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BIRTH DATE AND PLACE 24 June 1806 Coldrain New York

DEATH DATE AND PLACE 25 April 1889 Hunington Utah

FATHER Daniel Allen

MOTHER Nancy Stewart (Stuart)

WHO MARRIED AND DATE Lucy Diantha Morley 2 Sept. 1835

(2) Karen Marie Hanson 11 Sept. 1853

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Autobiography of Joseph Stewart Allen.

I was born in the town of Cold-rain, State of New York, Oneida Co. June 25, 1806. My father and mother's names were Daniel and Nancy Stewart Allen. I moved with my parents to Thompson, Geauga Co., Ohio in 1820. I remained there until 1830. I joined the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the 13th of February 1830. I left Kirtland May 6th 1834 and in Zion's Camp I went to Clay County, Missouri, arrived there the 22nd of June in 1835.

I was married to Lucy Diantha Morley, remained there and worked at coopering until 1838, was driven from Clay into Caldwell Co. Far West. When I left Clay I had to leave a large amount of timber that was ready to work up. I remained in Caldwell and made improvements, got out timber to build a house, raised a crop, had 11 acres of corn and a great amount of vegetables.

The ruthless mob came up on us, but previous to this I had redeemed 40 acres of land and built a house upon it in Davis County, Adam-ondiahman.

The mob burned the timber that I got out for my house, I asked them how I should get my pay, they said that the government would pay me. At the same time 8 or 10 turned and shot at me, none of the balls hitting me. They said "D--the mormons, we cannot kill them;" then I with the rest was surrounded by the mob (this band was led by a Methodist preacher by the name of Roganat.) and forced at the point of the bayonet to sign away all my property to pay the expenses of the war.

At this time I had accumulated through the hand of industry a quite a little income enough to make my little family comfortable. I had 11 head of stock, 30 head of hogs and a few sheep, a house and 40 acres of land. I left it all but one hog and landed in Quincy, Illinois on the 31st of February 1838, among strangers without a farthing. I moved to Lima, settled on the soldiers land, built a house, opened up a farm of 25 acres, had it under good cultivation, gathered around me the comforts of life; 15 head of cattle, 27 sheep, one yoke of oxen, one old mare. And my life was threatened many times by the mob.

In the spring of 1839 while returning from Nauvoo in company with Isaac Morley, John Williams and the two Stagdons, we were waylaid by three masked men. They took the horses by the bits and threatened our lives. They were armed with pistols. At the same time I drew a pistol from my bosom I cocked it and told them if they did not leave they were dead men, and they left.

We went home and immediately moved to Nauvoo, leaving all our property in the hands of the mob barely escaping with our lives and in the fall of the same year our house and sheds and stable was burned.

I remained in Nauvoo until the spring following, then with the rest of the saints was driven from Nauvoo across the Mississippi into Iowa, from Iowa to Pisgah, from thence to Winter Quarters and there buried three of our children.

Through hardships and exposure we crossed the plains in 1848, We remained in Salt Lake Valley a year then the next year was called to go and help build up the city which is now called Manti.

The above is a few of the hardships that we passed through. I am 73 years old this June 25th. My wife Lucy, the second daughter of Isaac Morley was with me in all hardships.

We remain as ever your Brother and Sister in The Gospel of Peace.

Joseph Stewart and Lucy D. Allen.

Joseph Allen died April 25, 1889. He had twenty children.
Lucy Allen died nineteen years later Oct. 19, 1908.