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The compiling of this work was the result of an interest awakened by the publication of the book on Walter Allen and some of his descendants, by Mr. Allen H. Bent, in 1896. The first portion is a quotation from Mr. Bent's work, giving the direct line of family from (1) Walter Allen (1635-40); (2) John Allen; (3) Benjamin Allen (1662); (4) Benjamin Allen (1709).

According to Mr. Bent, Phinehas Allen, the fifth child and second son of Benjamin Allen (1709), was without descent. The remainder of the book embodies the research of the author upon this point.

It appears that Phinehas Allen was married three times and had children by his second and third wives. Having traced carefully the records of the marriages of Phinehas Allen (1745), the births, marriages, and deaths of nearly all his children are given, but no effort has been made to trace in full their descendants except in the case of his first child, Benjamin, born Nov. 4, 1777. To date of publication this record seems to be complete.



## WALTER ALLEN'S DESCENDANTS.

1. WALTER<sup>1</sup> ALLEN was in Newbury, Mass., in 1640, and possibly before (the town was incorporated in 1635), but moved to Watertown about 1652. In 1665 he sold his estate in the latter town and bought sixty acres near the Concord boundary in what was then called Watertown Farms, afterward the town of Weston. In 1669 he purchased 200 acres more in Watertown Farms. About 1673 he moved to Charlestown, where he died July 8, 1681, *a.* 80. He took oath in 1677 that he was 76, so he must have been born about 1601. At his death he not only owned land in Watertown and Charlestown, but in Sudbury and Haverhill. The latter farm came into his possession in 1673 in payment of a debt due from Thomas Davis.

Walter Allen's occupation is variously given in the old records as "farmour," planter, haberdasher, shop-keeper, and once (1673) more specifically, as a "Haberdasher of Hatts." The inventory of his estate amounts to £3015, a goodly sum for those days. When he came to Watertown he had a wife Rebecca, who died ———, and he married in Charlestown, Nov. 29, 1678, Abigail Rogers.

Children of Walter and Rebecca, the first three born probably in England, the other two in Newbury :

- i. JOHN.
- ii. DANIEL.
- iii. JOSEPH.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 1, 1641.
- v. BENJAMIN, b. Apr. 15, 1647.

2. JOHN<sup>2</sup> ALLEN (*Walter*<sup>1</sup>) lived in Newbury, Mass., until 1662, when he moved to Sudbury, where he died Dec. 1, 1711, probably about 80 years old. He was a tailor, perhaps *the* tailor of the town, though for a few years in the latter part of his life he had a competitor in Enoch Cleveland, youngest son of Moses Cleveland, of Woburn, the first American ancestor of President Cleveland. John Allen also had a farm, where he lived, in the part of Sudbury now Wayland.

Sudbury was attacked by the Indians during King Philip's War in 1676, and John Allen was one of the sufferers, his loss on a petition to the General Court being estimated at £60. In 1688 he was one of those who took the public stock of ammunition into their hands, a sort of minute man. It is probable that his son Thomas was killed during the first French and Indian War (King William's War, 1689), as John



Allen's name appears on a petition of those "some of us for ourselves, others for our children and servants who were last winter impressed into dreadful service, where by reason of cold and hunger and in tedious marches many score of miles in snow and water, and laying on the snow by night, having no provision but what they could carry on their backs, beside hard arms and ammunition, it cost many of them their lives."

John left a will, dated Aug. 9, 1708, three years before his death, his son Benjamin being made executor. His first wife, Sarah, died Jan. 12, 1702, and his second wife, Mary, is probably the Mary Allen who died in Sudbury, Aug. 30, 1727.

Children of John and Sarah, i. to v. born in Newbury, vi. to viii. in Sudbury :

- i. DEBORAH, m. Joseph Dean.
- ii. JOHN, b. Aug. 28, 1656; died before his father.
- iii. SAMUEL, b. April 8, 1658.
- iv. JOSEPH, b. March 18, 1660.
- v. BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 30, 1662.
- vi. REBECCA, b. May 20, 1664.
- vii. THOMAS, b. April 29, 1666; d. March 23, 1689.
- viii. SARAH, b. March 7, 1668; d. m. m., Aug. 23, 1702.

3. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> ALLEN (*John<sup>2</sup>, Walter<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Newbury, Mass., Jan. 30, 1662, but was taken to Sudbury, Mass., the same year. He was a farmer and lived at Watertown Farms (incorporated in 1712 as Weston), where he died Aug. 12, 1721, a. 59. His tombstone is in the old burial ground at Weston Centre. He married Frances Rice (born Feb. 3, 1671), daughter of Thomas Rice, of Sudbury. The *Boston Gazette* says Benjamin's widow lived to be 96; if so, she died about 1767.

Children of Benjamin and Frances :

- i. THOMAS, b. 1690.
- ii. FRANCES, m. Dec. 24, 1724, John Gregory, of Weston.
- iii. GRACE, b. 1696; m. Benjamin Harrington, and d. Jan. 6, 1730, in her 35th year.
- iv. JONAS, b. Nov. 1, 1699.
- v. ZEPHARIAH, b. Jan. 12, 1702.
- vi. BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 13, 1709.

4. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> ALLEN (*Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Walter<sup>1</sup>*), was born in Watertown Farms (Weston), Mass., Dec. 13, 1709, and lived in the part of Weston incorporated in 1754 as Lincoln. No record of his death has been found. He married, July 1, 1731, Eunice Gale, of Watertown.

Children of Benjamin and Eunice, all born in Weston, Mass. :

- i. EUNICE, b. Jan. 28, 1733; m. 1759, Jonathan Tower, of Lincoln.
- ii. Lydia, b. March 29, 1735; m. 1754, John Wheeler, of Lincoln.

- iii. BECLAH, b. April 16, 1737; m. 1761, Joseph Billings, of Lincoln.
- iv. BENJAMIN, b. Nov. 11, 1739; m. Feb. 6, 1764, Mary Brown, who is probably the Mary that died in Lincoln, May 3, 1773. He d. at Lincoln, Feb. 26, 1770, leaving three daughters:  
*Pattee*, b. March 12, 1766; m. Feb. 10, 1784, Joseph Billings, Jr.  
*Martha*, b. about 1768.  
*Mary*, b. about 1770.
- v. ABIGAIL, b. June 6, 1742; m. 1764, Abraham Wesson, of Lincoln.
- vi. **Phineas**, b. April 6, 1745; m. March 6, 1769, Abigail Foster, who d. May 18, 1776. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and lived in Lincoln and Lexington.
- vii. RACHAEL, b. June 25, 1747; m. 1768, Edward Farwell, of Townsend.
- viii. ANNA, b. Sept. 20, 1749; m. 1771, James Stimson, Jr., of Lincoln.
- ix. LUCY, b. March 20, 1753; m. 1781, Nathaniel Jackson.

[The foregoing is from Ben's genealogy of the family.]

## PHINEHAS ALLEN'S DESCENDANTS.

5. PHINEHAS<sup>5</sup> ALLEN (*Benjamin, Jr.,<sup>4</sup> Benjamin,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Walter<sup>1</sup>*), born Lincoln, Mass., April 6, 1745; died Smyrna, Chenango County, N. Y., May 15, 1830; married, first, Abigail Foster, of Lincoln, March 6, 1769, who died at Lincoln, May 18, 1770; second, Sarah Danforth, of Lexington, Sept. 14, 1775 (see town record of Lexington, page 93), died —; third, Dolly Flagg, of Leominster, at Fitchburg, by the Rev. John Payson, Nov. 31, 1784 (Fitchburg town record). In 1775, when married to Sarah Danforth, at Lexington, his residence is given as Concord. He was a man of a very considerable property, as evidenced by the fact that in 1781 he was taxed on real estate £19, and on personal £2 19s. in the town of Lincoln, and he was by reason of service exempt from the war treasurer's tax. He was taxed in Lexington in 1783. In 1784 he moved to Fitchburg, where he resided until about 1826, and lived for about two years with his son Benjamin in Ashby, when he moved with his son Abijah to Smyrna, New York. He was a farmer.

The Revolutionary War service of Phinehas Allen is certified to by the Hon. William M. Olin, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as follows:

PHINEHAS ALLEN appears among a list of men detached from Col. Brooks' Regiment to relieve Guards at Cambridge. In Capt. Farrar's Co. from Lincoln. (Year not given, Vol. 55; p. 9, file H.)

### Children of Phinehas and Sarah (Danforth) Allen:

- i. BENJAMIN, b. Lincoln, Nov. 4, 1777; d. Ashby, Oct. 19, 1866; m., first, Feb. 4, 1798, Asenath Colman, of Ashby, b. Oct. 7, 1776, who d. Dec. 4, 1848; second, Aug. 16, 1849, Vashti Wilder, b. Aug. 26, 1788, who d. Nov. 27, 1859.
- ii. SALLEY ALLEN, b. Lincoln, Jan. 16, 1779; d. at Harvard, April 23, 1866; married, first, June 28, 1801, at Bedford, Benjamin Parker, b. Woburn, Aug. 26, 1780, who died at Fitchburg, Sept. 3, 1806; married, second, at Cambridge, June 7, 1821, Joseph Wetherbee, b. July 22, 1762, who died at Harvard, April 26, 1847. \*
- iii. DOLLY, b. Weston, Jan. 15, 1781; m. Aaron Kemp, March 18, 1806. She died at Worcester, Washington County, Vt., June 24, 1859. He died at Claremont, N. H., Oct. 2, 1864.

\* See Genealogy of Parker family.