

Allen Family

1. History by Vada Yeomans - Typed
(Handwritten copy in front pocket)
2. Newspaper articles regarding Decatur residents reunion.
3. E-mail: Civil War Widow's Pension application by
Mary M. Allen, widow of Early A. Allen
4. Letter to Bertha Allen
5. Membership application to DAR by Ruth Oni Christ.
6. Newspaper clipping - hard to read
7. Fl. State Genealogical Society Inc application by
Mary Beth Waters Williamson, daughter of Mary E. Allen.
8. Schedule of references for lineage. (2 pages)
9. Exerpts from Pines + Pioneers, a history of Lowndes
County, Georgia, 1825-1900. (4 pages.)
10. Exerpts from, The History of Brooks County Georgia,
by Folks Huxford. (5 pages).
11. Newspaper picture of Allen Family - C.C. Chronicle 1/12/88
12. Census of 1850 from Pike County, Ala.

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Allen Family History

Early A Allen, Pvt. PF Capt. Hope's (Co. C, 9 Fla.) enlisted June 21, 1862 at Bay Port, Fla. and was furloughed Sept. 20, 1864 from General Hospital, Howard's Grove, Richmond, Va. No rolls subsequent to Oct. 31, 1864 are on file and no later record of him has been found.

The Department makes no charge for its official acts.

Your great, great Grandfather, John Earl Allen (Born March 4, 1805 - died in Crystal River Sept 13, 1888) and your great grandfather, Early Augustus Allen (born Sept. 26, 1830, died in Crystal River July 14, 1872).

They came from Alabama about 1854 in a covered wagon.

Early A had lost his young wife, probably in child birth, for he brought a small daughter, named Lucy Ann, with them. Of course she grew up here and married Henry King. That's how we were kin to the Kings. And Aunt Lou Morrison's daughter, Cousin Sibbie married Uncle Henry's brother, John King, the surveyor. (Aunt Lou Morrison was Dad's mother's sister)

The men homesteaded 40 acres each. John Early took Woodlands on the Citronelle Road and Early Augustus, 40 acres on Crystal River, where up town is now situated. They were farmers and cattle raisers, the very first settlers in Crystal River.

Time passed. Early Augustus met and

fell in love with and married Mary Pinkie Morrison. They had three daughters: Alice married a Dr. Armstrong, Florida married Nick Barco and Banna married Stanford Scruggs. In addition they had five sons: John (oldest) William, Charlie, Walter and Lee, the youngest, (8 mos old when his father died)

In those days mosquitoes were terrible in and around Crystal River, causing many, many people to have malaria fever, which did not kill, but so often went into hemorrhagic fever, which many times was fatal.

Since both men were out doors most of the time, both kept having malaria fever. John Earl lived through it, but Early Augustus developed hemorrhagic and died while a young man, only 42. Both men are buried here in C.R.'s oldest cemetery.

When Grandma Allen was left a widow, with three girls and five boys to raise, she and her father-in-law sold every thing they had in Crystal River except a few cows and moved to Lecanto to get away from mosquitoes.

As you know all five boys were farmers. As they grew up, each one homesteaded land - each in sight of Grandma's two story house - The one uncle Walter lived in after he built for her small house. He looked after her as long as she lived - Altho' her father-in-law
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helped her for the 16 years that he lived after Grandpa Allen died. (He had also married a woman up around Ocala).

Grandma Allen lived to see many grand children. All her children had big families. My dad William, the biggest family with 14 children.

I remember her so well and always thought Lacie Allen Turner was more like her than any other grand child.

In the book "Back Home" by Hampton Dunn there is much about your ancestors (Franklin The Davises, Kings, Allens, Monisons, Barnes' etc

Birth

Parents

1- William C Allen
was born January 24 yr 1861

2- Ellen A. Allen
was born January 23 1863

Children

3- Don J. Allen their son
was born June 21 1882

4- Ella M. Allen
was born [redacted]

5- Bertha B. Allen
was born Aug 23 1875

4- 6- Don V. Allen
was born Sept. 9 1887

5- Ethel A. Allen
was born Aug 15 1889

6- Alvin C. Allen
was born Oct 4 1891

7- Jessie M. Allen
was born March 8 1894

8- Wadia M. Allen

was born Oct. 3 year 1896

9 Bryan William Allen
Born January 12 ... 1897

10 Vera Leona Allen
was born Aug. 31, 1898

11 Nina Florence Allen
born Dec 5 1899

12 Dennis Louis Allen
born Jan 25 1901

13 Arlis Jewel Allen
born

14 Alga
born

Teacher's influence lives after recent death

I CRIED OVER my coffee and newspaper on the morning of April 15. Not because it was tax day, although that certainly can bring many of us to tears, but because I had read the obituaries.

My sixth-grade teacher, Mrs. Lois P. Allen, had died. Mrs. Allen, known to many of her former students as Miss Lois, was one of the Puckett sisters.

I realize that designation may mean very little to people who did not grow up in Citrus County, but for those of us who attended school on the east side of our county, the Puckett sisters had great

influence over our school experiences.

Parents hoped their children would be in their classes. And the children often prayed that they would not.

Miss Lois, her twin sister, Miss Louise, and Miss Fannie were teachers "of the old school" even when I was in elementary school. Firm discipline, challenging requirements and high expectations were what could be expected from any of the Pucketts.

Many people received the full impact of the Puckett influence, having Miss Louise in fifth grade, Miss Lois in sixth and Miss Fannie for Algebra in high school. I was not so fortunate. I only had the benefit of the teaching and influence of two of the sisters.

I can remember the relief that spread through the eighth grade in the spring of 1971, when we received the news that the Puckett sisters were retiring. That meant that none of us would have Miss Fannie for Algebra the following year.

In hindsight, I realize that I did not benefit from that. Math is still my weakest academic area. I would have performed much better with the disciplined approach preferred by Miss Fannie. I know this because I realize just how much I gained from her sisters.

Miss Louise taught me self-discipline. She challenged me at every opportunity. She helped me learn that the things that mean the most to us are the things we have worked the hardest to achieve.

Miss Lois did all that and much more. She inspired many of the activities I used when I taught sixth grade myself.

Miss Lois was a softer, gentler version of her twin. She had a quick wit and enjoyed students who could keep up with her. She resented frivolous explanations and despised the "new math" in our texts.

Although extremely practical, Miss Lois attempted new ideas when she

could see a reason for their implementation — even if that reason might be to provide some fun.

My former students have her to thank for autobiography projects, poetry exercises and many of the other activities they enjoyed in my classes. I did not create them, they came from Miss Lois.

I realize that many people may be thinking that it is a shame that I am writing this after her death. That is not a worry. I can proudly share that Miss Lois was very aware of her influence.

Not only have I written about her impact on my life in previous columns, I told her and I thanked her on many occasions. I do not have any regrets where that is concerned.

This week is Staff Appreciation Week

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Ellen Bollman is coordinator for the Chronicle's Newspapers in Education Program.



Ellen Bollman

GRADE

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in Citrus County's schools. Special events are taking place at many of the schools to honor the teachers and support people who play such important roles in the education and development of our children.

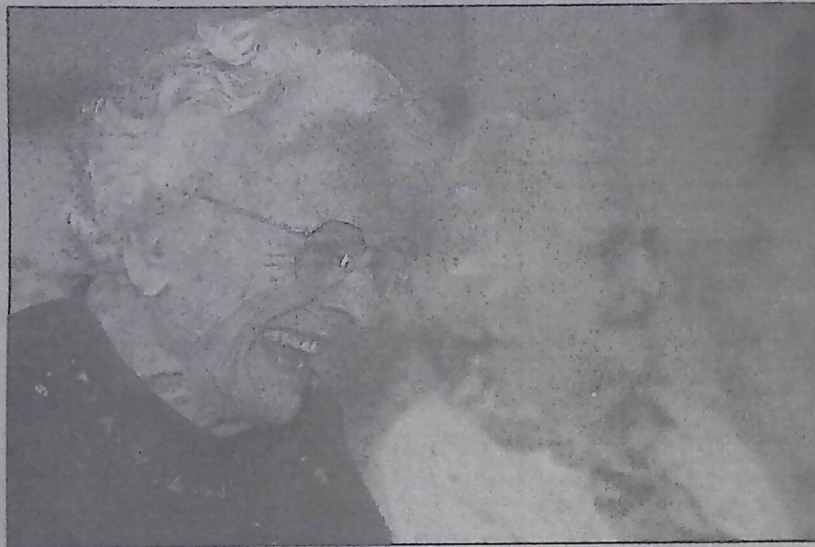
This would be an appropriate time to take the opportunity to personally thank the teachers who have made a difference in our own lives or are doing an exceptional job with our children. Educators do not have an easy job and their efforts often go unacknowledged.

I would like my former teachers to know that they are truly appreciated. They are remembered. They all had a tremendous part in making me who I am. They made a difference.

Wednesday
May 6, 1998

Lois Allen

Great memories from Aunt Maggie and Uncle Lee's girls



Elizabeth Hagerty, 98, left, along with her sister Lois Baker, 93, share a laugh Thursday afternoon with their sister Tamsy Maynard while reminiscing about times past.

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Three sisters, all firmly and brightly in their 90s, visited a few days ago in the spacious hilltop home of Mae Lewis, with acres of sloping fenced pastureland separating them from the homestead farmhouse where they grew up almost a century before.

They were laughing as they swapped and shared their memories and stories, family history intertwined with county history.

They recalled tales of teams of mules used to log virgin pine forests to make houses, of harvesting cane to cook into syrup and of their daddy grinding grits, driving Hudson automobiles when driver's licenses weren't required, young men filling in the ruts along the road between Inverness and



Ninety-six-year-old Tamsy Maynard listens to one of her sisters tell a story about their family. The sisters have deep roots in Citrus County.

Crystal River after heavy rains, and stolen moments of luxury drinking Cokes at Winn's Drug store in Crystal River.

Their memories swirl them back

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“We were poor, but we didn’t know it. We always had plenty of food. Our mother would can vegetables through the summer. We always had food.”

Elizabeth Hagerly
recalling her youth in Citrus County.

“We always had plenty of food. Our mother would can vegetables through the summer. We always had food.”

Elizabeth and Tamsy agree that Lois, being the youngest sister, was her father’s pet. Lois readily agreed.

“I remember I had a .22 rifle and my father took me hunting, but with me chattering away most of the day, I don’t think we got anything that time.”

Their recollections of stories told are tantalizing.

They remember hearing tales of Native Americans living near the small settlements that spotted the county in the early days, and arrowheads were commonly turned up under the plow.

They carry a faint recollection of a relative who delivered the mail by horse and recall hearing their parents talk of how the county seat was moved from Manfield, south of Lecanto, to Inverness.

They speak of the great flu epidemic that came through in the teens of the past century, killing off many of their neighbors.

With the county now gathering speed on the downward slope of development, with a tollroad almost sure to slice their world in half, they abide with their memories and the grateful knowledge that Citrus County was a very sweet place to grow up in, and live out their lives.

ALLEN FAMILY HISTORY WRITTEN BY VADA YEOMANS FOR FRANK ALLEN

Your great, great grandfather, JOHN EARL ALLEN (born March 4, 1805 & died in Crystal River on September 13, 1888) and your great grandfather, EARLY AUGUSTUS ALLEN (born September 26, 1830, & died July 14, 1872 in Crystal River).

They came from Alabama about 1854 in a covered wagon.

Early A. had lost his young wife, probably in child birth, for he brought a small daughter, named Lucy Ann with them. [There is an error here if my memory is correct. I think I have evidence that Early Allen's wife, Jeannette Gillis, was alive when the Allen's reached Marion County. I'll my census notes and correct.]

Of course, she grew up here and married HENRY [BASCUM] KING, that's how we were related to the KINGS.

AUNT LOU MORRISON'S daughter, "Sibbie," married UNCLE HENRY'S brother JOHN E. KING (the surveyor).

AUNT LOU was my mother's sister.

The men homesteaded 40 acres each.

JOHN EARLY -- woodlands on the Citronelle Road, (which COUSIN VADA owned when she wrote this history of the Allen family. I wonder if that property is the property which her son, CALVIN YOEMANS, deeded for a park(?) in honor of his dad.)

EARLY AUGUSTUS homesteaded 40 acres in Crystal River, (where uptown is now). [This probably was the

location next to the Crystal River Cemetery where ELLEN HAYWOOD'S property was located. Johnny Grannan has the papers on the land search. On those papers Papa, JOHN EDWIN KING, was listed as a commissioner. I must check with Johnny on that.]

JOHN EARL ALLEN and EARLY AUGUSTUS ALLEN were farmers and cattle raisers -- the first settlers in Crystal River.

Time passed, EARLY A. met and fell in love with and married MARY (PINKIE) MORRISON.

They had three daughters: ALICE, FLORIDA, and BANNA.

ALICE married a DR. ARMSTRONG, FLORIDA married NICK BARCO, and BANNA married STANFORD SCRUGGS.

EARLY and PINK MORRISON also had five sons: JOHN, WILLIAM, CHARLIE, WALTER, and LEE.

In those days mosquitos were terrible in and around CRYSTAL RIVER, causing many many people to have malaria fever, which did not kill, but would so often go into hemorrhagic fever which was often fatal.

Since both men were out of doors most of the time, they both kept having malaria fever.

JOHN EARL lived through it, but EARLY AUGUSTUS developed hemorrhagic fever and died a young man -- he was only 42 years old when he died.

Both men are buried in the old cemetery in Crystal River.

When Grandma [PINK ALLEN] was left a widow with five little boys to raise, she and her father-in-law sold

everything they had except a few cows and moved to Lecanto to get away from the mosquitos.

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UNCLE WALTER looked after her as long as she lived; although her father-in-law helped her for the 16 years he lived after Grandpa died. (Grandpa had also married a woman up around Ocala).

Grandma lived to see many grandchildren. All of her children had big families. My dad her son WILLIAM ALLEN had the largest family.

He and my mother, ELLEN DAVIS ALLEN, had 14 children.

Grandma saw many grandchildren.

I [VADA ALLEN YOEMANS] remember Grandma so well, and thought DACIE ALLEN TURNER was more like her than were her than any of her other grand children were. [Cousin VADA wrote: "I remember her so well, and thought DACIE ALLEN TURNER was more like her than anyone else."]

In HAMPTON DUNN'S book *Back Home: a History of Citrus County, Florida* there is much about your ancestors the Davises, Kings, Allens, Morrisons and Barnes.

EARLY A. ALLEN'S CIVIL WAR RECORD: EARLY A. ALLEN was a Private in CAPTAIN HOPE'S (Co. C. 9 Florida) outfit.

EARLY ALLEN enlisted June 21, 1862 at Bayport, Florida, and was furloughed September 20, 1864 from General Hospital, Howard's Grove, Richmond, Virginia.

No rolls subsequent to October 31, 1864 are on file, and no later record of him [his Civil War record] him has been found.

John E. Allen
b. abt. 1805

The next wave of settlement activity evidently occurred in the late 1850s. Records for Hernando County, created in 1843 and known as Benton County from 1844 to 1850, burned in a courthouse fire in 1877. Citrus County came into being in 1887. In the intervening years, central Florida proved to be an excellent area for cattle ranching and also attracted persons desiring to cultivate sugar cane. In the absence of roads and railroads, the rivers of the area served as transportation and communication routes. The pace of settlement increased as reflected by the establishment of a post office at Crystal River in 1857 (Bradbury 1962). This indicates that the neighborhood contained enough settlers to warrant a central, accessible postal drop. Perhaps Ferguson's store served as that station. A secondary source (Dunn 1976:58) declares that in 1861, only two houses, those of John E. Allen and Easley (variously Easley and Early) stood in Crystal River; James Miller lived about a mile down the river, according to this source. This source also states that the first building erected after 1861 was Ferson's "storehouse" and that a fish house also stood in the area (Dunn 1976:58).

Easley Allen acquired title from the state of Florida to forty acres of land in T 18 S, R 17 E, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21 along the road to Tampa. John Allen obtained in 1862 public land across the river in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20. Another Allen - William E. - in 1863 acquired state lands in

John E. Allen DOB 4 MAR 1805 died 13 Sept 1888
Early A. Allen DOB 26 Sept 1813 died 14 July 72

the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 18. James Miller, in the early 1860s, received title to Lot 4 in the northwest quarter of Section 20. (See Florida DNR, Land Title Section, Tract Book Vol. 14: 288-94. Other persons purchased from the state available land primarily adjacent to those tracts acquired by private individuals in earlier decades. (These persons may have purchased portions of the latter tracts from private owners; in the absence of deed records prior to 1878, this essay focuses on the initial acquisition of public land by private owners.)

In 1873, postal service to the region began again (Bradbury 1962), a sign of renewed interest in central Florida. In the 1870s, nine persons, at least one of whom (James Miller) already lived in the vicinity, acquired land in the project area from the state (Florida DNR, Land Title Section, Tract Book Vol. 14:288-94). It is possible that at least some of them timbered their holdings, for activity in this industry increased during that decade. One of those persons, Austin Mann, at a later time served as a officer of a railroad which came into the Crystal River area in 1888 (Florida DNR, Land Title Section, Tract Book Vol. 14:288-94; Pettengill 1952:86).

In 1881, a traveller recorded that a small settlement lay at the head of the Crystal River with James Miller as its principal storekeeper (Dunn 1976:77). This "small but flourishing hamlet" (Robinson 1882:132) shipped moderate

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Birth Date: 4 Mar 1805
Birth Place: Georgia, United States of America
Death Date: 13 Sep 1888
Death Place: Crystal River, Citrus County, Florida, United States of America
Cemetery: Crystal River Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place: Crystal River, Citrus County, Florida, United States of America
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Early Augustus Allen

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Name: Early Augustus Allen
Birth Date: 26 Sep 1830
Death Date: 14 Jul 1872
Cemetery: Crystal River Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place: Crystal River, Citrus County, Florida, United States of America
Has Bio?: Y
Father: John Earl Allen
Children: Lucy Anne King
Charles E. Allen
William Augustus Allen
Pinkney Lee Allen
Walter Eason Allen
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John E Allen in the 1850 United States Federal Census

Name: John E Allen
 Gender: Male
 Age: 45
 Birth Year: abt 1805
 Birthplace: Georgia
 Home in 1850: District 3, Marion, Florida, USA
 Occupation: Farmer
 Industry: Agriculture
 Line Number: 2
 Dwelling Number: 239
 Family Number: 239

Household Members:

Name	Age
John E Allen	45 <i>b. about 1805</i>
Mary Ann Allen	17
William Allen	15 <i>b. abt 1835</i>
Loduskie Allen	13
Fadri Ann Allen	2

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Year: 1850; Census Place: District 3, Marion, Florida; Roll: 59; Page: 133b

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Banner Allen in the 1870 United States Federal Census

Name: Banner Allen
 Birthplace: Florida
 Dwelling Number: 556
 Home in 1870: Hernando, Florida
 Race: White
 Gender: Female
 Post Office: Brooksville

Household Members:	Name	Age	
	Charles Peter	22	- Farm laborer
	Early Allen	38	
	Mary Allen	32	
	Lucy A Allen	17	
	Florida Allen	15	
	John Allen	13	
	William Allen	9	b. abt. 1861
	Charles Allen	7	b. abt. 1863 ^{CC} tax collector
	Walter Allen	3	
	Banner Allen		
	Eliza Colmon	18	- Farm laborer

Source Citation

Year: 1870; Census Place: Hernando, Florida; Roll: M593_130; Page: 109A; Family History Library Film: 545629

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MR. CHAS. E. ALLEN.

Mr. Chas. E. Allen, our genial tax collector of Citrus county, was born at Crystal River in 1833; but his parents moved to Lecanto, the present home of Mr. Allen, in 1864, a year

His father died immediately after the civil war, so Mr. Allen received but a common school education whilst growing up under the adverse circumstances of the reconstruction days.

After coming of age, he settled down to farming, at which he made a decided success.

On the 10th of May, 1904, he was elected to the office of tax collector of Citrus county, which arduous and exacting position he has, thus far, filled to the entire satisfaction of the voters of the county.

Mr. Allen, though until lately not much known in public life, seems marked for a brilliant future career. Modest and unassuming, he had to be sought out by the public; now that he has been found, and his abilities have been tested, he will, no doubt, be booked for further and higher public



C. E. ALLEN, Tax Collector.

honors. Certain it is that he has made for himself many true and tried friends who will stand by him in his future ambitions.

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Inverness, Florida, Thursday, July 19th, 1945

C. E. ALLEN DIES IN TAMPA HOSPITAL

Funeral Services Are Held
Yesterday Afternoon In
Lecanto

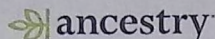
Charles Early Allen, Sr., prominent pioneer resident of Lecanto, died at 12:50 A. M. Monday, July 16, at the Municipal Hospital in Tampa after an illness of several months. He was 82 years old.

Funeral services were held at the Lecanto Church of Christ yesterday afternoon with John Peden of Dade City officiating. Interment was in the Lecanto cemetery with Rouse Funeral Home directing arrangements. The large number of friends attending the service attested to the high esteem in which he was held.

Mr. Allen was Tax Collector of this county for 16 years. He served as president of the Crystal River Bank and the Citizen's Bank of Inverness and operated stores for several phosphate companies in the county. He owned and operated one of the largest farms in Lecanto and always took an active part in all civic work in Citrus county. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Ida Allen; three sons, Elwood F., and W. C. Allen of Lecanto, and Charles E. Allen, Jr., of Brooksville; two daughters, Mrs. Alva Quinn of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. J. H. Barnes of Lecanto; one brother, P. L. Allen of Lecanto, and a host of relatives—grand-children and great grand-children.

Pallbearers were: H. E. Maynard, Willie Wilder, Dr. Morrison Allen, Dennis Allen, G. O. Barnes, Nick King.



Ellen M Allen in the 1900 United States Federal Census

Name: Ellen M Allen
 Age: 37
 Birth Date: Jan 1863
 Birthplace: Florida, USA
 Home in 1900: Lecanto, Citrus, Florida
 Sheet Number: 11
 Number of Dwelling in Order of Visitation: 208
 Family Number: 217
 Race: White
 Gender: Female
 Relation to Head of House: Wife
 Marital status: Married
 Spouse's Name: William A Allen
 Marriage Year: 1881
 Years Married: 19
 Father's Birthplace: South Carolina, USA
 Mother's Birthplace: South Carolina, USA
 Mother: Number of Living Children: 8
 Mother: How Many Children: 10
 Can Read: Yes
 Can Write: Yes
 Can Speak English: Yes

Household Members:	Name	Age
★	William A Allen	39
	Ellen M Allen	37
	Dow J Allen	17
	Mary E Allen	16
	Bertha E Allen	14
	Von V Allen	12
	Alvin E Allen	8
	Jesse M Allen	6
	Vada M Allen	4
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Ellen M Allen

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Birth Date: 28 Jan 1863
Death Date: 5 Jan 1909
Cemetery: Magnolia Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place: Lecanto, Citrus County, Florida, United States of America
Has Bio?: N
Spouse: William Augustus Allen
Children: Ella Mary Barnes
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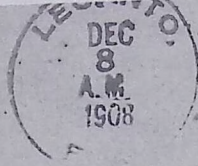
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Monday Lecanto

Dear Bertha I know you think I am awful slow about writing but you know it is so easy to put off when ~~when~~ I have a few minutes to stop or aint in the bed I have occupied it a good deal since you were here Grandma come back yesterday Saturday and I went down yesterday to see her Maggie and her children were so glad to see her they all come there for dinner from

church even to old Tom was there for dinner and they brought Stella and Bryan along for good measure, Nina seem right well now. Your Papa has gone to Darnellon I was going with him but it ^{was} raining so I gave it out. My old hens are laying right well now. ~~Anna~~ Darsa was out last week on a visit she spent one night with me I am mighty proud of my scissors they cut so nice



Miss Bertha Allen
Hernando
Fla

I hear that Exa's baby
is right sick I don't
know what ails it though
I must close and
write to Aunt Jane so
Jessie can take them
at noon I have to keep
one to bed till dinner
since I have been so
poorly I am always your
loving mama

Early Augustus
Allen

b. abt. 26 Sept 1830

d. 14 July 1872

Subject: Have you seen this?
From: "Thompson, Kathy T" <kthompson@clerk.citrus.fl.us>
Date: Fri, 14 May 2010 09:28:29 -0400
To: "John Grannan" <csociety@tampabay.rr.com>

CIVIL WAR WIDOW'S PENSION APP. - MARY M. (MORRISON) ALLEN, WIDOW OF EARLY A. ALLEN, CITRUS CO., FL File contributed for use in the USGenWeb Archives by: Janet Steadham, (steadandjan@earthlink.net)

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CONTRIBUTOR'S NOTE: I have no relationship to anyone mentioned in the below file.

Application No. A00974 Widow's Application for Pension State of Florida,} Citrus County,} On this 5th day of November 1903 personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for said county and State, Mrs. Mary M. Allen aged 67 years, who being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by Act of the Legislature, approved June 6, 1903, for indigent widows of deceased Confederate soldiers and sailors: That she is the lawful widow of Early A. Allen who enlisted ___ day of ___ 1862 in Captain Sam Hopes Company, 9th Fla. Regiment of the State of Florida and who was on the ___ day of October, 1864, at Richmond in the State of Virginia honorably discharged from said service, and died on the 14th day of July 1872 at his home in Hernando County. I do not know the date of enlistment but was in the year of 1862 and he served continuously until October of 1864. That she was legally married to said soldier prior to the first day of January, 1885, at Ocala, Marion Co. in the State of Florida; that she has been a bona fide resident of the State of Florida continuously, since the first day of January, A. D. 1890; that she does not own property, real and personal, to the value of \$800 in this or any other State, and is not otherwise enabled or in a position to earn a livelihood, and has no income from any source sufficient for a livelihood; and that she has not purposely disposed of any property for the purpose of availing herself of the provisions of this act. Mary M. Allen P. O. Address: Lecanto Sworn and subscribed before me this 5 day of November 1903. Charles E. Allen Notary Public We do solemnly swear that we personally knew the said deceased Early A. Allen, that we served with him in the Army o the 9th Florida Regiment from the State of Florida, and know of our own knowledge that he never deserted the service of his State, or of the Confederate States. R. T. Willis P. O. Address: Crystal River O. E. Edwards P. O. Address: Crystal River, Fla. Sworn and subscribed before me this 25th day of November 1903. Charles E. Allen Notary Public We do solemnly swear that we personally knew Early A. Allen and are satisfied that he performed the service set forth on foregoing page; that he was a true and faithful soldier in Confederate service and that he never deserted the same. Henry B. King Citizen of Citrus County James W. Johns Citizen of Citrus County Sworn and subscribed before me this 5th day of December 1903 Charles E. Allen Notary Public We do solemnly swear that we personally know the above applicant Mrs. Mary M. Allen that she was the lawful wife of Early A. Allen now deceased, that she has never remarried since his death, that she is a person of "respectability and good reputation," that she does not own property the value of \$800 in this or any other State, and that she is not possessed of a sufficient income from any source, and has constantly resided in Florida since January 1st, 1890. Henry B. King C. Horne Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of December, 1903. Charles E. Allen Notary Public I certify that the above affidavits are genuine; that all of the affiants are persons of respectability and good reputation, and that their statements are worthy of belief; that the attesting officers are duly authorized to attest said affidavits, and that their signatures thereto are genuine. Walter F. Warnock Clerk of Circuit Court We, the undersigned County Commissioners of Citrus county, Florida, do hereby certify that we have carefully investigated the above application for pension made by Mrs. Mary M. Allen and are satisfied that the facts and conditions therein stated and alleged are true and correct and that she is legally and justly entitled

Comptroller, State of Florida, Tallahassee The records show that Early A. Allen, private, Company C, 9th Florida Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted June 21, 1862. On the company muster roll for September and October, 1864, last on file, he is reported absent sick in hospital at Richmond. No later record of him has been found. F. C. Ainsworth The Adjutant General

December 8, 1909 Mrs. Mary Allen, Lecanto, Fla. Dear Madam: Your pension claim under the Act of 1909 has been considered by the Board of Pensions and was not allowed for the reasons stated below. Yours very truly, Jefferson Bell, Secretary to the Board of Pensions In re pension claim # 17890 I am directed to ask you to state the cause of your husband's discharge. Refer by the above number in your reply.

Lecanto, Fla. Dec. 20 1909 Mr. Jefferson Bell Tallahassee Sir: In regards to pension Claim No. 17890 will say my husband was furlowed [sic] on sick leave had got better and had left for his command at time, surrender. Yours truly, Mary M. Allen

Lecanto, Fla. Dec 20 1909 Mr. A. C. Croom Tallahassee, Fla. My Dear Sir: I wish you would look after Pension Claim No. 17890 for my mother as she is having some trouble about her claim. Please see after if for me and oblige. Yours truly, Walter E. Allen

Pension file - A December 23, 1909 Mr. Walter H. Allen, Lecanto, Fla. Dear Sir: In reply to your letter with regard to your mother's pension claim 17890 I beg to say that this claim was held for further consideration and Mrs. Allen was asked to furnish a statement of the cause of her husband's discharge. This statement has just been received and her claim will be submitted at the next meeting of the Board of Pensions. With the compliments of the season, Yours very truly, Comptroller

Former Claim No. 3158 Application No. 17890 Pensioner No. 4972 Claim For Pension By Mary M. Allen Of Lecanto Postoffice Citrus County Widow Of Early A. Allen Filed In Pension Department Oct 7 1909 Approved Nov 2 1909 With pay from July 1st 1909 At the rate of \$120.00 per annum. This pensioner was increased to \$150 per year on July 1st, 1913 a/c husband enlisted in Florida.

State of Florida Comptroller's Office Tallahassee March 5, 1958 Mrs. Helen S. Ford The Crystal River Woman's Club Crystal River, Fla. Dear Mrs. Ford, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 11th, requesting information concerning the following soldiers who served during the War Between the States. William A. Turkette, Citrus County, Fla., received a pension from the State of Florida under certificate No. 5520. He stated in his claim for pension that he was born on October 14, 1846, in Richland County, S. C. also shown as Fairfield County, S. C.; that he enlisted in March of 1862, at Fredericksburg, Va, in Company I, 14th Alabama Volunteers, Wilcox Brigade, and served until paroled in the State of New York, in December of 1864, because he was sick. Elisa K. Carter received a pension from the State of Florida under Certificate No. 11628A. He stated in his application for pension that he enlisted in 1861, in Captain Dasher's Co. in Charlton County, Ga., Company G, 26th Georgia Regiment and served until wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness, in the State of Virginia, June 27, 1864. Warren S. Paul received a pension from Florida under Certificate No. 8625. He stated in his application that he enlisted at Bear Landing, Florida, September 1st, 1862, in Hodges Company, Florida Reserves, and served until the Spring of 1863, when the Company disbanded. Early A. Allen, Company C, 9th Florida Infantry, C.S.A. Pvt. enlisted June 21, 1862, and served until Oct. 1864. Mrs. Mary M. Allen, widow of Early A. Allen, received a pension from the State of Florida under Certificate No. 974. Mr. Allen's age was not shown on the application. Nickabud Barco of Crystal River was born on May 6, 1847, in Columbia Co. Fla.; enlisted in the Summer of 1864, at Crystal River, Fla., and served in Captain Samuel Agnew's Company until the close of the war. He died on May 11, 1918. Richard T. Willis of Citrus County received a Confederate pension under Certificate No. 903 (12862-A), based on services rendered by him from about April 15, 1862, in Captain John Parsons' Co. also in Samuel Agnew's Company. Date of discharge not shown. Born in 1832, Feb. 22. I did not find records for the following, but a further search will be made in this office within the next few days and I will write you when the search is finished. Newt Sparkman, Sim Edwards, Tom Willis, Ed King, E. A. Espey, G. J. Estey, Grandpa "Black", "Old" Capt. Paul, father of Warren Paul, Mr. Downey? [sic], Jesse Smith, Early Allen II, Mr. Jones, father of Carl Jones, A. Mr. Caffey. With best wishes, I am, Yours very truly,

Have you seen this?

Ray E. Green, Comptroller By: W. C. Hoffman Chief Auditor Confederate Pensions /RS

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THE Ocala BANNER

THE NEWSPAPER—WHAT IS IT BUT A MAP OF OUR LIFE, ITS FLUCTUATIONS AND VAST CONCERNS.—COWPER

VOLUME 46, NUMBER 11 Ocala, Florida, Friday, September 10, 1909 ONE DOLLAR

A GOOD SPRING TONIC

6 BOTTLES FOR 5 DOLLARS

ONLY AT POST-OFFICE DRUG STORE

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FOR RHEUMATISM, GRAVEL, GOUT, BRUISES, SCALDS, BURNS, SORE THROAT, COLIC, CHOLERA, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE BLOOD AND THE SKIN.

PREPARED BY DR. J. M. BARCO, Ocala, Fla.

THE DENHAM-BISHOP MARRIAGE

The matrimonial ties of Sunday afternoon the following ceremony of the marriage of Mr. W. L. Denham of Jacksonville and Mrs. Nettie Barco of Ocala, Florida, which occurred last night at 8 o'clock.

An unusual number of guests gathered for the happy friends of Jacksonville and throughout the state of the participating parties was the marriage a double wedding afternoon at 1 o'clock at St. William's L. Denham of the city and Mrs. Nettie Barco of Jacksonville. Mrs. E. H. Barco, mother of the bride, presided at the table and officiated.

The wedding which was performed at 8 o'clock at St. William's L. Denham of the city and Mrs. Nettie Barco of Jacksonville. Mrs. E. H. Barco, mother of the bride, presided at the table and officiated.

HATCHETT-WAITS

A beautiful ceremony was observed in the Baptist church of Ocala, Fla., yesterday afternoon at 10 o'clock when Miss Nettie Barco and Mr. W. L. Denham were united in matrimony. The bride was accompanied by her father, Mr. E. H. Barco, and the groom by his father, Mr. W. L. Denham.

A GREAT SUCCESS

The public demonstration of the new and improved Ocala Banner, which was held at the Ocala Hotel, last night, was a great success. The new paper is a better one than ever before and is a credit to the Ocala Banner Co.

THE MUNROE & CHAMBLISS BANNER

SPECIAL FALL OFFER

The Ocala Banner Co. has a special offer for the fall season. The new paper is a better one than ever before and is a credit to the Ocala Banner Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

DOUBLE MURDER IN SLAYER SOCIETY

Two men were killed in a double murder in the slayer society. The victims were identified as John Doe and John Smith.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Florida State College

The University of Florida and Florida State College are offering various courses of study. The courses include Agriculture, Engineering, and Law.

*Nic Barco daughter marries
 Nettie Barco Bishop of Ocala
 marries William L. Denham
 She is the niece of the Hon. J. M. Barco*

to the pension provided by the act, approved June 6th, 1903. R. A. Lowry, Chairman J. Y. Barnes W. B. Edwards A. P. Sharp J. L. Van Ness County Commissioners By the County Commissioners, Attest: Walter F. Warnock Clerk Circuit Court

Claim For Pension By Mrs. Mary M. Allen Of Lecanto Widow of Early A. Allen Of Sam Hopes Company 9th Florida Regiment Filed In Executive Department Jany. 28 1904 Approved April 4 1904 C. H. Dickinson Secretary of Board Pay from Jany. 28 1904 At rate of \$96.00 per annum.

Widow's Pension Claim Under The Act Of 1909 (FORM A) State of Florida,} County of Citrus} On this ____ day of ____ A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and ____, personally appeared before me, a ____ in and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Mary M. Allen a resident of Lecanto County of Citrus State of Florida, who being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the provisions of Chapter 5885, Laws of Florida, approved June 7, 1909. That she is the widow of Early A. Allen who was enlisted under the name of Early A. Allen, on the ____ day of ____, 1862, in Company Sam Hopes Co. C 9th Fla. Regiment of the State of ____ and who was honorably discharged at Richmond Oct, 1864, on account of _____. That she was lawfully married to the said Early A. Allen under the name of Mary M. Morrison in the County of Marion, State of Florida on the 24 day of January, 1854, and that she was not divorced from him and that she has not remarried since his death, which occurred on the 14 day of July, 1872, in the County of Hernando State of Fla. That she is a resident of Citrus County, Florida, and has continuously resided in the State of Florida since the 27th day of April 1836. That she doe snot own property, including real estate, personal property, mortgages or other collateral securities, stocks or bonds in this or any other State to exceed in value the sum of Five Thousand Dollars. That the following is a true and correct statement of all property owned by me in this or any other State: Real estate, located at: don't own any real estate Personal property \$ 50.00 Cattle, horses and other live stock \$240.00 Total \$290.00 That she has heretofore been granted a pension from the State of Florida under the Certificate No. 3158. That she is not a pensioner of any other State. That her Postoffice address is Lecanto County of Citrus, State of Florida. Mary M. Allen (Claimants must sign Christian name.) Attest: (1) John E. King (2) C. E. Allen Sworn and subscribed before me this 4th day of October A. D. 1909; and I hereby certify that the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim. Ethyl Olmsted Notary Public (FORM B) State of Florida,} County of Citrus} We, the undersigned citizens of Citrus County, State of Florida, do hereby certify that we personally know Mary M. Allen, who is an applicant for a pension under the Laws of Florida, and that from our own personal knowledge, and from the best information available, we believe that the applicant does not own property to exceed in value the sum of \$5,000, and that from the statements made by her relative to the value of her property are true and correct. John E. King C. E. Allen Sworn and subscribed before me this 4th day of October 1909. Ethyl Olmsted Notary Public

Report of County Commissioners We, the undersigned, County Commissioners in and for the County of Citrus, Florida, do hereby report that at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held this day, the foregoing application of Mary M. Allen for a pension under the Laws of Florida, was investigated by us; that we are satisfied that the applicant does not own property to exceed the value of \$5,000, and that the representations made in the petition and affidavits are true and that a pension should be granted to the applicant. Witness our hands this 4th day of October, A. D. 1909. (1) J. Y. Barnes, Chairman (2) Jas. Rawls (3) David Turner (4) Floyd J. Rooks (5) J. D. Stephens County Commissioners By the County Commissioners. Attest: Walter F. Warnock Clerk Circuit Court

State Board of Pensions No. 17890 Governor Comptroller Treasurer Department of Pensions, State of Florida, Tallahassee Nov 1 1909 Hon. F. C. Ainsworth, The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. Dear Sir: Early A. Allen who is an applicant for a pension under the laws of Florida, claims to have been a member of Company E 9th Fla. Regiment Infantry, Confederate States Army. Please furnish me with the record of this soldier. Yours very truly, A. C. Crooms Comptroller

War Department, The Adjutant General's Office Washington Nov. 6, 1909 Respectfully returned to the

James Elbert Allen
b. abt. 1808

1850 Pike County Census-Ala.		Age	Sex
James	JAMES ELBERT ALLEN	18	cf
Matilda	MATILDA WILLIS ALLEN	14	mf
Zacheus	ZACHEUS ALLEN-IN CIVIL WAR My G-Grandfather	17	mf
Jesse	JESSE ALLEN DIED IN CIVIL WAR	14	mf
Leandra	LEANORA ALLEN	12	gf
Jeremiah	JEREMIAH ALLEN	11	mf
Susan	SUSAN ALLEN	10	gf
John	JOHN ALLEN	4	mf
William	WILLIAM ALLEN	3	mf
Emilia	EMILIA ALLEN	4	gf
George T.	GEORGE T.	21	mf
Allen		22	mf
A. D. Eastland		36	mf

- married Sarah
Willis 9 Jan 1854
Pike City, Ala

This is the Census of 1850 from Pike County Ala. James Elbert Allen and Matilda Willis (my G-G-Grandparents) brought their family and moved to Florida. It is told that they brought their slaves with them.

We have no real record of that move but do know that the son of Zacheus/Zachariah, the oldest of James and Matilda had a son born in Crystal River in 1860. This was John Pickney Allen (my Grandfather).

At this time this is all that I know about James & Matilda. There are a lot of Allen's living in Lecanto that are related to us and they also moved there from Ala.

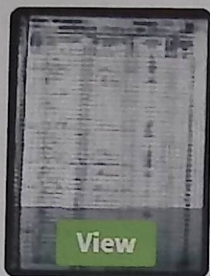
Zacheus Allen

b. abt. 1832 in

Pike County, Ala.

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Name: Zacheus Allen
 Gender: Male
 Age: 18
 Birth Year: abt 1832
 Birthplace: Alabama
 Home in 1850: Pike, Alabama, USA
 Occupation: Student
 Industry: School Response (Students, Etc.)
 Attended School: Y
 Line Number: 5
 Dwelling Number: 1170
 Family Number: 1170

Household Members:

Name	Age
Jas E Allen	42
Matilda Allen	37
Zacheus Allen	18
Jessee Allen	16
Leanora Allen	14
Jeremiah Allen	12
Susan Allen	10
John Allen	7 <i>b. abt. 1843</i>
William Allen	5 <i>b. abt 1845</i>
Emilla Allen	4
George J Allen	2
Allen Hutte	22

ZACHEUS
ZACHARIAH/ZACHEUS ALLEN

My great-grandfather was born in Ala. in the year 1832. His family is on the Pike County Census Roll of 1850. He had 5 brothers and 3 sisters. The family moved to Crystal River, Fl. about 1856. Zacheus's father and his father's brother and both families traveled by wagon and brought their slaves along with them. (James Elbert Allen and John Allen)

Zacheus/Zachariah went into Capt. Miller's Coast Guard Unit near Crystal River where they were defending the coast from the Union. One of Abraham Lincoln's first orders at the start of the war between the states was to close all confederate ports. By June 1st 1862 he was at Fort Brook and in Nov. of 1862 he had been sent to Tampa. He was back in Bay Port by March of 1863 and Crystal River by August. In Sept of 1863 he was transferred to Camp Fenigan Unit. Mar. of 1864 he was at Camp Hopkin and in April he reached the trenches at Petersburg, Va. Probably because of his early work in the coast guard or perhaps because of his status as a father, he earned a parole. He was in Florida when his brothers were killed. The notes from the Company G. log read as follows:

"Fought the battle of Gaines Farm at Cold Harbor, June 3 in which several of the company were killed and wounded. From there to Frazer farm; from there to New Market (Virginia). From there to the trenches around Petersburg. Fought at Reason's Station, June 30 at the great explosion of Grant's mines and was exposed to a terrific bombardment for 2 hours. Charged the enemy on the Weldon Rail Rd. Aug. 21st. Returned to the trenches. He was honorably discharged on the 26th of April 1865 in Hernando County, at crystal River by reason of the surrender of the Confederate armies.

Zacheus left the Crystal River area after June of 1868 and settled in Largo on Old Tampa Bay to establish a citrus grove. Perhaps he had learned of the area's potential while he was with the Confederate Army. He came with his brother George T. Allen, who resided with him in 1870. George later returned to Crystal River to live with his widowed mother.

Zacheus lost two brothers in the War, Jesse Wesley, a pvt. in the 9th Fla. Battalion Inf. He was wounded and sent to the Howard Grove Hospital in Richmond where he dies 3 Dec. 1864. William Hillard, A pvt. in the 3rd Fla. Int. Co. A. was wounded in battle at Tasky Ridge, Va. on May 2, 1864. He died in the Hospital in Petersburg, 10 June 1864. Another brother died shortly after the war and they contiributed his death to the hardships he suffered during the war.

Zacheus started writing for his pension in 1907. He received his pension in 1910 and he died Jun. 1910. His pension was a whopping big \$150.00 per year. After his death his wife received a portion of his pension until her death. Prior to getting this

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pension , he had received a pension but a new bill was passed that took it away from him.

After the War Zacheus had difficulty getting a pension as did many of the veterans. Records were poorly kept and some lost. They said he had deserted and he wrote letters saying he had not deserted but was cut off from his outfit when Sherman marched into Ga. He eventually had to letters from Capt. Hope and other Officers who he had served with. His pension was finally granted but he died shortly after beginning to receive it. His widow did receive it after that.

After the War between the States,(June, 1868) Zacheus moved to Pinellas County and homesteaded (land on Hwy 19 and Belleair Rd. In Oct. 1883 he received Patent No. 3734 which gave him and his wife Sarah ownership of 153 1/2 acres in Largo. In May of 1887 Zacheus added 78.2 acres for which he paid \$100.00 to Florida Land Improvement Co. He

planted a grove and built a house. He was one of the early settlers in Pinellas County. The place where he homesteaded had a creek that ran into Tampa Bay. The creek was named "Allen's Creek".

Zacheus and Sarah had (4) children: 1. James Proctor Allen, 2. John Pinkney Allen (who was my grandfather) 3. Elbert Jackson Allen 4. Hilliard T. Allen
On the census Roll of 1870 in Pinellas County there was listed in his household a Millie Morton, a free black from Maryland. Her age was estimated as about 100.0.

Zacheus died June 1910 at age 77 and is buried in Pelotte Cemetary near Lithia, Fla. Mary Custis Lee Daughters of Confederacy and the John T. Lesley Camp (sons) placed a headstone at his gravesite and had a Memorial Ceremony . Kay Holley and Paula Nunnery sprinkled rose petals on the grave as was the custome during the War. A young man dressed as a Confederate Soldier placed a Confederate Flag on the grave.

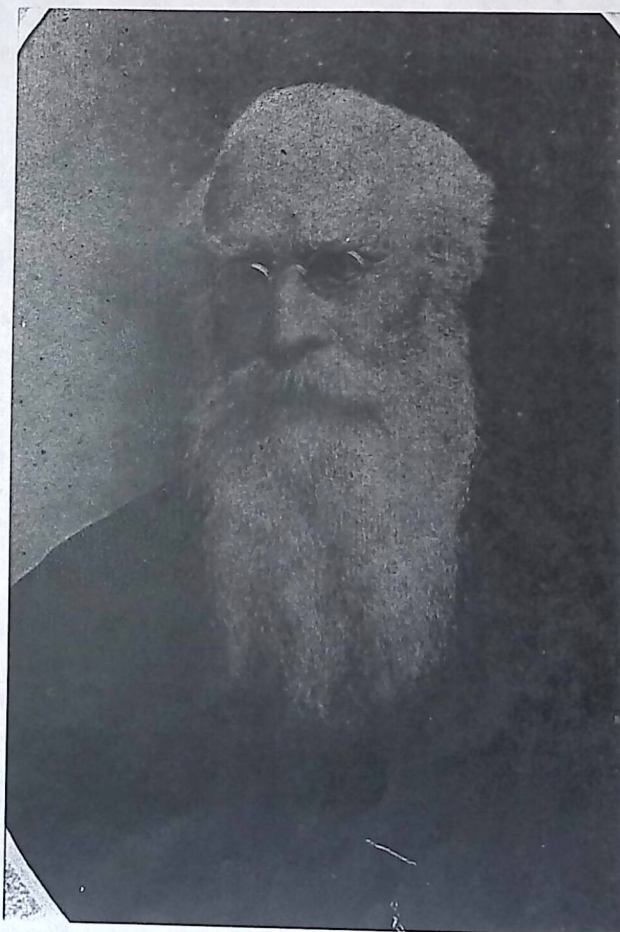
Twenty-one gun salute. A speech by Marion Lambert, 1st Lt. Commander of John T. Lesley Camp. It was a truly memorial service attended by many of Zacheus's descendants..

Research by Ruth A. Embree and James Elbert Allen.

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Ranch family recalls early days in Citrus

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CLAIRE PHILLIPS LAXTON



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Horace recalls the old Lecanto school going through the eighth grade. It was where the canning plant is today, just off County Road 491.

Annette Gibbs Maynard and the Allens' daughter, Lillian Allen Waugh, were the last to attend that school. Twenty-four children graduated in 1958 from the eighth grade.

Pauline Allen's parents worked in the phosphate industry. They left Nottingham, England, and came to Ocala in the the late 1880s or early

1890s. They later settled in Inverness.

Morgan Payne, Pauline's father, was paymaster of the phosphate mines when Pauline was 5 years old, she recalls.

He and another young man, both about 30 years old, were riding a stagecoach with a mine payroll on board when they were ambushed by three drifters. Both men were killed but the drifters never found the money. Payne told only one other person where the money was hidden in the stagecoach, in case a robbery ever occurred.

By the time a posse arrived with dogs, the two young men were dead. But the dogs picked up the scent of the drifters, who were found and hanged.

Morgan Payne is buried in the Lecanto cemetery with his partner. Local legend says remains of the ropes still hang on a tree somewhere in Lecanto where the drifters were lynched.

Today, the Allens raise beef cattle on 600 acres they share with their grown children.

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Ranch family recalls early days in Citrus

Editor's note: Citrus County is 100 years old this year. In conjunction with the Centennial, the Citrus Times will publish an occasional feature about Citrus County's past. Claire Phillips Laxton, a 10-year county resident, is a free-lance writer who specializes in history.

Citrus County residents Horace and Pauline Allen recall living in Lecanto with "Granddaddy" Charles E. Allen on his dairy ranch, where the Allens still live today.

In 1932, Horace Allen bought a horse named Jigger for \$25. His granddaddy always said: "Never lie to your horse, and you must always have more sense than he."

Horace would ride Jigger to Crystal River for visiting or shopping, then send Jigger back. The horse would return home to Lecanto alone. Jigger was once ridden in a race — which it won — by rodeo man Pat Moore. Moore was the son of Elizabeth Moore, county home economics agent of the 1930s.

Horace Allen served on the Citrus County School Board from 1958 to 1974. His grandfa-

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ther was president of a bank and in 1931 went into the dairy business. The Allens delivered milk to Crystal River and Homosassa.

Horace recalls the old Lecanto school going through the eighth grade. It was where the canning plant is today, just off County Road 491.

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A place in Citrus County history

By ESTHER DUNCAN
Chronicle Writer

Yes, that's right. She married one of the Kings. Who? Oh, she was a cousin to the Davises."

Another voice added, "Wasn't she in to the Barnes?"

Conversation leaped from subject to subject as images from the past were recalled.

A third voice mentioned how the Allen boys used to come over with their sling shots. And all three laughed uproariously.

Sound like a family gathering?

You're right. This one was of a few members of the Allen family — no other clan has a longer nor more prominent place in the history of the county.

The name Allen is listed over 60 times in the index of Hampton Dunn's "Back Home, A History of Citrus County, Florida."

Two Allen cousins, Charles, county tax assessor, and Ms. Harry Maynard, met at the old Lee Allen farm, now the home of Ms. John Haggerty, in what was once known as Middleground, now Lecanto.

The ladies were sisters and Charles Allen explained his relationship to them simply: "Our common ancestor was my great-grandfather who was their grandfather, Early A. Allen, A Civil War veteran who enlisted at Bayport, Florida."

The three Allens were enjoying collecting childhood scenes.

"Remember the caves?" Cousin Tamsy Maynard asked. "I wouldn't want to go in one now — not at my age. But we used to love to go down there and eat strawberries. It was so cool and nice."

Her sister, Cousin Elizabeth



Cousins Elizabeth Haggerty, left, Charles Allen and Tamsy Allen Maynard read over some papers on the history of their family, which has resided in Citrus County for several generations. (Chronicle Staff Photo)

Haggerty, laughed. "And that reminds me of the time that a steer we were chasing hooked my little brother, Dewey, right under his suspenders as he stood in front of the cave, and swung him aloft. If he'd slipped off he'd have fallen 35 feet — but that steer set him right back down again as nicely as you please. He wasn't hurt at all. Funniest thing I ever saw."

It was a heart-warming scene as the three members of the Allen clan sat rocking and talking about their childhood, sharing it with this writer.

Cousin Haggerty unfolded a long, three-page family history cousin Theda Yeomans had prepared some years ago.

After listing the names of the two Florida immigrants — father and son — it began: "They came from Alabama about 1854 in a covered wagon."

The first and oldest immigrant of the Allen family was John Early, who was born in Georgia in 1805 and who must have been around early enough to hear a few Revolutionary War stories direct from a few sur-

(Bronson in Levy County) to Homosassa once each week by buggy for \$50 per month.

Also listed in the same 1850 Marion County census were two older married daughters in separate households: Andaline and husband Joel Hall; Permella and husband, Marcus Watson. A son, Eason, was not mentioned, probably because he didn't make the trip to Florida. He was killed later on the picket line in Virginia in 1864.

Also listed in the census was a married son, Early A. Allen, 19, along with his wife, Jannett Gillis, 17, who bore him a daughter, Lucy Ann.

What became of this big tribe? In this account we'll devote our space to the descendants of Alexander Early.

However, for those Allens who trace their ancestry to another Allen branch here are the records: Andeline and Joel Hall had 10 children: William, James, Charles, John Wesley, Joel Thomas, Alice Eason, May, Leondus, Robert and Lewis.

Pernella and Marcus Watson had 15 children: Melissa, John, Narciciss, Delia, Thomas, Emily, Amanda, George, William E., Jeff D., Marcus, Early A. Pernella L, Anna E. and Lucy L. The Watsons came to Florida in 1845 when all the family may have come — and lived most of their lives in Hawthorne, Fla.

Mary Ann grew up to marry Henry E. Martin and have 12 children: Mary Lucy, Martha Jane, David A., Clara Eugenia, Walter F., Laura A., Horace A., Jessie Earl, Illa and Ada (twins), Harmon E.

Strolling down memory lane

vivors.

Listed as a land-owner in an 1830 census for Montgomery County, Georgia, he married Lucy Thomas and after the birth of their first child, the couple moved to Alabama where they farmed and their family multiplied.

Some two decades later Lucy died and the Allen clan decided to begin a new life in the just-established state of Florida.

The cousins spoke of the family tradition that the Allens had stopped along the way. "I always heard that they worked on farms as they came," one of them said. It is believed they settled on the 3d Johns River for a time.

The family historians do not agree on the year the Allens arrived in Florida. Be that as it may an 1850 Marion County, Florida census lists John E. Allen as a widower farmer with the following younger children still living with him: Mary Ann, William, Loduska (Lody) and Amanda (Fadiri)

While living in the Ocala area John carried mail from Long Pond



THIS PHOTOGRAPH, taken in the late 1800s shows (front row) Lane Morrison Simms, Catherine Morrison Knoblock, Mary Pink Morrison Allen, (top row) Low Davis Morrison and Nancy Morrison Sims.

THE ALLEN FAMILY

Allens

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and Oscar E. They lived all their
lives in Oxford.

Nothing is known of William. Lody
married Jack Christy. Amanda Allen
married George Cope and "sup-
posedly went to Texas," as the
cousins said.

Lucy Ann married Henry B. King
and lived in Lecanto. They had the
following children: Early Joseph,
Albert Samuel, Mary Jannett, John
Bascom, Nickbud (Nick), William
Henry, Edwin Ray and Bennett
Aubry. Many Kings in this area are
related to the Allens.

Now that we've preserved a lot of
Allen ancestry, let's get back to the
Early Alexander branch.

The son, like his father had
become a widower. Both remarried.
John married Eliabeth Redaught in
1851. Young Early A. Allen, with his
small daughter, Lucy Ann, married
Mary Pink Morrison of Ocala. Mary
was to become known as a valiant
matriarch in the Allen history.

The three cousins, sitting in the

Haggerty living room, spoke of Lucy
Ann.

"That's how we're related to the
Kings," Cousin Haggerty said.

"Lucy Ann grew up to marry Henry
King."

Father and son moved their
families to the little outpost, Crystal
River where they are regarded as its
first settlers along with the Christys,
according to Brenda Nichols, a
Crystal River historian.

When the Allen tribe arrived, In-
dian skirmishes were hardly over.
Florida had been a state for scarcely
a decade. Travel was by horse or ox
cart or boat. Brooksville was the
county seat.

Unaware of the dangers of malaria
from mosquitoes, the Allens settled
on King's Bay in Crystal River. Ms.
Yeomans underscored the words
"very first" in her account.

"They raised a little sugar cane,
did some timbering and fishing,"
Charles Allen, the five-generation
descendant said.

According to the account written

by Ms. Yeomans, each man
homesteaded 40 acres with son,
Early, settling on Citronelle Road.

The three cousins visiting in the
Haggerty living room spoke of those
early days.

"John Allen served as Crystal
River's second postmaster," Charles
observed. Records show that he was
appointed on August 4, 1857 and ser-
ved for three years when his brother,
Jeremiah, took over and served until
his death on Sept. 12, 1867. There was
also a brother, Jim, the cousins
recollected.

"Some think that Jesse Wesley
Allen was a brother," they said.

The first postmistress of Crystal
River was Anne E. Allen who was
appointed in June, 1893.

John E. rode his horse to
Brooksville to get the mail for
Crystal River and the Homosassa
area, according to an account in the
Allen family. He lived in a log cabin
with his family

An early letter loaned the writer

by Charles Allen is dated 1872. The
writer's name can't be read, but it
appears the writer lived at Salt
River. Here are a few revealing ex-
cerpts that give us a glimpse of life
in those days in Citrus County.

"The children are all going to
school now to a Miss Blane from
South Carolina. My children have
had no advantages of school much
since we have been in this country. It
is pretty tite on two to pay \$20 per
month and board a teacher..."

"I like to forgot to tell you Lucy
Allen and Henry King married last
Thursday night... Old man Christie
died about 4 weeks ago..."

To be continued in next month's
"Strolling Down Memory Lane."



THE PINCKNEY LEE ALLEN FAMILY are pictured in front of their old house finished in 1917, which burned to ground in 1964. Elizabeth Hagerty, now lives in a home on the same property located on S.R.

44 just west of C.R. 490. From left are, Elizabeth (Hagerty), Pamsy (Maynard), Margaret Allen, John Morrison Allen, Pinckney Lee Allen, Arthur Lee Allen, Lois (Baker) and Dewey Allen.

Looking back at the history of THE ALLEN FAMILY

Part II

By ESTHER DUNCAN
Chronicle Writer

The setting is the Elizabeth (Allen) Hagerty home in Lecanto where her sister, Pamsy (Maynard) Allen and cousin, Charles Allen, county tax assessor, gathered to reminisce about early Allen history.

They spoke of their Civil War ancestor,

The cousins named the fatherless tribe: Besides, Lucy who married Henry King, there was Florida who married Nick Barco; John who married Jane Turner; William who married Ellen Davis; Charles Early, grandfather to our county property appraiser, who married Ida Vincent; Walter who married Margaret Scruggs; Banna who married Stanford Scruggs and



When the Civil War erupted, Early, who had come to Florida in the mid 1840's from Georgia with his father, John, signed up at Bay Port in Captain Hope's Company.

"Great-Grandfather Allen really didn't want to go to war — he was afraid of injuring one of his many northern relatives," Allen commented.

Only two years later, 1864, he was furloughed from a hospital in Richmond, Va.

"I think Great-Grandfather came home from the Civil War in bad shape from a gunshot wound," Charles Allen said.

His two cousins nodded. "Yes, he was never good again. That may have had something to do with his early death."

The three cousins had been reading a brief history of the Allens written by Vada Allen Yeomans. According to the account, the mosquitoes around Crystal River were "terrible" and caused "many people to have malaria."

John, the family patriarch, lived through it, but his son, Early Alexander, died in 1872 when only 42. (Both father and son are buried in the Crystal River Cemetery).

The three cousins, paused, thinking about the father surviving his son.

Everyone agreed that Early's widow, Mary, had immediately sold out, except for a few cows, and moved to Middle-ground, as Lecanto was then called, to get away from the mosquitoes of Crystal River.

Bushkirk.

(Lee, born in 1871, and only 8 months old at the time of his father's death, was to become father of the two sisters, Cousin Hagarty and Cousin Maynard, as part of his brood.)

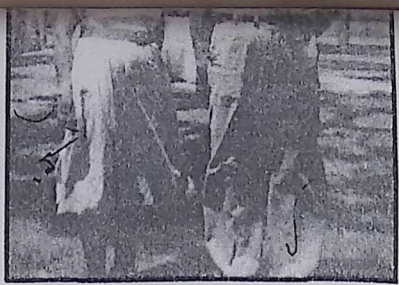
Hampton Dunn's history, in reviewing the year 1883, mentions a C.E. Allen as a butcher and W.A. Allen as postmaster. This was the year the name of the little community was changed.

The cousins talked over the reason for renaming Middleground as Lecanto, but didn't give the one in Dunn's history — that the Post Office simply said there were other similar names.

According to them, John E. King, who became Lecanto's first postmaster, happened to look at a picture of a Greek yacht called "Lepanto" and thought by changing the "p" to a "c" it would be a perfect name for the little community. Presto! It was done.

The C.E. Allen Hampton Dunn mentioned had to be Charles Early, grandfather of our county tax assessor, who grew up to become one of Lecanto's best known pioneers. Born in 1866, he owned and operated one of the largest farms in Lecanto.

Hampton Dunn wrote of Allen in his book: "Charles Early Allen, Sr., pioneer of Lecanto, died July 16, 1945 at age of 82. He was Tax Collector of Citrus County for 16 years. He served as president of the Crystal River Bank and the Citizens Bank



EVA MARIE JONES ALLEN and Elwood Fogthrough Allen. Elwood was the father of Citrus County's property appraiser, Charles, and his brothers, George and Horace, equally well-known Citrus Countians.

of Inverness and operated stores for several phosphate companies in the county. He was a member of the Church of Christ."

As county tax collector, he was the first in the nation to be taken to Supreme Court in a law suit brought by the phosphate mine. Allen won the case.

He and his wife, Ida Vincent, had the following children: Elwood, Alva, Emma, Edna, Charles and William. Elwood was the father of our tax assessor, Charles, and his brothers, George and Horace, equally well-known Citrus Countians.

Children look at grandparents and uncles through different eyes than historians. Charles Early Allen's grandson and his two nieces exchanged affectionate stories about him.

"Remember how he had that car accident because he was reading the paper while he drove?" one of the sisters asked.

The others chuckled.

Charles, tax-collector like his grandfather was once, nodded. "I used to ride with him to deliver the milk and keep an eye on him so he wouldn't glance at his newspaper," he said with a smile.

That was when the Depression hit and Charles Early Allen lost everything along with the bank. But he was undaunted, starting all over in the dairy business, delivering milk to Crystal River customers —and stealing a glance at the newspaper as he drove along if his grandson wasn't there to watch him.

The three cousins talked about Uncle William.

"I think he was lonely," Charles reflected. "He'd call out to me to stop as I went to school, telling me it was time to have drink of water."

Charles spoke of his boyhood in Lecanto on the family farm.



IN SCHOOL in 1939 are (first row, from left) Joyce Hodge, Frank Rogers, Catherine Vaughn, Isabelle Hodge, Shan King, Willie Hodge, Frank Allen, Joe Petty, Norman Allen,

Harry Maynard, (second row, from left) Wilene Forte, Betty Beville, Viva Smith, Pearl Langley, Dorris Riggs, Ruth Hodge, Wilma King and Eloise Rogers.

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"There was a certain amount of work to do. After school my father would tell me to hitch up a horse and cultivate corn until dark. There were animals to feed. Supper. And study until 10 p.m."

Charles remembered that the family had an old battery radio and a wood stove. "My father built the house with the help of friends," he said. "Every Sunday friends came to our house or we went to someone else's home."

His two cousins nodded. Then they went back to talking about the Allen ancestor who moved to Lecanto, Mary, the widow of Early Alexander, who died when only 42.

They recollected that, as a widow, Grandma Mary Allen had received lots of help in rearing her brood from her father-in-law, John, who lived 16 years after his son, Early, her husband. It was he who built the big Allen home once located on 491 north off S.R. 44. All that is left today is a lonely old-fashioned, iron pump.

John, the founder of the family who came by wagon to Florida, did

mightily well. He left behind a great legacy in Florida.

All of the Allen boys, his grandsons, grew up to homestead land at Lecanto, all within sight of Grandma Mary Allen's turn-of-the-century, two-story house.

For many years Granda Mary Allen's house was filled with the sounds of the busy but happy life of a rural family in those times who had to depend on each other and close neighbors for their associations.

When Walter, her son, moved into the house, he built her a little cottage.

Cousin Elizabeth Hagarty, a widowed niece, lives in the charming one-story house that was built on the nearby Pinckney Lee Allen property, which gently slopes off S.R. 44. This little house has replaced the big house Cousin Hagarty's parents built there in 1917 and which was struck by lightning and burned to the ground in the mid-60's.

Pinckney Lee Allen and his wife, Margaret, were successful farmers on the some 300 acres.

"How well I remember my father starting off for Holder and Dunnelon with a load of vegetables to sell to the workers in the phosphate mines," their daughter said.

"I remember going to Crystal River by buggy with my father and enjoying dinner at the Paul's boarding house and restaurant. It was the first time I'd ever seen lazy susan style of serving — all we could eat for a quarter each."

Her scenic country home is surrounded with immense trees, monarchs today, that were planted years ago. You can see them not far west of the cut-off to Homosassa Springs. They are reminders of their planting by members of a prominent Citrus County pioneer family — the Allens — who settled the Lecanto area and many of whom still live there. Ms. Hagarty said that just a quick count of Allen descendants living in Citrus County at present resulted in a figure well over 80.

"And I'm sure there are many others," she said.

The three cousins read from the last of Ms. Yeoman's written account of the early history of the Allen family: "Grandma Allen lived to see many grandchildren. All her children had big families. My dad, William, the biggest with 14 children."

Lecanto very well could have been called Allentown.

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to when there were far fewer people and even fewer strangers, to a time when there were more forests and far fewer roads and fences and no electricity, when horses and buggies and wagons were more common than motor vehicles.

Elizabeth Hagerty, who is 98 and was a school teacher in county schools for more than four decades, and Tamsy Maynard, 96, and Lois Baker, 93, all share wonderful memories of growing up and making do on a farm in the middle of the county, in Lecanto.

They are the daughters of Pinckney Lee Allen and his wife Margaret Elizabeth Allen, known to many old-timers as Uncle Lee and Aunt Maggie.

As they recall their family story, their father was 8 months old when his father, Early Allen, wounded during the Civil War, came home to die in Florida two years later.

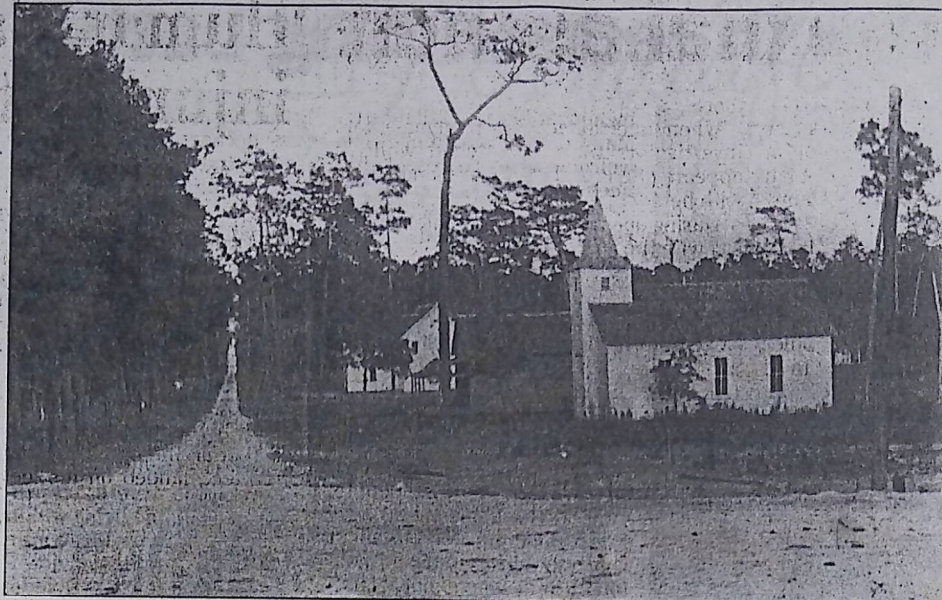
With roots about as deep as a family tree can reach into the sandy soil of Citrus County, right down to the phosphate underlayment, with complicated kinship ties they have trouble untangling, these women who have seen so many changes in their lifetimes were asked to weigh the differences between the then they cherish and the now that is today's reality.

"We have electricity. We have freezers and refrigerators and lights and air conditioning, and all those things are to the good," said Elizabeth Hagerty.

"We have cars and good roads and hospitals, things we wouldn't want to lose."

That said, the sisters are proud to say they know how to live through a depression and survive without electricity if they had to, how to butcher a hog and preserve the meat and a hundred other things most modern-day people have never learned.

Perhaps the most evident change, all three sisters agreed, is that there are too



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This undated photo was taken at the intersection of County Road 491 and State Road 44 in Lecanto. The wooded lane now known as State Road 44 lies Inverness. The building in the foreground is believed to be the Lecanto Methodist Church. Behind is the general store and fourth-class post office run by Murray Davis, and the white building beyond is the old Lecanto School.

many people prowling around the county these days, and far too many Yankees.

(Reminded that each had married men from northern climes, these widows three concurred that while that was so, each had to their satisfaction eventually converted their spouses to the ways of the South.)

That brought to Tamsy Maynard's mind the story of her son Don, who in first or second grade announced to his teacher that his father had once been a Yankee.

The teacher asked what his father was now. "Why, Ma'am, he's an American now."

Another change, they said, has taken place with families, communities and in the schools. Divorce and unmarried people living together has put children at risk. Once close-knit communities that are now full of strangers mean less supervision of children. Educators, besides their normal tasks, are forced to teach children what parents used to pass on to their children.

The result of this fraying of responsibility, they agreed, has

caused the social fabric that held their world together to unravel dangerously at the edges.

Children, for example. If a

child got in trouble at school the child would be in trouble at home, too.

"We were poor, but we didn't know it," said Elizabeth.

Lecanto natives have annual reunion

By Ruth Christ

Coast News Correspondent

Twice in April of each year the people of Lecanto who were born and raised here get together.

One occasion is the cemetery cleaning which takes place on the second Saturday of April.

The other occasion is a dinner at the Citrus County Canning Plant on Southern Street.

For both occasions, natives of the area come from far and wide to be together, visit and catch up on the news.

For the cemetery working, it is also a time for giving the cemetery a thorough cleaning.

"As far back as I can remember," recalled Tamsy Maynard who was born in Lecanto in 1905, "we went to the cemetery to clean, hoe, and rake it off."

When she first began going to the cemetery to help clean it, Mrs. Maynard remembers that the people buried in the Magnolia Cemetery were "mostly kinfolks."

"There was no grass in the cemetery in those days because we didn't have lawnmowers at that time," she said.

Mrs. Maynard remembers that grass was not grown in the yards of the Lecanto residents in those days either.

She describes the annual cleaning of the cemetery as a "wonderful idea."

The stones in the cemetery are cleaned at that time, the grounds are tidied up, flowers are changed, and the cemetery gotten into good shape so that it is not so difficult for Frank Allen to keep it mowed between cemetery workings.

For the cemetery cleaning in April this year there were fewer people than there have been in years past; and only one couple, Howard and Louise Allen, came from a distance for the occasion. They came up from St. Petersburg.

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In contrast, a large number of people came for the "Lecanto Day" dinner at the Canning Plant.

Lecanto Day has been held every year but one for the last 10 years. This year's crowd was the largest that has attended the function.

Pearl Maynard and Della Allen send out letters and make phone calls to let everyone know about the occasion. The people they notify are people who have grown up in Lecanto. They are careful not to give the news to others because, again, the purpose is just to visit, and for this occasion eat old-fashioned cooking — chicken and dumplings, vegetables from the gardens, and other favorite foods from long ago.

Usually Bess Hagerty brings her famous lemon pie; this year she brought a rum cake instead.

Eighty people signed the guest book this year — the largest number of people ever for Lecanto Day. It is from this book that Pearl and Della get the names and addresses of the people whom they write to notify about the occasion.

Old-timers came from distances for "Lecanto Day." The person who came from the furthest distance was Wilbur King who came from Perry, Georgia. His mother, two sisters and a brother came from a distance also. Dowell King and his wife came from Winter Haven, and Bill Allen and his wife were here from Tampa.

"As I saw it, it was a lovely day," Tamsey Maynard said. "I saw so many people I hadn't seen in such a long time — like Dorothy, Tommy, Virginia Anne, and Wilbur King."

Fran Allen, picture - First Presbyterian Church Choir - May 24, 1960

Frank P Allen, p. 362 - Citrus County Reserves Company D of the 747th
Amphibian Tank Battalion September 1950 to Fort Worden, Wash.

G. A. Allen, p. 291 - March 16, 1935 after the bank holiday the
Bank of Inverness reopened - G. A. Allen was Vice-President
Chairman of Local draft board

Crystal River postmaster John Allen - Aug. 4, 1857,
Jeremiah A. Allen - Dec. 8, 1860 to 1867

Alberta Allen, Worthy Matron Chapter No. 65 of the Order of Eastern Star of Inverness in 1955. p. 218

Delivered the Salutatorian address at the 1929 Commencement Exercises at Citrus High School. p. 250

Picture of Citrus High School Seniors of 1929 taken in their junior year. p. 278

Mrs. Alberta Brown Allen, Inverness; three sons, George M., Brookville; and John A. and Otto F., both of Inverness and a daughter, Mrs. Nelson Thompson, Palatka. p. 418

C. E. Allen - hecanto leaders listed included C. E. Allen, butcher

- Farmers and grain planters and their acreage were:

C. E. Allen, 20. p. 93

- C. E. Allen was elected first president of the City Council (hecanto)

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Charles Allen, elected the county's Tax Assessor in 1976. p. 443

Charles Early Allen, Sr. died July 16, 1945 at 82. He was Tax Collector of Citrus County for 16 years. He served as president of the Crystal River Bank and the Citizens Bank of Inverness and operated stores for several phosphate companies in the county. He owned and operated one of the largest farms in hecanto and always took part in civic affairs. He was a member of the Church of Christ. p. 341

Dewey Allen, house on Hickory Island built by Dr. Hodges near
Englin and the seawall is owned by Dewey Allen (built in 1800) p. 31

Mrs. Dolly Clements Allen, died 1955 age 82 of Floral City. A
native of Georgia, she lived in Citrus County for 75 years. She
was the widow of George P. Allen. p. 382

Dorothy Allen, Choir First Presbyterian Church photograph May 24, 1960
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Dorothy Dame Allen ^(Mrs. Otto) picture taken 1914 of a group of young Inverness ladies.
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Dame was born on a farm in Clinch County, Ga. on May 1, 1873 and came
to Inverness March 16, 1913. His grandfather John C. Hargraves who died 1877 in
Inverness. He was the father of Mrs. Otto Allen (Dorothy) p. 230

E. J. Allen, 22, Crystal River, in the USAF was killed when the plane ^{p. 333}
in which he was flying crashed in dense fog. 1938 graduate of
Crystal River H. S. was piloting his plane, leading a formation of B-24's

Eastley Allen, 1861 - two houses in Crystal River John E. Allen & Eastley Allen
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Florida Allen, Picture Pleasant Grove School teacher p. 197

Allen Family

William August

- ✓ Alberta
- ✓ Alberta Brown
- ✓ Allen, C.E.
- ✓ Allen, Charles Henry
- ✓ Charles Early, Sr.
- ✓ Dewey
- ✓ Dolly Clements
- ✓ Dorothy
- ✓ Dorothy Daise
- ✓ E.J.
- ✓ Earley
- ✓ Florida
- ✓ Fran
- ✓ Frank P.
- G.A.
- Gene
- ✓ George A "Pop"
- George M.
- George P.
- Inby
- Inby J.
- J.A.
- J.T.
- J.W.
- Jeremiah

- John.
- John A
- John E.
- John T.
- John Toy
- John W.
- Kathryn
- Kathy
- hicks
- Lucy Ann
- Mary Ann
- Mary Williams
- Maude Vincent
- ✓ Otto
- Otto F.
- Robert
- Roe
- Troy
- Vada
- Vann
- W.A.
- W.E.
- W.G.
- Walter
- Wooly



■ VIVIAN ALLEN and her son Dan, stand on the porch steps of the "cracker house" that has been in the family since the early 1950s.

Hickory Island Home

Time has hardly touched this historic island paradise home that was built in the 1850s



THE OLD IRON GATE that leads into the story is still standing today with a dash of rrs by the entrance.

Time has stood still on a remote island near the mouth of the Withlacoochee River.

One of the oldest houses in several counties is still standing there, looking very much as it did in the 1850s when it was built by family slaves who accompanied Dr. Alton Hodges and his wife, Nancy, from Georgia in six covered wagons.

Time has hardly touched the sea wall of hand-hewn limerock. It looks much as it did nearly a century and a half ago. But the narrow wood steps and doorway of the old, tin-roofed "Cracker" house are worn from countless footsteps over the years.

Long vacant, the historic house had the good fortune to pass into the hands of Dewey Allen, a descendant of a pioneer Citrus County family, who bought the house in 1951 as a summer home for his wife and children. Today, John and Early Allen, descendants from many branches of the family still gather at the old house for regular reunions.

And Mrs. Dewey Allen, now an Inglis widow, is preparing to vacation there again this coming summer, along with her son, Dan, now retired from a distinguished career as a news broadcaster, who is just completing his own unusual home on the river near his mother's.

"Old houses always need attention," Mrs. Allen said, her voice revealing her deep love and pride in the island residence during a recent visit there with her son.

Dan Allen said that his mother and father had turned the vandalized structure into a consuming hobby over the years, spending countless summer days repairing and fixing it up, also uncovering furnishings that looked as if they'd always belonged there.

Both Allen and his mother talked about the early history of the house and the Hodges who farmed extensive lands halfway to Dunnellon, calling their island paradise "Hickory Island." A nearby island where they grew cotton and tobacco was called "Field Island," and when their family began to grow, Dr. Hodges had a small schoolhouse built on another nearby island which was named "Schoolhouse Island."

"Dr. Hodges hired and paid the school teacher's salary," Dan Allen said. "Besides his own children — eventually there were 11 of them — the children of squatters of other islands also came by boat to the school."

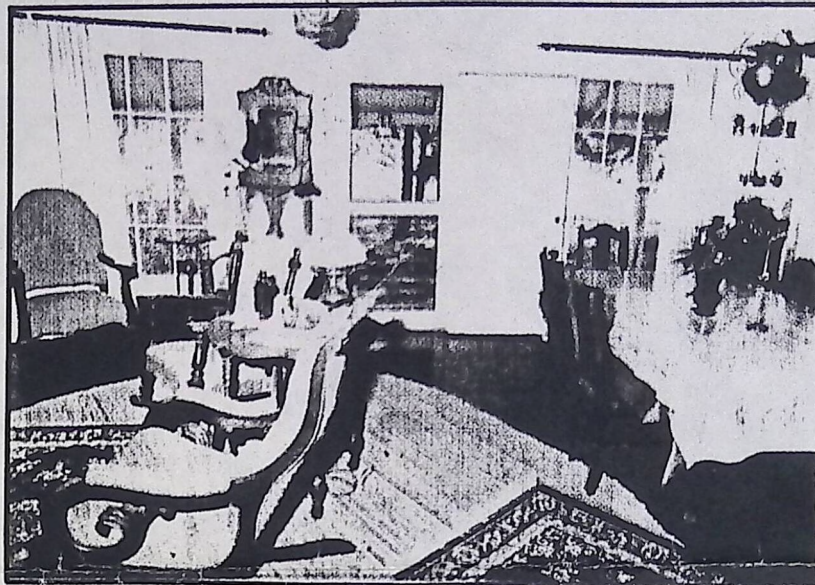
The graves of a number of family members can be viewed today in a small cemetery beyond a graceful black metal gate, still swinging on its hinges. A simple, flaking monument announces to the world the birth and death dates of Dr. Hodges: Andrew Elton Hodges 1829-1885.

Nearby a smaller monument announces the name of a son, Romulus, who died when only eight.

"He came into the house with his mouth colored blue," Mrs. Allen related. "His mother asked what he'd been eating and he told her 'Huckleberries.' She knew there were no huckleberries, only poisonous night shade berries on the island. Despite his father being a physician, the boy died that night."

Among other descendants buried there: Malvina, known as "Pretty Mama" all her life, May Hortense Mason and James Randolph. Another marker is that

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THE LIVING ROOM and dining room stands as it did some 110 years ago.



THE OLD ALLEN House is a museum with many antiques. The top shows off a piece of cobblestone glass that Mrs. Allen has a passion for collecting.

Story by Esther Du

Photos by Doug E

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of the grave of a grandson of Dr. Hodges, Cullie, who died during the flu epidemic of 1917.

"Note this grave over here," Allen said during the tour of the cemetery. "For a long time the tale was told that it was the site of a beloved slave, but Ray Mason, an Ocala banker and Hodges descendant, straightened the family out. According to him, a spinster lady came for one of those long visits that was customary in those days."

"One day," he related, "as she was sewing and holding a couple of pins in her mouth, she happened to open one of Dr. Hodges cupboards and saw a skeleton there."

He said it startled the spinster lady so that she swallowed the pins and died.

Allen spoke of the condition of the historic island house when his parents purchased it—all the windows had been knocked out and almost all the furnishings were gone.

"It was a task locating old-fashioned windows with hand-made glass, but my parents finally did."

Allen said that his parents used to go out to the island every April and stay until fall. "They loved it out there so much," he said.

What used to be called a "dog trot" leads from a little cottage to the main house, which has a long porch running across its entire length—a perfect place to sit and dream, looking beyond the tall trees to water scenes.

In pioneer days the kitchen generally was a separate building for safety from fire. That small dwelling has been transformed and charmingly furnished with white wicker, antiques and interesting pieces discovered over the years.

Mrs. Allen walked around the long, narrow room, its floors creaking. She paused before a most unusual Chase and Baker invention that converts a piano into a player piano. Holding up a copy of "Asop's Fables" (spelled without the "e") printed in 1897, she admitted that she had a passion for collecting Agatha Christie books and cobalt blue glass.

She stopped before a framed frilly valentine, saying softly, "My grandmother, when 16, gave this to her sweetheart, who became my grandfather."

Stepping into the living room of the main house, the focal point is the rustic stone double fireplace. But just as interesting are the wide board walls and open beamed ceiling. The floor, Dan Allen pointed out, is made of thick planks, the grooves worn from many potash scrubblings over the years.

The double fireplace still heats the room as it does the master bedroom



■ A PAINTING of Bruno and Juno, Dr. Hodges' two dogs, look over their masters home on Hickory Island.

with its tall Victorian bedroom set "similar to one in the White House," the Allens said.

The tour led into the master bedroom with a great Victorian bedroom set which the Allens pronounced "closely resembles one in the Lincoln Room of the White House." But it was a tall rosewood bureau that Mrs. Allen named as a favorite piece of hers.

A highly prized German style music box with great metal records graces a corner of the bedroom. At the side of the immense bed a small Victorian table decorated with an immense family Bible and family portraits creates a subject for an Old Dutch master's painting.

Allen paused before a small door leading to a bath.

"One day when my father was absent, my mother and Aunt Bess Haggarty took an axe and the two of them chopped a hole in the wall for that door," he related. "When my father returned, they insisted on completing the job themselves."

Peeking into another bedroom, Mrs. Allen observed that the hand-carved pieces of the bed were carefully assembled by her husband without nails after being discovered in a pile of wood left out in the rain.

Her son suddenly leaned over and swiftly pulled out a chamber pot from under the bed. With a wicked grin he removed the cover and immediately everyone on the tour burst into laughter. Inside was a piece of cardboard with the printed words: "Don't You Dare."

In Mrs. Allen's own bedroom, which she chose because of the view of an old fig tree, a wall is decorated with an antique quilt—the pieces made years ago by one of her hus-

band's aunts, Ida. Mrs. Allen herself "did the reverse side, my first attempt," she said.

The present kitchen is a made-over bedroom, its old-fashioned atmosphere carefully preserved. The room is sparked with open shelves of blue dishes and pots and pans. Several towels from Germany, bearing German "messages," were brought back from that country by Dan Allen while he was a broadcaster there for 17 years.

One reads: "To have your own stove is worth its weight in gold." A roller cloth inscription on an old-fashioned towel rack translates: "Thank God the dishes are done."

Mrs. Allen who served as Inglis postmaster ("There's never been a postmistress," she insisted.) for some 30 years, said that she was from Oklahoma and met her husband, Dewey, when he made a trip there as a young man.

Miss Vivian Barr was then too young for marriage, but as soon as she had graduated from high school, she married Dewey, becoming a Floridian in 1928.

"Dewey always said that he made one trip too many to Oklahoma," his widow added, laughing.

Besides Dan, the couple had two daughters, Dorothy, now in California, and Sherry Elizabeth, in North Carolina. Dewey had a distinguished career in politics, ranging from school trustee to the state Legislature and, later, long time mayor of Inglis and a realtor.

The couple's historic island house they enjoyed restoring together is best known for its famous painting directly on the wall over the fireplace of Dr. Hodges' two dogs, Bruno and Juno.

For years, natives have talked of

that unusual painting. Allen told the tale of an itinerant artist who came through the area and stayed overnight, offering to paint a picture of the house over the fireplace.

The upturned heads of the dogs painted over a century ago, are amazingly alert, as if still waiting for their master's whistle.

Looking at them, one can easily imagine those ears suddenly being raised still more, both animals leaping from the wall, having heard the call they've been waiting for so many years.

Charles H. Allen

b. 6 April 1924

d. 17 February 1998

**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL**

TO

CHARLES H. ALLEN

Captain Charles H. Allen distinguished himself by meritorious service as Administrator of the 615 United States Air Force Dispensary, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado, from 20 June 1963 to 30 September 1965. His professional competence, leadership abilities, deep compassion, and his rare grasp of the art of the practice of military medicine, have improved the quality and quantity of the medical care afforded to military, active duty, and retired persons and their dependents in the Colorado Springs area. The example of his personal professional integrity has attracted new people to military medical careers, thus helping to insure the continued quality of service he exemplifies. The distinctive accomplishments of Captain Allen culminate a distinguished career in the service of his country, and reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

AIR DEFENSE COMMAND

Commendation Certificate

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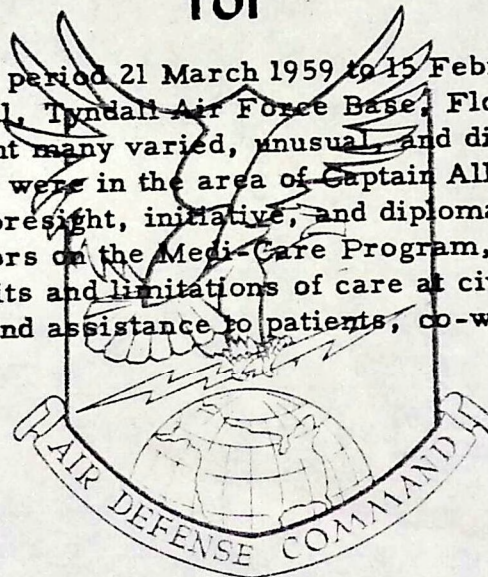
CAPTAIN CHARLES H ALLEN - AO 1912681

4756th USAF Hospital

Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida

for

Commendable service during the period 21 March 1959 to 15 February 1962 as Administrative Officer of the 4756 USAF Hospital, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. During a period of expansion and major improvement many varied, unusual, and difficult problems were encountered by the hospital. Many were in the area of Captain Allen's responsibility and each was resolved with expediency, foresight, initiative, and diplomacy. As the designated advisor to dependents and sponsors on the Medi-Care Program, he very capably interpreted, explained and clarified the benefits and limitations of care at civilian facilities. He has been a constant source of knowledge and assistance to patients, co-workers and subordinates.



GIVEN THIS 27th DAY OF February 1962

AT Headquarters 73rd Air Division (Weapons)(ADC)
Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida

Ludvik B. Sewell
Major General
USAF

Allen Family

Charles Henry Allen, ^{SN} - 4/6/24 birth
Crystal River H. S. - Recanto Primary (Canning Factory)

University of Maryland
Regis College, Denver, Colorado.

Waco, Texas (College)

Entering Service - June 7, 1941 (approx)

Overseas England - Sept 1942 Aboard Queen Mary when
it hit DD 41.

Africa, Oct. 1942, Oran, Coastal area Algiers,
Sardinia, Corsica, France, Nuremberg, Germany,
Rest Center interrupter in Caen, France after
war - 1945 - 1946. Return home 1947 (May 17)

Reenlist May 1946

Elected Property Appraiser Nov. 2, 1976

Signed by Gov. Askew Dec 13, 1976

Married 1st in France March 11, 1946

Martha Starnetto (French-Italian)

3 sons - Elwood James Allen, Burn Alvin Allen, Charles H.
Allen, Jr.

Shirley Johnson

1976 August 21st

Air Defense Command
Shield of Freedom
Announcement of Retirement
From the United States Air Force -

Major Charles H. Allen, FV1912681, is retired effective
1 November 1965, after 24 years Federal Military Service

Major Allen was born April 6, 1924 at Lecanto, Florida. His
first period of military service was with the Army from
August 6, 1941 to May 17, 1946. He reenlisted in the

Charles Henry Allen, Sr.

Born April 6, 1924 Lecanto, Florida.

Education: Lecanto Primary School. This school building later was converted into a canning factory.

Crystal River High School

University of Maryland (two years)

Regis College, Denver, Colorado

College, Waco, Texas

Military Service: United States Army , enlisted August 6, 1941 to May 17, 1946. He reenlisted June 28, 1946 until April 28, 1949. On June 7, 1949 he entered the Air Force. He received his commission direct from military status May 19, 1951 and continued in the service till November 1, 1965.

During World War II he served in the European Theatre of Operations from September 27, 1942 to May 17, 1946. He participated in Campaigns Tunisia (Ground); Sicily (Ground); Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Rhineland and Central Europe.

Other overseas duty was in France from March 15, 1955 to March 21, 1959. He served as a member of the Air Defense Command since April 29, 1959 at Tyndall AFB, Florida and Ent AFB, Colorado.

Military decorations and awards are as follows:

Air Force Commendation Medal

Good Conduct Medal with 2 Bronze Loops

American Defense Medal

American Campaign Medal

European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
with 8 Bronze Service Stars

World War II Victory Medal

Army of Occupation Medal (Germany)

National Defense Service Medal

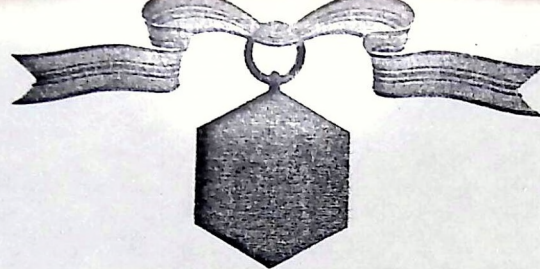
Croix de Guerre with Palm

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with 5

Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

He retired from the Air Force, Major Charles



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL
HAS BEEN AWARDED TO

CAPTAIN CHARLES H. ALLEN

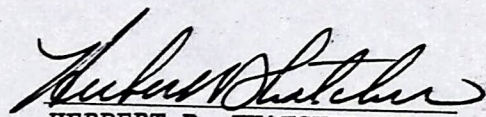
FV1912681

FOR

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

20 JUNE 1963 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1965

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 22D DAY OF OCTOBER 1965


HERBERT B. THATCHER
Lieutenant General, USAF
Commander, Air Defense Command




SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE



SHIELD of FREEDOM

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RETIREMENT

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	Croix de Guerre with Palm

Throughout his military career MAJOR ALLEN has given faithful and conscientious service to his country. His standard of conduct and leadership has provided an excellent example for those who have been associated with him during his military career.



GIVEN THIS 1st DAY OF November 19 65

AT Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

ROBERT J. GARRIGAN
Colonel, USAF



CERTIFICATE OF RETIREMENT
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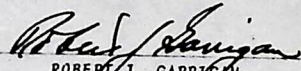
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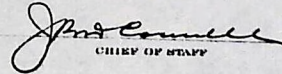
MAJOR CHARLES H. ALLEN FV1912681

HAVING SERVED FAITHFULLY AND HONORABLY
WAS RETIRED FROM THE

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

ON THE FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER
ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE


ROBERT J. GARRYGAN
Colonel, USAF


CHIEF OF STAFF





Honorable Discharge

This is to certify that

CHARLES H ALLEN

14 044 750 Tech Sergeant 202nd Medical Dis (Caviation) Erlangen

Army of the United States

*is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military
service of the United States of America.*

*This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest
and Faithful Service to this country.*

Given at SEPARATION CENTER
Erlangen Germany

Date 17 May 1946

Re-enlisted by me at Erlangen Germany
on the 28 June 1946, for the period of
three (3) years.

Samuel A. Zwanzig
SAMUEL A ZWANZIG
Major, Air Corps
Recruiting Officer

Raymond J Rosno

RAYMOND J ROSNO
Major Air Corps

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CITRUS TIMES

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Former county property appraiser dies

By BARBARA BEHRENDT
Times Staff Writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — Charles Allen, a former Citrus property appraiser and a fifth-generation resident, died Tuesday at Cypress Cove Care Center. He was 71.

A Lecanto native, Mr. Allen was elected property appraiser in 1976 and resigned in 1990. The governor appointed Ron Schultz to complete Allen's term, and Schultz has been property appraiser ever since.

Schultz met Mr. Allen in 1976. While Allen won the job here, Schultz was being elected property appraiser in Pinellas County.

"We got to be good friends and our families got to be good friends," Schultz said.

Prior to working as property appraiser, Mr. Allen was the administrator at Lykes Hospital in

Brooksville. He was a retired Air Force major who served in World War II.

Mr. Allen also was a member and past president of the Citrus County Historical Society, a job he enjoyed, Schultz said. That was at least partly because of his own deep roots in the community. At the time of his retirement, Mr. Allen said his family comprised some of the original residents of Crystal River.

His family members have held a variety of government posts within the community. One brother, George, once served as the county's emergency management director. Another, the late Hugh Allen, was a Crystal River City Council member.

Mr. Allen also was a member of the International Association of Appraiser Officers.

Mr. Allen had survived a serious bout with

cancer in the late 1980s, as he considered resigning from his appraiser's job. Recently, he had battled Alzheimer's disease.

"The Charles we knew and loved has been gone for several years," Schultz said.

He called his friend "one of those transition people."

Allen could talk about the days when milk was delivered to homes in Homosassa, where there were no paved streets. And yet he was progressive enough to begin computerizing the property appraiser's office.

"Charles treasured the history of Citrus County as well as bringing real modernization," Schultz said. "He also taught me a lot about fishing."



Charles Allen was elected property appraiser in 1976 and resigned in 1990. He died Tuesday at 71.

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Mr. Allen is survived by his wife, Shirley; three sons, Elwood J., Plano, Texas, Vern A., Weeki Wachee, and Charles H. Jr., Tallahassee; a stepson, Rhett Waters, Hernando; two stepdaughters, Deirdra Buggle, Warner Robins, Ga., and Maj. Toni May, Shamong, N.J.; a brother, George J., Crystal River; and 15 grandchildren.

Wilder-Fountains Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends can visit the chapel from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church of Homosassa.

Burial will follow at Magnolia Cemetery in Lecanto.

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Allen also was active in the county Historical Society, serving as president in 1987 and part of 1988. The post was an honorary one at the time, recalled David Benton, his successor as president.

"Unlike most people who take honorary positions, he worked at it," Benton said. "He was a good sport. If everyone else was wearing period clothing, he would too."

While not an introvert, Allen wasn't exactly gregarious either.

"He would join in any conversation, and anything going on, but he was not really a joiner," he said. "If he did decide to sit down and discuss something with you, you knew you were being exposed to something special."

Allen could speak of the days when the county was predominantly agricultural.

"He explained by detail how the cattle were moved around Citrus County by the seasons of the year," Benton said.

Yet he also brought the property appraiser's office into the information age, supervising the purchase and installation of the office's first computer system.

"He helped modernize Crystal River, and yet he was very, very attached to his roots," Schultz said, recalling tales Allen told of riding on a milk wagon, delivering milk to Homosassa. "That's a heck of a transition."

Allen is survived by his wife Shirley; three sons; two stepdaughters; one stepson; a brother; and 15 grandchildren.

For Schultz as well, the loss is a personal one.

"There are few people," he said. "that will be as dear to me as Charles was."

Officials remember former property appraiser

By Rick Cundiff
Staff writer

Friends and colleagues of former property appraiser Charles Henry Allen are mourning the loss of a man they called a true gentleman.

Allen, 73, who died Tuesday, was born in Lecanto in 1924 to one of the county's founding families. He served as property appraiser from 1976 to 1990.

Allen served in the Air Force during World War II, reaching the rank of major. Before becoming a property appraiser, he was an administrator at the former Lykes Hospital, now Brooksville Regional Hospital.

His successor, Ron Schultz, met Allen in a training session for property

appraisers. Schultz went to work for Allen, and the two men became friends.

"We found that we could teach each other a lot," Schultz said Wednesday. "He taught me a whole lot about being a professional manager. He taught me even more about fishing."

Allen's easygoing manner served him well, Schultz recalled.

"Charles could charm anybody into doing anything and being happy about it," he said. "He could have sold refrigerators to Eskimos... Charles just had that inherent smile and charm that made him an immediate friend."



Charles Allen

Schultz and other friends used the same term to describe Allen — gentleman.

"Charles met every definition that we'd learned from movies and novels of what a true Southern gentleman is supposed to behave like," Schultz said. "He was a real live one."

Tax Collector Norine Gilstrap agreed.

"Charles was a very likable person, easygoing, loved people, loved helping people," she said. "He always appeared to be a gentleman... just a quality of a man you would respect."

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on behalf of Curtis, though Hudson denied any involvement. Hudson's failed 1990 re-election campaign was managed by Curtis.

Schultz said Friday that he has discussed the situation with Martinez's administration officials. He said that Allen wants to transfer his job before Democratic Gov.-elect Lawton Chiles takes office.

"There's a whole lot of discussing going on. Everybody who is a Republican is trying to put something together before the governor goes out of office," Schultz said.

Schultz indicated that, as was the situation a year ago, Allen will not resign unless Martinez assures him Schultz will be named successor.

Charles Allen, 73, of Crystal River

Charles Henry Allen, 73, of Crystal River died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1998, at Cypress Cove Care Center. He was born in Lecanto and came to Crystal River 23 years ago from Brooksville. Mr. Allen was a retired Air Force Major in World War II. He was the former property appraiser in Citrus County for 14 years and former administrator for Lykes Hospital in Brooksville, now Brooksville Regional Hospital. He was a member and past president of Citrus County Historical Society and member of the International Association of Appraiser Officers.



Surviving are his wife, Shirley (Johnson) Allen; three sons, Elwood J. of Plano, Texas, Vern A. of Weeki Wachee and Charles H. Jr. of Tallahassee; one stepson, Rhett Waters of Hernando; two stepdaughters, Deirdra Buggle of Warner Robins, Ga., and Maj. Toni Hay of Shamong, N.J.; one brother, George J. of Crystal River; and 15 grandchildren.

Wilder-Fountains Funeral Home, Homosassa Springs.

Charles Allen deserves honor

Dear Editor,

I see by the papers that Mr. Charles Allen has been elected President of the Citrus County Historical Society for its Centennial Year celebration.

They couldn't have made a better qualified choice both for his fifth generation roots in Citrus County and his administration ability.

Mr. Allen is now in his second term as Citrus County Tax Appraiser and I believe he ran without opposition the last time out and incidentally if you check the records, you will find that he has kept the cost of running his department down per tax dollar collected for his office and is among the lowest in the state to do so.

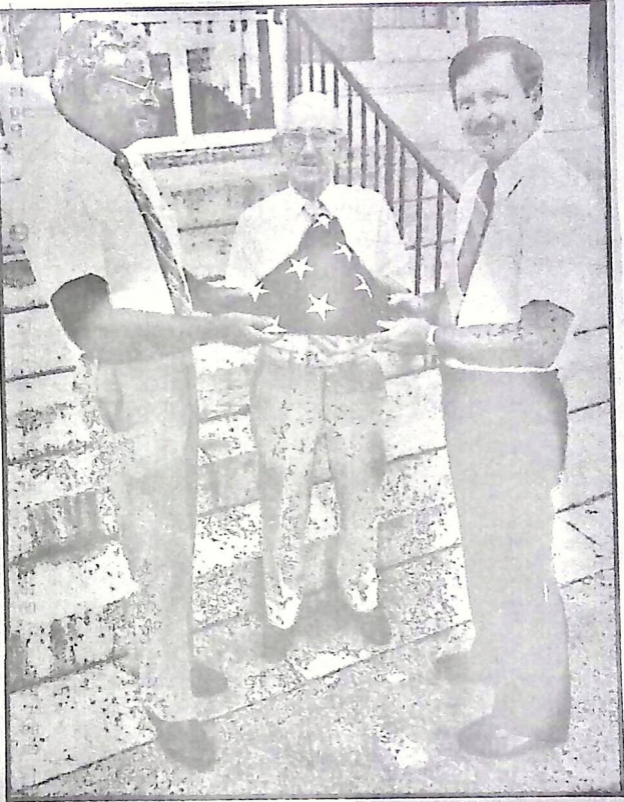
He is always available to speak and answer questions on taxes for civic groups and in his office, and he often encourages people to pay attention to their Government and vote for qualified people for office.

Most letters to the Editor are usually very critical of our public officials so when you find one you think is doing a good job, let's give him the credits due him.

Nelson L. Darroch
Homosassa Springs

Charles H. Allen
Shirley Allen
1417 S.E. 4th Ave.,
Crystal River, FL. 32629
904-795-5490

Simon
Wed
1:30



Old Glory with 48 stars

Charles Allen, president of the Citrus County Historical Society, left, along with County Commission Chairman Alex Griffin, right, receives an original 48-star flag from 96 year old Dorland Van Duesen, a resident of Gospel Island. The flag which dates back to 1912 was given to Mr. Van Duesen in early June of 1984 by Del Lange. The Historical Society has on display many old and unusual historical pieces in the old Courthouse. (Photo by Matthew Beck)

Wedding bells ring

Toni Waters weds Capt. James Hay

Toni Yvette Waters, of Las Vegas, Nev. and Capt. James C. Hay, Jr. of Glendale, Ariz. were married Saturday, Feb. 14, 1987 at 3 p.m. at St. Benedict's Catholic Church. Father James Hoge officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Allen, Sr., of Crystal River.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Hay, Sr., of Pepperell, Mass.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown with a bell-shaped skirt of tissue faille with a three foot train. Embroidery-on-chiffon embellished the leg-of-mutton sleeves, scallops on the dropped waist, and dainty leaves at the scoop neck. Her tulle, waist length veil descended from a Juliette cap of lace, crystals and seed pearls.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Deirdra Buggle, Homosassa, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Miss Jennifer Hay, Massachusetts, sister of the groom, Mrs. Amber Cabrera, Arkansas, and Mrs. Carolyn Lafferty, Massachusetts, sister of the groom.

The bridal attendants' dresses repeated the delicate embroidered chiffon of the bride's gown but were mauve-on-mauve with double ruffles dropping over the shoulders and skirts of full chiffon.

Flower girl was Miss Melissa Hay, Massachusetts, sister of the groom. Master Beau Charles Buggle was the ringbearer.

Best man was Jeff Hay, Massachusetts, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Dan Buggle, Homosassa, brother-in-law of the bride, Scott Lafferty, New Jersey, brother-in-law of the groom, and Robert Williams, Surfside Beach, S.C.

A reception was held at 4 p.m. at the Plantation Inn Convention Center, Crystal River, given by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen.



Toni and James Hay

The couple spent a week's vacation on a skiing trip to Vermont for their honeymoon. They live in Mesa, Ariz.

George Allen

b. 29 July 1929

d. 25 Feb 2005

George Allen, 75

CRYSTAL RIVER

George Jackson Allen, 75, Crystal River, died Friday evening, Feb. 25, 2005, at Superior Residences at Cala Hills, Ocala.



He was born July 24, 1929, in Lecanto, the youngest of six boys, to Elwood F. and Eva C. (Jones) Allen and was a lifelong resident.

He was a retired U.S. Army Green Beret veteran, serving in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He served with the 82nd Airborne and received the Bronze Star. He graduated from Russian Language School at the Presidio in Monterey, Calif., and received a bachelor's degree from Campbell University in North Carolina.

Mr. Allen was the director of emergency management for Citrus County from 1975 to 1990. He was instrumental in bringing 911 to the area, as well as bringing the National Guard Armory to Crystal River. He made generous donations (including an island in Ozello) to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County, and served on its board of directors. He also served on the Emergency Planning Committee, the Red Cross and the board of directors for the Citrus County Blood Bank.

He was Christian. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, playing cards and gambling in Las Vegas.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Allen of Crystal River; three daughters, Victoria McCranie, Sarah and Eva Allen; and grandsons J.D. and Jared Gusha.

Strickland Funeral Home, Crystal River.

Allen leaving emergency post

By STEVE ORLANDO
Tribune Staff Writer

LECANTO — George Allen still remembers his first brush with international relations.

As a young U.S. Army sergeant stationed in Berlin, Allen was walking along the newly erected Berlin Wall when he ran across a Soviet soldier guarding a war memorial at the Brandenburg Gate.

Allen, who had recently attended the military language school in Monterey, Calif., decided to get the soldier's attention by shouting the command to present arms — in Russian.

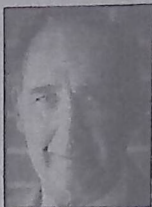
"When he turned to present arms and saw I was an American, his face turned about as red as that phone book," Allen said, laughing at the recollection.

Allen's diplomatic skills have gone through some refining since then. Today, he likes the motto "Emergency Management is an International Affair."

At a conference in Homosassa in October, Allen met with counterparts from four nations — including the Soviet Union. That, he said, was a proud moment.

The 60-year-old director of Citrus County Emergency Management spent his last day at work Friday and will officially step down April 1.

A roast in his honor was scheduled for Friday night.



Allen

In the 14½ years he's spent on the job, Allen has seen major changes in Citrus County and has contributed to many of them.

Allen started working in the county on Oct. 6, 1975. Back then, what little the county had to offer in the way of emergency preparations was housed in the basement of the old county courthouse.

"We had no radios, no equipment, no nothing," Allen said.

Instead of radio dispatchers, volunteer firefighters were sent on calls over citizen's band radios. Rusty Harry, Allen's long-time secretary, sat at a desk in the basement's hallway.

It was a far cry from the high-technology, computerized Emergency Management Operations center that opened in Lecanto a year and a half ago.

Allen considers the center one of his biggest accomplishments. The 911 system that accompanied it is another.

"When we first started talking about 911 around '75, '76, people

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were saying, 'What's that? We don't need it,' he said.

He was able to change that type of thinking.

With help from the Key Training Center, Allen was able to establish Citrus County's plans for helping the handicapped during emergencies — the first such plan in the United States to be approved by the Federal Emergency Management Administration.

Allen was born in Lecanto. He quit school just shy of graduation to join the Army, where he would spend the next 27 years — 12 of them in Japan — and would meet his wife, Janet.

In the early 1960s, he went to Germany, and later served two tours in Vietnam. Another tour took him to Japan again before he left the service in 1974 as a warrant officer and returned to Citrus County.

In retirement, Allen said he plans to stay as active as possible in emergency management.

"I'm not going to just go fishing," he said.

Part of a planned trip to Europe may be devoted to meeting with emergency planning officials in West Germany. Allen hopes to bring home some knowledge to share with officials here, although that may depend on the attitude of his replacement.

"Some people like outside assis-

Allen Elected Civil Defense President; Works For Streamlining

By GERARD MULLIGAN
Chronicle Editor

George Allen has a job that he hopes he will never be called upon to perform. He works everyday, planning, talking and educating people about his job. But he hopes his work will never really be needed in Citrus County.

Allen is director of the county civil defense program and in 1979 is president of the Florida civil defense directors for all 67 counties.

Operating out of the bottom floor of the new county courthouse in Inverness, the 27 year Army veteran is preparing Citrus County for the day he, and everyone who works for him, hopes never comes.

The possibilities of an all out nuclear attack on the United States seem less likely than they did when the cold war was in full swing 15 years ago. The Cuban Missile Crisis in 1963 has put a scare in many Floridians that is hard to forget. If disaster ever came, we would be vulnerable.

According to Allen, Florida has 18 sites that would be prime targets for nuclear attacks if we ever went to war with the Russians. The closest attack area would undoubtedly be McDill Airforce Base in Tampa which does possess return strike capability.

If a war was ever likely, Allen says that 60,000 residents from Hillsborough County would be evacuated to Citrus County before an attack occurred. Part of Allen's job is to see to it that Citrus County is ready to handle the new residents.



PREPARED — George Allen, civil defense director for Citrus County, was recently named president of the state civil defense directors association. [Staff Photo]

Allen said that one important angle about his job now is to follow the new programs being pushed by President Carter. Carter is attempting to streamline the civil defense business and the extraordinary number of federal agencies that are involved in planning

for a nuclear war. The civil defense director says that because of interagency politics, many tasks are duplicated by separate departments of government. Allen said that as president of the state association of civil defense directors, he is trying to push legislation that would give counties more direct control over the administrative handling of funds during a disaster.

The civil defense director pointed out that recent studies have shown that it would cost the federal government \$1,000 per household to rehouse a family after a disaster. When local civil defense agencies have been given the chance to carry out that same responsibility, they have managed to do it for a small percentage of the cost.

"We want to get as many functions as possible completed on a local level," said Allen. "The people in the community are aware of what action is needed to solve individual problems. They should be held accountable, but they should be able to make the federal dollar go further."

Allen said the state civil defense directors feel that 75 cents of every federal dollar allocated for civil defense should go to county directors.

The Citrus County naïve said Carter is now intent that funds allocated for civil defense serve a double purpose.

Civil defense directors are thus getting more involved in natural disaster preparedness and fire prevention programs. The

county fire commission has an office in the civil defense section of the courthouse and many fires are now reported to the agency's switchboard.

The civil defense siren system that would be used to notify all residents of a nuclear attack is also jointly used by various fire departments in the county. Matching federal funds are used to purchase a number of the sirens around Citrus.

Allen stated that a major part of his job as Citrus County Civil Defense director and the president of the state group is to help educate the people of Florida about what to do if a nuclear attack ever occurs. Allen said the government has totally given up on the concept of building bomb shelters for residents because of the exorbitant cost. According to a recent study, it would take five years of the county's total Gross National Product to build bomb shelters for everyone.

Instead, Allen says, the government is trying to educate residents what they should do if an attack takes place. Allen, who has taught several classes at area schools and hopes to address more community groups in the near future, says there are three important words to remember if there is a nuclear attack - time, distance and mass.

Time is important because the effects of the radiation decrease each day. If a person can hide in a safe place for several days, the possibilities of a Citrus County resident being effected by radiation from a nuclear attack in Tampa are slim. After two

days only one percent of the original radiation would remain. After two weeks that amount would be reduced to one tenth of one percent.

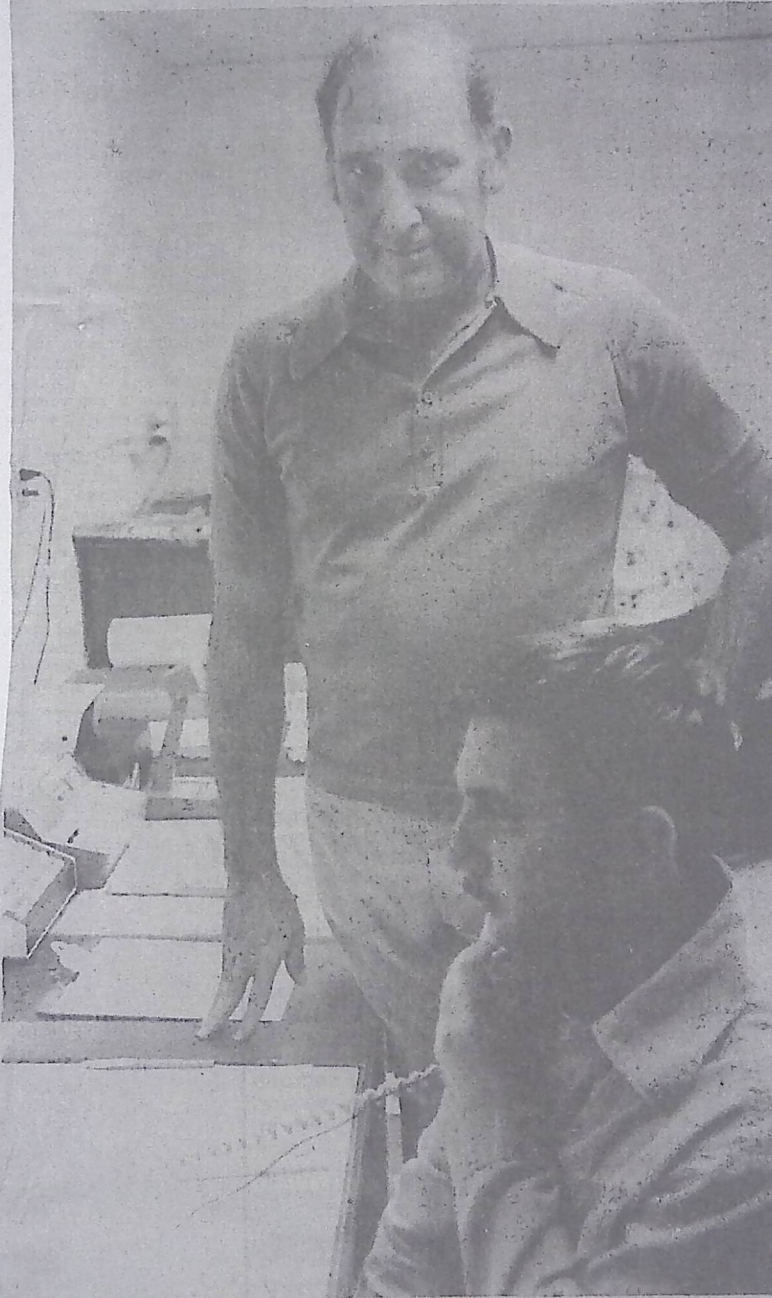
Distance from the nuclear attack is another important matter. The further away you are from a nuclear explosion, the more likely you are to survive. That is why the evacuation of Hillsborough County residents to Citrus County would be so important.

According to Allen the last word to remember is mass. Anything of weight cuts down on the amount of radiation that can reach you. Allen, whose headquarters on the bottom floor of the courthouse has a double concrete wall protection, said residents should keep as much mass between them and the outside world as possible. Allen suggested living in the inner most hallways of the home for several days after the attack.

The civil defense director says that if Americans would follow the simple advice, between 30 to 50 million American lives could be saved in an all out attack.

"The federal government has definitely been negligent in not disseminating this information to everyone," Allen said.

Allen's background in the Army has made him an intelligent choice as Citrus County's civil defense director. He did everything from kitchen work to intelligence operations while in the service. He lives in Citrus County with his wife Janet and has three children, Sarah, 23, Eva, 20 and Vickie 15.



SWITCHBOARD — George Allen looks over the shoulder of employee Paul Garrecht at the civil defense switchboard on the bottom floor of the county courthouse in Inverness.

George Allen thinks bad thoughts—all for you

By MICHAEL MOORE
Citrus-Hernando Times Staff Writer

INVERNESS

George J. "Jack" Allen was serving with the U.S. Army in Berlin when the concrete wall between East and West was being built.

"They would just line up troops on one side and we would line up troops on the other side," he says. "If one idiot had fired a few shots it would have started a war. I was really amazed that somebody didn't pull the trigger."

The Berlin experience was one among many during a 27-year Army career that molded Allen into the man that retired as a warrant officer in September 1974. Twenty of those years were spent on overseas assignments.

Allen returned to the county his family had helped pioneer, and just over a month ago was selected by Citrus County commissioners as the county's disaster preparedness officer. (Although the county hired him, half of his \$8,400 salary is paid by the state.)

It's a job that calls for preparations that would allow the maximum number of people to survive a nuclear attack, and Allen believes the potential for such an attack is real. The "idiot" that will pull the trigger will emerge, he believes.

"No one individual in the United States can trigger a nuclear attack . . . however some of the other countries are not as well safeguarded as we are," Allen says, and other nations can be expected to have nuclear strike capabilities in future years.

"I FEEL that someday in the future

there will be an attack . . . it may not come in my lifetime, but it will definitely take place," he says.

A misdirected missile aimed for a target such as Tampa's MacDill Air Force Base could impact in or near this county, Allen says, or a "secondary" target such as the Florida Power facilities near Crystal River could be programmed into a foreign missile.

The possibility of foreign attack is one among a variety of other potential disasters — ranging from killer hurricanes to highway accidents involving radioactive material or large numbers of injuries — that Allen has been given the responsibility of helping the county prepare itself for.

Allen is a product of a long-standing Citrus County family. Great-grandfather Charles Early Allen headed one of eight families that recognized the farming potential of the Lecanto area and decided to settle in the area. Grandfather Charles E. Allen and father Elwood F. Allen (whose death in May 1974 was a contributing factor to Allen's decision to retire from the Army) were born and raised in this county, and in turn helped develop the area.

Allen left the area in 1947 after dropping out of high school. He returned with a college degree, skills in the Russian language developed during a year of study at the defense language institute, and decorated with 20 different ribbons recognizing his service in countries including Japan, Germany, Korea, and the republic of China. Among the awards are four Bronze Stars and an air medal.



Regional news

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By Diana Johnson
Staff writer

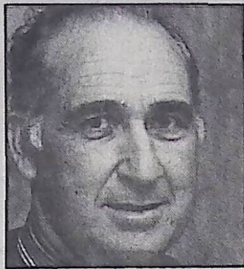
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Horace and Pauline Allen

Allens celebrate 50 years of marriage

Horace and Pauline Allen, both natives of Citrus County who were born and raised here, were honored with a 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, July 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Key Training Center in Lecanto.

The party was given by the Allen's children who are: Horace

"Bud" Allen of Crystal River; Lillian Waugh of Ft. Myers, Fla.; Margie Haley and Phillip "Tinker" Allen of Lecanto.

These two very special people joined hands in marriage on July 6, 1940. Their warmth and love has touched many lives in Citrus County.

Pioneer descendant Pauline Allen, 77, dies

By Julianne Munn
Staff writer

Funeral arrangements will be made today for Pauline (Edwards) Allen, 77, the descendant of several pioneer families in Citrus County.

Mrs. Allen, the wife of the late Horace Allen who died in 1992, died early Tuesday at her home in Lecanto, according to her son, Phillip Allen.

Allen said his mother accompanied him to pen up cattle on their farm Monday night and seemed all right when he dropped her off at her home, but she died sometime early Tuesday.

"We were worried about the lack of grass and feed, because it's so dry," he said, recalling their conversation Monday evening.

"She was an extremely good woman, didn't know a stranger. She would bend over backwards to help anyone," Allen said.

Mrs. Allen was a direct descendant of the Edwards and Stephenson pioneer families of Inverness, where she was born

and attended school.

Allen said she was an active member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Citrus County Chapter, the Citrus County Cattlemen's Association, and also served on the Key Training Center Board of Directors.

Mrs. Allen was well known in the area, having driven a school bus for about 25 years, her son said, and some of the children she carried to school offered their condolences Tuesday after hearing of her death.

Allen said his mother was especially looking forward to the graduation of his oldest son, Jeremy, Tuesday at Citrus High School.

Though a member of the Gulf-To-Lake Baptist Church, Allen said he believed the funeral service may be at the Providence Baptist Church on land donated to the church by the Allen family.

Surviving along with Phillip Allen are his brother, Horace Jr. and sisters Margaret and Lillian.

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A cousin, Ruth Christ of Lecanto, said Mrs. Allen married into another pioneer family, Edward and Eva Allen, whose sons Horace, George and Charles were well known in the community.

"Pauline was a person who really liked to talk about Citrus County history," Christ said. "She had a head full of it. People would get in

touch with her about history and she always had a story to tell."

Christ said she especially recalled how her cousin would tell about how her grandfather Stephenson was killed in a hold-up along with another young man by a band of hoodlums from an early phosphate mine.

Christ said her special bond to Mrs. Allen was being included in family gatherings from the time the couple was first married July 6, 1936.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Wilder-Fountains Funeral Home in Homosassa.



Pauline Allen was related to three pioneer families: Allen, Edwards and Stephenson.

Clipping from: Nashville Tennessean.
Handwriting of Mama: Clara Murdock King Douglas
Note addressed to: Vivian Douglas Luttman

FLORIDA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

APPLICATION

My copy 1 Aug 1988
Final Application

County, Florida. Pioneer Descendant Certificate

I, the undersigned, hereby make application for the issue of a Florida Pioneer Descendant Certificate/
~~County, Florida, Pioneer Descendant Certificate~~ (strike out words not needed) by
right of descent from John MORRISON, who was settled at
Anthony, Marion County, Florida, a location
which is within the present boundaries of Florida, before 3 March 1845.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Florida)
COUNTY OF Seale & Pos) : ss

John H. Wickham Notary
My Commission Expires Jan. 1, 1989

At Millie this 1st day of
August 1988 personally came
Mary Beth WATERS WILLIAMSON

(Full name of the applicant)
Mary Beth Waters Williamson

who, in support of the foregoing application, being duly sworn, declares

1. I was born on 28 March 1927
married on 5 Aug 1951
to Charles E WILLIAMSON
at Brookhaven Miss. (Lincoln County)
at _____
Married (2) on _____
to _____

at Moss Bluff (Marion) FL
at Ocala (Marion) FL
who was born on 16 March 1926
deceased/divorced on _____
at _____
born _____ at _____

2. I am the child of:
George Augustus WATERS
died at Jacksonville (Duval) FL
Mary E ALLEN
died at Crestview FL (Okaloosa Co)

born 3 Jul 1882 at Red Oak (Fulton) Ga.
on 2 Jan 1965 and his (first or) wife
born 19 Feb 1889 at Lecanto (Citrus) FL
on 22 Apr 1970 married on 25 June 1919

3. The said Mary E ALLEN
John Alexander ALLEN
died at Lecanto (Citrus) FL
Jane E TURNER
died at Lecanto (Citrus) FL

was the child of
born 8 March 1856 at (Marion) FL
on 8 Aug 1907 and his (first or) wife
born 29 Jan 1857 at _____ FL
on 22 Oct 1922 married on 8 Dec 1881

4. The said John A ALLEN
Early A ALLEN
died at Lecanto (Citrus) FL
Mary M MORRISON
died at Lecanto (Citrus) FL

was the child of
born 26 Sept 1830 at (Pike) AL
on 14 July 1872 and his (first or 2nd) wife
born 27 Apr 1836 at _____ GA
on 2 Oct 1916 married on 26 Jan 1854

5. The said Mary M MORRISON
John MORRISON
died at Marion Co FL
Sibbiah BLAIR
died at _____

was the child of
born _____ C. 1807 at _____ NC
on 8th July 1858 and his (first or) wife
born _____ C. 1807 at _____ GA
on _____ married on _____

6. The said _____
died at _____
died at _____

was the child of
horn _____ at _____
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SCHEDULE OF REFERENCES FOR LINEAGE

DOC NO.	TYPE OF DOCUMENT	WHAT THE DOCUMENT ESTABLISHES
1.	Birth Certificate	Certifies that the applicant Mary Beth WATERS WILLIAMSON was born on 28 March 1927 at Moss Bluff FL. Her father was George A. WATERS and her mother was Mary E. ALLEN.
2.	Marriage Certificate	Certifies that Mary Beth WATERS and Charles F. WILLIAMSON were married 5 Aug 1951 at Ocala FL.
3.	Family Group Sheets + Ancestor Chart	The WATERS-WILLIAMSON, WATERS-ALLEN, ALLEN-TURNER, ALLEN-MORRISON, MORRISON-BLAIR families.
4.	Death Certificate	Certifies that Mary E. ALLEN mother of the applicant died 22 Apr 1970, that she was born 19 Feb. 1889 at Lecanto FL and that her parents were John A ALLEN and Jane E TURNER.
5.	Marriage Certificate	Certifies that Mary E. ALLEN and George A. WATERS were married 25 June 1919.
6.	Bible Record	Certifies that Jane E. TURNER and John A. ALLEN were married 8 Dec 1881 and that their children Eason, Austin, Candace, Mary and John Toy were born on the dates indicated.
7.	Census Records	<p>1910 Census records that Mary Morrison ALLEN, Jane E. ALLEN and Mary E. ALLEN were living at Lecanto (Citrus) FL.</p> <p>1900 Census records that Mary Morrison ALLEN, John A. ALLEN and Mary E. ALLEN were living at Lecanto FL.</p> <p>1880 Census records that Mary M. ALLEN and J.A. ALLEN were living in Lecanto FL.</p>

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7.	Census Records Cont'd.	<p>1870 Census records that Early A. ALLEN, Mary Morrison ALLEN, and John A. ALLEN were living in Hernando County FL.</p> <p>1850 Census records that John MORRISON and his family including Mary M. MORRISON were living in Marion County FL.</p>
8.	Marriage Certificate	Certifies that Mary M. MORRISON and Early A. ALLEN were married 26 Jan 1854 in Marion County FL.
9.	Probate of John MORRISON (partial)	Certifies that Mary M. MORRISON Allen was a daughter and heir of John MORRISON and that her husband Early A ALLEN was named administrator of his estate after the death of her eldest brother William L. MORRISON.
10.	Minutes of first Marion Co FL Commission meeting. (Partial)	Certifies that John MORRISON was on the first board of County Commissioners of Marion County FL, that he was elected in October of 1845 and that he would have been living there long enough before the election to be well enough known and trusted to be elected to this office.
11.	Excerpt from <u>The Territorial Papers of the United States</u>	Signature of John MORRISON and his brother-in-law William BLAIR on a petition records or certifies them as residents of Florida before it became a state.

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PINES AND PIONEERS

A HISTORY OF
LOWNDES COUNTY, GEORGIA
1825-1900



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All the other families had children in the households. John Steward had one child at home as well as a man over ninety. The remainder of the couples had two or more children; five had nine in each of their families; and Alexander Campbell had twelve. Like the previous group, middle-aged couples tended to have large families and few slaves. Twenty-one men in the forty-fifty category owned slaves. Other than John Bryan, the owners of many slaves were John Hall and Samuel M. Clyatt, each with seven, William McMullen with eight, and S. E. Swilley with fourteen. Jonathan Knight owned four, two men and two women; Sion Hall, Isbin Giddens, and Joshua Kemp had three. Of the four owners of single female slaves, John Jordan had only a little girl less than ten years old. Matthew Allbritton listed a middle-aged woman, three young men, and a fifty-five to a hundred-year-old free person of color; Emanuel Grinner counted one male slave and a young man and a young woman, both free.

Circumstances changed yet again with the fifty to sixty-year-old men and women. Young women in the households were more likely to be daughters than wives. Of the forty-seven heads of households listed in this bracket, two, William Carlisle and Henry Castleberry, seemed to have been widowers, but three, Elijah Folsom, Lewis Roberts, and William Jones, had young women and young children at home. Nine men had wives in their thirties, and eighteen married women who were then in their forties. Fifteen men had wives of approximately their own ages. Only John Jones, Senior, and his wife lived by themselves; only Thomas Ramsey and John Lankford, Senior, had young people over fifteen at home. All the other families had younger children, ranging from the two each of Willis Numan, Joshua Platt, Hugh Chancy, and John Dees to the eleven each of Robert McCall and John Matthis, Senior. Eleven men were slave owners; Burten Branch had one woman who had a child to care for his family of ten; Henry H. Hightower owned a couple to attend his wife and infant. ~~William Blair possessed a family of eight members and four slaves;~~ Lawrence Folsom had only six in his

feet firmly planted on the wide floor boards, the congregation sat on the pews, each a single plank. The women of the church had scrubbed down with potash and homemade soap both pews and flooring, and the wood had a soft, silvery sheen. The pulpit was seven feet long, twelve inches wide, and two inches thick; three to five preachers sat on a long bench behind the pulpit until each had his turn to address the assembly. The exhorter then paced up and down the generous space provided, and he held forth for two hours before the next speaker had his chance. Listeners came and went; mothers carried out crying babies; little boys believed that they would starve to death before they could get outside to the loaded dinner tables that were as much a part of Big Meeting as the preaching. Burnt Church was the oldest Baptist church between Appling and Grady counties, and it fostered daughter churches at Bethel, now in Brooks County, Antioch and Wayfare, both at present in Echols.^{1 2}

Since 1824 there had been Methodists in the county. The Halls and the Pikes, the Barrs, the Joyces, and the Morrisons settled in the northwest section. Joined by the Campbells, the Hendrys, and the McRaes by 1828, the devout listened to the sermons of Hamilton Sharpe and Henry Blair, both local preachers. The Methodists wished to have a place to hold the camp meetings which were characteristic of their denomination. William Blair, William Hardy, and Hamilton Sharpe formed the committee which determined upon Mount Zion, an old Indian site, for tent poles and grain mortars were still there. Sion and Enoch Hall gave a portion of their Lot Number 271, District 12, to the Methodists for their meeting ground. They made the deed to William Blair, William Hendry, Lawrence Folsom, James J. Joyce, and William G. Hall, and the donors specified that the site be "occupied as a place of religious worship but whenever it shall be deserted . . . it shall . . . revert to Sion Hall & Enoch Hall."^{1 3}

In the autumn of 1829, after the crops were in, seven families set up their tents in the wooded area at Mount Zion. They were the Reverend Joshua Platt and Hamilton Sharpe, William and

John Hendry, William Blair, Lawrence Folsom and John Pike: They held the first week-long camp meeting of preaching, singing, and picnicking. The Methodists incorporated the Mount Zion Camp Ground in 1833, and William Blair, Randal Folsom, William Hendry, James J. and John Jordan became trustees. Eventually, people came to the meetings from a twenty-square-mile area extending from Greenville, Florida, to Nashville, Georgia. They gathered together the second week in October, and the assembly lasted from Tuesday through Sunday. A presiding elder assigned each preacher his time to conduct service, which was held at 8:00 and 11:00 in the mornings and 3:00 and 7:30 in the evenings. Although the ministers, sometimes as many as twelve, stayed together in a special tent, each had his morning worship in a family tent where he was a guest for the day. Other services were in the brush arbor, a log structure roofed with boards or bushes. Fire destroyed the first one at Mount Zion, and in 1845 the people constructed a 100 x 100 foot arbor with a hip roof, rough slab benches, and a pulpit for the preachers behind the altar. The meetings went on for years until the "crowd became too heavy for the tents."

The Methodists also built a church of logs at Mount Zion, and it burned in a fire purportedly caused by slaves making potash from wood ashes too close to the church. The members rebuilt in 1856, using hand-hewn sills and siding. They divided the interior with a row of columns, and they expected the men to sit on the right and the women on the left. Once a young man "of good standing" brought an attractive girl to church and sat down beside her on the left-hand side; the preacher stopped in mid-sermon and ordered him to the right row of benches. Despite such strictures, Methodism thrived in the county. According to the minutes of the Methodist Conference, George W. Davis was circuit rider of Lowndes County in 1831, from the Tallahassee District of the Georgia Conference, and George Bishop replaced him the next year. With the establishment of the Troupville circuit, one minister supplied twenty-one churches. He had no fixed schedule; when he arrived at a

THE HISTORY OF BROOKS COUNTY GEORGIA

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CHAPTER XVIII

METHODISM IN BROOKS COUNTY

Early Methodists—The First Missionary—The First Work
—Early Pastors—"The Old Days"—Mt. Zion Camp-Ground
—Brooks County Circuit—The Quitman Church—Groover-
ville Church—Concord Church—Dixie Church

With the advent of the first settlers in Lowndes County came some few who were of the Methodist connection. Among these might be mentioned William Blair, John Johnson, William Grantham, Hamilton W. Sharpe, William H. Ramsey, Paul Johnson, Thomas Cliffs, the Folsoms and Campbells and others. The earliest Methodist activities in Lowndes County centered in what is now Brooks County, and apparently, were limited for some years to present Brooks County; for that reason, the history of early Methodism in Lowndes is a part of the history of Brooks County.

Until 1830 the entire State of Georgia was under the South Carolina Conference, including the State of Florida; but in that year the upper part of Georgia was made into the "Georgia Conference," however, the coastal area and all of Florida remained under the South Carolina Conference until 1845 when the "Florida Conference" was formed and it held jurisdiction over all of Southern Georgia until 1866 when the present "South Georgia Conference" was created by the General Conference.

THE FIRST MISSIONARY

Contemporaneously with the creation of Lowndes County came the formation of the "Tallahassee District" by the South Carolina Conference in January, 1825. This new work took in that vast territory in Florida lying west of the Suwanee River, and all of Southern Georgia from the Okefinokee Swamp and Suwanee River westward to the Alabama line. In all of this territory there were no organized churches or meeting houses and it was truly a missionary work. The Conference laid it out as a District and sent Rev. Josiah Evans to be both the Presiding Elder and Pastor. It was made his business to locate and contact all the Methodist families in the territory, endeavor to establish organized churches and camp-meetings, and preach the Gospel to the masses. It was a big job and remained so for some years, necessitating the separation of the preacher from his family, home and kindred into the wilds and privations of a new country and among scattered settlers who had moved in from scores of different sections and counties and from other states.

The privations of the early circuit-riders (as they soon became known) were such that the health of most of these vanguards of the Cross was soon broken. Subjected to bitter cold and at other times to unbearable heat, oftentimes with the ground as a bed at night, fording impassable streams, long distances between settlers and between preaching points, no roads, no bridges, no churches (and even when some were formed they were too weak to afford any financial help to the pastor), with many natural enemies in addition to the lurking Indian, long absences from home and kindred, with the heavy spiritual care of a struggling mission work upon their shoulders, it was no wonder that many of the early pioneer preachers died in the prime of life, while others had to take enforced "locations" on account of broken health. It was thus that the first young preacher sent out on the newly-established Lowndes Mission in 1832, died at the age of 24 years.

The work laid out in 1825 in the Tallahassee District was as follows: The territory was divided into three "missions." Rev. Evans was appointed as pastor of the Tallahassee Mission (which included Lowndes and present Brooks County); the Early County Mission (in Georgia) was to be pastored by Rev. Morgan C. Turrentine, and the Chattahoochee Mission was to be pastored by Rev. John L. Jerry. These three Spirit-filled preachers spread the Gospel far and wide and many were converted through their ministry.

The South Carolina Conference was held each year in mid-winter usually in Columbia, S. C., and the early pastors from this section had to journey horseback to that distant point each year, taking many days to make the trip. The salary of the frontier circuit-rider in those early days would ordinarily average about \$75.00 to \$100.00 for the whole year.

THE FIRST WORK

The scene of the first Methodist activity in Lowndes County was in present Brooks County and centered around old Mount Zion Camp-Ground which came into existence as an annual affair in 1828. The camp-meeting was a product of pioneer days, then-existing conditions giving rise to them everywhere the Methodists were numerous enough. It became a time when people for miles around in the surrounding section and all over the county could come together and mix and mingle and renew acquaintances, hear the Gospel preached, promote spiritual fellowship, and—incidentally, try to raise enough money to meet conference claims. Those who came would shut up home or leave trusty slaves in charge, and come and put up their "tents" as they were called, and with their entire families would spend the full week. Such was the early beginning of Mt. Zion Camp-ground.

The beloved Hamilton W. Sharpe of Quitman, writing his reminiscences of Early Methodism in 1884 in the Wesleyan Advocate, recalled: "It was in Southern Georgia in the county then Lowndes now Brooks, as early as 1828 that Mount Zion Camp-ground was orga-

nized and the first meeting held under the management of Rev. Josiah Evans, Presiding Elder of the Tallahassee District, South Carolina Conference”.

MT. ZION CAMP-GROUND

Although the first camp-meeting was held in 1828 the deed to the camp-ground was not executed until 1831. The following is a copy of the deed to the property, made from the original by the Compiler of this History* :

GEORGIA, LOWNDES COUNTY:

“This Indenture made this the eighth day of November in the year of Christ, Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-one, between Sion Hall and Enoch Hall of the county and state aforesaid, of the one part, and William Blair, William Hendry, Lawrence Folsom, James J. Joyce, and Wm. G. Hall, Trustees on the part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the other part, Witnesseth:

“That the said Sion Hall and Enoch Hall for divers good causes do hereby give, grant, release and bequeath unto the aforesaid Trustees and to their successors in office, for and as a place of religious worship to be held and claimed, to be possessed and owned and to be used by the Methodist Episcopal Church, that plat of land whereon the Camps are now situated, to be marked and designated as follows: Commencing with the west north-and-south line of the tract of land which according to original survey is known as Lot No. (271) Two Hundred and Seventy-one in the 12th District of the County aforesaid, to run East from the aforesaid line on the North and South side of the Encampment forty feet from the outer side of the several camps and to include the church and burying-ground, to contain six acres, more or less.

“TO HAVE AND TO HOLD with all the rights, members and appurtenances belonging to or appertaining to the aforesaid plat or premises so long as the aforesaid plat shall be occupied as a place of religious worship, but then and whenever it shall be deserted as a place of religious worship this title shall be of no effect but revert back and become the property of the aforesaid Enoch Hall and Sion Hall and to their own use and benefit. But while it shall or may be used as a place of worship we the aforesaid Sion Hall and Enoch Hall will warrant and defend the aforesaid plat from the claims of ourselves and all and every other person or persons whatsoever, in fee simple; unto the said Trustees and to their successors in office.

“IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals in the presence of—

DENNIS HILLS
JOHN MORRISON

SION HALL (L.S.)
ENOCH HALL (L.S.)

(*) This deed as will be noted, was recorded on the Lowndes County deed records in 1833. This record was lost when the Lowndes county deed records were burned about 1859, and the deed has not since been re-recorded.

GEORGIA, LOWNDES COUNTY:

"In person appeared before me John Morrison and after being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that he saw the within deed signed and delivered, sign the same himself as a witness and saw Dennis Hills sign it also as a witness.

Sworn to before me, Lowndes Co., 3 Oct. 1832:

SEABORN RAINEY, J.P.

JOHN MORRISON.

GEORGIA, LOWNDES COUNTY:

Clerk's Office, Superior Court.

Duly registered in Book "A"

pages 654 & 5, 26 February, 1833.

WILLIAM SMITH, Clerk.

The late Hamilton W. Sharpe of Quitman, in 1884 published a series of articles in The Valdosta Times dealing with his recollections of ante-bellum days in old Lowndes, and in his article published April 12, 1884, wrote in part:

"It was, I think, as early as the fall of 1828 that the few scattered Methodists conceived the idea of a camp-meeting and a committee of three was appointed consisting of William Hendry, William Blair and Hamilton W. Sharpe to select a suitable place for the meeting, which after getting together and consulting, was easily done. Mount Zion, the present site, was selected and staked off; a lovely spot in the wilderness where the savage foot had but recently trod, for the poles used in constructing their wigwams were here and there on the campus we selected, also the mortars in which they prepared their sofka.

"The country was new; but few roads and settlers were spare, but the time was set and when the appointed time arrived there were tents occupied by William Blair, William Hendry, John Hendry, Rev. Joshua Platt, H. W. Sharpe, John Pike and Lawrence Folsom in all seven. The church had a pleasant and prosperous time and with but few exceptions the campus has been occupied up to a few years ago; the crowd became too heavy for the tents and the camp-meetings were dropped."

The following news-item is taken from "The Independent" a weekly newspaper published at Quitman in 1874-75 by Major J. C. Galaher, and is from the issue of October 17, 1874:

"At Morven in the northern part of this county closed on last Tuesday the Camp-meeting. Since the first camps were erected and the arbor built and consecrated to God more than forty years ago, we have no fears in asserting that no meeting there has ever been attended by an abler corps of ministers. The Rev. Mr. Anthony of Americus, Rev. Mr. Sistrunk of Fort Valley, Rev. Mr. Austin of Thomasville, the Presiding Elder, Rev. Mr. McGehee of Thomasville and the Rev. Mr. Dawsey of Berrien, were the visiting brethren. The other ministers were our own: The



L AUBREY ALLEN, JR.

Owner and operator of Allen Improvement Company in Crystal River, Aubrey Allen, Jr. is one of those enterprising men who saw his opportunity in Florida and made the most of it.

He was born in Albany, Georgia, June 5, 1907, son of Aubrey Allen, Sr., who was born in Jasper, Florida, in 1884, and died in 1938. Mr. Allen, Sr., was an accountant in Albany and in Citrus and Pasco counties in Florida. He returned to Georgia and was book-keeper in the office of the sheriff of Dougherty County. Walter A. Allen, grandfather of our subject, was a printer, publisher, and editor for thirty-five years in Worth and Mitchell counties in Georgia. Coming to Clearwater, he ran a drug store for a while, then went to Largo and bought the newspaper, which he ran until his death.

The mother of Aubrey, Jr., was Margaret Theresa Coffey, born in Alachua, Florida, in 1888. She died in 1942.

Mr. Allen had his early education in Dougherty

County, Georgia, and graduated from Albany High School in 1925. He attended the University of Florida the following year. In 1926 he went to work for Hall Pharmacy in Inverness, where he remained two years. Then he went to Jacksonville and worked as shipping clerk for Linen Thread Company. Returning to Albany, Georgia, he opened a soda fountain called The Dairy Shop. He served as County Deputy there for a time, and in February, 1938, joined the police force in Albany and served in that capacity until October, 1942. From 1943 to 1945 he worked for the Central of Georgia Railroad.

In 1946 he came to Crystal River and took a job as a carpenter. Seeing that there was no lumber yard or building supply house in the area, he and R. H. Kennedy decided to fill the vacuum, and opened the Builder Supply Company of Crystal River. This was in 1949. In 1952 Mr. Allen sold his interest in the business to Mr. Kennedy and undertook contracting under the name of Allen Home Improvement Company. In 1956 he established the business he now runs and handles a large volume of the materials used in construction of new buildings in Crystal River and vicinity. His business and home property cover twelve acres.

Mr. Allen has been a charter member of the Crystal River Lions Club since April, 1953, was secretary from 1953 to 1955, and president and zone chairman from 1955 to 1956. He has been a director of the West Citrus Chamber of Commerce since 1949. A charter member of the Chamber of Commerce, he has been a director for three terms. He is a member of the Baptist Church and a Democrat in politics.

Aubrey Allen, Jr., was married to Johnnie Will Harbuck of Terrell County, Georgia, on December 1, 1940, in Albany, Georgia. She is a daughter of John Rufus and Margaret Mae Cooper Harbuck. Her father was born in Georgia near Cusseta, and her mother was born in Alabama. Both are deceased.