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PREFACE.

THIS book does not contain a complete genealogy of the descendants of George Allen; but only of those families to whose registers access could be obtained. With all the imperfections, it is thought best to embalm these fragments in print before the records are irretrievably lost.

The system of arrangement is that used in the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register." The abbreviations used will readily be understood.

A genealogy of this branch of the Allen family was compiled by William Allen, late of Norridgewock. This work has been the basis of this genealogy.

The author gratefully acknowledges his indebtedness to many friends who have aided in the prosecution of this work; especially to his kinsmen, Stephen Allen, D. D., who furnished the Coat of Arms, which adds much to the value of the work; and C. F. Allen, D. D., who assisted in its arrangement and publication.

J. ALLEN.

Wayne, January, 1882.

THE ALLENS.

ALLEN is the name of an ancient family in the County of Durham, England, and of another family which lived in the County of Essex. The name in early times was written Alon, Alwyne, Alleine, Allyn, and many other ways, but in New England, as well as in England, the common spelling is Allen.

In 1774, Rev. Joseph Thaxter, of Edgartown, Mass., whose wife was Mary Allen, a descendant of George Allen, one of the early settlers in New England, obtained from England the description of the Coat of Arms worn by the Allens in the old country, which is as follows:

COAT OF ARMS.

Sable Shield.

A Cross Potent with a border engrailed: or.

Crest.

A Demi-Lion: argent: holding a rudder: gules,
Hooks and Nails: or.

ALLEN, SIR THOMAS, Baronet of Exeter.

Borne also by SIR THOMAS ALLEN, of Finchley, Middlesex.



GEORGE ALLEN.

1. GEORGE ALLEN, who was born in England about 1568, under the reign of Queen Elizabeth, is the ancestor of that branch of the Allen family that settled in Martha's Vineyard. Of some of his descendants we give this Genealogy.

In 1635, when the Puritans were emigrating in great numbers from the old country to escape from the persecution of Archbishop Land, under Charles I., George Allen and his family came to America and settled in Saugus, Lynn. Three years before this, Samuel Allen, with his two brothers, Matthew and Thomas Allyn, came from Braintree, Essex County, England, and settled first in Cambridge, Mass.; afterwards all three of the brothers removed to Connecticut. (See Genealogy of Samuel Allen and his descendants, by Willard S. Allen.)

In 1637, George Allen joined with Edmund Freeman and others in the purchase of the Township of Sandwich, and the same year settled in that place. When the town of Sandwich was incorporated, he was chosen Deputy, the first office in the town, and served in that capacity for several years. He was a conscientious Puritan and a member of the Baptist Church. He had ten sons, some of whom came over from England before he emigrated to this country, and settled first in the vicinity of Boston; but after the purchase of Sandwich, the most of them, with their families, removed to that town and settled in the vicinity of their father's residence. George Allen senior, died in Sandwich, May 2, 1648, aged about 80. In his will he named his five sons Matthew, Henry, Samuel, George, and William; and also made provision for his "five least children," without naming them.

2. SAMUEL² (*George's*), b. in England; came over with the first settlers of Boston in 1628. In 1635 it is recorded that he was a freeman in Braintree. His first wife, Ann, d. Sept., 1641. His second wife was Mrs. Margaret Lamb, widow of Edward Lamb. Samuel Allen had a grant of twenty-eight acres of land in Braintree for seven persons, in 1640. He died in Braintree, 1669.

Children :

- i. SAMUEL, b. 1632; m. Sarah Partridge, of Duxbury, 1658; removed to Bridgewater.
- ii. MARY, b. 1634; m. Nathaniel Greenwood, 1656.
- iii. JAMES, b. 1636; m. Elizabeth Perkins. These are the ancestors of the Vineyard Allens, who are now scattered from Maine to California.
- iv. SARAH, b. 1639; m. Lieut. Josiah Standish, of East Bridgewater, son of Miles Standish, the Puritan Captain.
- v. ANIGALL, b. —; m. John Cary, of Bridgewater, who removed to Tamboon, and was Register of Deeds.
- vi. JOSEPH, b. 1650, in Braintree; m., first wife, Ruth Leeds, 1670; second wife, Rebecca —, who d. March, 1702; third wife, Mrs. Lydia Holbrook, who d. 1745. Deacon Joseph Allen was a prominent man in his day. He d. March, 1727.

3. JAMES² (*Samuel*², *George*¹), b. in 1636, at Braintree; m. Elizabeth Perkins. In 1668 James Allen, with his brother-in-law, Lieut. Josiah Standish, and William Peabody, had letters patent from the Lords Proprietors, through their agent, Thomas Mayhew, Governor of Martha's Vineyard, authorizing them to purchase land on the island of the Indian Sachems, the lawful owners. By the records it appears that James Allen purchased a large tract called Chicame, in the manor of Tisbury, now Chilmark and Tisbury. He settled upon it in 1660, near the old meeting house, and gave the town of Tisbury an acre of land for a burial place, in close proximity to the meeting house. He died 1714, aged 78. His wife Elizabeth survived her husband, and lived a widow 8 years. She had a good estate in her own right, which she bequeathed to her eleven children, all living in 1716, the date of her will. She died in 1722, and was buried in the old burying place. The compiler of this Genealogy has seen the grave-stones that mark her grave.

Children :

- i. SARAH, b. 1666.
 - ii. ABIGAIL, b. 1668.
 - iii. RUTH, b. 1669; m. ——— Bangs.
 - iv. EBENEZER, b. 1671; m. Rebecca Russell; d. 1724.
 - v. JAMES, b. 1674; m. Mary Bourne; d. 1724.
 - vi. ICHABOD, b. 1676; m. Elizabeth Allen; 2d, Eliza Clifford; d. 1755.
 - vii. SAMUEL, b. 1678; m. Mary Tilton; d. 1757.
 - viii. JOHN, b. 1680; m. Margaret, dau. of Rev. William Homes. (See Appendix A.)
 - ix. JOSEPH, twin, b. 1680; m. Patience Bourne; d. 1728.
 - x. BENJAMIN, b. 1689; m. Elizabeth Crocker; d. 1754.
 - xi. MOSES, b. 1694; d. 1722.
4. EBENEZER¹ (*James*², *Samuel*², *George*¹), b. 1671; m. Rebecca Russell, and d. 1724.

Children :

- i. EBENEZER, b. 1705; d. 1735, aged 30.
- ii. JONATHAN, b. 1712; m. Abigail Mayhew. 1733; d. 1733.
11. JAMES, b. 1716; m. Abigail Pease; d. 1786.
- iv. JOSEPH, b.
- v. BENJAMIN, b.
- vi. MARTHA, b. ; m. Barnabas Taylor.
- vii. ABIGAIL, b. ; m. John Hastings.
- viii. HANNAH, b. ; m. Elnathan Wing.
- ix. REBECCA, b. ; m. Wilnot Wass, and removed to the eastern part of Maine.

5. JAMES¹ (*James*², *Samuel*², *George*¹); m. Mary Bourne.

Children :

12. i. SYLVANUS, b. 1701; m. Jane, dau. of Rev. Wm. Homes, 1725; d. 1787.
- ii. BATHSHEBA, b. 1702; m. John Mills, 1726.
- iii. JOSHUA, b. 1705; m. Agnes Homes, 1725; d. 1730.
- iv. EUNICE, b. 1709.
- v. MOSES, b. 1711; lived and died (1791) at Newport, R. I.
- vi. TIMOTHY, b. 1713.
- vii. SARAH, b. 1715.
- viii. EZRA, b. 1718; d. 1779.

6. ICHABOD¹ (*James*², *Samuel*², *George*¹); m. Elizabeth Allen, and for a second wife, Eliza Clifford.

Children :

13. i. BENJAMIN, b. 1706; m. Abiah Mayhew, and moved to Harwich.