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Allen, Joseph Stewart

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Biographical Sketch of Joseph Stewart Allen.

He was a son of Daniel and Nancy Stewart Allen. He was born in Whites Town, Oneida Co. New York June, 11th 1806. His parents moved to Chatauqua Co. in 1807 and lived there during the war with England 1812.

His father served his country in the war of 1812 as a soldier. After the war his parents moved to the state of Pennsylvania, Erie Co. where they resided ten years. They then went to Cayuga Co., Ohio where they dwelt until their death in 1856.

He joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Ohio and was intimately acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith and testifies he was a man of God. On the 1st May 1834 a company of men called Zion's Camp left Kirtland, Ill. and traveled one thousand miles to Jackson Co., Missouri for the redemption of Zion. Joseph Smith being Commander in Chief and Joseph Allen was one of the company. After reaching Missouri Joseph Smith received a revelation that the time had not arrived for the redemption of Zion and they were all honorably discharged by General Lyman Wight to return to their homes.

He returned to Ohio and became acquainted with Isaac Morley, where he went to learn the Cooper Trade and also became acquainted with his daughter Lucy Diantha Morley and married her in the year 1835. They traveled west to Jackson Co. Missouri where their oldest child was born Aug. 15th 1836. They then went back to Lyman or the Morley settlement in Illinois where Lucy Allen Cox was born 28th Sep. 1840. Six children were born to them during the mobbings and drivings of the Saints.

The first son died at Mt. Pisgah where they made him a cradle one day and a coffin the next as during that awful seige of cholera they did not suffer long.

In the spring of 1848 they started from Winter Quarters, Missouri on their westward journey in Heber C. Kimball's company with one wagon and one yoke of oxen to bring all their provisions, seeds, belongings and family. We had three children and of course walked most of the way as the teams were jaded and given out and the roads rough.

Many privations were endured on that one thousand five hundred miles across the plains such as scarcity of food, fuel, water and feed for the animals. All this was done cheerfully and hopefully as we believed we were leaving our enemies behind and expecting to meet the Saints who had gone on to the Valley before us. We arrived in Salt Lake in the fall of 1848.

We went to Sessions settlement, now Bountiful and raised one crop then President Brigham Young called some to go and settle Sanpitch Valley, Joseph Allen being one of the company. They arrived in what is now Manti Nov. 22nd 1849 with about 40 families, under the Leadership of Isaac Morley, Seth Taft and Charles Shumway. With no one to welcome us only the howling coyote, the jack rabbit and the red man, whose camp was along the creek.

We drove our wagons around the point of the hill where the Manti Temple now stands as it afforded us some protection from the cold blasts. We dug holes in the side of the hill for homes just as soon as possible, for bleak winter was here and we knew nothing of the severity of it as the country was new, but we came to take it as it was and to make a way where there was none. Snow now covered the ground but the hill was covered with scrub brush and cedar so we had fuel to keep us warm and to cook with.

Our next problem was to know how and what to do with our stock, scouting parties thought the best place would be out to the Warm Springs.

The Warm Springs was about one and one half miles from camp and the men had to shovel snow so the stock could get some dry grass, but most of the cattle died, some loosing all they had. Enough was left so that on a small scale their crops were put in the following spring.

Joseph Allen married Maria Hansen in 1853 while living in the little stone fort. Gave her mother and three children a home and care.

Then they moved to Big Cottonwood where they lived one summer and raised a crop but the grass hoppers were so bad they left and moved to Battle Creek, stayed one year and then on to Provo, also lived in Santiquin in 1857. Then lived in North Bend, then went to South Bend, stayed in Glenwood one season where the Indians stole most of ~~our~~ *their* cattle in the Walker War. He was called with others in 1863 to go and help make a settlement on the Muddy then thought to be in Utah, but later found to be in Nevada. From the Muddy they journeyed back to Moroni and while there the Black Hawk War was on. Many depredations had occurred. Indians were captured and placed in Jail at Manti, later broke jail, men were called out by the drum and sent in persuit, following them as far north as Nephi, where some were captured and the men were bringing them back, on reaching Moroni the people thought to make a bright spot in their lives. Made up a dance, the Indians were put in a Guard House and to release the men from guarding them Joseph Allen offered to guard them. The dance went on un til all at once word came that the Indians had broke jail again.

Their ~~Our~~ guns were stacked in one corner of the dance hall, so it did not take long until they were all ready for persuit. In the room where the Indians were was a fire palce. They had a large oak stick for a poker, but in place of stirring the fire one struck Joseph Allen over the head, knocking him down and the pistol falling out of his hand, he was stunned for a moment but soon gathered himself, shot and killed two Indians and struck the old squaw over the head with ~~my~~ *his* revolver bending the barrel which was never fixed.

From Moroni in 1865 they came back to Manti and lived two or $\frac{1}{2}$ three years and then moved to Orderville, Kane Co. and this was where his second wife Maria died. After the order broke up went to Huntington, Emery Co. Utah where he died April 25th 1890 in his 81st year. He was in all the Indian Wars of Utah. He was a great frontieersman, helped in the settlement of some fifteen towns and was a true Latter Day Saint all his life.

Written by his daughter Lucy Allen Cox. 1922.