out several Tracts and pieces of Meadow Land, some lying in Freehold and some in the said Shrewsbury, but have not changed my mind touching any thing contained in my said Last Will & Testament, and I do by these presents fully confirme and ratifie every Bequest, Demise and Legacy therein mentioned:

Item: I give, bequeath & demise unto my two sons **Ralph Allen and Henry Allen** all those pieces of Meadow Land containing **twenty four acres and an halfe**, [surveyed?] out of that Land I had lying in the said Freehold, butted and bounded as by the pattent thereunto belonging doth and may appeare; to them and to their heirs for ever.

Item: I give and demise unto my sons **David Allen & Jonathan Allen** all that Tract and piece of Meadow Land lying in the said Shrewsbury at the Southeasterly end of the said Ralph Allens bogs; to them and their heirs for ever.

And my Will is that this my present Codicill be adjudged and taken to be part of [my] Last Will and Testament… In Witness whereof I, the above said Jedediah Allen, have sett my hand & seale this **five & twentieth day of September one thousand seven hundred & eleven**. — **Jedediah Allen** [seal]. Witnesses: **William Hunt, Samuell Denny [?], Thomas Chambers [?]**.

[Probate endorsement, foot of p. 352:] Proved before **Thomas Gordon** the sixth day of February 1711[/12] and Approved by his Excellency & Sealed the sixteenth of May 1712. *[An inventory reference follows, faint — the Calendar of Wills abstract gives the inventory as £1,454.7.5, taken Feb 8, 1711-12 by Thomas White & George Corleis; no inventory is recorded beside the will in Lib. 1.]*

What the will proves: Henry Allen is Jedediah's son — he receives his own tract and bogs, half the Eastern Division proprietary rights with his brother Jonathan, £45 in cash (five pounds more than any brother), and by the codicil a half share with Ralph in 24½ acres of Freehold

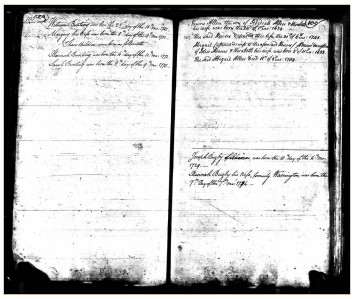
meadow. David takes the home plantation and the Great Bible, charged with £120 of legacies and with housing his mother Elizabeth for her life. The twelve living children match the printed Calendar of Wills abstract exactly: eight sons and four married daughters — twelve silver spoons.

The son the will adds. Among the legacies charged on David's home place stands £14 *"to Mary Allen, Daughter of John Allen of Woodbridge, Deceased,"* payable at twenty-one. Mary is Jedediah's granddaughter, and her father **John Allen of Woodbridge**, in Middlesex County, was Jedediah's son — dead before September 15, 1711, and missing from the family lists until this will was read in full. A caution stands beside him: a *second* John Allen of Woodbridge left a will in 1716 naming a wife Deliverance; he cannot be Jedediah's son, who was already deceased in 1711, and the two men must not be merged.

What the will doesn't prove: Henry's mother's name — no will of this era would name her. Elisabeth rests on the Shrewsbury register, next chapter. The itemized inventory (£1,454.7.5, taken February 8, 1711-12 by Thomas White and George Corleis) is not recorded beside the will in Liber 1; only the abstract's total and the appraisers' names are in hand — it stands in the Still in Search Of list.

3 · Henry Allen and Hannah Corlies

Henry Allen, Jedediah's son, was born at Sandwich before the move — and the Shrewsbury register's family record on p. 105 gives him his birth and his death in two lines, and names his mother.



Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting register, p. 105 — Henry Allen's family record. [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

Henry Allen the son of Jedediah Allen & Elisabeth his wife was born the 26th of 9 mo: 1679.

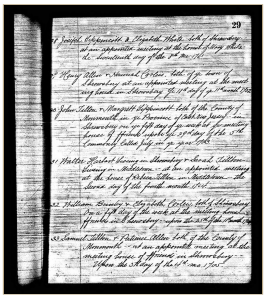
The said Henry departed this life the 20th of 6 mo: 1748.

Abigail [afterwards wife to the aforesaid Henry] Adams, daughter of John Adams & Elisabeth his wife, was born 2d of 11 mo: 1683.

The said Abigail Allen died 12th of 8 mo: 1759.

"Henry Allen the son of Jedediah Allen & Elisabeth his wife was born the 26th of 9 mo: 1679. The said Henry departed this life the 20th of 6 mo: 1748." Henry's mother is therefore **Elisabeth**, as the older books and trees have her; her maiden name (Howland, per the trees) is given in no record in hand, and this book does not claim it. The same page records Abigail Adams, Henry's second wife, born 1683, died 1759.

Henry married first, at the Shrewsbury meeting house, in the Quaker manner:

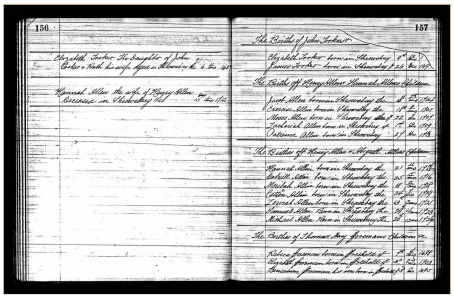


Shrewsbury register, p. 29, marriages, entry 29 — Henry Allen & Hannah Corleis, 18th of the 11th month 1702. The cluster entries on the page (32–33) are transcribed with it. [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

Henry Allen & Hannah Corleis, both of ye town of Shrowsbery, at an appointed meeting at the meeting house in Shrowsbery, **ye 18th day of ye 11th month 1702**.

Same page, for the cluster: entry 32, William Brinley & **Elizabeth Corleis** of Shrewsbury (25th of 11th month 1704 [year partly cut]); entry 33, **Samuel Tilton & Patience Allen**, both of Monmouth County, at the Shrewsbury meeting house, 5th day of the 4th month 1705 — Patience is Jedediah's daughter "Patience Tilton" of the 1711 will.

The register pages that follow carry the children of both marriages — and among Hannah's children stands the next link of this ladder.



Shrewsbury register, pp. 156–157 — Hannah’s death, and the births of Henry Allen’s children by Hannah and by Abigail. [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

Hannah Allen the wife of Henry Allen, Deceased in Shrewsbury the 13th [day] of 2 mo 1712. *(p. 156)*

The Births off Henry Allen & Hannah Allens Children *(p. 157)*
Jacob Allen born in Shrewsbury the **14th of 9 mo 1704**
Exercise Allen [Experience] born in Shrewsbury the 18th of 8 mo 1705
Moses Allen born in Shrewsbury the 22d of 7 mo 1707
Zachariah Allen born in Shrewsbury the 1st of 12 mo 1709
Patience Allen born in Shrewsbury the 27th of 4 mo 1712

The Births off Henry Allen & Abigail Allens Children
Hannah Allen born in Shrewsbury the 21st of 11 mo 1714/15
Gabriell Allen born in Shrewsbury the 25th of 5 mo 1716
Meribah Allen born in Shrewsbury the 18th of 2 mo 1718
Catton Allen [reading uncertain] born in Shrewsbury the 24th of 7 mo 1719
Zerviah Allen born in Shrewsbury the 13th of 3 mo 1721
Samuel Allen born in Shrewsbury the 29th of 4 mo 1723
Michael Allen born in Shrewsbury the 26th of 12 mo 1724

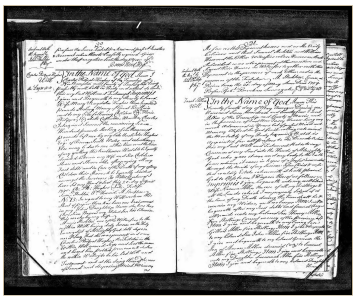
What these pages prove: Jacob Allen, born in Shrewsbury the 14th of the 9th month 1704, is the recorded son of **Henry Allen & Hannah** — and Henry & Hannah Corleis married at Shrewsbury on the 18th of the 11th month 1702. Jacob's mother was Hannah Corlies. (The name

“Eliza Miller” carried in some trees as Jacob's mother is supported by no record in hand.) Hannah died at Shrewsbury the 13th of the 2nd month 1712, weeks before her youngest, Patience, was born that spring; Henry's children by Abigail (Adams) follow on the same register pages.

Henry himself died the 20th of the 6th month 1748. His will or administration has been searched for and **not found**: the index to Wills Book E (1747–1750) lists Allens Ephraim, Lydia, Ralph, Jonathan, Ezekiel, Zechariah and Jedidiah — but no Henry. The index page itself is filed as the negative-search evidence. Book F (1750–1758), unindexed, and the separate “Wills Vol. 5–6, 1743–1750” browse remain unchecked, and stand in the Still in Search Of list.

4 · Jacob Allen, Weaver of Morris Township

Jacob Allen, born at Shrewsbury in 1704, did what his father's generation had done: he moved. By 1774 he was a weaver of Morris Township, Morris County, living on land he had bought of John Holloway, with his wife Naoma beside him and his children grown and provided for. His will, made May 24, 1774 and proved at Morris Town September 13, 1779, is the document that carries this line across the county — and it names his son Henry.

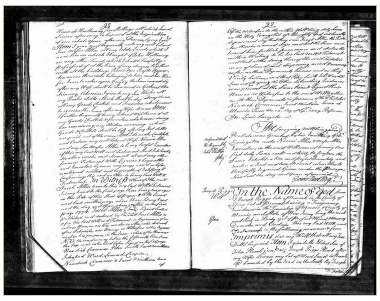


The will of Jacob Allen of Morris Township, Morris County, weaver (Liber 21, pp. 90–91). [record]
The will, transcribed in full directly below.

[p. 91]

In the Name of God Amen This Twenty fourth day of May Annoque Domini one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four I **Jacob Allen of the Township and County of Morris in the province of East New Jersey, Weaver**, being very much Advanced in Years but of perfect Mind and Memory blessed be God for it, calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body knowing that it is Appointed for all persons to die Do make Ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to say Commend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my body to the Earth from whence it came in hopes of a Joyful Resurrection through the Merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ & as for that worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I Dispose thereof as follows —

Imprimis I give bequeath unto my well beloved Wife **Naoma Allen** the use of all my Buildings & all the Lands which I am properly Seized of at the time of my Death during the time [she] shall be & remain my Widow, and no longer. **Item** I will & bequeath after my Just debts and funeral Charges [are] all paid unto my beloved Son **Henry Allen** Five Shillings Current money of the province. **Item** I give and bequeath to my beloved Son **Gilbert Allen** five Shillings. **Item** I give & bequeath to my beloved Son **John Allen** five Shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath to my beloved Grandson the Son of **Aaron Allen** deceased (viz) to **Samuel Allen** five Shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my Daughter **Susannah Allen** five Shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter —



Jacob Allen's will, continued (Liber 21, pp. 92–93): Moses takes the home place, and the probate, September 13, 1779. [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

[p. 92]

Hannah Hartheway five Shillings, all which Several Sums of money to be paid at the Expiration of one whole Year after my Decease by my Ex[ecut]rs. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Son **Moses Allen** all my Estate Lands which I now live on **which I bought of John Holloway** or any other Lands which I shall be lawfully possessed of at the time of my Decease together with all the buildings Priviledges Profits Appurtenances thereunto belonging to him and his Heirs for Ever, to enter upon & enjoy the Same immediately after my Wife shall be Deceased or [cease her] Widow[hood]. **Item** I likewise give to my Son Moses all my Books debts which Shall be due to me [and] all my Goods Chattels and Furniture whatsoever to receive the Same after my Wifes decease. **Item** I further bequeath to my beloved Wife the use of all my Goods Chattels & furniture whatsoever during her remaining my Widow, meaning [only] what Goods & Chattels shall be left after my Just debts are paid out of the same. And I do make Constitute and Ordain my well beloved Wife **Naoma Allen** and my Son **Moses Allen** to be my lawful Executors of this my Last Will and Testament And I do hereby disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testament Wills Legacies & bequeaths and Executors by me in any ways nam'd or before mentioned willed and bequeathed Ratifying & Confirming this and no Other to be my Last Will & Testament. **In Witness Whereof** the said Jacob Allen have to this my Last Will & Testament Set my hand to the first page, these being two pages on this Side of this Sheet of paper & to the [second] and last written page above I have Set my hand, and the day and Year above written on the first page 1774. **Jacob Allen** [L.S.]

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Jacob Allen as & for his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us whose Names are here under written who did each of us Subscribe our Names as Witnesses at his Request and in his presence in the Room where [the same was done]. N:B: the word *money* below the fifteenth Line from the top was interlined before Signed on the first page. — **Noadiah Crammer, Peter Smith, Jacob Minthorn; Ichabud Ward, Leonard Chapin.**

[p. 93 — probate]

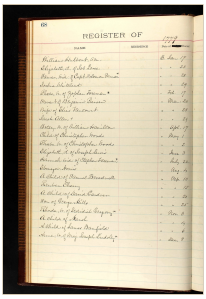
[The witnesses] to the within Will being duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God did severally depose and say that they saw Jacob Allen the Testator therein named Sign and Seal the Same and heard him publish pronounce and declare the within Writing to be his Last Will & Testament and that at the doing thereof the said Testator was of Sound and disposing mind & Memory as far as these Deponents know and as they Verily believe, and that Peter Smith, Ich[abu]d

Ward & Leonard Chapin, the Other Subscribing Evidences, was present at the Same time & Signed their Names as Witnesses to the said Will together with these Deponents in presence of the Testator. — **Noadiah Crammer, Jacob Minthorn.** Sworn at **Morris Town the 13th day of Sepr. 1779**, Before me **Jess. Lewis, Surrogate**.

The foregoing Will being proved, Probate was Granted by his Excellency Gov[erno]r Livingston unto **Naomi Allen & Moses Allen**, Executors in the said Will named, having been first duly Sworn well and truly to perform the Same, Exhibit a true and perfect Inventory and render a Just and true Account when thereto Lawfully required. Given under the Prerogative Seal the day and Year aforesaid. — **Bowes Reed**, Reg[iste]r. [Margin: Compared with the Original by John Phillips.]

What the will proves: Jacob's children living in 1774 were sons **Henry**, Gilbert, John, and Moses; daughters Susannah Allen and Hannah Hartheway; and a deceased son Aaron, whose son Samuel is named. Moses, the son who stayed home, inherited all the lands — including the land Jacob "bought of John Holloway" — with Naoma's widowhood protected, and Naoma and Moses were the executors. The five-shilling bequests to the others are the classic pattern of children already provided for in their father's lifetime. **What it doesn't prove by itself:** that this Jacob is the Jacob born at Shrewsbury in 1704 — that identity rests on the whole chain: the identical family set in the New Jersey Abstract of Wills entry for this same Liber and page, the published genealogies placing Jacob's son Henry (born 1732, died June 4, 1803), and the Shrewsbury register. No second Jacob-and-Naomi family with this child set exists in the records pulled.

Jacob died in March 1779, five months before his will was proved. The First Presbyterian Church of Morristown buried him, and its register kept the day:



First Presbyterian Church of Morristown, register of burials, p. 68 (1779). Jacob Allen's entry is transcribed in full, with every other entry on the page given by name and date. [record]
Transcribed directly below.

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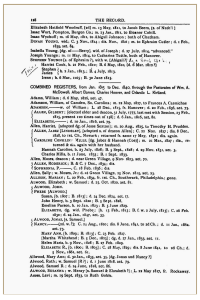
REGISTER OF

1779

NAME | RESIDENCE | Date of [one word blacked out] Burial

- William Hulbert, Sen. — B. Jan 17
- Elizabeth, d. of Lot Loree — " " 23
- Tamer, wid: of Capt. Solomon Munson* — " " 28
- Joshua Whitehead — " " 29
- Phoebe, w. of Zophar Freeman* — " Feb. 17
- Servant of Benjamin Pierson — " Mar. 20
- Wife of Elias VanCourt — " " 28
- **Jacob Allen † — " " 29** [a cross mark follows the name in the original]
- Betsey, w. of William Hamilton — " Apl. 17
- Child of Christopher Woods — " May 1
- Phoebe, w. of Christopher Woods — " " 2
- Elizabeth, d. of Joseph Lewis — " June 3
- Hannah, wid: of Stephen Freeman* — " July 22
- Ebenezer Norris — " Aug. 4
- A Child of Samuel Broadwell — " Sep. 10
- Reuben Cherry — " " 15
- A Child of David Gardner — " " 20
- Son of George Mills — " " 25
- Rhoda, w. of Jedidiah[?] Gregory* — " Nov. 3
- A child of Marsh — " " 4
- A Child of James Bamfield — " " 6
- Anne, w. of Maj: Joseph Lindsley* — " Dec. 8

Two of Jacob's sons stayed on that Morris County ground and became pillars of the Morristown church. The church's printed history, in its combined registers, carries them both:



History of the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, combined registers, p. 128 — the Allen cluster. Every Allen entry on the page is transcribed in full; the other entries are listed by head. [record]
Transcribed directly below.

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THE RECORD.

[Entries above the combined registers, listed by head only: Elizabeth Hatfield Woodruff, [2d], m. 13 May, 1811, to Jacob Beers, [s. of Nath'l]; Isaac Wort, Pompton, Burgen Co., m. 23 Jan., 1811, to Eleanor

Cohill; Isaac Wychoff, m. 16 May, 1812, to Abigail Johnson, both of Chatham; DINAH YOUNG, wid., C. 3 Nov., 1814, dis. Nov., 1821, m. to Ephraim Cutler, d. 1 Feb., 1839, aet. 84; Isabella Young, [dg. of——Berry], wid. of Joseph, d. 27 July, 1814, "advanced."; Joseph Youngs, m. 11 May, 1814, to Catharine Tuttle, both of Hanover; STEPHEN YOUNGS [s. of Ephraim?], with w. [Abigail?] — entry partly faint, with a handwritten marginal word, illegible — and his children Harriet Cook, Stephen, James, and Irene.]

COMBINED REGISTERS, from Jan. 1815 to Dec. 1840, through the Pastorates of Wm. A. McDowell, Albert Barnes, Charles Hoover, and Orlando L. Kirtland.

Adams, William; d. 6 May, 1826, aet. 47.

Adamson, William, of Camden, So. Carolina; m. 22 May, 1827, to Frances A. Carmichae[l; word runs to the page edge].

ADAMSON,——w. of William; L. 28 Dec., 1815, fr. Hanover; d. 20 Feb., 1836, aet. 75.

{ ALLEN, GILBERT; [elected elder and deacon, 31 July, 1777, last met with Session, 23 Feb., 1815, present 120 times out of 158]; d. 6 Jan., 1816, aet. 80.
{ ELIZABETH,——; d. 10 Jan., 1816, aet. 79.

Allen, Harriet, [adopted dg. of Jesse Sexton]; m. 20 Aug., 1825, to Timothy H. Prudden.

{ ALLEN, JABEZ [LINDSLEY], [adopted s. of deacon Allen]; C. 22 Nov. 1827; dis. 8 Dec., 1828, to 1st. Ch., Newark; returned fr. same 17 May, 1832; dis. again.
{ CAROLINE CONKLING MILLS, [dg. Jabez & Hannah (Coe)]; m. 21 Mar., 1827; dis., returned & dis. again with her husband.

Hannah Caroline, b. 23 July, 1828; B. 5 Sept., 1828; d. 29 Nov. 1831, aet. 3.

Charles Mills, b. 11 June, 1833; B. 1 Sept. 1833.

Allen, Moses, deacon; d. near Green Village, 9 Nov. 1823, aet. 70.

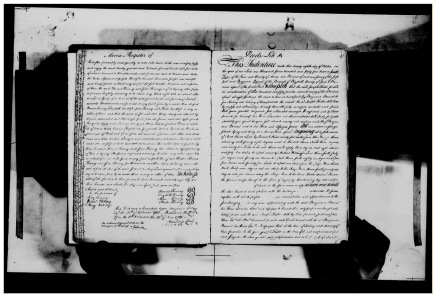
{ ALLEN, RODERICK; B. & C. 7 Dec., 1834; dis.
{ SOPHRONIA, P.——, C. 18 Feb. 1836; dis.

Allen, Sally; w. Moses, Jr.: d. at Green Village, 25 Nov. 1815, aet. 23.

[Entries below the Allen cluster, listed by head only: ALLISON, MARIAN, L. 20 Feb., 1834, fr. 1st. Ch., Southwark, Philadelphia, gone; ALWOOD, Elizabeth, w. Samuel, d. 25 Oct. 1820, aet. 81; ALWOOD, JOHN, and PHEBE [ALWOOD], with their children Susan, John Henry, Emeline Parson, and ELIZABETH; ALWOOD, JONAS, [s. Samuel], and NANCY,——[2d. w.?], with their children MARY ANN, [Martha Whitehead], Helen Maria, and ELIZABETH R.; Allwood, Mary Ann, d. 30 Jan., 1835, aet. 35, [dg. Jonas and Nancy?]; Alwood, Ruth, w. Samuel [R?], d. 1 June 1818, aet. 79; Alwood, Samuel R., d. 24 June, 1818, aet. 86; ALWOOD, SUSANNA, w. Henry [s. Samuel & Elizabeth?], L. 22 May 1817, fr. Rockaway; Ames, Levi, m. 19 Sept, 1833, to Ruth Goble.]

Gilbert Allen — elected elder and deacon July 31, 1777, present at Session 120 times out of 158, died January 6, 1816, aged 80, his wife Elizabeth four days after him. Moses Allen — the son who inherited the home place — a deacon, died near Green Village November 9, 1823, aged 70. Cluster evidence for the family's ground, two generations deep in that church — though no church entry yet names the next generation.

Jacob's land is fixed on the ground by a neighbor's deed. In 1765 Joseph Foster sold Benjamin Bonnel a messuage in Morris Town, and the description opens at Jacob Allen's corner:



Morris County Deed Book A, folios 16–17 — Joseph Foster to Benjamin Bonnel, October 28, 1765. Folio 16 carries the conclusion of the deed recorded just before it (Phinney), transcribed with the plate as it stands. [record] Transcribed in full directly below.

[Folio 16]

Morris Register of

Hereafter peaceably and quietly to enter into have hold use occupy possess and enjoy the said hereby granted and released several tracts and parcels of Land Tenements Hereditaments and premises and to receive and take the Rents Issues and profits thereof to his and their own proper use benefit and behoof forever without any lawful let suit trouble, denial or interruption of them the said Thomas Phinney and John Phinney or of or by any other person or persons lawfully claiming or to claim any Estate right title or interest either in Law or Equity of in to or out of the said several tracts and parcels of Land Tenements Hereditaments and premises or any part from by or under them the said Thomas Phinney Elizabeth his Wife John Phinney and Phebe his Wife or any or either of them and that the same is free and clear freely clearly and absolutely Acquitted exonerated and discharged of and from all former and other Gifts grants Bargains Sales leases Releases Mortgages Wills Entails jointers Dowers and title of dowers Wills Entails Forfeitures Judgments Extents Executions, Rents and arrearages of Rent and of and from all manner of former and other acts uses leases uses titles troubles Charges and incumbrances whatsoever had made caused omitted done or suffered to be had made caused committed omitted done or suffered by them the said Thomas Phinney and John Phinney their Heirs or Assigns or any of them or by any other person or persons claiming to claim any Estate right title or interest of in and to the same or any part or part thereof and the said Thomas Phinney and John Phinney for themselves and their Heirs do hereby warrant and defend the Title of the said several tracts of Land against all persons claiming or to claim from by or under them or any or either of them In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and Seals the day and year first above written

Sealed and delivered In the presence of
Jabez Phinney
Daniel Halsey
Benj. Halsey

Thomas Phinney [seal]
Elizabeth Phinney [seal]
John Phinney [seal]
Phebe Phinney [seal]

This Deed was acknowledged before Benjamin Halsey Esqr. the 30th of September 1782 — Received in the Clerks Office the 8th & recorded the 13th of June 1786 in [Lib. A — the book reference is taken up by the clerk's flourish]
Jno. Lewis[?] Clerk

The acknowledgment wrote on the Margin of this page — J. L. Lewis

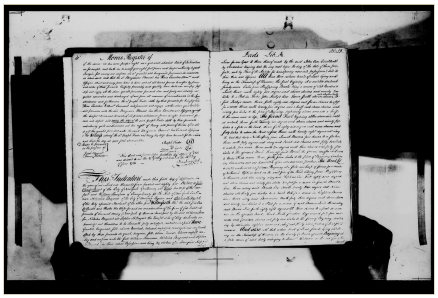
[Acknowledgment written sideways in the left margin of folio 16, partly trimmed at the binding edge:]
Be it Remembered that on the Thirtyeth Day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty two Thomas Phinney Eliz.th his wife John Phinney & Phebe his wife the within Grantors [of full age[?]] personally appeared before me Benjamin Halsey Esqr. one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County of Morris & they did Acknowledge that they voluntarily signed sealed & Delivered the within Deed & they the said Elizabeth & Phebe being by me privately and apart from their Husbands Examined did acknowledge that they signed & executed the same without any threats or compulsion of their said Husbands or any person And I having examined the same & finding no Material Razure or Interlineation therein do allow the same To be Recorded
Benj.n Halsey

[Folio 17]

Deeds Lib. A — 17

This Indenture made this twenty eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty five between Joseph Foster of the Town and County of Morris and Province of east new Jersey of the first part and Benjamin Bonnel of the Borough of Elizabeth County of Essex & Province aforesd. of the second Part Witnesseth that the said Joseph Foster for and in consideration of Six hundred and fifty pounds current money of the Province aforesd. at eight shillings the ounce to him in hand paid by Benjamin Bonnel before Sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt the sd. Joseph Foster doth hereby confess and acknowledge himself therewith fully satisfyed contented and paid Hath given granted bargained sold allienated convayed & confirmed and by these presents for himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators doth freely fully and absolutely give grant bargain sell alienate convey and confirm unto the sd. Benjamin Bonnel and to his Heirs and Assigns forever All one certain messuage situate lying and being in Morris Town aforesd. Begining at a stake corner

of Jacob Allens Land by Passaick River ninety five links from the Bridge thence extending north seventy eight degrees west to the well[?] thence North three degrees west ninety five links to the road thence north eighty three degrees west eight chains and forty two links to a post corner of Mathias Woodruffs Land thence south forty five degrees west seventy one chains to a post thence south eighty two degrees east four four chains and seventy five links to a post one chain from the forge Dam thence North thirty nine degrees east one chain to the Forge Dam thence south seventy six degrees east five chains along the Forge Dam to the River thence down sd. River the several courses thereof to the place of begining Containing by estimation [the quantity is left blank in the record] of Land be the same more or less To have and to hold the above bounded tract of Land with the buildings ..... orchards on the same together with all the profits ....ges commodities and appurtenances to the same belonging ... in any wise appertaining unto the said Benjamin Bonnel his Heirs Executors Admrs. and Assigns to his and their only proper use benefit and behoof forever and the said Joseph Foster doth by these presents for himself his Heirs Exrs. and Admrs. Covenant promise and Grant to and with the sd. Benjamin Bonnel his Heirs Exrs. & Assigns that at the time of Sealing and delivery of these presents he the said Joseph Foster is the true sole and lawful owner of all and singular the above granted land and premises and is lawfully seized possessed of
[folio 17 ends mid-sentence; the deed continues on folio 18 — Plate 28]



The Foster deed concluded (folio 18): Mary Foster's surrender of her dower and thirds; proved April 3, 1786, recorded June 14, 1786. A Van Cortlandt deed begins on the same folio and is transcribed with the plate as it stands. [record] Transcribed in full directly below.

[Folio 18]

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of the same in his own proper right as a good and absolute Estate of Inheritance in fee simple and hath in himself good right full power and lawful authority to grant Bargain sell convey and confirm all sd. granted and bargained premises in manner as above said and that the sd. Benjamin Bonnel his Heirs Executors Admrs. and Assigns shall and may from time to time and at all times forever hereafter by force and virtue of these presents lawfully peaceably and quietly have hold use occupy possess and enjoy all the above granted premises free and clear and freely and clearly acquitted exonerated and discharged of and from all manner of incumbrances in the Law whatsoever and furthermore the sd. Joseph Foster doth by these presents for himself his Heirs Executors & Admrs. Covenant and promise and engage all the above granted land and premises unto the said Benjamin Bonnel his Heirs Executors and Assigns against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whatsoever forever hereafter to Warrant secure and defend and Mary the Wife of the said Joseph Foster doth by these presents voluntarily yield and Surrender all her right of Dowry and power of

thirds of in and to all the granted premises unto the said Benjamin Bonnel his Heirs and Assigns In Witness whereof the sd. Joseph Foster and Mary his Wife have hereunto set their hands and Seals the day and year first above written

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of }
Jacob Morrell
James Tichenor

Joseph Foster (L.S.)
Mary Foster — her W mark (L.S.)

This Deed was proved before Jon.a Stiles Esqr. April 3d 1786 was delivered to me the 11th of May and Recorded the 14th day of June 1786 —
Jno. Lewis[?] Clerk

[A new deed begins on the same folio:]

This Indenture made this fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five Between John Van Cortlandt of the City of New York Gentleman and Hester his Wife of the one part and William Thompson of Orange County in the State of New York Gentleman Nicholas Bayard of the City of New York Esquire and Stephen N. Bayard of the City aforesaid Merchant of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Van Cortlandt and Hester his Wife for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred pounds of Current Money of New York to them in hand paid by the said William Thompson, Nicholas Bayard and Stephen N. Bayard the Receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge and themselves to be therewith fully satisfied, contented and paid Have Granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remised, released, enfeoffed, conveyed and confirmed, And by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release enfeoff, convey and confirm unto the said William Thomson, Nicholas Bayard and Stephen N. Bayard (in their actual Possession now being by virtue of a Bargain Sale and Lease
[folio 18 ends mid-sentence]

[Folio 19]

Deeds Lib. A — fol. 19

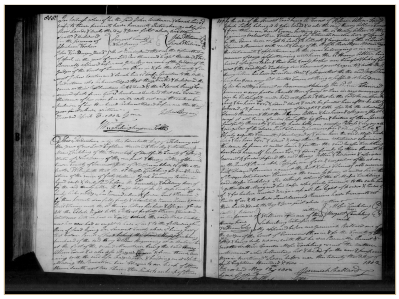
Lease for one Year to them thereof made by the said John Van Courtlandt by Indenture bearing date the day next before the day of the date of these presents, and by Force of the Statute for transferring uses into possession) And to their Heirs and Assigns All those three certain tracts of Land lying and being in the Township of Hanover; the first begining at a crotched Walnut seventy seven links from Parsippany Brook being a corner of Job Bacon's[?] Land, thence north eighty five degrees west eleven chains and ninety two links to a Post in Doctor John Darby's line, thence south eleven chains and eleven links [the words "and eleven links" are interlined] to said Darby's corner, thence south eighty six degrees east seven chains to a post for a corner thence north twenty five degrees and a half east eleven chains and ninety four links to the place of Begining, containing eleven acres and a half be the same more or less; The second Tract begining at the above said crotched walnut, thence south Twenty five degrees west eleven chains and ninety four links to a stake in the Road, thence south eighty six

degrees east nine chains and sixty links to where the Road crossed, thence north twenty eight degrees east along the Road that leads Northeasterly from Lemuel Bowers four chains to a stake, thence north forty degrees east along said Road six chains and fifty two links to a stake for a corner, thence north ten degrees west three chains and forty five links to the aforesaid Brook thence up said Brook the several courses as it runs to Doctor Finn's[?] corner, thence south seventy [interlined] seven links to the place of Begining, containing eleven acres and one hundredth of an acre and nine perches; The third Lot is butted and bounded as follows, Begining at a stake and heap of stones for a corner of Nathaniel Hopkins land on the west side of the Road leading from Parsippany to Hanover, and then runing along said Hopkins line south eighty seven degrees east eleven chains and ninety four links to a post for a corner in Joseph Bond's line, thence along said Bonds line North twenty three degrees east Nine chains and thirty five links to a black Oak for a corner in Captain Bowers line, thence along said Bowers line North forty three degrees west eleven chains and ninety four links to a Post for a corner of said Bowers Land, thence along said Bowers Line south eighty eight degrees west three chains to a post for a corner in the aforesaid Road, thence South seventeen Degrees and forty five minutes west fourteen chains and forty six links to the place of Begining, containing by estimation eighteen acres and a half and thirty nine perches of Land strict measure And also all that certain tract of Land situate lying and being in the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris aforesaid, Begining at a stake corner of land lately belonging to Samuel Whitmore on the east side of the Road [folio 19 ends mid-sentence; the deed continues beyond this plate]

“Begining at a stake corner of Jacob Allens Land by Passaick River ninety five links from the Bridge” — in 1765, while Jacob lived, his land was already a landmark on the Passaic at Morris Town. The Holloway deed itself, which would date his move from Shrewsbury, has been searched for in the Morris County deed books and not found there — those books begin in 1784, after Jacob's death, and the indexes read by hand carry no Jacob Allen grantee entry before 1831. The state-level deed index at a FamilySearch Center is the next drawer; the deed stands in the Still in Search Of list.

5 · Henry B. Allen of Bernards Town

Jacob's son Henry — Henry B. Allen, born about 1732 — settled across the county line in Bernards Town, Somerset County, in the Basking Ridge country under the Second Mountain. No deed book carries his arrival, but in the winter of 1802, a year before his death, the Somerset deed books show him gathering and settling small pieces of that mountain ground, dealing with Moses Conkling and James Marshall, with his kinsman William Allen beside him in the bounds. These three deeds are the paper trail of his last years.



Somerset County Deeds, Vol. B, pp. 858–859 — Moses Conkling to Henry Allen of Bernards Town, quitclaim, February 20, 1802: one acre at the foot of the Second Mountain. The conclusion of the Wootman deed at the head of p. 858 is transcribed with the plate as it stands. [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

[Page 858 — conclusion of the preceding deed (Wootman):]

1. In witness whereof he the said John Wootman & Sarah his sd. wife to these presents have hereunto Interchangeably set their hands & Seals the day & year first above written

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of
Abraham Voorhees
John Van Duyn Junr.

John Wootman [seal]
Sarah Wootman [seal]

Somerset County New Jersey ss: Be it Remembered that on the sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred & two Personally appeared before me John Bryan one of the Judges of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the sd. County of Somerset John Wootman & Sarah his sd. wife, Grantors to the within Indenture who Acknowledged that they Signed Sealed & Delivered the same as their Volluntary Act & Deed & the sd. Sarah being Examined apart from her sd. husband Declared that she Executed the same of her own free will with out any threats or Compulsion of her Husband Acknowledged before me the day & year first above written —
John Bryan

Recorded April 30th 1802 by me
Wm. Fitzhugh[?] Clk

[The Conkling quitclaim begins on page 858:]

This Indenture made this twentieth Day of February in the Year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & two By & Between Moses Conkling of the township of Westfield County of Essex & State of New Jersey of the one part & Henry Allen of Bernard town County of Somerset & State of New Jersey abovesd. of the other part Witnesseth that the sd. Moses Conkling for & in Consideration of the sum of forty shillings York Currency to him in hand well & truly Paid before the Ensealing & Delivery hereof by the said Henry Allen The Receipt whereof the sd. Moses Conkling does hereby Acknowledge, has Remised released & forever Quit Claimed & by these presents does fully freely & absolutely Remise Release & forever Quit Claims unto the sd. Henry Allen his heirs & Assigns forever All the Estate Right title Interest property Claim & Demand whatsoever both in Law or Equity Which the said Moses Conkling now has ever had or ought to have of in & to the following Small Piece of Land lying In Somerset County abovesd. being part of that Certain Parcel of Land which the [word struck through] Moses Conkling purchased of the said Henry Allen Beginning at a walnut tree at the foot of the second Mountain being the said Henry Allens Corner & is also Asa Frazee's Corner & from thence running with the said Asa Frazee's Line & bounding on it Northerly allowing the Variation ten Chains to an heap of Stones thence South east two Chains & ten Links to an heap of Stones

[Page 859:]

1. by the side of the Somerset Road being a Corner of William Allens Land which Lately belonged to John Wood & is also the said Henry Allens Corner & from thence one Direct Course binding on the sd. Henry Allen to the beginning walnut tree Containing by Estimation one Acre of Land be the Same more or Less to have & to hold all & singular of the sd. Quit Claimed Premises with each & Every of the Profits Privileges Advantages Hereditaments & appurtenances to the same belonging or in any manner of ways appertaining unto him the sd. Henry Allen his heirs & assigns to his & their Sole & only proper use benefit & behoof forever & the said Moses Conkling does Covenant grant & agree to & with the sd. Henry Allen his heirs Executors Admrs. & assigns that He the said Moses Conkling has Done any Act matter Course or thing or suffered it to be done by his knowledge Consent or Procurement whereby the sd. Quit Claimed Premises or any part or Parcell thereof may or Can in any manner of wise be Entangled made Void or Defeated & that he the said Moses Conkling & his heirs Exrs. & admrs. shall & will be forever hereafter be utterly Debarred of & from all manner of benefit & title of in & to the above Quit Claimed Premises, & that the sd. Henry Allen & his heirs & assigns shall & may at all times forever hereafter by force & Virtue of these presents Lawfully Peaceably & Quietly have hold use occupy Possess & enjoy all & singular of the above Quit Claimed premises free & Clear & freely & Clearly acquitted Exonerated & Discharged of & from him the said Moses Conkling & his heirs Exrs. & admrs. & every other Person whatsoever claiming the same by from or under him & further the said Moses Conkling does bind himself his heirs Exrs. & admrs. firmly by these Presents to warrant & forever Defend the said Henry Allen & his heirs & assigns in the Quiet & Peaceable Possession of all & singular of the above Quit Claimed Premises against the Just & Law Claims of all manner of Persons whatsoever Claiming the same by from or under him the said Moses Conkling In witness whereof the sd. Moses Conkling together with Margaret his wife who freely Consents to the sale hereof & for Value Received resigns up all her Right of

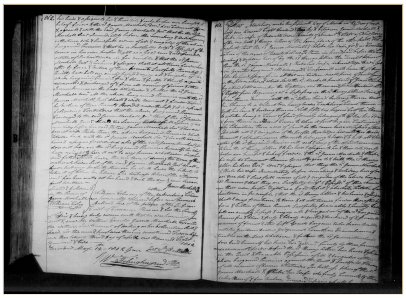
Dower & Power of thirds of in & to above Quitclaimed Premises have hereunto set their hands & Seals the Day & Year first above written

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of
Henry Line
William Coles

Moses Conkling [seal]
Margaret Conkling — her X mark [seal]

William Coles one of the Subscribing witnesses Personally appeared before me Jeremiah Ballard one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Essex & being duly sworn, saith that he was Personally Present & saw the within Grantor Moses Conkling execute the within instrument as his Volluntary Act & Deed for the uses & purposes therein mentioned" Sworn before me this twenty third Day of April Eighteen Hundred & two — 1802
Jeremiah Ballard

Recorded May 12th 1802 by me .... [clerk's signature blotted in the copy]



Somerset County Deeds, Vol. B, pp. 862–863 — James Marshall to Henry Allen of Bernards Town, March 15, 1802: three acres, beginning at a sassafras in Henry Allen’s line. The Marshall father-to-son deed concluded on p. 862 is transcribed with the plate as it stands. [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

[Page 862 — conclusion of the preceding deed (James Marshall Senr. to James Marshall Junr.):]

1. his heirs & assigns to his & their sole & only proper use benefit & behoof forever & the sd. James Marshall Senr. does Covenant Grant & agree to & with the said James Marshall Junr. that he the sd. James Marshall Senr. Immediately before the ensealing & Delivery hereof is the true sole & Lawfull owner of all & singular of the above bargained Premises & that he is Lawfully Seizd. & Possessd. of the same in his own proper Right as a Good sure & indefeasible estate of Inheritance in fee simple & that the sd. James Marshall Junr. & his heirs & assigns shall at all times forever hereafter by force & Virtue of these presents Lawfully Peaceably & Quietly have hold use occupy possess & enjoy all & singular of the Above bargained Premises free & Clear & freely & Clearly acquitted exonerated & Discharged of & from all manner of former & other Incumbrances in the Law Whatsoever & further the sd. James Marshall Senr. all the above bargained Premises unto the sd. James Marshall Junr. shall & will warrant & forever Defend by Virtue of these Presents Provided nevertheless & it is upon the following Conditions that the above bargained Premises are Conveyed to the said James Marshall Junr. that if the sd. James

Marshall Junr. should Die Leaving no Lawfull Issue of his own body before his said Father James Marshall Senr. & his now present wife Phebe then the above bargained Premises shall Return back unto the sd. James Marshall Senr. & be unto him his heirs & assigns forever. And also if the said James Marshall Junr. does not Live on the sd. bargained Premises himself, he shall have no right to hire it out to any person whatsoever but his said father & mother shall have the use thereof during the term of their natural Lives but if the said James Marshall Junr. shall have put any property thereon he shall have the Liberty to take it of when he pleases In witness whereof the sd. James Senr. has hereunto set his hand & Seal the day & year herein first written —

Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of
Jane Marshall
William Coles

James Marshall [seal]

William Coles one of the Subscribing Witnesses personally appeared before me Jeremiah Ballard one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Essex & being duly sworn saith that he was personally present & saw the within Grantor James Marshall Execute the within Instrument of writing as his Volluntary Act & Deed for the uses & purposes therein mentioned Sworn before me this twenty third day of April one thousand Eight Hundred & two — 1802

Recorded May the 12 — 1802 by me Jer.h Ballard[?]
Wm. Fitzhugh[?] Clk

[Page 863 — the Marshall to Henry Allen deed begins:]

1. This Indenture made this fifteenth Day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred & two by & between James Marshall & Phebe his wife of Bernards town County of Somerset & State of New Jersey of the one part & Henry Allen of the same place of the other part Witnesseth that the sd. James Marshall & Phebe his wife for & in Consideration of the sum of twenty Dollars To them in hand paid before the Ensealing & Delivery hereof by the sd. Henry Allen the Receipt whereof they the sd. James Marshall & Phebe his wife Acknowledge Have Given Granted bargained sold Conveyed & Confirmed unto him the sd. Henry Allen his heirs & Assigns forever all that one Certain small piece of Land lying in the place abovesd. which Land the sd. Marshall purchased of Jones Timber[?] by a Deed Dated November the Eighteenth one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty five Beginning at a Sassafras in the sd. Henry Allens Line & from thence Running with the sd. Allens Line & bounding thereon West ten Chains to a walnut tree being Moses Conklings Corner thence with his line & bounding thereon North fifty six Degrees East ten Chains to a stake being a Corner of Land formerly belonging to John Wood & from thence on a Direct Course to where it first began Containing by Estimation three acres of Land be the same more or Less. Together also with all & singular of the profits Privileges advantages Hereditaments & appurtenances thereunto belonging to have & to hold all & singular of the sd. Bargained Premises with each & every of the appurtenances unto him the sd. Henry Allen & to his heirs & assigns, to his & their sole & only proper use benefit & behoof

forever & the sd. James Marshall & Phebe his wife do Covenant Promise Grant & agree to & with the sd. Henry Allen his heirs Exrs. admrs. & assigns that they the sd. James Marshall & Phebe his wife Immediately before ensealing & Delivery hereof are true sole & Lawfull owners of all & singular of the above bargained Premises & that they are Lawfully seized & Possessd. of the same in their own proper Right, as a Good Perfect & absolute Estate of Inheritance in fee simple & that the sd. Henry Allen & his heirs & assigns shall & may from time to time & at all times forever hereafter by force & Virtue of these presents Lawfully peaceably & Quietly have hold use occupy possess & enjoy all & singular of the sd. bargained Premises free & Clear & freely & Clearly acquitted & Discharged of & from all manner of former & other Gifts Grants bargains Sales Leases Wills entales Jointures Dowers Judgements Executions Incumbrances & troubles in the Law Whatsoever & further the sd. James Marshall does bind himself his heirs Exrs. & admrs. firmly by these presents to warrant & forever Defend the sd. Henry Allen his heirs & assigns in the Quiet & Peaceable Possession of all & singular of the above bargained Premises against the Just & Lawfull Claims of all manner of Persons Whatsoever In witness whereof the sd. James Marshall & Phebe his wife who freely Consents to the sales thereof & for Value Received Resigns up all her

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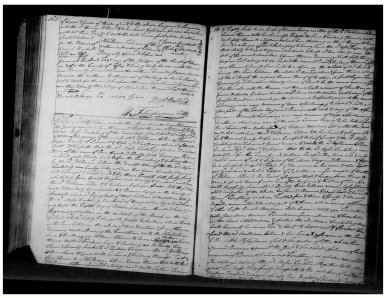

Somerset County Deeds, Vol. B, pp. 864–865 — the Marshall deed concluded, and Moses Conkling to William Allen of Bernards Town, February 17, 1802. [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

[Page 864 — conclusion of the Marshall to Henry Allen deed:]

1. of Dower & power of thirds of in & to the above bargained Premises unto the sd. Henry Allen & to his heirs & assigns forever have hereunto set their hands & Seals the Date herein first above written

Sealed & Delivered In the Presence of
Daniel Marshall
William Coles

James Marshall [seal]
Phebe Marshall — her mark [seal]

William Coles one of the within Subscribing Witnesses Personally appeared before me Jeremiah Ballard Esqr. one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Essex & being Duly sworn saith that he was Personally present & saw the within Grantor James Marshall Execute

the within Instrument of writing as his Volluntary Act & Deed for the use & purposes therein mentioned Sworn before me this twenty third Day of April One thousand Eight Hundred and two — 1802

Recorded May the 12 — 1802 by me Jer.h Ballard
Wm. Fitzhugh[?] Clk

[A new deed begins on the same page:]

This Indenture made this Seventeenth Day of February in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred & two by & Between Moses Conkling of the township of Westfield County of Essex & State of New Jersey of the one part & William Allen of Bernards town County of Somerset & State of New Jersey abovesd. of the other part. Witnesseth that the sd. Moses Conkling for & in Consideration of the sum of One Hundred Pounds York Currency to him in hand well & truly paid before the Ensealing & Delivery hereof by the sd. William Allen the Receipt whereof the the sd. Moses Conkling does hereby Acknowledge Has Given Granted bargained sold Conveyed & Confirmed & by these Presents doth fully freely & absolutely Give Grant bargain sell Convey & Confirm unto him the sd. William Allen & to his heirs & assigns forever All the following Particularly Described Land & Premises lying in the County of Somerset Abovesd. being part of that Certaine plantation which the sd. Moses Conkling purchased of Henry Allen by a Deed bearing Date the Eighth Day of October Seventeen Hundred ninety one Beginning at a stone in the middle of the Brook in the Line of Land which Lately belonged to Joseph Valentine which brook is the Line between the abovesd. two Counties & from thence Running west allowing the Variation with the sd. Valentines Line & bounding on it three Chains to Moses Tuckers Corner thence with sd. Tuckers line & bounding on it South ten Chains & Seventy Links to sd. Tuckers Corner in the sd. William Allens Line thence with his Line & bounding thereon East four Chains to sd. William Allens Corner thence still with the sd. William Allens Line & bounding on it South Sixteen Chains

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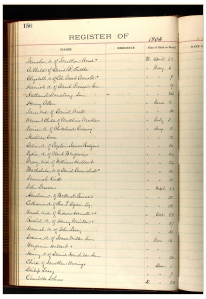
1. & Eighty Links to an heap of Stones being another of the sd. William Allens Corners thence with his Line Asa Frazees &c Line & binding thereon South west forty Chains to a Certain walnut tree standing in the sd. Henry Allens Line & is a Corner of the Land belonging to henry Line the sd. Asa Frazee & others that Lately belonged to James Marshall which sd. tree stands near the foot of the second Mountain & from thence Running North fifty three Degrees East along what is Called the Somerset Road & binding thereon fifty one Chains & twenty four Links to a stone in the middle of sd. Brook being the Line between the above sd. two Counties & from thence along up the sd. Brook the several Courses thereof to where it first began Containing by Estimation twenty Acres of Land be the same more or Less Together also with the Houses out Houses & all manner of Buildings fences Orchards Gardens meadows Pastures Woods Waters & all & every of the profits Privileges advantages Hereditaments & appurtenances to the same belonging or in any manner of wise Appertaining to have & to hold all & singular of the above bargained Premises with each & every of the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any manner of ways appertaining Excepting about one acre at the west Corner thereof to be taken from the sd. walnut tree & also a part of a Certain two acre Lot called the saw mill Lot unto him

the sd. William Allen & to his heirs & assigns to his & their sole & only proper use benefit & behoof forever & the sd. Moses Conkling does Covenant Grant & agree to & with the sd. William Allen his heirs Exrs. admrs. & assigns that he the sd. Moses Conkling immediately before the Ensealing & Delivery hereof is the true sole & only proper owner of all & singular of the above bargained Premises & that he is Lawfully seized & Possessd. of the same in his own proper Right as a Good sure & absolute Estate of Inheritance in fee simple & that the sd. William Allen & his heirs & assigns shall & may from time to time & at all times forever hereafter by force & Virtue of these presents Lawfully peaceably & Quietly have hold use occupy possess & enjoy all & singular of the above bargained Premises every part & Parcell thereof Excepting as above Excepted free & Clear & freely & Clearly Acquitted exonerated & Discharged of & from all manner of former & other Gifts Grants Bargains Sales Leases Mortgages entales Wills Jointures Dowers Executions Incumbrances & troubles in the Law whatsoever & further the sd. Moses Conkling does bind himself his heirs Exrs. & admrs. to warrant & forever Defend the sd. William Allen & his heirs & assigns in the Quiet & Peaceable Possession of all & singular of the above Bargained Premises against the Just & Lawfull Claims of all manner of Persons whatsoever Excepting as above excepted In witness whereof the sd. Moses Conkling together with Margaret his wife who freely Consents to the sale hereof and for Value Received Resigns up all her Right of Dower & Power of thirds of in & to the above
[page 865 ends mid-sentence; the deed continues beyond this plate]

The Conkling–William Allen deed carries the oldest paper in this chapter inside it: it recites that the twenty acres were *“part of that Certaine plantation which the sd. Moses Conkling purchased of Henry Allen by a Deed bearing Date the Eighth Day of October Seventeen Hundred ninety one.”* Henry Allen was selling plantation land at Bernards Town by October 8, 1791. That 1791 deed itself was never recorded in Somerset County — no instrument exists to pull; the recital is its only survival, and the settled negative stands in the Still in Search Of list.

Henry B. Allen died in the spring of 1803. The Morristown church that had buried his father buried him too: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REGISTER OF

First Presbyterian Church of Morristown, register of burials, p. 156 (1803). Henry Allen’s entry is transcribed in full, with every other entry on the page given by name and date. [record]
Transcribed directly below.

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REGISTER OF

1803

NAME | RESIDENCE | Date of Birth or Burial

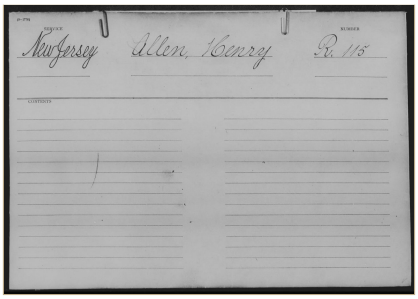
- Jerusha, w. of Jonathan Wood* — B. April 23
- A Child of David P. Tuttle — " May 6
- Elizabeth, w. of Col. Jacob Arnold* — " " 9
- Harriot, d. of David Pierson, Jun. — " " 19
- Nathaniel Armstrong, Jun. — " " 26
- **Henry Allen — " June 4**
- Jane, wid: of Daniel Wick — " " 30
- Servant Child of Matthias Meeker — " July 2
- Lerisa[?], d. of Whitehead Guesing[?] — " Aug. 3
- Matilda Dove — " " 12
- Delia, d. of Captain James Rodgers — " " 20
- Lydia, d. of Stout Benjamin — " " 24
- Mary, wid: of William Hulbert — " " 24
- Bathsheba, w. of Daniel Carmichael* — " " 30
- Jeremiah Kirk — " " 31
- John Lawson — " Sept. 23
- Abraham, s. of Bethuel Pierson — " " 28
- Catharine, d. of Tho. L. Ogden Esq. — " " 28
- Sarah, wid: of Gideon Howell †* — " Oct. 23
- Rachel, d. of Henry Minton[?] † — " " 27
- Hannah, w. of John Losey — " " 30
- Joanna, d. of Isaac Miller, Jun. — " Nov. 13
- Benjamin Hulbert † — " " [no day entered]
- Henry, s. of David Fairchild, Jun. — " " 20
- Child of Jonathan Winings[?] — " Dec. 1
- Philip Losey — " " 7
- Charlotte Johnes[?] — D. " 20

“Henry Allen — June 4” — buried June 4, 1803, the date the published abstracts give for Jacob's son Henry, in the church of his father and brothers. **What stands for this link:** Jacob's recorded will names his son Henry; the New Jersey Abstract of Wills and the published Allen genealogies give that Henry's birth (1732) and death (June 4, 1803); the Morristown register confirms the death on the family's own ground; and in 1764 a Henry Allen of Morris took letters of administration on the estate of Jacob's younger son Jacob at the widow's request — a brother administering a brother's estate. **What is still missing:** Henry B.'s own will or estate, searched on FamilySearch and on Ancestry and not found in either, and not in the New Jersey Abstract of Wills. Morris County's will books are restricted to FamilySearch Centers online, so Morris is not ruled out — the search stands open in the Still in Search Of list. His wife is carried as **Lydia** on the tree's word [tree claim] — no record in hand names her.

6 · Henry Allen the Soldier, and His Pension File

Henry Allen, born November 28, 1756, in Somerset County, was a boy at Basking Ridge when the Revolution came — on Henry B. Allen's ground, in Henry B. Allen's country. He served out of Morris County: drafted under Captain Josiah Crane in Colonel Seely's militia, out at Elizabethtown Point and Bound Brook and Aquacknock; a wagoner in the hard winter; then a Continental volunteer under Captain Piatt in the First Jersey Regiment, until a white swelling on his knee — a growth that drew the cords of his leg together until he could only touch his toes to the ground — discharged him in February 1782 and left him a cripple for life.

Half a century later, an old, lame, poor man of Minisink, New York, who had never been taught to write, applied for a pension under the Act of June 7, 1832. The file his application made — NARA M804, file R.115 — is the fullest record of any man in this book, and it is carried here whole: every page of the complete file, in the file's own order, each page pictured small with its full transcription underneath. It proves Henry the man beyond argument. It also holds the brick wall inside it, as the end of this chapter shows: for all its pages, it never names his father.



The pension file jacket — NARA M804, Roll 36, file R.115 (Fold3 file 13711965, page 1). [record] Transcribed directly below.

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[Name] — **Allen, Henry**
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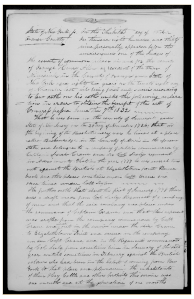
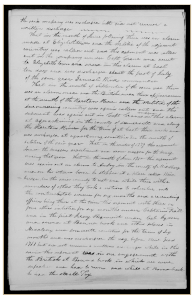


Henry Allen's declaration, page 1 — sworn October 30, 1839, Orange County, New York. [record] Transcribed in full directly below.

State of New York, Orange County, ss. — On this **thirtieth day of October** One thousand eight hundred and thirty nine personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Judges of the court of common pleas in and for the county of Orange **Henry Allen**, a resident of the town of **Minisink** in the County of Orange and State of New York, **aged eighty two years on the twenty eighth day of November last**, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 —

That **he was born in the county of Somerset and State of New Jersey on the 28th day of November 1756**; that in the beginning of the Revolutionary war he lived at a place called **Baskenridge in the County of Morris** in the aforesaid state and belonged to a company of Militia commanded by **Captain Josiah Crane** and in **Col Seely's regiment** in Morris county. That in the year **1777** he was several times out against the British at **Elizabethtown point, Bound brook** and other places, sometimes under Capt Crane and some times under Capt Piatt [page 3's hand is cramped here; pages 4–5 of the same declaration name the officer plainly as Capt. Piatt].

He further saith that about the first of January **1778** there was a draft made from Col Seely's Regiment of a company of men and that the said company was placed under the command of Captain Crane, and that this deponent was drafted from the company commanded by Capt Crane and went out in the service under the said Crane to Elizabethtown Point and served in the company under Capt Crane and in the Regiment commanded by Col Seely from sometime in January of the said year untill sometime in February, against the British soldiers who had been in the habit of coming from New York to that place and plundering the inhabitants of their Hay, Cattle and other property. This service was one month, and at the expiration of one months *[continues on the next page]*.



The declaration, page 2 — the 1778 tours, the wagon winter, and the six-months enlistment under Captain Piatt. [record]
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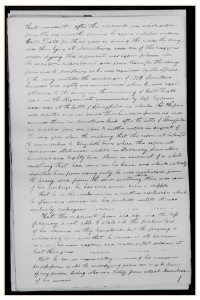
…the said company was discharged but did not receive a written discharge. That in the month of **June** following there was an alarm made at Elizabethtown and the Militia of the adjacent country was called out and this deponent was called out in the company under Capt Crane and went to Elizabeth town and served in this alarm at least ten days and was discharged about the first of July of the same year, General Winds [Winds? — reading uncertain] commanding. That in the month of **September** of the same year there was an alarm made and the British made their appearance at the mouth of the Raritan River and the Militia of the surrounding country was again called out and this deponent was again out in Capt Crane's company at **Aquacknock** in the county of Somersett and along the Raritan River for the term of at least three weeks and was discharged at Aquacknock sometime in the month of October of the said year. That in the **winter of 1779** this deponent joined the waggon department

and drove waggon for the Army during that year. That in the month of **June 1780** this deponent was again out in alarm to Amboy in the county of Middlesex and on his return home he stopped at a place called **Woodbridge** in the said county to rest and while there with a number of others they took a notion to volunteer into the continental service for six months, and a recruiting officer being there at the time, this deponent with three or four others inlisted for six months under **Captain Piatt** and in the **first Jersey Regiment under Col Ogden**, and served at **Bound brook** and other places in Middlesex and Somersett counties for the term of six months and was discharged the day before New Years 1781 but did not receive a written discharge. While in this service this deponent was in one engagement with the British at Bound brook in which we were defeated and had to run, and while at Bound brook he had the **Small Pox**.



The declaration, page 3 — the three-years enlistment, the battle of Springfield, and the white swelling that discharged him. [record]
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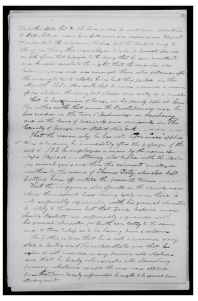
That immediately after this deponent was discharged from the six months service he again inlisted under **Capt Piatt for three years or during the war**. The Army was then lying at **Morristown** and one of the waggon men dying, this deponent was again placed in the waggon department and drove team for the Army from and to Morristown as he was required by the officers of the Army untill the campaign of 1781 commenced, when he was again attached to the Army in the company of Capt Piatt and in the Regiment commanded by Col Ogden, and was at the **battle of Springfield** in which the Hessians were defeated and we made three hundred prisoners and secured them in Morristown Gaol. After the battle of Springfield we marched from one place to another untill in August of the said year when the company that this deponent belonged to was marched to Elizabeth town, where this deponent remained stationed untill in **February Seventeen hundred and eighty two**, when on account of a **white swelling** that had come on his knee and which entirely disabled him from doing duty he was discharged from the Army, and from the said swelling, which then was cause of his discharge, **he has ever since been a cripple**. That he in this case received a written discharge which he afterwards carried in his pockett untill it was entirely destroyed. That this deponent from old age and the loss of Memory is not able to state all the particulars of his services as they transpired but the foregoing is substantially true, and that he served in all his service as a militia man, waggoner and continental soldier **at least three years**. That he has no documentary evidence of his services in his possession except the accompanying papers, nor does he know of any person living who can testify from actual knowledge of his services.



The declaration, page 4 — Staten Island on the ice, General Lee's capture, and the line that matters to this book's search: *"he has a record of his age in his family bible at home."* [record]
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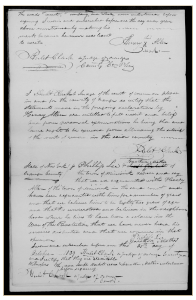
He further states that **in the hard winter he went from Morristown to Staten Island under Gen Sullivan** and crossed from Elizabeth town point to the Island on the ice, but the British being too strong for them they were obliged to retreat. **General Lee** was one of the officers that belonged to the Army that he can recollect, and he well recollects the night that the said Lee was taken prisoner and was amongst those who followed after the enemy to try to retake him but they failed in the attempt. He further saith that he never received a commission while in the Army but always done duty as a private. **That he has a record of his age in his family bible at home.** He further saith that since the Revolutionary war he has resided in the town of **Baskenridge in New Jersey** and in the towns of **Warwick and Minisink** in the County of Orange and State of New York. That the reason why he has not before made application is because he immediately after the passage of the act of 1832 he employed a man by the name of **Moses Rogers** as an Attorney who trifled with the claim for several years, and then this deponent employed another by the name of **Thomas Doty** who also kept putting him off untill the present time. That the clergyman who officiates in the church near where this deponent lives, having lately come there, is not sufficiently acquainted with his general character to certify to the same, but that **David Osborne and Joseph Rackett** are sufficiently acquainted with his general character for truth, can testify to the same and to their belief as to his having been a soldier. He further declares that he is not a pensioner of any State or Territory nor of the United States and that his name is not inscribed on any pension roll whatever, and that he hereby relinquishes all claims to any pension whatever except the one now applied for. That from bodily infirmities he ought to be excused from attending court.



The signature page and certificates — Henry signed by his mark, *"because he never was learnt to write"*; Judge Hulet Clark's certificate; and the affidavit of Phillip Lee & Jonathan Mather, October 30, 1839. [record]
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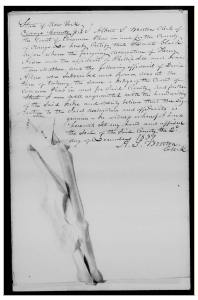
The words "went," "company," and "which," were interlined before signing. Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year above mentioned **by making his mark because he never was learnt to write** — **Henry Allen** *[his X mark]*. **Hulet Clark**, a Judge of Orange County Com. Pleas.

I, Hulet Clark, a Judge of the court of common pleas in and for the county of Orange, do certify that the statements made in the foregoing declaration by Henry Allen are entitled to full credit and belief, and from personal examination, he being old and lame, ought to be excused from attending the sittings of the court of record in the said county. — Hulet Clark.

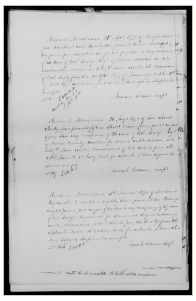
State of New York, Orange County, ss: **Phillip Lee & Jonathan Mather** of the town of Minisink depose and say that we are acquainted with Henry Allen of the town of Minisink in the said county and have been acquainted with him for a number of years, and that we believe him to be **Eighty two years of age**, and that it is understood and believed in the neighbourhood where he lives to have been a soldier in the War of the Revolution, that we have never heard his services disputed, and that we concur in that opinion. — Phillip Lee, Jonathan Mather. Sworn and subscribed before me this **30th day of October 1839**, Hulet Clark, a Judge of Orange County — and I certify that they are creditable Witnesses. The name Joseph Rackett erased & Jonathan Mather interlined before signing. — Hulet Clark.



The clerk's certificate (A. S. Benton, December 2, 1839) authenticating the declaration packet. [record] Transcribed in full directly below.

State of New York, Orange County, ss: I, **Albert S. Benton** [surname reading uncertain], Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Orange, Do hereby Certify that **Hulet Clark**, before whom the foregoing declaration of Henry Allen and the affidavit of Phillip Lee and Jonathan Mather, and the following affidavit of David Allen, were subscribed and sworn, was at the time of taking the same a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Said County; and further that I am well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Judge and verily believe that the signature to the said declaration and affidavits is genuine. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Said County the **2d day of December 1839**. — A. S. Benton, Clerk. *[County seal, on a ribbon, photographed with the page.]*

The Pension Office wanted paper proof of the service, and Henry's side went and got it from the New Jersey records: certified extracts of his own captain's pay receipts, and of the pay rolls of Captain Piatt's company — the exact tours Henry declared, under the officers he named, on the dates he gave.



Captain Josiah Crane's pay receipts, 1778 — three receipts for the pay of his company of Colonel Seely's Morris militia: Elizabethtown, January–February 1778; the June alarm; Aquacknock, September–October 1778. [record]
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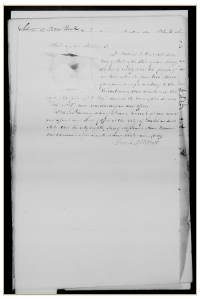
Received, Morris Town, 21st April 1778, of Joseph Lewis, four hundred and twenty one pounds twelve shillings & ten pence proclamation money, for the pay due to my company of **110 men of Col. Seely's Regt. of Morris Militia** in the Continental service at Elizab[eth] Town, under the command of Col. Seely from the twelfth day of January to the 11th of Feby 1778 inclusive, for which I have given duplicate receipts. No. 2, £421.12.10. — **Josiah Crane, Capt.**

Received, Morris Town, 20 Augt. 1778, of Jos. Lewis, thirty four pounds fifteen shillings & nine pence proc. in full of pay due my company of **26 men of Col. Seely's Regt.** of Morris County Militia for service in the alarm at Eliz[abeth] Town under command of G[en.] Winds from the 23d June to 1st July last, for which I have signed duplicate receipts. No. 167, £34.15.9. — **Josiah Crane, Capt.**

Received, Morris Town, 5th Novemr. 1778, of Jos. Lewis, Paymaster to Militia, eighty three pounds ten shillings & eight pence proc. in full of pay due to my company of **37 men of Col. Seely's Regiment** for service at **Aquackaning** under Command of Genl. Winds from the twenty fourth September to the 11th October last, for which I have this day signed duplicate receipts. No. 235, £83.10.8. — **Josiah Crane, Capt.**



The New Jersey Secretary of State's certificate (James S. Westcott, September 28, 1839) authenticating the pay extracts. [record]
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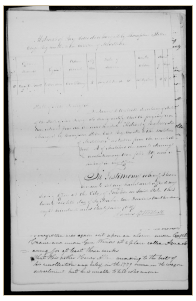
State of New Jersey, ss. — I, **James S. Westcott** [reading uncertain], Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true extracts from two Books of original receipts relating to the Revolutionary War, marked on the back of the second "Pay No. 2" [and the first "Pay No. 1"], now remaining in my office. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal of Office at the City of **Trenton**, in said State, this **twenty eighth day of September** Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine (1839). — James S. Westcott.



Abstract of Pay Rolls, Middlesex Militia — Captain Piatt’s company, July 1 to December 31, 1780, under Colonel Ogden: the six-months Continental tour Henry declared. [record]
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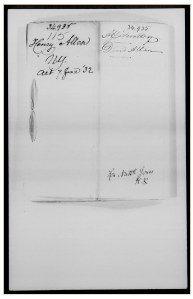
Abstract of Pay Rolls discharged by Thompson Stelle, Esqr., Paymaster to the Militia of Middlesex. One line survives the fold in the photograph: **Capt. Piatt's** company, Corn[wallis?] [column readings partly obscured], 4 men, service **July 1 to Dec. 31, [17]80**, under **Col. Ogden**, amount £4.17.6 [figures partly obscured].

Certificate: State of New Jersey, ss. — I, James S. Westcott, Secretary of State, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true extract from an account headed "Abstract of Pay Rolls discharged by Thompson Stelle Esqr Paymaster to the Militia of Middlesex," as taken from the records in **Book A of Auditors accounts during the Revolutionary War, folio 219**, now remaining in my office. Trenton, September 28, 1839. — James S. Westcott.

These are company records: they prove the tours happened, under the officers Henry named. Henry's own name is not on the company receipts — and that, in the end, is why the office would not pay him. His brother David swore to the rest. David's affidavit traveled to Washington under its own folded cover:



The cover sheet of David Allen’s affidavit (December 2, 1839), addressed through Congressman Nathaniel Jones. [record]
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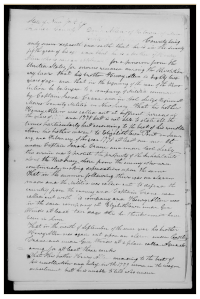
Affidavit of David Allan

Hon. Nathl. Jones, H.R. *[the congressman who carried Henry's papers to Washington — his letters are pp. 23, 26–27 of this inventory]*



David Allen's affidavit, page 1 — David of Minisink, in the seventy-fifth year of his age: *"he is a brother of Henry Allen."* [record]
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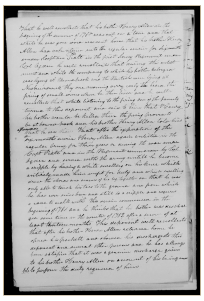
State of New York, Orange County, ss: **David Allen of the town of Minisink** in the County [of Orange], being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that he is **in the seventy fifth year of his age** and that he is **a brother of Henry Allen**, who is now an applicant for a pension from the United States for services rendered during the Revolutionary War; that his brother Henry Allen is **eighty two years of age**, and that in the beginning of the war of the Revolution he belonged to a company of Militia commanded by **Captain Josiah Crane** and in **Col Seely's Regiment**, Morris County Militia in New Jersey. That his brother Henry Allen was called out at different periods in the years of [1777] and 1778, but is not able to state all the times particularly; but according to the best of his recollection his brother was out to **Elizabethtown Point in January and February of the year 1778 at least one month** under Captain Josiah Crane and under Col Seely; this service was to protect the property of the Inhabitants along the New Jersey shore from the enemy, who were continually making depredations upon the same. That in the summer following there was an alarm made and the Militia was called out to defend the country from the enemy, and Captain Crane was called out with his company and Henry Allen was in the said company at Elizabethtown under Gen Winds at least ten days — this he thinks must have been in June. That in the month of September of the same year his brother Henry Allen was again out upon an alarm under Capt Crane and under Gen Winds at a place called **Aquackanong for at least three weeks**. That his brother Henry Allen, according to the best of his recollection and belief, in the 1779 served in the waggon department, but he is unable to tell who under *[continues]*.



David's affidavit, page 2 — the Bound Brook morning, heard from the family's own door, and the white swelling described by the brother who saw it. [record]
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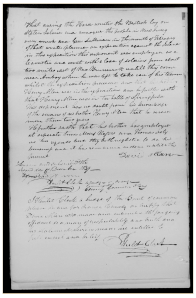
…that he well recollects that his brother Henry Allen, in the beginning of the summer of 1780, was out on a tour, and that while he was gone word was sent home that his brother Henry Allen had **volunteered into the regular service for six months under Captain Piatt in the first Jersey Regiment under Col Ogden**. He well recollects that during this enlistment, and while the company to which his brother belonged was lying at **Bound Brook** and the British were lying at New Brunswick, they one morning very early heard the firing of small arms where he then lived, and he well recollects that while listening to the firing one of the family turned to this deponent and said to him that **Henry his brother would be killed there**; the firing proved to be at Bound Brook, and his brother Henry Allen told him afterwards that he was there. That after the expiration of the six months service Henry Allen again enlisted in the regular Army for three years or during the war under Capt Piatt and in the Regiment commanded by Col Ogden, and served with the army untill he became a cripple by having a **white swelling on his knee**, which swelling entirely made him unfit for duty, and which swelling **drew the chords and sinews of his leg together so that he was only able to touch his toes to the ground**, and from which he has ever since been and still is a cripple and requires a cane to walk with. This service commenced in the beginning of 1781 and he thinks that his brother was discharged some time in the winter of 1782, after a service of at least thirteen months. This deponent well recollects that after his brother Henry Allen returned home he opened his pockett and showed his discharge to this deponent and several other persons, and he has always been satisfied that it was a genuine discharge given to his brother Henry Allen on account of his being unable to perform the duty required of him.



David's affidavit, page 3 — the Staten Island expedition, the battle of Springfield, and Judge Clark's certificate of David's credit. [record]
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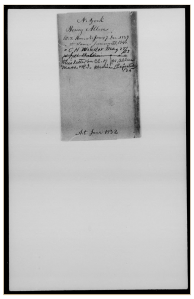
That during the Hard winter the British lay on Staten Island and annoyed the people in New Jersey very much, and **Gen Sullivan** in the month of February of that winter planned an expedition against the Island. In this expedition this deponent was employed as a teamster and went with a load of soldiers from about two miles east of New Brunswick untill they come near Amboy, when he was left to take care of his team whilst the expedition proceeded, and that his brother Henry Allen was in the expedition; and he further saith that Henry Allen was in the **battle of Springfield**. This deponent has no doubt from his knowledge of the services of his brother Henry Allen that he served **more than two years**. He further saith that his brother has employed at separate times **Moses Rogers and Thomas Doty** as his agents, but they both neglected to do his business and it has remained undone untill the present. — **David Allen**. Sworn and subscribed the second day of December 1839, before Hulet Clark, a Judge of Orange County Common Pleas, who certifies that David Allen "is a man of respectability and truth and his statements therein made are entitled to full credit and belief."

Henry's congressman carried the case himself. The file's correspondence wrapper tracks it from December 1839 to May 1853; Jones's two letters — the cover letter that delivered the papers, and the long demand for a review twelve days later — are the strongest advocacy in the file.



The file's correspondence wrapper for Congressman Jones's letters. [record]
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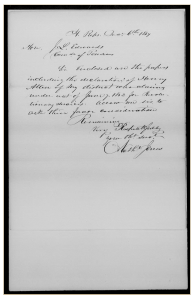
N. York — **Henry Allen** — Let. to Hon. N. Jones 7. Dec. 1839 — *[answer]* to same January 23, 1840 — " C H Winder May 28/53 — at L. M. Baldwin's *[crossed out]* — This letter in Cl. of Jos. Allen, Mass. & R.I. service — **Rejected** — 25 — **Act June 1832** *[readings of the middle lines partly uncertain]*



Representative Nathaniel Jones to Commissioner of Pensions J. L. Edwards, December 6, 1839, enclosing Henry's papers. [record]
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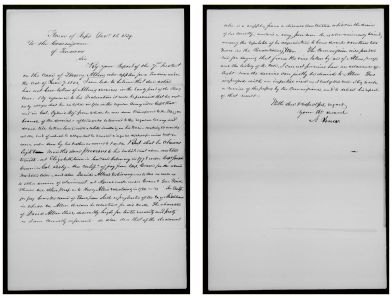
H. Reps., Decr. 6th 1839 — Hon. **J. L. Edwards**, Commr. of Pensions — Sir, Enclosed are the papers including the declaration of **Henry Allen of my district**, who claims under act of June 7, 1832 for

Revolutionary services. Allow me sir to ask their favor consideration. Remaining Very Respectfully, Your Obt. Servt., **Nathl. Jones**.



Jones's letter demanding a review, December 18, 1839 — both pages. *"I cannot perceive how an allowance of Eight months service can justly be denied to Allen."* [record]
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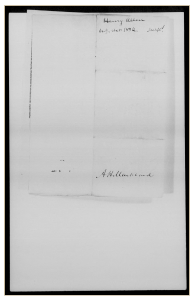
House of Reps., Dec. 18, 1839 — To the Commissioner of Pensions — Sir, By your Report of the 7th instant on the case of **Henry Allen**, who applies for a Pension under the Act of June 7, 1832, I am led to believe that **due notice has not been taken of Allen's services in the Early part of the Revy. War**. By reference to his Declaration it will be perceived that he not only alleges that he enlisted in 1781 in the regular Army under Capt. Piatt and in Col. Ogden's Regt., from which he was soon transferred to the Waggon branch of the service, afterwards returned to the regular Army and served till taken lame with a white swelling on his knee — making 13 months, at the end of which he alleges that he received a regular discharge, since lost or worn out, seen by his brother as sworn to p. 10 & 16. **But that he claims Eight Months done previous to his enlistment above mentioned**, to wit — at Elizabethtown in Jany. and February in 1778 under Capt. Joseph Crane & Col. Seely — see Certif. of pay from Cap. Crane for the above mentioned time — and also David Allen's testimony as to this, as well as to other services of claimant at Aquacknock under Crane & Gen. Winds. Please see other proof as to Henry Allen's volunteering in 1780 or '81. The Certif. for pay bears the name of Thompson Steel as paymaster of the Co. of Middlesex, in which Co. Allen declares he volunteered for six months. **The character of David Allen stands deservedly high for truth, veracity and piety**, as I am correctly informed — so also does that of the declarant, **who is a cripple from a disease contracted whilst in the service of his Country, and is a very poor man. He is also universally believed among the reputable of his acquaintance to have served more than two years in the Revolutionary War.** The Commissioner will pardon me for saying that from the view taken by me of Allen's proofs and the history of the case, **I cannot perceive how an allowance of Eight months service can justly be denied to Allen**. Thus impressed with an impartial view, as I trust, of this case, I beg to ask a review of the papers by the Commissioner, and to solicit his report of that result. — With due & respectful regard, Your Obt. Servant, **N. Jones**.

It did not move the office. The eight months of 1778 militia service was the crux — the office credited at most the thirteen months of 1781–82 and disputed the earlier tours, Crane's pay certificates and David's oath notwithstanding. Henry's own claim was endorsed with one word:



The wrapper of Henry's claim: *"Henry Allen — N.Y. Act 1832 — Susp'd."* [record]
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Henry Allen — N.Y. Act 1832 — Susp'd *[Suspended]*



The Pension Office case card, stamped REJECTED — a later-era card filed with Henry's case, its fields never filled in. [record]
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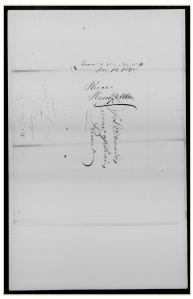
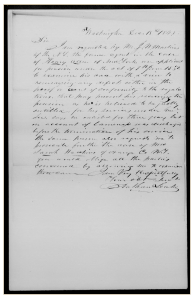
Ex'r. — **INVALID** — No. 110 *[written over a pasted label]* — **Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873** — **REJECTED** *[stamped]* — **Henry Allen** — P.O. ____ — Service: ____ — Enlisted: __**, 18** — Discharged: __**, 18** — Application filed: __**, 18** — Alleges: ___ — *Re-enlisted:*____ — Attorney: ____ — P.O. ____ *[all fields blank]*

Henry died by December 1842 — the widow's packet of that month, in the next chapter's papers, already styles Catharine his widow. The case did not die with him. Agents and attorneys kept it alive for his widow and his heirs for another decade:



A receipt endorsement, December 16, 1845 — the 1845 revival of the case receipted in the office; the remaining lines are too faint to read with confidence. [record]
Transcribed directly below, as far as it can be read.

> "Charged to S: C: — Jan. 20 '46 — **Dec. 16, 1845** — Recd. **Henry Allen** — J. L. Edwards, Commr. of Pensions" *[the remaining lines too faint to read with confidence].*



An agent asks leave to re-examine the case, Washington, December 18, 1845 — *"he is believed to be justly entitled."* [record]
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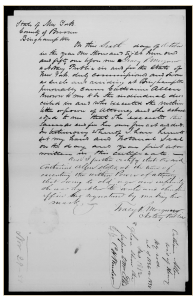
Washington, Dec 18th 1845 — Sir, I am requested by **Mr. J. W. Martin** of the N.Y., the former agent in the case of **Henry Allen of New York**, an applicant for pension under the act of 7th June 1832, to examine his case with a view to **remedying any defect either in the proof or want of conformity to the regulations**, that may prevent his receiving his pension, as **he is believed to be justly entitled** for his services… he enlisted for three years but **on account of lameness was discharged before the termination of his service**. The same person also requests me to prosecute further the case of **Mrs Sarah Hawkins of Orange Co. N.Y.** You would oblige all the parties concerned by allowing me to examine those cases. — I am Very Respectfully, Your Obt. Servt., **Nathan [Leake? — surname reading uncertain]**.

Catharine Allen, Henry's widow, living at Binghamton, New York, put her own papers into the claim in the fall of 1851 — her mark made before a notary, her son standing witness. Her side of the file rides in these three pages and their wrapper:



The wrapper of Catharine's widow papers: *"Catherine Allen, wid. of Henry."* [record]
Transcribed directly below.

Catherine Allen, wid. of Henry — N.Y. roll — act of 1836 or 1838 — *[pencil:]* Dec 1852 — **"Please show the papers to Mr Ellis" — C. H. Winder** *[the pension attorney/agent whose name recurs in this file] — [pencil:]* Nov 29 – 51



The notary's certificate (Tracy R. Morgan, October 6, 1851): Catharine, *"owing to old age and infirmity,"* signed by her mark. [record]
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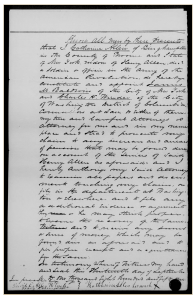
State of New York, County of Broome, Binghampton — On this **Sixth day of October** in the year One thousand Eight hundred and fifty one, before me **Tracy R. Morgan**, a Notary Public in and for the State of New York, duly commissioned and sworn as such and residing at Binghampton, personally came **Catharine Allen**, known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the within letter or power of Attorney, and she acknowledged to me that she executed the same as and for her own free act and deed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal on the day and year first above written in this certificate. — **And I further certify that the said Catharine Allen stated, at the time of executing the within Power of Attorney, that owing to old age and infirmity she was unable to write and therefore affixed her signature by making her mark.** — Tracy R. Morgan, Notary Public.



Catharine Allen's power of attorney, September 13, 1851 — *"widow of Henry Allen dec'd, a soldier or officer in the Army of the American Revolution"* — witnessed by David L. Allen. [record]
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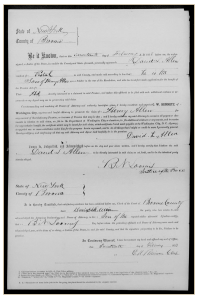
Know all Men by these Presents that I, **Catharine Allen of Binghampton** in the County of Broome and State of New York, **widow of Henry Allen dec'd, a soldier or officer in the Army of the American Revolution**, do hereby constitute and appoint **L. M. Baldwin** of the City of New York *[initials settled by his own signed notes, pp. 29 and 31 below]* and **Charles H. Winder** of the City of Washington, District of Columbia, Counsellors at Law, or either of them, my true and lawful Attorneys & Attorney for me and in my name, place and stead, to prosecute my claim to any increase and arrears of pension that may be found due on account of the services of said Henry Allen as aforesaid; and I hereby authorize my said Attorneys to examine all papers and documents touching my claim on file in the departments at Washington or elsewhere, and to file any additional evidence or argument they or he may think proper to ensure the recovery of the same, and to receive any amount or sum of money which may be found due as aforesaid, and to give proper receipts and acquittances for the

same. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and Seal this **Thirteenth day of September** in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty one. In presence of **David L. Allen**, Witness — **Katharine Allen, her mark X** *[seal]*.

The last family paper in the file is the one that gives this book a proven son of Henry Allen, in the son's own oath:



David L. Allen's affidavit and power of attorney, February 17, 1853: *"he is the Son of Henry Allen."* [record]
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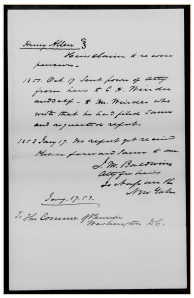
Be it Known, that on this **Seventeenth day of February A.D. 1853**, before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared **David L. Allen**, resident of **Vestal** in said County, and made oath according to law that **he is the Son of Henry Allen**, who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution, and who has heretofore made application for the benefit of the Pension Act of [1832]; that he is directly interested as a claimant in said Pension, and makes this affidavit to be filed with such additional evidence or arguments as my Agent may use in prosecuting said claim. Countermanding and revoking all Powers of Attorney heretofore given, I hereby constitute and appoint **C. W. BENNETT**, of Washington City, my true and lawful Attorney to prosecute the claim of Henry Allen… — **David L. Allen** *[signed]*. Sworn to, subscribed and acknowledged before me the day and year above written — **B. N. Loomis**, Justice of the Peace. *[Broome County clerk's certificate, same date, certifying David L. Allen is the son of the reputed soldier.]*



Attorney L. M. Baldwin's case note for the heirs' claim, January 17, 1853 — *"No report yet received. Please forward same to me."* [record]
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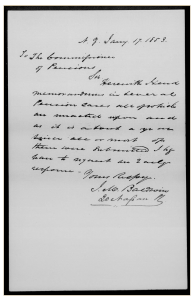
Henry Allen — Heirs claim to recover pension. 1851, Oct. 17: Sent power of atty. from heirs to C. H. Winder and self — to Mr. Winder, who wrote that he had filed same and requested report. 1853, Jany. 17: **No report yet received. Please forward same to me. — L. M. Baldwin, Atty. for heirs, 20 Nassau St., New York.** Jany. 17, '53. To the Commr. of Pensions, Washington D.C.



Baldwin's cover letter to the Commissioner of Pensions, January 17, 1853. [record]
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N.Y., Jany. 17, 1853 — To the Commissioner of Pensions — Sir: Herewith I send memorandums in several Pension Cases, all of which are unacted upon, and as it is about a year since all or most of them were submitted, I beg leave to request an early response. — Yours Respy., **L. M. Baldwin**, 20 Nassau St.

Two pages of the file survive only as paper. They are pictured here as they stand in the file; neither can be transcribed, and this book does not pretend otherwise.



File page 28 — a narrow slip headed "Henry Allen," photographed through its own show-through. [record]
No transcription stands under this picture: the body of the slip is **illegible** at the exposure received; an edge line reads "…Washington D.C." The paper exists in the case; its text does not survive this copy.

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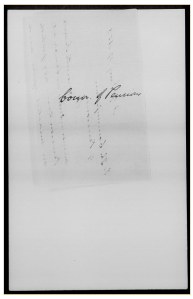

File page 30 — the back of a letter sheet; only "Commr. of Pensions" is legible across the show-through. [record]
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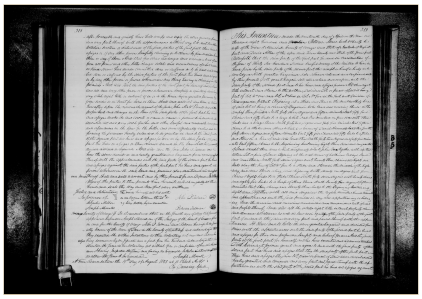
[Not transcribed — verso, show-through only.]

What the file proves: Henry Allen of Minisink was born November 28, 1756, in Somerset County, New Jersey; he began the war living at Basking Ridge, Morris County; he served under Crane and Piatt as he declared, was discharged a cripple in February 1782, and lived out his life at Basking Ridge, Warwick, and Minisink. His brother was David Allen of Minisink. His widow was Catharine. His son was David L. Allen. **What the file does not hold, plainly:** no family bible record page rides in R.115 — Henry's bible stayed at home, as his declaration said — and Catharine's own December 1842 widow declaration is not here either. And in all thirty pages, no word names Henry's father or his mother. The file proves the soldier. The joint above him is the brick wall, and it is taken up at the end of this book.

7 · David Allen and Martha Racket of Minisink

Henry's brother David — the David of the affidavit — farmed at Minisink, in Orange County, New York, on Wawayanda Patent land he had bought in 1817. The deed that made the farm his stands first, because everything else in this chapter grows out of that ground.



Orange County, New York, Deeds, Vol. 35, pp. 318–319 — Isaac Cook to David Allen of Minisink, made April 19, 1817, $3,600. The Talman deed concluded on p. 318 is transcribed with the plate as it stands. [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

[Page 318 — conclusion of the preceding deed (John D. Talman and wife Rebecca):]

1. — after peaceably and quietly have hold occupy and enjoy the above granted premises and every part thereof with the appurtenances without any let suit trouble molestation eviction or disturbance of the said parties of the first part their heirs or assigns or of any other person lawfully claiming or to claim by from or under him them or any of them And that free clear discharged and unincumbered of and from all former and other titles charges estates and incumbrances of what nature or kind soever had made committed done or suffered or to be had made committed done or suffered by the said parties of the first part his heirs and assigns or by any other person or persons whomsoever any thing having or claiming in the premises. And also that the said parties of the first part for himself and his heirs and all and every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully or equitably deriving any estate right title or interest of in or to the herein before granted premises by from under or in trust for him or them shall and will at any time or times hereafter upon the reasonable request of the said John McN. Powell[?] and at the proper costs and charges in the law of the said parties of the first part his heirs and assigns make do and execute or cause or causes or procure to be made done and executed all and every such further and other lawful and reasonable conveyances and assurances in the law for the better and more effectually vesting and confirming the premises hereby intended to be granted in and to the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever as by the said parties of the second part his heirs or assigns or their counsel learned in the law shall be reasonably devised advised or required And also that the said John D Talman and his heirs the above described and hereby granted and bargained premises and every part thereof with the Appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns against the said parties of the first part his heirs and against all persons whomsoever the said land and premises above mentioned and every part and parcel thereof Shall and will warrant

and by these presents for ever Defend. In Witness Whereof the parties to these presents Have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and Year first above written

Sealed and delivered In presence of
Charles Miller
Joseph Morrell

The words himself and his wrote on an erasure between the 28th & 29 lines notice before execution

John D. Talman [seal]
Rebecca Talman [seal]

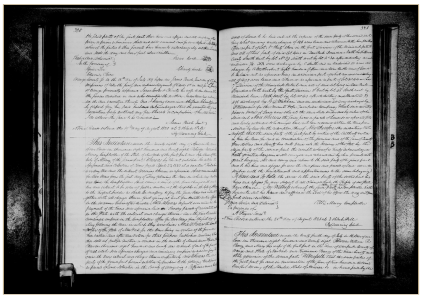
Orange County of Orange ss Be it remembered that on the fourth day of May 1816 personally appeared before me Joseph Morrell one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for the County of Orange John D Talman and Rebecca his wife to me personally known of the Town of Dover in the County of Dutchess and acknowledged that they executed the within Indenture as their Voluntary act and deed Rebecca his wife being examined by me separate and a part from her husband acknowledged that she executed the same as her Voluntary act without fear or compulsion of her said husband and I having Inspected the same and finding no erazures or Interlineations except noted do allow the same to be recorded
Joseph Morrell

A true Record entered the 10th day of August 1828 at 11 O'Clock A.M.
By Dunning Clerk

[Page 319 — the Cook to David Allen deed begins:]

1. This Indenture made the Nineteenth day of April in the Year one thousand eight hundred and Seventeen Between Isaac Cook & Charity his wife of the Town of Minisink County of Orange and State of New York of the first part and David Allen of the afore said Town County and State of the Second part Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in Consideration of the sum of Thirty Six hundred Dollars lawful Money of the United to him in hand paid by the said party of the Second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Hath granted bargained sold aliend released and confirmed and by these presents Doth grant bargain sell alien release and confirm unto the said party of the Second part and to his heirs and assigns forever All their right title interest and claims to the within Described Lot or parcel of Land it being part of Lot No one and Lot No two in Lot No five in the first west Division of Wawayanda patent Begining at a Stake and Stones in the Most northerly line of said lot it being a corner of Benjamin Coles land and running thence as the Compass then pointed North forty seven degrees and fifteen Minutes West fifty five Chains and fifty links to a large white Oak tree marked on four sides with three hacks and a blaze thence South forty two Degrees and forty five Minutes West fifteen Chains to a Stake and Stones which is a Corner of Daniel Hammels[?] land then South forty Seven degrees and fifteen Minutes East fifty five Chains and fifty links to a Stake and Stones in a line of said Coles land then North forty two degrees and forty five minutes East fifteen Chains to the beginning Containing Eighty three Acres and one quarter of

Land except three Acres which was formerly sold to John Baze[?] together with all that Certain Lot or piece of Land Begining at the west corner of Catharine Oakleys land and runs thence North forty seven Degrees west twenty three Chains and Eighty six links along the line of Lot No five to a Stake and Stones in the middle of the high way and runs thence along said highway North twenty one degrees East four Chains & Eight links to a Stake thence North forty seven Degrees east twenty Chains and eighty five links to a heap of Stones thence South twenty five degrees fifteen Minutes West three Chains and Seventy three links to the Beginning Containing eight Acres Together with all and Singular the Rights Members hereditaments and Appurtenances unto the said premises in any wise appertaining or belonging And the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders rents issues and profits thereof And also all the estate right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever as well in law as in equity of the said party of the first part of in and to the same and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances To Have and to hold the above granted bargained and described premises with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns for their own proper use benefit and behoof forever And the said party of the first part for himself and his heirs executors and administrators Doth Covenant promise grant and agree to and with the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns that they the said party of the first part their heirs and assigns the said lot piece or parcel of Land above described and hereby granted and Conveyed and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns against
[page 319 ends mid-sentence; the deed concludes on pages 320–321 — Plate 33]



The Cook deed concluded (pp. 320–321): 83¼ acres and 8 acres in Lot 5, first west division of the Wawayanda Patent; acknowledged July 12, 1819, recorded August 19, 1828. The tax-sale deed and Penny deed opening that follow it in the book are transcribed with the plate as they stand. [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

[Page 320 — conclusion of the Cook to David Allen deed:]

1. the said party of the first part their heirs and assigns and all and every other person or persons whomsoever shall and will warrant and for ever defend In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and Seals the day and Year first above written —

Sealed and Delivered In the presence of
Squire Lee
Edward Price

Isaac Cook [seal]
Charity Cook [seal]

Orange County ss. On the 12th day of July 1819 before me James Finch Junr. one of the Commissioners of take the proof and acknowledgment of Deeds &c in and for the said County of Orange personally appeared Isaac Cook & Charity his wife to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the within Indenture and acknowledged the due execution thereof And I having examined the said Charity privately apart from her said husband Acknowledged that she executed the said Indenture freely without any fear threats or Compulsion of her said husband I do allow the same to be recorded —
James Finch Junr.

A True Record entered the 19th day of August 1828 at 2 O'Clock P.M.
By Dunning Clerk

[The record that follows in the book — a Comptroller's tax-sale deed:]

This Indenture made the twenty eighth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight Between William L Marcy Comptroller of the State of New York of the first part and Asa Bull[?] of the City of Albany of the second part (Whereas by the act entitled An act for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes passed April 23, 1823 it is enacted "That whensoever any tax and the interest accruing thereon as aforesaid shall remain unpaid for two Years from the first day of May following the Year in which any such tax was laid the Comptroller shall cause so much of the Land charged with such tax and interest to be sold at public auction at the Capitol in the City of Albany to the highest bidder as shall be necessary to pay the said taxes and interest together with all charges thereon first giving at least four Months notice of sale in the manner hereinafter directed And Whereas default was made in the payment of the Taxes so as aforesaid laid on Sundry parcels of real estate situate in this State with the interest and charges thereon And the said taxes have remained unpaid in the Comptrollers office for two Years from the first day of May following the Year in which they were laid And Whereas the Comptroller of the State of New York for the time being in virtue of the power in him vested And after due Notice for that purpose published according to law did sell at public Auction or vendue in the months of March and April in the Year one thousand eight hundred and twenty six so much of each of the parcels of real estate so as aforesaid charged and remaining unpaid as was necessary to raise the taxes interest and charges thereon respectively And Whereas the said party of the second part became entitled by purchase to the following tract pieces or parcels of Land situate in the County of Orange viz 1 Fifty nine and a half

[Page 321:]

1. acres of Land to be laid out at the expence of the said party of the second part being what remains undischarged of 146 acres taxed and returned to the Comptrollers Office as part of Lot No thirty three in the first Division of the Minisink patent and all of that part of said Lot lying in Deer Park Bounded North by Sullivan County South East by lot No 39 South west by lot No 34 after deducting an undivided 1/4. 36½ acres discharged by C Smith and an Undivided 50 acres discharged by A Westbrook — 2 Eight hundred fifteen and Nine tenths acres of Land to be laid

out as aforesaid being an undivided part of what remains undischarged of 1495 acres taxed and returned as aforesaid as part of Lot No 44 in the 7th Division of the Minisink Patent and all of said lot lying in Deer Park Bounded North East by the first Division S East by lot 45 South west by Minisink town North west by lot No 43 after deducting an Undivided 1/3 498 discharged by G D Wickham and an undivided 40 acres discharged by P Woodward for the Mount Hope Turnpike Company — Which said described pieces or parcels of Land were sold at the said Sale made as and by virtue of the said act. And Whereas the said pieces or parcels of Land so as aforesaid sold and hereby intended to be conveyed have not been redeemed within the time prescribed by law for the redemption thereof Now Therefore this indenture Witnesseth that the said party of the first part by virtue of the Authority vested in him by law for and in Consideration of the premises and of the sum of Twenty four dollars and Seventy two Cents paid into the Treasury of this State by the said party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Hath granted bargained sold conveyed and released and by these presents doth grant bargain sell and convey and release to the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns for ever the said pieces and parcels of Land above described with the hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging To Have and To Hold the same to the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns for ever Subject to all claims which the People of said State have thereon — In Witness whereof the said party of the first part as Comptroller hath hereunto set his hand and affixed the Seal of his office the day and Year first above written

Signed Sealed and Delivered In presence of
A Keyser Treas[?]

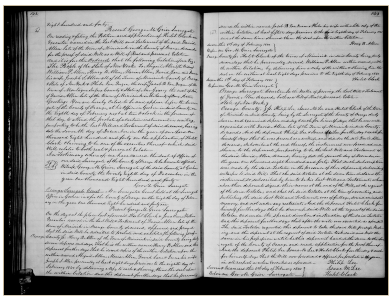
Wm L Marcy Comptroller [seal of office]

A True Record entered the 20th day of August 1828 at 3 O'Clock P.M.
By Dunning Clerk

[The next deed begins at the foot of page 321:]

This Indenture made the twenty fourth day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight. Between William R Penny and Mary his wife of the first part in the Town of Deerpark County of Orange and State of New York and Ferdinand Penney of the Town County and State aforesaid of the second part Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in Consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars lawful Money of the United States of America to in hand paid by the
[page 321 ends mid-sentence, at the end of this plate]

Twenty-three years later, thirteen months after swearing for his brother, David made his will. It is a Minisink farmer's will, and the little details are the story, as they always are: a choice cow for Abigail over and above her legal share; feather beds counted out like money; the ninety-acre farm to Joseph S., charged with paying every legacy within three months.



The will of David Allen of Minisink, December 7, 1840 (Orange County Wills, pp. 142–145). [record]
The will, transcribed in full directly below.

The Last Will and Testament of **David Allen of the town of Minisink**, County of Orange and State of New York. I, David Allen, concerning the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory (Blessed be Almighty God for the same), do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, if she should outlive me, over and above what the law gives her, **one choice cow**.

Item 2d I give and bequeath unto my son **William P. Allen** seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Item 3d I give and bequeath unto my son **Henry B. Allen** seven hundred and fifty dollars, together with a good feather bed and bedding.

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Maria Allen** four hundred dollars, with a good feather bed, bedstead and bedding.

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Irena Lain** [Lane], to be paid to her in person if she should live, if not to her heirs, **one hundred and fifty dollars** — on condition that I, David Allen, nor my estate be called upon to pay security money for David Lain [Lane]; and so much as I or my estate is called upon to pay for the said David Lain is to be deducted out of the above legacy. *[The probate note records this $150 legacy was interlined before execution.]*

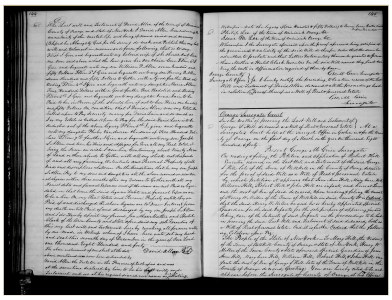
Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Phebe Vanduren** [Van Duzer] the sum of five hundred dollars.

Item 7th Further I give and bequeath unto my son **Joseph S. Allen**, and to him, his heirs and assigns forever, **all my real estate — it being the farm on which I now live, containing about ninety acres of land or thereabouts** — together with all my stock not disposed of and all my farming utensils and personal property of all kinds and descriptions whatsoever; on the conditions that he, my son Joseph S. Allen, pay to my sons and daughters all the above-named or mentioned legacies within three months after my decease, together with all my honest debts and funeral expenses; and if the same are not paid or liquidated in that time, the said legacies, debts and funeral expenses are to be a lien on my real estate and personal property until they are paid off and discharged; the above legacies are to draw interest from my death until paid off and discharged by my son Joseph S. Allen.

And I do hereby appoint **my friend Jonathan Mather and Hulet Clark**, of the town, county and state aforesaid, my sole Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by

me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this **seventh day of December** in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty. — **David Allen** [seal].

[Attestation:] The above instrument of one sheet was subscribed by David Allen the Testator in the presence of each of us, and was at the same time declared by him to be his last will and testament, and we at his request signed our names as attesting witnesses: **Philip Lee**, of the town of Minisink, Orange Co.; **Isaac McLee** [M. Lee], of the town of Minisink, Orange Co.

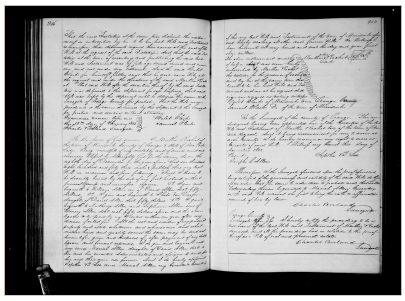


David Allen's will, continued — the probate: citation to the next of kin, and probate at Goshen, February 8, 1841. [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

- **Dec 28, 1840** — Citation to the next of kin: **Abigail Allen (the Widow), William P. Allen, Henry B. Allen, Maria Allen, David Lane and Irena his wife, Joseph S. Allen**, all of Minisink, and **Phebe Van Duzer, wife of Jacob B. Van Duzer**, of Montague, Sussex Co., NJ.
- **Feb 8, 1841** — Executors Hulet Clark and Jonathan Mather appear. Service: Henry B. Allen served Abigail, Maria, David Lane & Irena, and Joseph S. Allen personally, and Jacob B. & Phebe Van Duzer in New Jersey; Hulet Clark served William P. Allen. Witnesses Philip Lee and Isaac McLee swear they saw David subscribe the will; Hulet Clark swears he **drew up the will at the testator's request and under his special direction** and kept it safe until probate. The Surrogate admits the will and grants Letters Testamentary to **Jonathan Mather and Hulet Clark**.

What the will proves: David's family from his own hand — wife Abigail; sons William P., Henry B., and Joseph S.; daughters Maria, Irena (Lane), and Phebe (Van Duzer). (David's son Henry B. Allen of Minisink is a different man from Jacob's son Henry B. of 1732–1803; the two must not be conflated.) David died between December 7, 1840 and February 8, 1841. The executors are the same Minisink cluster that runs through Henry's pension papers — Jonathan Mather, Hulet Clark, Philip Lee. **What it doesn't prove:** David's parents or siblings — the brother tie to Henry rests on David's own pension affidavit, not on this will.

Three years later the cluster produced the document that does the heaviest lifting in this whole book. Martha Racket of Minisink — David's sister, Henry's sister — made her will on December 8, 1843, asking to be buried beside her first husband without funeral pomp. In it, in one line, she settled Henry Allen's death and named two of his sons:



The will of Martha Racket of Minisink, December 8, 1843 (Orange County Wills, book pp. 356–357). [record]
The will, transcribed in full directly below.

In the Name of God amen. I, **Martha Racket of the town of Minisink, County of Orange & State of New York**, Lady: Being mindful of my mortality and of sound mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do on the **eighth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three** make & publish this my last Will in manner and form following.

First I desire to be decently buried **by the side of my first husband** without funeral pomp and unnecessary expense.

2d I give and bequeath to **William Allen, son of David Allen dec'd**, fifty dollars.

3d I give and bequeath to **Phebe Van Duzer, daughter of David Allen dec'd**, fifty dollars.

4th I give & bequeath to **Anthony Allen and Sopherine Allen, sons of Henry Allen dec'd**, each fifty dollars apiece — and the above legacies to be paid by my Executors within one year after my decease, if called for.

All the rest and residue of my personal property and estate whatsoever and wheresoever and what nature, kind and quality soever the same may be and not hereinbefore given and disposed of, after payment of my debts, legacies, and funeral expenses, I do give and bequeath unto **my niece Mariah Allen, daughter of David Allen dec'd**, to her and her executors, administrators and assigns, to and for her and their own use forever.

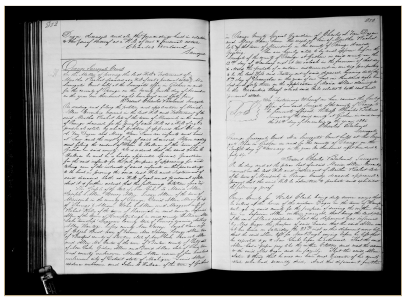
And I do hereby appoint **Jeptha V. D. Lee** and **Mariah Allen** my Executor & Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, of the town of Minisink aforesaid, hereby revoking all other and former Wills. In Witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. — **Martha Racket, her X mark** [seal].

[Attestation:] The above instrument, consisting of half a sheet, was now here subscribed by Martha Racket the testator in the presence of each of us, and by her at the same time declared to be her last Will and Testament, and we at her request did sign our names as attesting witnesses: **Hulet Clark**, of Minisink town, Orange County; **Samuel Clark**, of the town of Minisink.

“I give & bequeath to Anthony Allen and Sopherine Allen, sons of Henry Allen dec'd, each fifty dollars apiece.” Henry Allen was dead by December 8, 1843 — and Anthony Allen of Wantage, New Jersey, and Sopherine (Safarine) Allen of Hamptonburgh are his proven sons, beside David L. Allen of the pension affidavit. Martha's residuary legatee and executrix was her niece Mariah

Allen, David's daughter; David's children William and Phebe take their fifty dollars beside Henry's sons. Martha, David, and Henry stand as siblings in one instrument.

Her probate then mapped the whole kinship across four states. The citation of November 24, 1845 names the next of kin *with their residences* — and among them, in his own town, stands the man the next chapter follows:

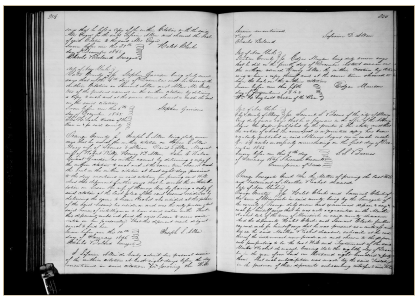


The citation on Martha Racket's will, November 24, 1845 — the next of kin, with residences: among them *"Henry Allen — Bradford, Steuben Co., NY."* [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

- **Nov 24, 1845** — On Mariah Allen's petition, Charles A. Van Duzer and Mary Ann Lane, infants, are noted as heirs at law and next of kin; **John C. Wallace** of Goshen is appointed their Special Guardian. Citation issues to the next of kin (below).
- **Nov 1845** — Jeptha V. D. Lee **renounces** as executor ("it being inconvenient for me to serve"), witnessed by Joseph S. Allen.
- **Jan 12, 1846** — Mariah Allen appears at Goshen and prays probate. Hulet Clark and Samuel Clark swear the proof: Hulet **wrote the will at Martha's request and under her directions**, kept it for safekeeping after execution, and delivered it to the Surrogate; the will produced is the same, without alteration. The Surrogate admits the will and grants Letters Testamentary to **Mariah Allen, Executrix**.

The citation — next of kin, with their residences (Nov 24, 1845)

Maria Allen, Joseph S. Allen, Henry Allen, Susan Allen — Minisink, Orange Co. · David Allen, Mary C. (wife of Thomas V. Allison), John B. Allen, Margaret (wife of Robert Wells [Kelley? — the two record copies differ]) — Warwick, Orange Co. · Safarine Allen — Hamptonburgh, Orange Co. · William Allen — Lake Township, Luzerne Co., PA · Anthony Allen — Wantage, Sussex Co., NJ · Sarah Jane (wife of Elijah Hunt) — Vernon, NJ · **Henry Allen — Bradford, Steuben Co., NY** · Samuel Allen and Allen McCarter — Benton, Yates Co., NY · Gideon Allen and David Allen — Ohio (town and county unknown) · Martha Allen, widow — Detroit, Michigan · Lewis Allen — residence unknown · Charles A. Van Duzer and Mary Ann Lane, infants, by their Special Guardian John C. Wallace.



The service of the citation (book pp. 354–355) — the affidavits of service on the kin, including Edgar Munson's service on Henry Allen in Steuben County, December 4, 1845. [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

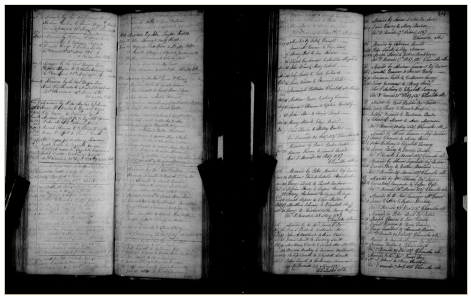
Service of the citation (image 207, pp. 354–355)

Hulet Clark served Safarine Allen (Dec 29, 1845 — served at the widow Eager's house in Wantage, where Safarine had lately lodged; Mrs. Eager reported Safarine had read a like paper and said **he was an heir of his aunt's estate who had recently died**); Stephen Garrison served Samuel Allen and Allen McCarter in Yates Co. (Dec 4, 1845); Joseph S. Allen served John B. Allen, Mary (wife of Thomas V. Allison), David L. Allen, Margaret (wife of Robert Wells), Henry B. Allen, John C. Wallace (Special Guardian), and Susan (wife of Henry) by leaving it with Susan Racket (sworn Jan 12, 1846); Safarine D. Allen signed an admission of service; **Edgar Munson served Henry Allen in Steuben Co. (Dec 4, 1845)**; the Albany Argus published the citation six weeks from Dec 1, 1845.

The will was proved January 12, 1846, Mariah Allen serving alone as executrix after Jeptha V. D. Lee renounced. **What Martha's papers prove:** Henry (1756) dead by December 8, 1843 (and by December 1842, on his widow's packet); Anthony and Sopherine his proven sons; and "Henry Allen of Bradford, Steuben County" counted among Martha's next of kin — Henry Jefferson Allen, in Henry Jefferson's town, held as kin by his father's own sister. That is not a naming record for the link above Henry Jefferson, and this book does not call it one. It is the strongest paper under that link until a naming record is pulled — and Martha's *published* estate heir notice, which would name all of Henry's children, stands in the Still in Search Of list.

8 · Henry Jefferson Allen

Henry Jefferson Allen was born February 2, 1807, at Vernon, in Sussex County, New Jersey — so my guideline book and tree carry him. He married first Sarah Butler, July 21, 1825, in Essex County (an indexed marriage record; no register page stands in this book). He married second, on November 11, 1826, the woman this book carries as **Elizabeth (Olivia) Paddock**, daughter of David Paddock of Canistear and Nancy Brown. The marriage register itself, in the return of the minister Deloth Grenell, recorded February 26, 1827, spells both families by ear:



Sussex County, New Jersey, marriage register (FamilySearch film 004541238, image 68) — the return of marriages by Deloth Grenell. The Grenell return block is transcribed in full. [record]
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1825
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Married by Deloth Grenell

James McConnal[?] to Eliza Lewis
" 19 Henry Post to Jane Pierson[?]
" 26 Elijah Coykendall to Matilda Shepherd
May 20 John Dennis to Mary Cobert
Aug 21 John Lewis to Polly Richards
Oct 15 Lewis Wilson to Hannah Elston
Dec 24 Jeremiah Patterson to Charlotte Northrop
1826
Feby 11 Nathan Padei to Mary Curand
May 10 Samuel Beman to Sophia Bontetif[?]
" 13 John Poe to Saria[?] Brass
Nov 11 Henry Alen to Eliza Podei
Dec 7 Elias Pauley to Betsey Drake

Recd & recorded 26 Feby 1827 Chandler clk

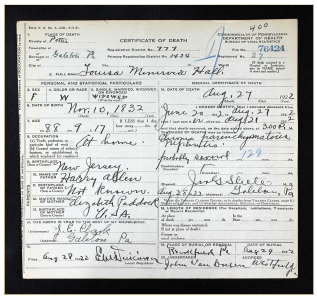
“Nov 11 — Henry Alen to Eliza Podei.” The name we put is **Elizabeth (Olivia) Paddock**; the register's *“Eliza Podei”* is carried as the alternative spelling — the Paddock name as the clerk heard it. The identification does not rest on the sound alone: the same Grenell list, nine months

earlier, marries *“Nathan Padei to Mary Curand”* — Nathan Paddock, Elizabeth's brother, whose wife was Mary Currins — the clerk spelled this family's name by ear both times; Louisa's death certificate in the next chapter names her mother Elizabeth Paddock outright; and the Sussex–Wantage geography fits Henry Jefferson exactly. We always go with what the records show, until we can prove otherwise — and here the records, read together, show Paddock.

Henry Jefferson carried his family west: Minisink, where his boys were born, then Bradford, Steuben County, New York. Martha Racket's probate found him there — *“Henry Allen of Bradford, Steuben Co.,”* served with her citation on December 4, 1845, counted among her next of kin (chapter 7). The tree gives his death as December 20, 1849, at Steuben County [tree claim, unproven]; it fits what the records show next — in 1850 his widow Elizabeth heads the Bradford household, with the children around her, Zelotus among them. His probate has not been pulled; it stands in the Still in Search Of list.

9 · Zelotus Paddock Allen

Zelotus Paddock Allen (1827–1902) is where this line comes down to my own family. No record yet pulled names his parents outright — that is stated plainly, here and in the ladder. What stands under the link is a family, documented member by member, and the strongest single paper is his sister's. Louisa Minerva Allen — the “Lemira” of the 1850 Bradford household — married a Hall, lived at Galeton, Potter County, Pennsylvania, and died there August 27, 1922, at eighty-nine. Her death certificate names her parents:



Pennsylvania death certificate of Louisa Minerva (Allen) Hall, File No. 76424 — father *“Harry Allen,”* mother *“Elizabeth Paddock.”* [record]
The certificate, transcribed in full directly below.

Form V. S. No. 5—50M—3-11-21.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

File No. 76424
Registered No. 27

1. PLACE OF DEATH
   County of Potter
   Township of [blank]
   or Borough of Galeton Pa
   or City of [blank] (No. [blank], [blank] St., [blank] Ward)
   [If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

Registration District No. 777
Primary Registration District No. 1434

1. FULL NAME Louisa Minerva Hall.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

1. SEX: F
2. COLOR OR RACE: W
3. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word): WIDOWED
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Nov. 10, 1832 (Month) (Day) (Year)
5. AGE: 88 yrs. 9 mos. 17 ds. [If LESS than 1 day, how many hrs. or min.? — blank]
6. OCCUPATION: (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: At home. (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer): [blank]
7. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country): New Jersey.

PARENTS

10. NAME OF FATHER: Harry Allen
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country): Not Known.
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Elizabeth Paddock
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country): U.S.A.

1. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
   (Informant) J. E. Clark
   (Address) Galeton Pa

2. Filed Aug 28 1922 .... [signature] Local Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. DATE OF DEATH: Aug. 27 (Month) (Day) 1922 (Year)

2. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from June 20 1922, to Aug. 27 1922, that I last saw her alive on Aug 21 1922, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3.00 P. M.
   The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
   Chronic parenchymatous nephritis.
   (Duration) [blank] yrs. [blank] mos. [blank] ds.
   probably several [the duration line carries the words "probably several"; a blue-pencil "129" is written beside it]
   Contributory (Secondary): [blank]
   (Duration) [blank] yrs. [blank] mos. [blank] ds.

(Signed) Jas[?] S. Steele M. D.
Aug 28 1922 (Address) Galeton, Pa

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH; or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

1. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents).
   At place of death [blank] yrs. [blank] mos. [blank] ds. In the State [blank] yrs. [blank] mos. [blank] ds.

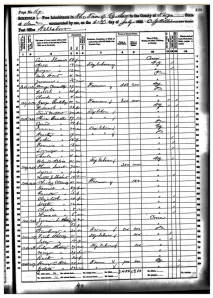
Where was disease contracted, If not at place of death? [blank]
Former or usual residence [blank]

2. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL: Westfield[?] Pa
   DATE OF BURIAL: Aug 29 1922

3. UNDERTAKER: John Van Dusen[?]
   ADDRESS: Westfield Pa

[Margin print, left edge, partly cut off:] .... Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very [important. See instructions on back of certificate ....]

"Harry Allen" is Henry Jefferson Allen — Harry was his familiar name — and the mother is Elizabeth Paddock, the "Eliza Podei" of the 1826 register, named here in full by her own daughter's record. Louisa is thereby proven Henry Jefferson's daughter by Elizabeth. Zelotus stands in the same household, in the same sibling set, in the censuses that follow — the 1850 census puts him in Elizabeth's Bradford household, and in 1860 he is in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, in the household of his younger brother Henry C. Allen:



1860 U.S. census, Chatham, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, p. 167 — Henry C. Allen, 24, farmer, and Zelotes Allen, 32, in his household (dwelling 1244, family 1259). The Allen household is transcribed in full, column by column; the other households on the page are listed by head. [record]
Transcribed directly below.

Page No. 167

SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in the Town of Chatham in the County of Tioga State of Penn^a enumerated by me, on the 31st day of July 1860. C. J. Williams Ass't Marshal.

Post Office Wellsboro

Column headings:
1. Dwelling-houses—numbered in the order of visitation.
2. Families numbered in the order of visitation.
3. The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.
DESCRIPTION — 4. Age. 5. Sex. 6. Color, { White, black, or mulatto.
7. Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.
VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED — 8. Value of Real Estate. 9. Value of Personal Estate.

10. Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.
11. Married within the year.
12. Attended School within the year.
13. Persons over 20 y'rs of age who cannot read & write.
14. Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.

THE ALLEN HOUSEHOLD (lines 39–40):

Line 39 — Dwelling 1244, Family 1259 — Henry C. Allen; age 24; sex m; color [blank]; occupation: Farmer; value of real estate: 700; value of personal estate: 200; place of birth: N.Y.; married within the year: [blank]; attended school: [blank]; persons over 20 who cannot read & write: 1; column 14: [blank].

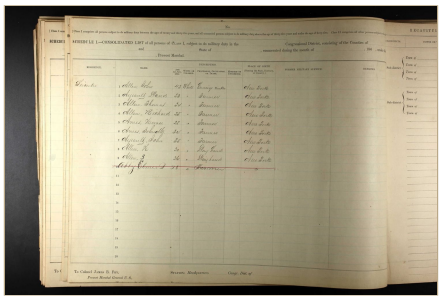
Line 40 — Zelotes " [ditto, Allen]; age 32; sex m; color [blank]; occupation: " [ditto, Farmer]; real estate: [blank]; personal estate: [blank]; place of birth: " [ditto, N.Y.]; married within the year: [blank]; attended school: [blank]; persons over 20 who cannot read & write: 1; column 14: [blank].

OTHER HOUSEHOLDS ON THE PAGE, by head (line; dwelling; family):
- Eunice Slocum[?] (line 1)
- Orange Connelly (line 6; dwelling 1236; family 1251)
- George Buckley[?] (line 9; dwelling 1237; family 1252)
- Phineas[?] Bunnell[?] (line 12; dwelling 1238; family 1253)
- Thomas Sweet[?] (line 21; dwelling 1239; family 1254)
- Charles Etowns[?] (line 24; dwelling 1240; family 1255)
- Jeremiah Whitney (line 31; dwelling 1241; family 1256)
- Fitch Whitney (line 34; dwelling 1242; family 1257)
- Riley Whitney (line 36; dwelling 1243; family 1258)

Page foot totals: No. white males, 26; No. colored males, [blank]; No. foreign born, [blank]; No. blind, [blank]; value totals 3,400 (real estate) and 1,200 (personal estate); No. idiotic, [blank]; No. convicts, [blank]; No. white females, 14; No. colored females, [blank]; No. deaf and dumb, [blank]; No. insane, [blank]; No. paupers, [blank]. A large "40" is written below the foot of the page.

Two brothers side by side, both marked in the column for persons over twenty who cannot read and write — the census taker's mark, standing as he made it. Henry C.'s daughter Harriet would marry William Edson Allen of the Steuben County Allens — the marriage that joins my line to Judy Johanson's, by a female side and not by Allen descent, as the conclusion of this book sets out.

In the summer of 1863, with the Civil War draft enrolling every man of military age, Zelotus's name went onto the consolidated list of Class I:



Civil War draft registration — Schedule I, Consolidated List of Class I, as of July 1, 1863: line 9, *“Allen, Z,”* age 36, day hand, born New York. The whole page — all ten entries — is transcribed. [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

[Class I comprises all persons subject to do military duty between the ages of twenty and thirty-five years, and all unmarried persons subject to do military duty above the age of thirty-five years and under the age of forty-five. Class II comprises all other persons subject to do mi[litary duty — note runs off the page edge]]

SCHEDULE I.—CONSOLIDATED LIST of all persons of CLASS I, subject to do military duty in the [blank] Congressional District, consisting of the Counties of [blank] and [blank] State of [blank], enumerated during the month of [blank], 186[blank], under [blank], Provost Marshal.

Columns: RESIDENCE. | NAME. | DESCRIPTION — AGE 1st July, 1863. | WHITE OR COLORED. | PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE. | MARRIED OR UNMARRIED. | PLACE OF BIRTH. (Naming the State, Territory, or Country.) | FORMER MILITARY SERVICE. | REMARKS.

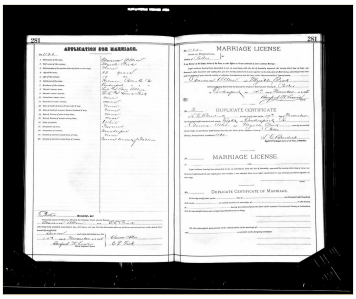
Residence: Dixceter[?]

1. Allen, John — age 43 — White — Carriage maker — New York
2. Ayrault, David — age 33 — " [ditto] — Farmer — New York.
3. Allen, Thomas — age 34 — " — Farmer — New York
4. Allen, Richard — age 25 — " — Farmer — New York
5. Ames, Horace — age 28 — " — Farmer — New York
6. Ames, John M. — age 32 — " — Farmer — New York.
7. Ayrault, John — age 35 — " — Farmer — New York
8. Allen, H — age 30 — " — Day hand — New York
9. Allen, Z — age 36 — " — Day hand — New York
10. Abby, Elmer D — age 31 — " — Farmer — " [ditto] [the whole line is struck through in red; a red "3" stands in the left margin]

[Footer:] To Colonel JAMES B. FRY, Provost Marshal General U. S., STATION: Headquarters Congr. Dist. of [blank]

Registration is not service, and this book claims no more for the page than it holds: Zelotus Paddock Allen, thirty-six, a day hand, enrolled among the men liable to the draft, his brother Henry C. plausibly the “Allen, H,” of line 8 beside him.

Zelotus's children name him in their own records, each in the clerk's own spelling of a name the clerks never could hold steady. His son Clarence married at Coudersport, Potter County, Pennsylvania, in November 1898:



Marriage application and license of Clarence Allen and Myrtle Fisk, Potter County, Pennsylvania, License No. 1120 — application November 14, 1898; married November 19, 1898. [record]
Transcribed in full directly below.

[Left page, headed 281]

No. 1120

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE.

1. Full name of the man, — Clarence Allen
2. Full name of the woman, — Myrtle Fisk
3. Relationship of the parties either by blood or marriage, — None
4. Age of the man, — 23 years
5. Age of the woman, — 19 do
6. Residence of the man, — Hebron, Potter Co. Pa.
7. Residence of the woman, — Coudersport " " "
8. Parents' names—man, — Loti[?] and Ann Allen
9. Parents' names—woman, — E. L. and Laura Fisk
10. Guardian's name—man, — none
11. Guardian's name—woman, — none
12. Date of death of man's former wife if any, — none
13. Date of death of woman's former husband if any, — none
14. Date of Divorce of man at any time, — none
15. Date of Divorce of woman at any time, — none
16. Color of parties, — White
17. Occupation of man, — Farmer
18. Occupation of woman, — Housekeeper
19. Consent of parents or guardian of man, — none
20. Consent of parents or guardian of woman, — Personal Consent of Father

Potter County, ss:
Personally appeared before me, Clerk of the Orphans' Court of said County, Clarence Allen and E. L. Fisk who being duly qualified according to law, did depose and say that the statements above set

forth are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief.
Sworn and subscribed before me, this 14th day of November A. D. 1898
Sanford W. Lewis, Clerk Orphans' Court.
[signatures:] Clarence Allen. E. L. Fisk.

[Right page, headed 281]

No. 1120

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, County of Potter } ss.

To any Minister of the Gospel, Justice of the Peace, or other Officers or Persons authorized by Law to solemnize Marriage:

Legal evidence having been furnished to me, in accordance with the Act of Assembly approved the twenty-third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, you are hereby authorized to join together in the holy state of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your church, society or religious denomination and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

Clarence Allen and Myrtle Fisk

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Orphans' Court of said County of Potter at Coudersport this 14th day of November A. D. 1898

[SEAL.]

Sanford W. Lewis, Clerk.

No. 3

DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE

I, L. E. Burdick hereby certify that, on the 19th day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninety Eight at Coudersport Pa. Clarence Allen and Myrtle Fisk were by me united in marriage, in accordance with license issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Potter County, Pennsylvania, numbered 1120

L. E. Burdick
Minister of the Gospel, Justice of the Peace, or Alderman.

[The remainder of the license page carries two printed forms, both blank and unfilled:]

No. [blank]

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

To [blank] and [blank]

Legal evidence having been furnished to me, in accordance with the Act of Assembly, approved the twenty-third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, this certifies, I am satisfied there is no legal impediment to you joining yourselves together in marriage.

[blank] Clerk.

No. [blank]

DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

We hereby certify that, on the [blank] day of [blank] one thousand eight hundred and ninety [blank] we united ourselves in marriage, at [blank] in the County of [blank] having first obtained from the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of said County a declaration that he was satisfied there was no legal impediment to our so doing.

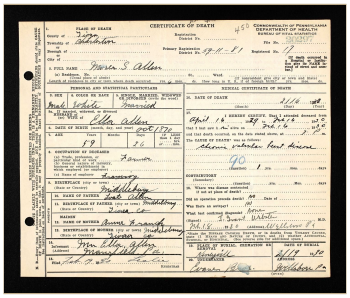
[three blank signature lines]

We, the undersigned, were present at the solemnization of the marriage of [blank] and [blank] as set forth in the foregoing certificate.

[two blank signature lines]

Item 8, the man's parents, the clerk wrote as *“Loti[?] and Ann Allen”* — transcribed exactly as written. “Loti” is Zelotus worn down one more time, in one more clerk's hand, beside Ann — and the identification of Clarence as Zelotus's son stands on the family's records together, as my guideline book carries them.

His son Moses S. Allen farmed in Tioga County and died at Charleston Township on February 16, 1930, of chronic valvular heart disease. His death certificate names his parents too:



Pennsylvania death certificate of Moses S. Allen, File No. 20297 — died February 16, 1930; father *“Zelot[?] Allen,”* mother *“Anna Franch.”* [record]
The certificate, transcribed in full directly below.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

File No. 20297
Registered No. 17

1. PLACE OF DEATH
   County of Tioga
   Township of Charleston
   or Borough of [blank]
   or City of [blank]
   [If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution give its NAME instead of street and number.]

Registration District No. [blank]
Primary Registration District No. 59-11-81

1. FULL NAME Moses S Allen
   (a) Residence. No. [blank] St., [blank] Ward. (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)
   Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 6 yrs. [blank] mos. [blank] ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? [blank] yrs. [blank] mos. [blank] ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

1. SEX: Male
2. COLOR OR RACE: White
3. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word): Married
   5a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of: Ellen Allen
4. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year): Oct 1870
5. AGE: Years 59, Months [blank], Days 26 [IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min. — blank]
6. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED: (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: Farmer. (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer): [blank]. (c) Name of employer: Farming
7. BIRTHPLACE (city or town): Middlebury. (State or Country): Middlebury [as written]

PARENTS
10. NAME OF FATHER: Zelot[?] Allen
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town): Middlebury. (State or Country): Tioga Co
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Anna Franch
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town): Middlebury. (State or Country): Tioga Co

1. Informant: Mrs Ellen Allen
   (Address): Mansfield Pa.
2. Filed Feb. 19, 1930 Leslie[?] REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. DATE OF DEATH: (Month) [blank] (Day) 2/16 (Year) 1930 [the day is entered as "2/16" and the year is overwritten]

2. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from April 16, 1929, to Feb 16, 1930, that I last saw him alive on Feb 16, 1930, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8. P. m.
   The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
   Chronic valvular heart disease
   (duration) 1 yrs. [blank] mos. [blank] days [a blue-pencil "90" stands in the duration area]
   CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary): [blank]
   (duration) [blank] yrs. [blank] Mos. [blank] days

3. Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? [blank]
   Did an operation precede death? No. Date of [blank]
   Was there an autopsy? No
   What test confirmed diagnosis? None
   (Signed) I. Grant Webster[?] M. D.
   Feb. 18 1930 (Address) Wellsboro Pa

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

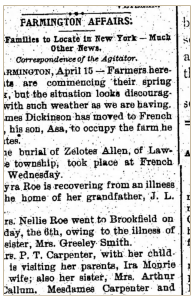
1. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL: Kingsville[?]
   DATE OF BURIAL: 2/19 1930
2. UNDERTAKER: Evans .... [signature partly covered by a blue mark]
   ADDRESS: Wellsboro Pa

(OVER)

[Margin print, left edge:] MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING. WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact Statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate. N. B.—[rest of margin line partly cut off]

“Zelot Allen” and *“Anna Franch”* — Zelotus and Ann, as the informant, Moses's widow Ellen, gave them and the clerk wrote them. Two of Zelotus's children, in two different records, in two different decades, name him their father.

Zelotus himself died in the spring of 1902, in Lawrence Township, Tioga County. No formal obituary for him exists — that negative was searched and stands. What the *Wellsboro Agitator* carried, on April 16, 1902, is one sentence, and it is all there is:



FARMINGTON AFFAIRS:

Families to Locate in New York — Much Other News.

Correspondence of the Agitator.

ARMINGTON, April 15 — Farmers here- its are commencing their spring r, but the situation looks discourag- with such weather as we are having. mes Dickinson has moved to French , his son, Asa, to occupy the farm he ites.

e burial of Zelotes Allen, of Law- e township, took place at French Wednesday.

yra Roe is recovering from an illness he home of her grandfather, J. L.

rs. Nellie Roe went to Brookfield on day, the 6th, owing to the illness of sister, Mrs. Greeley Smith.

rs. P. T. Carpenter, with her child- is visiting her parents, Ira Monrie wife; also her sister, Mrs. Arthur allum. Mesdames Carpenter and

The Wellsboro Agitator, April 16, 1902 — the burial notice for Zelotes Allen. [record]
The whole of the notice, transcribed directly below.

> The burial of Zelotes Allen, of Lawrence township, took place at French Hill Wednesday.

French Hill Cemetery, in Lawrence Township, is where he lies.

Julia Keeney's people — the Keeney papers

Zelotus's son George — the next chapter's subject — was the child of **Julia Keeney**. Julia's great-great-grandfather was **Deacon Thomas Keeney** of Tioga County, Pennsylvania: a Connecticut soldier of the Revolution who served from April 1775, was jailed six months for his part in the Connecticut claim troubles in the Wyoming Valley, and died at Tioga January 10, 1840, aged 88. His papers — his pension declaration, his will, its supplement, his probate — were transcribed into my *Ancestors* book, and they stand here as they stand there. **No pictures of the Keeney documents are in hand**; the texts below are the transcriptions as carried in my book, where a character the print could not carry shows as “?”.

The Keeney papers — Thomas Keeney of Tioga County (1751–1840). No document pictures are in hand; the papers are transcribed in full directly below, as they stand in my *Ancestors of Coni Allen* (entry 136).

The Pension Office letter on Thomas Keeney’s claim — January 24, 1939

January 24, 1939; BA-J/AWF Thomas Keeney S. 9366; Mabel Lyman Knight; 726 Reservoir Street Baltimore, Maryland; Dear Madam:; Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Thomas Keeney of Onondaga County, New York, soldier of the War of the Revolution. The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, S. 9366, based upon the military service of Thomas Keeney in the Revolutionary War. Thomas Keeney was born May 10, 1751 (Old Style) in East Hartford, Connecticut. The names of his parents were not stated. While residing in said East Hartford, Thomas Keeney enlisted and served as a private with the Connecticut troops, as follows: from sometime in April, 1775, seven months in Captain Ozias Bissell?s company, colonel George Pitkin?s regiment; from sometime in February, 1776, two months under Lieutenant Richard Pitkin in Colonel Wylly's regiment; in the summer of 1776, two months in Captain Timothy Cheney?s company; in the fall of 1777, two months in Captain Richard Pitkin?s company, stationed in Fort Griswold; in the summer of 1778, two months in Captain Amasa Loomis's company. Thomas Keeney moved in April, 1781 to Wyoming, Pennsylvania, and his family moved there in August, 1781. While residing in said Wyoming, Thomas Keeney served at various times until in the month of August, 1783, under Captain Elisha Satterlee, and Colonel Zebulon Butler, dong garrison duty and in frequent scouting parties in pursuit of Indians, this service amounting to about ten months. He was allowed pension on his application executed September 11, 1832, at which

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Thomas Keeney's pension declaration, S. 9366 — September 11, 1832, with his neighbors' affidavits

Pension Application; State of New York; County of Onondaga; Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed Jun 7th 1832 ? On this 11th day of September personally appeared in open Court before Daniel Mosely E?? Vice Chancellor of the Seventh Circuit of the State of New York at a County

of Chancery for said State at the Town and in the County of Onondaga, now sitting Thomas Keeney a resident of the Town of Fabius in said County, aged Eighty one years, who, being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his Oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed Jun 7th 1832 ? That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated - That he first enlisted at East Hartford in Connecticut, in April 1775 under Captain Ozius Bissell, of the same place & Lieutenat Martin of Windsor in Connecticut for the term of seven (7) Months & was mustered in East Hartford aforesaid, and Marched to Boston Massachusetts, that the Regiment was commanded by Col. George Pitkin of the same place, was stationed first at Brooklin, & went from there to Roxburyhill, from there to Dorchester farms, & was there discharged at the end of the seven (7) Months, that he saw the Bunkerhill battle from Brooklyn & that General Washington visited the station at Roxburyhill while he was there ? That he was discharged as aforesaid in November 1775 ? That afterwards, in February 1776 he went as a volunteer under Lieut. Richard Pitkin of East Hartford, was there mustered & marched again to Boston, & the company joined Wyllys Regiment and took our Station at Dorchester F a house in the Town of Roxbury & remained there two months & was then and there discharged in the month of April of the same year; That in Haying time in the month of July or August there was a general call to go to New York, that he then volunteered & went under Capt Timothy Cheeney, Lieutenant Richard Pitkin and remained in New York till our troops evacuated the city, when he was marched over Kingsbridge & was stationed a short time in that vicinity, where he was discharged after serving two months about the first of October 1776 ? That in the early part of the fall of 1777 he volunteered with the Company under Capt Richard Pitkin & went to New London Conn, & was stationed at Fort Griswold & thinks the name of his Col was Allen, but is not confident, that he remained there two months & was discharged in October or November 1777 ? That in June or July 1778 he again volunteered under Captain Amasa Loomis of East Windsor Conn, and the company was mustered at Grumpond in New York State, and remained there two months, and was discharged in August or September following ? that his duty was to go in scouting parties ? Garrison duty Ec ? was at Whiteplains, Rye & Valentines hill while stationed at Grumpond as aforesaid ? That about the year 1780 in the fall of the year he removed his family to Wyoming in the State of Pennsylvania having been there himself for six months before that time, where the frontier settlements were greatly annoyed by the Indians for a long time after the proclamation of peace ? during all which period the inhabitants collected in & around the Fort in that place, that they were almost constantly compelled to take turns in Garrison duty, & pursuing Indian parties who came there to plunder, burn, & destroy ? that he belonged to a company of young men in minute service whose duty was to be ready to go at any & Every call, who were under the command & direction of Col Zebulon Butler ? there was a Captain by the name of Elisha Satterlee, that during a period of Eighteen months or more, he was confined to this service, frequently went in pursuit of Indian Parties, & constantly slept with his arms, in readiness to turn out at a moments warning by night or by day --- that he has no documentary Evidence excepting the annexed deposition of Daniel Park & Samuel Webstor, & that he knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service ? that there is no regular Clergyman in the Town of Fabius, with whom he is acquainted, who can certify as to his age, and reputation as a Soldier of the revolution, the Clergyman of said Town for seven years past, having recently removed more than one hundred miles distant ----; We hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State; Sworn to, and subscribed the day & year aforesaid; Daniel Moseley Thomas Keeney X his mark; Circuit Judge; We George Pittit & Gen Nathaniel Bacon residing in the Town of Fabius County of Onondaga and State of New York hereby certify that we are well Page 1411 7th Generation acquainted with Thomas Keeney who has subscribed & Sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be Eighty one years of age,, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion --- Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.-; Daniel Moseley Nathel Bacon; Circuit Judge George Pettit

Thomas Keeney's last will and testament — September 29, 1838 (transcription by Jane Webb)

Last Will and Testament of Thomas Keeney; Tioga County, Pennsylvania - September 29, 1838; In the name of God Amen I Thomas Keeney of Tioga, County of Tioga and State of Pennsylvania being of Sound Mind Memory and understanding through the Mercy of God Do Make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following To Wit first and principally I resign my Soul with the Utmost Humility into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping for a Blessed immortality through the merits of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ And my body I desire may be decently intered at the discretion of my Executor ? And as for Such Temporal Estate as the Lord in his great goodness and mercy hath intrusted me with I give, divide, and dispose of the Same as follows?I give and bequeath one third part of all my Estate both real and personal wheresoever the same may be situated to my beloved Wife Mercy Keeney during her natural life in Lieu of her Legal dower ? I give and bequeath the remaining two thirds of my Real Estate, with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging to each of my Children and one grandchild, herein after named and designated Viz, Mercy Keeney, Ruby Mitchell Mary Bentley, Thomas Keeney Junr, Jesse Keeney, Louisa Stanard, Susannah Parcial, Betsy Patton and John B. Sackett. Which said Real Estate is to be equally divided between my said Children, and grand child John B. Sackett, except the children of the said Mary Bentley who are to have one Equal Ninth part of my said real estate, to be Equally divided between them ? And I do further bequeath the One Third part of My Real and personal Estate which is herein bequeathed to my Said Wife Mercy Keeney after her decease to my Children and Grand Child aforesaid in manner aforesaid? I give and devise to the Heirs of Jesse Keeny my Son Deceased a certain Note which I held against him in his life time, and which I now hold amounting to nearly Eight hundred Dollars in April One Thousand Eight-hundred and thirty six - and by computation at this date, about Nine hundred and forty Dollars and is the only Note I hold against my said Son Jesse Keeney Deceased. And if the amount of Said Note does not amount to as much as one Share to my other children mentioned aforesaid I desire that my Executors make up and pay to the Said heirs of Jesse Keeney out of my personal Estate a sufficient amount to make up the deficiency ? I desire, and it is my Will that the residue and remainder of my personal Estate should be Equally divided among my Children and grandchild herein first mentioned, Except the Said heirs of Jesse Keeney Deceased. And I do hereby Appoint my Son Thomas Keeney Junr. and Benjamin Bentley my Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills; In witness whereof I the Said Thomas Keeney have hereunto Set my hand and Seal at Tioga this Twenty ninth day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Thirty eight. Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the his; Said Testator Thomas Keeney as and for his last Will Thomas x Keeney Seal; and Testament in the presince of us who have Subscribed mark; our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the Said ; Testator; HB Graves; Joseph Aikins;

Supplement to the will — October 3, 1839

Supplement to Last Will and Testament of Thomas Keeney; Tioga County, Pennsylvania - October 3, 1839; In the name of God Amen. ? I Thomas Keeney the Testator above named being still of Sound Mind & good health, do make & ordain this will Supplementary to & Explanatory of my above last will & testament. To wit. Whereas I have made & hereafter may make Sundry advances to one or more of the devisees mentioned in my said will, or their heirs or some of them, now it is my will & intention that such advance with legal interest Shall in all cases be considered & estimated as a part of the Share of such divisee & be deducted from such share on the distribution of my estate, whether such advnce be made to or at the request of such devisee & whether at the time of making such advances the devisee be of full age or a minor or a fem covert or sole, or whether the devisee be in trust or otherwise. And the Share of My Estate devised to my daughter Louisa Stanard I hereby give & devise to My Son Thomas Keeney in trust for the Sole & Separate use of my said daughter Louisa Stanard & her heirs. Not to be in any wise controlled or

used by her husband & I hereby revoke & repeal all Such parts of the above will & such as are inconsistent herewith. Signed Sealed & published & declared by the Testator Thomas Keeney as & for his last will & testament in the presence of us the undersigned who have subscribed our names as witnesses the third day of October AD 1839; Wm Garretson; Elisha T. Bently;

The probate proceedings — April 1840

Witnesses to the Last and Supplementary Will and Testament of Thomas Keeney; Dated April 18, 1840 and April 20, 1840 - Tioga County, Pennsylvania:; This eighteenth day of April A.D. 1840 before me Luman Wilson Esqr. 3879 by Jane Webb, This is a transcription of the "Will and Testament of Thomas Keeney of Tioga Township, Tioga County, PA (http://www.joycetice.com/document/keeneytw.htm,). Page 1413 7th Generation Register for the probate of Wills and granting letters of administration in and for the County of Tioga personally came Hobart B. Graves and Joseph Aikin the two Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing will and being duly Sworn according to law did depose and Say that they were present and Saw and heard Thomas Keeney the testator Sign Seal publish pronounce and declare the foregoing instrument of writing as and for his testament and last will and at the time of so doing he was of perfect and Sound mind memory and understanding to the best of our knowledge observation and belief? Sworn and Subscribed HB Graves before me the day and Joseph Aiken year above? Luman Wilson Register; Tioga County P. This twentieth day of April A.D. 1840 before me Luman Wilson Esquire Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of administration in and for the County of Tioga personally came William Garretson and Elisha T. Bently the two subscribing witnesses to the within Supplementary will and being duly Sworn according to law did depose and Say that they were present and Saw and heard Thomas Keeney the testator Sign Seal publish pronounce and declare the foregoing instrument of Writing as and for his testament and last will and at the time of so doing he was of perfect and Sound mind memory and understanding to the best of our knowledge observation and belief? Sworn and Subscribed before me the day and year above Wm Garretson; Elisha T. Bentley; Luman Wilson Register; Oath to Administer Estate of Thomas Keeney; by Benjamin Bentley and Thomas Keeney; April 25, 1840; Tioga County, Pennsylvania; We Thomas Keeney & Benjamin Bentley do Swear that as executors of the last Will and testament of Thomas Keeney deceased we will well and truly administer the goods and chattels, rights and credits of Said deceased according to law and also will diligently and faithfully regard and well and truly comply with the provisions of the law relating to collateral inheritance, and that as you Shall answer to God at the great day ?? Sworn and Subscribed before me for Benj Bentley that purpose especially constituted and appointed this twenty fifth day of April Thomas Keeney A.D. 1840; Luman Wilson Register

A Keeney family letter (Pat Keeney Geyh, from the Keeney Update, March 2000)

The two Mercys (Thomas' wife and daughter) were feisty females indeed. County history record Mercy (Lamb) catching thieves trying to steal the family canoe while her husband was imprisoned. She had hung on to a chain fastening the boat to the shore and was dragged into the water with the boat. Finally the thieves gave up and left her with her property. Another tale recounts Mercy Keeney at age 16 with a group of men who had treed a panther that had been preying on their stock. No one wanted to stay and keep the panther up the tree while the men went for a gun. Mercy stayed, keeping the panther up the tree until the men returned. Eventually Thomas & Mercy Keeney moved into New York until their death there. Richard & Mercy stayed in Wyoming County, raising their family there. In Richard's will, probated 9 Nov 1831, we find the following children listed: Chester, Abiel, Ira, Lyman, Ann, John Calvin, Charles Miner, Hiram, Richard Thomas and Ezra. Many of the family are buried at the Laceyville Cemetery.. Sincerely, Pat Keeney Geyh 4624 W. Tesch Ave., Greenfield WI 53220 .

10 · George Arthur Allen

The line comes down, in the last step of the ladder, to George Arthur Allen (1866–1921) — my great-grandfather's generation, and the man whose three father-names taught this family how carefully a record has to be read. George was Zelotus Paddock Allen's son by Julia Keeney. Julia had married first George Washington Short, a Civil War soldier who went missing for years and was given up; when Short came home at last, Julia was carrying Zelotus's child, or had just borne him. Short raised the boy as his own, and George grew up **George Short** — so the censuses show him, in 1870 at Riga, Michigan, and in 1880 at Rush, Michigan.

A falling-out with Short brought out the truth of his birth, and George took the Allen name. His own records name his father three ways, and the three ways are the proof and the puzzle in one: on his first marriage record (September 19, 1890, Oakley, Michigan, to Lydia Sutliff) he wrote his father as **“John”** — his own guess, as a young man who had only just learned the story; on his second marriage (October 2, 1911, Ogemaw County, to Ada May Barber) the clerk wrote **“Delotes”**; and on his death record the name stands as **“Ladous.”** Delotes and Ladous are Zelotus, mangled by two clerks who had never heard the name before — my conclusion, and the reading the whole record set supports. Judy Cwiklinski, who researched the Steuben County Allens for years, wrote it flatly in a letter in my files: there is not one single doubt that George Arthur Allen is the son of Zelotus.

George died October 27, 1921, at Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, of acute pneumonia, and lies in Oakwood Cemetery there. He and Ada had six sons, among them Alvin Allen (1916–2002) — my grandfather. George's own record images stand in my *Ancestors* book and in his research folder; the documents carried in *this* book are the ones that prove the line above him, and his story is told whole in the write-ups of my Allen research. The family tradition that our Allens were called *“the Indian Allens,”* said to have been fur trappers, stands as family tradition — unproven, and labeled so wherever it appears.

11 · The Brick Wall — My Conclusion

Every link of the ladder stands proven or honestly graded except one, and it is time to face it squarely. **Henry Allen (1756) is proven as a man** — his pension file, chapter 6, is as full a proof as a life gets. **Henry B. Allen is proven as a man** — Jacob's son, of Bernards Town, buried June 4, 1803. What no record in hand yet does is join them: **no document names Henry (1756) as Henry B. Allen's son.** The tree carries the joint. My conclusion is that the tree is right — and my conclusion is not proof, and this book does not dress it as proof.

Here is how I come to my conclusion. Henry (1756) was born in Somerset County and began the war living at Basking Ridge, in Morris County — Bernards Town's own village, the ground where Henry B. Allen lived, farmed, and was selling plantation land by 1791, when Henry the soldier was thirty-four and back from the war to Basking Ridge, where his declaration says he lived after it. The geography is one piece of ground, not two. The ages fit a father of about twenty-four at the son's birth. The family Henry (1756) shows us in the records — brother David, sister Martha — sits in the same Morris–Somerset–Minisink world as Jacob's children, and Jacob's will already placed a son Henry of exactly Henry B.'s generation on that ground. Against it: the joint rests on no naming record, Henry B.'s estate has not been found, and the one record that could have spoken plainly — Henry's family bible, whose age record he cites in his own declaration — is not in hand. That is the honest state of it, and the Still in Search Of list that closes this book names, one by one, the records that could decide it: Henry B.'s Morris County estate, the Morris tax ratables, the Basking Ridge church books, the Holloway deed.

The DNA. My Allen Y-DNA of record is the test of my half-brother Kenneth Dale Gilbert Jr. — my father Rex Allen Sr's son, so his Y-DNA is the Allen line's — in John Barrett Robb's Allen DNA project, where I am member A-26. Robb's findings: this line's haplotype matches **neither** George Allen of Sandwich **nor** Samuel Allen of Braintree; Henry (1756) stands as a patriarch in his own right — “the one Allen family in all of it that is not found.” Whether the haplotype matches the Ralph Allen of Sandwich line — the line the paper chain of chapters 1–5 builds — has never been tested in anything read to date; that comparison is the DNA test of the Shrewsbury chain, and it is still to be made. Judy Johanson's Allen line (project A-24) descends from a different patriarch, Elias Allen; the two lines' Y-DNA is widely disparate. Where the lines *do* join is by marriage, in Steuben County: Harriet E. Allen, Henry C. Allen's daughter and Zelotus's niece, married William Edson Allen, Judy's grandfather. We are not part of her line but we are — it is a female side, not the Allen DNA side.

So the book ends where the proof ends: eight generations of paper, one joint standing open, and the searches named. When a deciding record lands, this book's conclusion changes to match it — we always go with what the records show, until we can prove otherwise.

The Line at a Glance

Gen.	The line	Standing
1	**Ralph (Ralfe) Allen** of Sandwich, Mass. (b. abt 1617–21, Thurcaston, Leicestershire) & **Esther Swift**	—
2	**Jedediah Allen** (b. Jan 3, 1646, Sandwich – d. 1711/12, Shrewsbury, N.J.) & **Elizabeth**	Proven — Sandwich register
3	**Henry Allen** (b. 26th of 9th mo. 1679 – d. 20th of 6th mo. 1748) & **Hannah Corlies** (m. 1702); second, Abigail (Adams)	Proven — Jedediah's will; Shrewsbury register p. 105
4	**Jacob Allen** (b. 14th of 9th mo. 1704, Shrewsbury – bur. Mar 29, 1779, Morristown) & **Naoma**	Proven — Shrewsbury register pp. 156–157
5	**Henry B. Allen** (b. abt 1732 – bur. Jun 4, 1803, Morristown), of Bernards Town & **Lydia** [tree]	Strong — Jacob's will; abstracts; registers
6	**Henry Allen** (b. Nov 28, 1756, Somerset Co. – d. by Dec 1842, Minisink) & **Catharine Fisher**	**THE BRICK WALL** — tree only, above this line
7	**Henry Jefferson Allen** (b. Feb 2, 1807, Vernon, N.J.) & **Elizabeth (Olivia) Paddock** (m. Nov 11, 1826)	Carried by the book and the tree; Martha's citation supports
8	**Zelotus Paddock Allen** (1827–1902), of Tioga Co., Pa. & **Ann**	Strong circumstantial — Louisa's certificate; censuses
9	**George Arthur Allen** (b. Jun 10, 1866 – d. Oct 27, 1921, Frederic, Mich.) & Lydia Sutliff; second, Ada May Barber — son of Zelotus by **Julia Keeney**	Proven — his own records, three father-names

Children proven along the way, off the direct line: of Henry (1756) — Anthony, Sopherine (Safarine), and David L. Allen, proven by Martha Racket's will and the pension file; of Zelotus — Louisa Minerva (Hall), Henry C., Clarence, and Moses S. Allen, proven by the records in chapter 9.

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- **FamilySearch record links** carried in my citations for this line: https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:24SM-RL2 · https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2WQM-8K8 · https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F6H4-BHS · https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M8VB-4RY · https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MZFW-L7M · https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/4:1:K6M8-13X

My own research files

- ***Ancestors of Coni Allen by Coni Dubois 2026*** — my guideline book; the entries for this line govern where the records are silent, and are labeled as my book wherever this one leans on them.
- **The Allen Line — Proof Report** (November 17, 2026, updated November 19, 2026) — the link-by-link working report this book is built from, with the negative-search log.
- **The documents themselves** — every record pictured in this book is kept in Zelotus Paddock Allen's folder in my research files, one set, with its landing verified.

Still in Search Of

What this line still needs, named plainly, with where each piece lives. Nothing here is guessed at in the story; each item is carried there as not in hand, or as an open question, until the record itself is pulled. ***If you hold any record on this list — or a better photograph of a page carried in this book — I would like to hear from you: Ever Widening Circle Research by Coni Dubois LLC, through conidubois.com.***

1. **Henry B. Allen's will or estate, Morris County, about 1803** — the single record that could name Henry (1756) as his son. Searched on FamilySearch and Ancestry and not found in either; the New Jersey Abstract of Wills carries no entry; the State Archives' Early Land Records and Colonial Marriage Bonds were searched November 17, 2026 — nothing. Morris County will books are restricted to FamilySearch Centers online, so Morris is *not* ruled out. The top item on my FamilySearch Center list.
2. **Morris County tax ratables, 1778–1822** — Center-restricted; the index shows a Henry Allen in Morris Township lists across 1778–1803. Films: Morris Twp. 865485 (DGS 7842320); Hanover Twp. 865483 (DGS 8519948); Chatham–Chester 865482 (DGS 8519946); Mendham 865484 (DGS 7901636).
3. **The deed, John Holloway → Jacob Allen** — the land Jacob's will says he "bought of John Holloway." Not in the Morris County deed books on FamilySearch (they begin 1784); next, the New Jersey State Library state-level deed index at a FamilySearch Center — Allen reel, film 539948 (DGS 8581206); Holloway reel, film 540239 (DGS 8581208) — or the East Jersey / Secretary of State deed records. The deed may never have been recorded.
4. **Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church records** — no viewable baptism book for 1750–1780 on FamilySearch. Two library-only targets: F. Edward Wright, *Early Church Records of Somerset County, New Jersey*, vol. 1 (the Basking Ridge section — Allen baptisms, marriages, admissions, 1740s–1790s), and "Dr. Robert Finley's marriages, June 1795 to 1817" (compiled by Nettie Allen; microfiche 6052326), which also holds Basking Ridge baptisms and deaths 1795–1817. The church's own fragmentary records for 1764–1795, computerized at the church, are the one untried drawer; the churchyard inscriptions were read in full — no Allens.
5. **Jacob Allen's full Morris County probate file** beyond the recorded will (Liber 21, pp. 91–93, in hand) — the inventory and accounts may name family the will doesn't.
6. **A record naming Zelotus Paddock Allen's parents.** Candidates: Henry C. Allen's Steuben County death record; a Minisink baptism; Henry Jefferson Allen's probate.
7. **Henry C. Allen's death certificate itself** — only the index is in hand: Henry Allen, died March 19, 1919, Hornell, Steuben County, New York, Entry No. 18839. The certificate would name his parents.
8. **Henry Jefferson Allen's probate** — the tree gives his death as December 20, 1849, Steuben County; the probate would test it and may name his children.

9. **Martha Racket's published estate heir notice** — the key untested document for Henry (1756)'s family: her will and probate (in hand) name his sons Anthony and Sopherine, but the published notice would name *all* of Henry's children.
10. **Henry Allen's family bible record page** — his declaration says his age record was in a family bible at home. The complete R.115 file holds no bible page; the bible itself is not in hand.
11. **Catharine Allen's own December 1842 widow declaration** — not in R.115 and not in hand; her side of the claim rides in the file only through the December 1842 packet cover styling her "widow of Henry" and the 1851 power-of-attorney packet.
12. **Henry Allen's (1679/80–1748) will or administration, Shrewsbury / Monmouth County** — searched on Ancestry and not found; the Wills Book E index (1747–1750) lists no Henry (the index page is filed as the negative-search evidence). Still unchecked: Wills Book F (1750–1758), unindexed, and "Wills Vol. 5–6, 1743–1750" as a separate browse.
13. **Jedediah Allen's inventory** — £1,454.7.5, taken February 8, 1711-12 by Thomas White & George Corleis; not recorded beside the will in Liber 1 — only the Calendar of Wills abstract's total and appraisers are in hand.

Settled negatives — nothing exists to pull

1. **The Somerset deed of October 8, 1791** (Henry Allen → the plantation Moses Conkling later sold from) — never recorded; no instrument exists to pull. It survives only in the recital inside the 1802 Conkling deed (chapter 5).
2. **Zelotus's formal obituary** — none exists; the *Wellsboro Agitator* burial note of April 16, 1902 is all there is, and it is in hand (chapter 9).
3. **A BLM bounty-land record for George Washington Short** — searched; no patent found.

This list is the state of the hunt as of November 22, 2026. Every item pulled gets read, transcribed, and filed, and this book's next edition will carry it in the story where it belongs.

Colophon

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