

John Allen, Sr., and Nancy Daniel

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John Allen, Sr., son of William Allen, Jr., and Ann Stewart, was born about 1784 in North Carolina and died July 26, 1877, at the age of 93, in Wyoming County, West Virginia. He married Nancy Daniel, daughter of Nehemiah Daniel and Anna Lyon, on December 26, 1805, in Patrick County, Virginia. Nancy was born about 1786 and died December 25, 1877 in Wyoming County.

John and Nancy moved to Wyoming County about 1831 and built a cabin in the wilderness on Laurel Creek. John Allen, Sr., and his son John Allen, Jr., were not in Wyoming County in the 1850 census, but their wives, Nancy and Elizabeth, were. They were in Henrico County at the State Penitentiary listed as prisoners since 1849. They are listed on the list of prisoners and also listed in the Henrico County, Virginia, 1850 census. Their occupation is listed as shoemakers, and their crime was larceny.

In my database, I have a lot of children listed for John Allen, Sr., and Nancy. Some may be grandchildren or their middle names. Tracing the children is difficult because John did not name his children in his will. Following them in the census, they sometimes have grandchildren or even nephews and nieces living with them. In the Simm's Land Grant Index, the heirs at law are listed in Wyoming County Land Grants, Original Surveyors Book #2 on December 26th, 1857, as Nehemiah Allen, Ann Collins, Carr, Allen, Jane Gunnue, Hannah Blankenship, Harriett Burgess, Juliet Roach, Brittain, Allen, Emeree Blankenship, Kesiah Tiller, and John Allen. One of the witnesses to this was Reuben Blankenship, The children whose descendants ended up in Raleigh County are John, Jr., Jane, Carr, Hannah, and Emeree.

- Emeree Allen was born about 1828 in Logan County. She married Reuben Blankenship, son of Eli Blankenship, Sr., and Mary Smith. They had seven children.

- Hannah Allen was born about 1814 and died in 1887. She married Jesse Blankenship, son of Eli Blankenship, Sr., and Mary Smith. They had fifteen children.

John Allen, Jr., and Elizabeth Lafferty

John Allen, Jr., was born about 1818 and died in 1861 during the Civil War at Walnut Gap, Virginia. According to an interview with H. G. McGraw, on December 10, 1916, found in the Smith-Riffe Collection, "John was captured by Yankees during the Civil War, and when he got to Walnut Gap, they told him to run, and when he did, Ralph (Rafe) Laverty shot him dead...." John married Elizabeth Jane Lafferty, daughter of William Stuart Lafferty and Nancy Jamison, on January 17, 1836, in Lawrence County, Ohio. They had eleven children. They were Andrew, Francis, Perry, Larken, Caroline, Henry, Mosey, Nancy, Mary Ann, Rocselenia, and Tany.

- Frances Allen was born about 1838 and married John William Blankenship, son of Jesse Blankenship and Hannah Allen, on February 11, 1858, in Wyoming County.

- Perry Allen was born in 1840 in Wyoming County and died about 1926. He married Emmanzetta Williams.

- Nancy Allen was born about 1852 and married Elisha McComas on September 16, 1876, in Wyoming County. Elisha was the son of Burl McComas and Matilde Jones.

Henry Allen and Julie Blankenship

Henry Allen, son of John Allen, Jr., was born about 1843 in Logan County and married Julie Blankenship, daughter of Jesse Blankenship and Hannah Allen, on November 28, 1868, in Wyoming County. Their children were Sarah, Eva Ann, Indy, Siota, Brooke, Minta, Mahala, Mary, Earthen, Latha, John, Dock Larkin, Kenner, Alice, and Arthur.

- Sarah Allen married John Allen, son of John William Blankenship and Frances Allen, on September 14, 1888, in Wyoming County. They had two children.

-Brooke B. Allen was born about 1873 and married Eli Floyd Blankenship on June 27, 1902, in Wyoming County.

-Mary Eva Allen was born November 25, 1881 in Wyoming County and died May 29, 1945, in Wyoming County. She married Robert Lee Acord, Sr., son of Ben Henderson Acord and Nancy Allen, on July 31, 1899, in Wyoming County. Robert was born August 23, 1879, in Wyoming County, and died Febuary 3, 1951. They had seven children.

-Dock Larkin Allen was born in 1892 and died September 21, 1962. He had six children.

-Kenner Creed Allen was born in 1897 and died in 1969. He married Lessie Brunty.



Caroline Allen

Caroline Allen, daughter of John Jr., married Stephen Hood. Their children were Sarah, Henniah, Mary Jane, Nancy, Sarah, Jefferson, Hetty, Almeda, Etta, William, and John.

- Sarah Arminta Hood was born July 15, 1866, and died March 6, 1947, in Raleigh County. She married Jacob Floyd Scarboro, son of Elam Wetzel Scarboro and Martha

Massey, on August 23, 1899, in Raleigh County. Jacob was born January 21, 1869, at Rock Creek, Raleigh County, and died December 31, 1936. He and Sarah are both buried in the Massey Cemetery at Rock Creek. She also married Richard Kincaid.

- Mary Jane Hood was born July 15, 1866, and she married William Jackson Lafferty on July 27, 1882, in Raleigh County.

- Almeda Hood was born October 6, 1878, in Raleigh County. She married Sidney Massey, son of Henry Massey and Nancy Ann Combs, on April 7, 1898, in Raleigh County. Sidney was born May 21, 1879, in Raleigh County.

- Etta Frances was born December 2, 1876, and married Columbus Combs on July 18, 1902.

Caroline also married Benjamin Franklin Pettry, son of Nancy Pettry. Their child was Mary Frances Pettry.

- Mary Frances Pettry was born about 1875 and died August 10, 1940. Her first marriage was to Samuel Underwood, Jr., son of Samuel and Anna Underwood, on November 27, 1893, in Raleigh County. They had four children. Her second marriage was to Columbus Washington Combs, son of William and Elizabeth Combs, on July 18, 1902, in Raleigh County. They had four children.

Andrew Allen and Emily Lafferty

Andrew Jackson Allen, son of John, was married about 1839 in Logan County, Virginia, and died April 9, 1865, at Rock Creek, Raleigh County, Virginia. Andrew was a private in Company H, 7th West Virginia Calvary. He enrolled May 6, 1864, in Raleigh County. He was taken prisoner by Confederate troops and killed. He was later taken back to Rock Creek and buried in the Laverty Cemetery in Rock Creek. He married Emily Lafferty, daughter of Sarah Jane Lafferty on June 20, 1860, in Raleigh County. Emily was born about 1839 and died January 17, 1919, in Raleigh County and is also buried at Rock Creek. Their children were Johnny Floyd and Mary Frances Allen.

Mary Frances Allen and James Cantley

Mary Frances Allen, daughter of Andrew, was born May 11, 1862, at Rock Creek, and died October 7, 1943. She married James Henry Cantley, son of George Washington Cantley and Drucilla Clay, on June 5, 1883, at Dameron, Raleigh County. James was born November 27, 1860, at Bee Branch, Raleigh County, Virginia, and died March 5, 1944, at Rock Creek. James and Mary are buried in the Clay Cemetery, Price Creek, West Virginia. Their children were Florence, Candice, Hattie, Linville, Mary Pearl, Lottie, Lacy, Ezra, Dewey, Charles, and Henry.

- Florence Belle Cantley was born August 12, 1884, at Price Creek, and died May 3, 1977 at Naoma, Raleigh County, West Virginia. She married Thomas Bryon Scarboro on September 5, 1903, at Price Creek. They had ten children.

- Candice Cantley was born September 24, 1886, at Price Creek, and married Charles H. Stover, son of Linville Stover, Sr., and Margaret J. Kincaid, on April 28, 1906, in Raleigh County.

- Hattie Cantley was born November 10, 1888, at Price Creek and died February 15, 1986. She married Everett Canterbury, son of John Griffin Canterbury and Eleanor Scarboro, on June 30, 1906, in Raleigh County. They had two children.

- Linville Christopher Cantley was born December 25, 1897, at Price Creek, and died December 3, 1963, at Rock Creek. He married Nettie Mae Williams, daughter of John Morris Williams and Othea Otis Kuhn. They had five children.

- Mary Pearl Cantley was born April 2, 1892, at Price Creek and died July 21, 1947, in Charleston. She married David E. Wills, son of James Wills and Hila Ann Price, on June 9, 1908, in Raleigh County. David was born December 7, 1886, at Rock Creek and died May 2, 1952. David and Mary are both buried in the Family Cemetery at Rock Creek. They had ten children.

- Lottie Cantley was born July 17, 1894, at Price Creek and died February 28, 1971. She married Lacy Wiley, and they had four children.

- Lacy Cantley was born August 5, 1896, at Price Creek and died September 3, 1973, in Raleigh County. He married Velva Bone, daughter of David Sherman Bone and Amanda Clay ,on March 22, 1916, at Dry Creek, Raleigh County. They had six children.

- Ezra Cantley was born February 28, 1900, at Dry Creek, Raleigh County, and died December 29, 1962, at Rock Creek. He married Zada Miller, daughter of John B. Miller and Virginia Frances Clay. They had five children.

- Dewey Lee Cantley was born August 19, 1902, at Price Creek, and died June 12, 1966, at Rock Creek. He married Gracie Pearl Miller, daughter of John B. Miller and Virginia Frances Clay, on January 8, 1923, at Dry Creek. Gracie Miller was born August 16, 1901, at Rock Creek and died April 19, 1985, at Rock Creek. They had four children.

- Charles E. Cantley was born September 24, 1907, at Price Creek and died December 5, 1912, from scarlet fever.

- Henry Miller Cantley was born September 27, 1905, and died May 8, 1906.

Johnny Floyd Allen and Lucinda Cantley

Johnny Floyd Allen, son of Andrew, was born July 11, 1861, in Wyoming County and died July 17, 1948, in Raleigh County. He married Lucinda Caroline Cantley, daughter of George Washington Cantley and Drucilla Clay, on October 5, 1883, in Raleigh County. Lucinda was born June 2, 1866, and died April 14, 1943, in Raleigh County. Their children were Eva, Govenor, Nathan, Elbert, Mary Jane, George, James, and Charles.

- Eva Elizabeth Allen was born May 18, 1884, and died April 4, 1961, in Raleigh County. Her first marriage was to John Snuffer, and they had nine children. Eva was married second to William Crockett Hodges on October 13, 1910, in Raleigh County.

- Governor Allen was born November 13, 1887, and died December 23, 1952, in Raleigh County. He married Rosalie Walker on August 27, 1908, in Raleigh County. They had seven children.

- Ebert Allen was born March 27, 1891, and died October 27, 1963, in Raleigh County. He was married to Carrie Louise Bradford, daughter of William Toliver Bradford and Rebecca Jane Clay. They had ten children.

- Mary Jane Allen was born September 27, 1894, in Raleigh County, and died February 1, 1894, in Raleigh County. She was married to William Kelly Griffith, son of Elias Repass Griffith and Louise Ellen Allen. They had seven children.

- George Homer Allen was born January 3, 1897, and died April 20, 1968, in Raleigh County. He was married to Candice Cantley, daughter of James Cantley and Mary Frances Allen.

- James Ambrose Allen was born April 1, 1907, and died December 23, 1960, in Raleigh County. He was married to Leola Margaret Cook, daughter of Raleigh Cook and Rue Shields. They had four children.

-,Charles Roscoe Allen was born November 27, 1915, and married Ivory Elsie Dillon on December 2, 1940, in Raleigh County. They had three children.

Larken F. Allen and Elizabeth Massey

Larken F. Allen, son of John, Jr., was born about 1841 in Logan County and died about 1924 in Raleigh County. He married Elizabeth Hezeltine Massey, daughter of William Massey, Sr., and Martha Lafferty, on June 16, 1861, in Wyoming County. Elizabeth was born about 1843 in Fayette County and died in 1923 in Raleigh County. Their children were Sarah, Martha, Ruhama, Mary, Louise, Henry, Ida, William, Susan, Pelina, John, and Lewama.

- Sarah Frances Allen was born about 1863 in Wyoming County, and she married William Brooks Bailey, son of Thomas C. Bailey and Dorcas Brooks, on December 23, 1881, in Wyoming County. They had seven children.

- Martha Ella Allen was born about 1866 and married William Talley Acord, son of Ben Henderson Acord and Nancy Allen, on March 22, 1896, in Wyoming County. William was born about 1866 in Raleigh County. They had two children.

- Mary Ellen Allen was born about 1873 in Wyoming County and married Valentine W. Acord, son of Ben Henderson Acord and Nancy Allen. They had six children.

- Louise Ellen Allen was born March 23, 1877, and died January 9, 1950, in Raleigh County. She married Elias Repass Griffith, son of John Filmore Griffith and Melinda Bailey, on March 1, 1894, in Wyoming County. They had nine children.

- Henry Van Allen was born November 26, 1881, and died September 29, 1958, in Raleigh County. He married Eliza Snuffer, daughter of Russell Snuffer and Paulina Trump, on March 2, 1902, in Bolt, Raleigh County. Eliza was born August 14, 1881, and died August 11, 1972, in Raleigh County. They had nine children.

- Ida Jane Allen married William Erastus Brooks, son of Isaac Quinn Brooks and Rebecca Cook, on November 13, 1895. William was born about 1866 in Wyoming County and died about 1940 in Raleigh County. They had five children.

- William Lewis Allen was born March 31, 1871, in Bolt, and died July 19, 1924, in Bolt, Raleigh County. He married Sarah Jane Gunnoe, daughter of James Anderson Gunnoe and Hannah Acord on September 21, 1889, in Raleigh County. Sarah was born April 18, 1870, and died November 3, 1946, at Bolt. She and William are buried at the Bolt Cemetery in Raleigh County. They had fifteen children.

Mary Ann Allen and Floyd Allen

Mary Ann Allen was born about 1844 and died March 28, 1928, at Naomi, Raleigh County. She married Floyd Massey, son of William Massey and Martha Lafferty. Their children were Malinda, Catherine, Ruhama, John W, Mary Frances, Henry, James, Nancy, Letha, and Dolly.

- Malinda Massey married Ulysses Allen, son of Perry Allen and Emmanzetta Williams, on April 17, 1901, in Wyoming County.

- Catherine Massey married Edward Manning on August 22, 1895, in Wyoming County.

- Ruhama Massey was born February 20, 1866, and married James Harrison Stewart, son of William R Stewart and Eleanor Canterbury, on November 18, 1866, in Wyoming County.

- Mary Frances Massey was born September 25, 1870, and died January 13, 1942. She married Henry Aliff.

- Letha Massey was born about 1880 and married William Elswick, son of J. M. Elswick and Delilah, on April 17, 1901, in Wyoming County.

- Dolly Massey was born about 1888 and married William Harvey Blankenship, son of Harvey on May 7, 1904, in Wyoming County.

John Allen, Jr., also married Frankie Peach.

Jane Allen and John Gunnoe

Jane Allen, daughter of John and Nancy Daniel, was born about 1813. She is named as John's legal heir in the Simm's Land Grant. She was married to John Gunnoe, son of Daniel Gunnoe and Sarah Stewart. Their children were Juliana, James, Nancy, John, Daniel, Sallie, and William Riley Gunnoe.

Juliana Gunnoe

Juliana Gunnoe, daughter of John and Jane Gunnoe, was born about 1843 in Boone County, Virginia, and married William Floyd Miller, son of John and Delilah Miller, on February 16, 1865, in Kanawha County. Their children were Delilah, Mary, Jasper, Ida, Nancy, and Sarah.

- Delilah Miller was born March 1872. She married James Franklin Dickens, son of James Dickens and Susannah Webb, on August 17, 1888, in Boone County. James was born in September 1863 and died in October 1942. They had six children.

- Jasper Miller was born about 1872 and married Pauline Brown and Ida Jarrell.

- Sarah Miller married Harvey Bailey, son of John B. Bailey and Pauline Ashbury.

Ida Miller and Leander Dickens

Ida Miller, daughter of William Floyd Miller was born about 1875. She married Leander Dickens, son of John Dickens Sr. and Nellie Hendricks, on May 22, 1891, in Raleigh County. Leander Dickens was born December 8, 1858, in Fayette County and

died August 22, 1924. Their children were Clinton, Cecil, Lettie, Sadie, David, Sarah, Bessie, Luverna, Christopher, William, Cecil, and Verneda.

- Clinton Dickens was born August 10, 1894, and died January 29, 1974, in Raleigh County. He married Ruby Pearl Webb on July 5, 1924, in Boone County. They had two children.

- Cecil Dickens was born November 7, 1915, and married Martha Marie Cantley, daughter of Guy Cantley and Stella Richmond.

- Lettie Dickens was born September 20, 1892, and married Millard Bailey.

- Sadie Dickens was born December 9, 1895, and married Grady Bailey.

- David Briston Dickens was born May 13, 1899, and died June 1973. He married Sarah Victoria Pettry, daughter of Ballard Preston Pettry and Almira Dickens.

-Bessie Dickens was born about 1906 and married John Aliff

-Luverna Dickens was born July 30, 1908, and married James Edgar Farley.

-William Ellis Dickens was married April 21, 1911, and married Beulah Mae Toney.

-Cecil Benton Dickens was born November 7, 1915, and married Martha Marie Cantley.

Carr Allen and Jane Lafferty

Carr "Cary" Allen, son of John and Nancy, was born about 1814 and died in 1849. He married Jane Lafferty, daughter of Ralph Lafferty and Sarah Farmbrough. They lived on Laurel Creek in Logan County. Their children were Nancy, Harriet, Juliana, Ingaboo, John, Sarah, Elizabeth, Carr, Jr., and Paulina.

- Harriett Allen was born about 1842. She married James A Lafferty, daughter of John Allen Jr., and Drucilla Lafferty on August 19, 1869, in Wyoming County.

- Sarah L Allen was born about 1845 and died January 24, 1923, in Kanawha County. She married Augustus A. Hendricks, son of Francis Hendricks and Margaret Stewart, on January 7, 1871, in Raleigh County. She was also married to Milton Burgess.

- Carr Allen, Jr., was born December 25, 1846, in Wyoming County, and died January 19, 1929. He married Cordelia Hendricks, daughter of Francis Hendricks and Margaret Stewart, June 7, 1866, in Wyoming County. They had seven children. He was also married to Nancy Jane Lafferty, daughter of Alexander Lafferty and Edith Wills.

Nancy Allen and Ben Henderson Acord

Nancy Allen, daughter of Carr Allen, was born about 1838 and died June 22, 1913, in Raleigh County. She married Ben Henderson Acord, son of John Acord and Nancy Harper, on May 14, 1857, in Raleigh County. Their children were Valentine, Azabb, Robert Lee, Lochonis, Hiram, Launa, William Talley, Lakona, Susan, and Hiram.

- Azabb "Zur" Acord was born about 1858 and married Arminta Brown. They had three children, Edwin, Lewis, and Henderson.

- Robert Lee Acord, Sr., was born August 23, 1879, in Wyoming County and died February 3, 1951. He married Mary Eva Allen, daughter of Henry Allen and Julie Blankenship, on July 31, 1899, in Wyoming County. Mary was born November 25, 1881, in Wyoming County and died May 29, 1945. She and Robert are buried in the Cook Cemetery in Wyoming County. They had seven children.

- Lochonis Acord married Joseph McMillian, son of Henry McMillian and Mary Phillips. They had seven children.

- Susan Acord was born about 1885 and married John Fortner.

- Hiram K. Acord was born about 1871 and married Josephine Miller. They had four children.

Valentine W. "Felt" Acord and Mary Ellen Allen

Valentine Acord, son of Ben Henderson Acord, was born December 31, 1868, in Raleigh County. He married Mary Ellen Allen, daughter of Larken Allen and Elizabeth Massey, on April 26, 1888, in Raleigh County. Their children were James, Dimie, Ollie, Vida, Lonnie, and Joseph.

- James Leonard Acord was born June 26, 1889 and died May 21, 1957. He married Nellie Cook, daughter of Isaac Cook and Martha Ann Perry. They had seven children.

Juliana Allen and John Webb

Julianna Allen, daughter of Carr Allen, was born about 1937. Her first marriage was to John Webb, son of Giles Webb and Rachel Horton, on January 27, 1852, in Raleigh County. John was born August 9, 1813, in Grayson County, Virginia, and died September 7, 1888, in Raleigh County. Their children were Giles, Jacob, William, Francis Marion, Louise, Pauline, and Robert.

- Jacob Webb was born March 3, 1858, in Raleigh County and married Amanda Estep on April 21, 1877, in Raleigh County.

- Francis Marion Webb was born about 1864. He married Amelia Cook, daughter of William Pemberton Cook and Luvernie Wills. They had eight children.

- Louise E. Webb was born April 28, 1865. She married Robert Henry Thompson, son of John H. and Rebecca Thompson on August 30, 1883. They had six children.

- Pauline E. Webb was born about 1868 and married William Franklin Webb, son of Leonard Webb and Elizabeth Cook. They had four children.

-Robert Webb was born about 1876. He married Ruth Catherine Cook, daughter of William Pemberton Cook and Luvernie Wills. They had seven children.

Ingaboo Allen

Ingaboo Allen, daughter of Carr Allen, was born about 1836 and died in 1865 from smallpox. Her first marriage was to George Harrison Dickens, son of Ephriam Dickens and Hester Ann James, on September 25, 1859 in Raleigh County. George was born April 3, 1840, in Fayette County. He died March 21, 1897. Their children were Jonathan and Louisa. Ingaboo and Joseph Wills had a son named Napoleon Bonaparte Allen.