

"POST"-Ellicottville, N.Y. 3-22-1916 "DANIEL B. ALLEN of this village was admitted to the bar in Olean in the recent term of Supreme Court in Buffalo." (from item in paper 5-25-1862.)

"DANIEL B. ALLEN enlisted in Civil war Aug., 1862 when he raised a company in the 154th and was mustered in at Jamestown Sept., 1862 as Capt., Co. B."

"POST" 6-7-16-"DANIEL B. ALLEN of the 154th Reg. has been promoted to Major, Dec. 1862." (from item in paper 12-1862)

"POST"-10-17-1934: "Co. Daniel B. Allen answers taps. Co. Daniel B. Allen, 95 years old and said to be the last surviving commander at the Battle of Gettysburg died at Buffalo, October 9th. At the head of the gallant 165th N.Y. Vol. Inf., he was thrown into the village of Gettysburg early in the fight and with his men in an open cow pasture he held the enemy until the purpose of the movement was effected. The monument for the 154th N.Y. stands as a mute witness to the bravery of this Cattaraugus County man and to the men who followed him into battle. Again at a later time, it was a portion of the 154th N.Y. which supported the battery opposite the cemetery gates at Gettysburg and when that charge was made by the Louisiana Tigers met them hand to hand and threw back the invaders of Northern soil. He was brevetted Col. for the bravery on that field.

Uncle Dan Allen was a character sturdy in rugged integrity. For 15 years he represented his Town of Otto on the Cattaraugus Board of Supervisors. He was just as brave in civil life as he was in battle, never compromising, always thinking of the taxpayer and the justice of matters under consideration, but often led a minority, for he did as he thought right.

His experiences in the War of the States were not limited to Gettysburg and he commanded at Chancellorsville, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek and on the famous march to the sea. In the siege of Atlanta he was taken sick and sent to a hospital and was forced to resign his commission because of illness.

Col. Allen had just been admitted to the bar after receiving an education at Wesleyan Seminary and Genesee College, now a part of Syracuse University, when he was called to arms.

After the war, he was in law offices in New York, Jamestown, Salamanca and Otto, but soon retired to the farm where he remained until he went to Buffalo in 1926 to reside with friends. The funeral and interment took place on Thursday. (Burial in East Hill Cemetery, Otto, N.Y.) "

the above sent Mary McKayby Miss Lena Reynolds, historian, Ellicottville N.Y. *as a matter of fact, in 1922 or 1923, my father went to Otto and he was accompanied by family members, among them, me and Uncle Dan came to Smethport to live-he stayed with our family for some time-I can well remember his being at the table, and reminding me to sit up straight and telling me he would give me a dollar if I could sit straight a week without reminding. At a little later date, Uncle Dan rented a small house on King Street which was located across the street from Roboys and next door to the Methodist parsonage. While he lived there, I went every week, and baked for him-nut bread, cookies and other goodies-I didn't do any cleaning, someone was hired for that, but I did straighten the rooms when I made my weekly visits. He was a very dignified appearing man-with white hair and beard -always immaculate in his dress, and he wore big beautiful onyx cufflinks, I can remember. After I went into training, he moved from Smethport to Buffalo, as the article states. He gave mother the twin bracelets of gold, rubies and pearls which had been his gift to his wife soon after their marriage. Mother gave one of these to Emily and one to me before her death, and when I was visiting Emily in 1982 she gave me the bracelet she had, feeling they should be together-she also said she had had the bracelet appraised and the jeweler told her that there was no intrinsic value as the rubies, etc. were not real, but there was some antique value he presumed. I haven't pursued this any further.

Another thing I remember about Uncle Dan-he could and did recite the Gettysburg address, and was a very well read person-he had a large library and used it. His home in Otto, when we went to get him, was large and he was only using a few downstairs rooms at the time. I can remember that there were dishes and cooking utensils in the kitchen which were not washed and it looked as though his diet was largely pancakes-why I think of this, I don't know-I must have been about 13 at the time we went there.

I was never interested in the fact that he married my grandfather's sister until recently when I became curious about her-Louise was referred to as adopted-in the records-I think she must have been brought up by Stephen and Julia Vinton McJoy as a sister to Fred, my grandfather, Eugene and Helen.

CONSTANT B. ALLEN, born Locke, N.Y., Sept. 5, 1905. Immigrated from Wales as early settlers of New England. Both his grandfathers were active participants in the Green Mountain Boys. At the time of Surgoyne's invasion, Capt. Constant Barney, his maternal grandfather, being one of four Rangers who multiplied themselves into as many platoons and stationing themselves on either side of the road during the night, intercepted a band of 17 Tories on their way to join Surgoyne, compelling them to surrender.

The father, Hon. DAN ALLEN, was born June 30, 1769 and in young manhood, left his native state of Vermont, settling in Cayuga County, N.Y. when in 1813 he moved to the then wilderness in the northern part of the town of Persia. He was the father of thirteen children, CONSTANT B. being the oldest, and at the time of his arrival in this county, seven years of age. At the age of nineteen, he had obtained an education enabling him to teach school, which occupation he followed 2 years. It was his purpose to follow the legal profession, and after reading the law with Albert G. Burke, Esq. of Gowanda some months, he was, on account of failing eyesight, compelled to relinquish that design. In 1833 he purchased the Otto Woolen Mills and carried on the manufacture of woolen goods until 1867, part of the time in the company of D.B. Gibson. In 1867, the mill burned and Mr. Allen retired from active business life except to look after his estate, consisting of several dairy farms.

In Feb., 1836, he married Miss B.C. Brown, who died in Jan., 1844. Their children were Col. Daniel B. Allen of the 15th NY; Esther (Mrs. S.V. Pool). In Nov., 1852, Mr. Allen married S. ANN FRENCH. Mr. Allen was a man of decided convictions and an ardent supporter of antislavery and temperance causes. He died Oct. 11th, 1883."

from Adams "History of Cattaraugus Co." pg. 931.

AJAZ ALLEN-1762-1804 born Warwick, Va., married Sibyl Gibbard at Lancaster, N.Y. 10-13-1808. 1st white settlers of Midi, Tn of Persia.-12 children- Caroline, first white child born in Tn. Persia

JOSEPH ALLEN, brother of Hon. DAN ALLEN, of Gowanda, settled in the Tn. of Otto, 1819, coming from S. Otto, where he had settled in 1809/1810.

(From same source as above; pg. 924)

MRS. LOUISE ALLEN

Died, at her home in Otto, N.Y. Mrs. Louise Allen, on Thursday morning, Dec. 24th (1909). Mrs. Allen was born in Westport, N.Y. June 19, 1842. She was Miss Louise Wright McCoy before her marriage to Hon. Dan B. Allen on Sept. 9th, 1868, in Ellicottville, N.Y., which place had been her home for many years and came to Otto to live about thirty years ago. She had been since childhood one of the most enthusiastic and faithful members of the Episcopal church and a helper in other churches when she could not attend her own. God gave her the gift of music and a beautiful voice. She was a successful music teacher and since childhood had always played in church, and until her last sickness was one of those who was found helping everywhere. That with her very sunny, happy disposition greatly endeared her to all, who will sadly miss her. The funeral service was at the house on Saturday, conducted by the Episcopal minister, the Rev. Mr. Greecer of Gowanda, and burial in the East Hill Otto cemetery.

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both of the above items sent to Mary McKay by Miss Lena Reynolds, historian, Ellicottville, N.Y.-who lives in Stephen Beach McCoy's old home-

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Mr Dunkelwan This is a copy of notes I wrote some years ago - some of it from Lena Reynolds, as noted & some of my own recollections. I never was able to get certificate of birth of Louise McCoy, not record of a death. Stephen & Julia had a reputation of befriending many young people & taking them in.
[from Mrs. Mary M. McKay, Silver Spring, Md.]