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DR. TAYLOR'S OLD TIMES IN WARREN

Interesting Letter Giving History of Allen Family From Mr. J. W. Allen of Tenn.

It affords us pleasure to publish the following letter from Mr. John W. Allen of Tenn.

The letter is worthy of careful preservation as it gives us an account of a branch of one of Warren's leading families. T. J. TAYLOR.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 30th, 1917

Dear Sir: I am just in receipt of a letter from my cousin, the Hon. Joseph John Allen, of Louisville, requesting me to give you a brief history of that portion of the Allen family who came "West," from there during the early history of Tennessee. I will begin with my grandfather, John Allen, who came to this country in the year 1819 from Warren county, and settled one half mile east of Laverne, Rutherford county, which is only fifteen miles from this place, and taught school for many years.

John Allen was the grandson of Chas. Allen, who was reared near Culpeper, Va. Chas. Allen was a strong personal friend of President Washington, and served two enlistments in the Revolutionary war, and during the last one, he was Captain of his company, and was more than fifty years of age. His Company was brigaded with Gen. Ashe and he was in the battle of the "Brier Thicket," "Alamance Creek," and "Guilford Court House." John Allen was the son of Vincent Allen, who bore his mother's maiden name, and who was also in the Revolutionary war from a Virginia Regiment under Lieutenant-Colonel Posey. John Allen, himself, served a short enlistment in the war of 1812, in a company of North Carolina militia of which Colonel John Laughter was Captain, and drew a pension from the United States Government for this service to the time of his death. He was born May 15, 1794, and died January 12, 1881, on the plantation that he cleared himself near Whiteville, Tenn., and is buried in the family graveyard at that place. He moved to Whiteville in 1835, 12 years after the treaty with the Indians providing for the purchase and settlement of West Tennessee.

While teaching school in the early part of his life, he found it necessary to supply a number of the children with shoes in order to keep them in school, and in order to do this he was compelled to make them himself, supplying them without cost to any of the pupils wishing him to do so.

He was married about 1821 to Miss Nancy Caroline Morton, of one of the most prominent families in this section at that time. She was the daughter of John Morton and his wife, Miss Caroline O'Dineal, who lived near Triune in Williamson county. His children were Mary Allen, Thompson Allen, Vincent Allen, Caroline Allen, Ada Allen, John Allen, (7) Joe Allen and (8) Amanda Tate Allen.

Mary Allen married Caswell Coates, Bolivar, Hardeman county, Tenn., and moved to Texas soon after that state was admitted to the Union. She only had one daughter, Alma, who married a Mr. Hester, and she only had one child by the name of John Hester. They are both living at Columbus, Texas, and are in a good financial condition.

Thompson Allen married Miss Araminta Wilson, near Bolivar, Tenn., and a Miss Newsom, near Fayette Corner, Tenn., and died about 1892 without heirs. He was buried with Masonic honors at Goodwin, Arkansas, where he owned a plantation. He joined E. Company, Forrest Old Regiment, and was shot down at the Battle of Shiloh, which was the first battle he was ever in. His horse was killed by the same bullet, and this wound was the cause of his death.

Vincent Allen went to Texas when he was a young chap with his sister Mary, and married a Miss Wilson near Alletown, in Colorado county, and raised a family. One son, Gussie, the oldest, lives in Montana and Mrs. Traylor and Mrs. Leeds live at Wharton, Texas. Miss Pearl Leeds, one of the daughters, is quite a prominent school teacher in that section.

Caroline and Ada Allen died when they were in their teens and were never married.

John Allen married Miss Louisa Har-

wood near Trenton, Tenn., and left two children, Orion and J. W. Allen (myself). My brother, Orion Allen, lives at O'Donnell, Texas, and is engaged in the cattle business. He left Tennessee in 1881 for his health, which was restored by the refreshing breezes of the Panhandle country. He has three children. Glenn Allen, who is marrier and settled near his father; Fern Allen, who is in the National Army and Ora Allen, who married a Mr. Miles and is settled near that point. John Allen lost his wife in February 1861 and he immediately joined Company E. of the 7th Tennessee Cavalry which was brigaded with Gen. Forrest's old Regiment throughout the entire Civil War. He was wounded at Union City, Tenn., and at Harrisburg, Miss. These wounds superinduced his death in 1866. He was a lawyer by profession.

I married Miss Flora Hamel November 23, 1881. She descended from a long line of Indian fighters who came to Tennessee from North Carolina in the early part of the eighteenth century. She died on June 7th, 1916. Our children are as follows: Mrs. A. A. Bailey, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. O. A. Burbank, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. W. A. Dyer, Washington, D. C.; J. W. Allen, Jr., New Orleans, La.; W. T. Allen, Chicago, Ill.; Morton P. Allen, Chicago, Ill.; Forrest F. Allen, Nashville, Tenn.; and Mary Graddy Allen, Nashville, Tenn.

Morton recently stood an examination for First Lieutenant in the Aviation Corps and has passed. Forrest is a graduate of Fort Oglethorpe and is now Second Lieutenant in the National Army at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Georgia.

(7) Joe Allen was a member of Co. E. of the 7th Tennessee Cavalry and was killed at the Battle of Brittain Lane near Denmark, Tenn., which was the first battle he was ever in. He had just graduated in medicine and went in the army as a private in order to gratify his intense feeling and do something for the good of his beloved Southland.

(8) Amanda Tate Allen was the youngest of all the children of John Allen, born about 1847. During the war she rode her pony to school two miles and carried a seven shooter in her riding skirt pocket for protection. She was one of the finest horseback riders, and one of the finest shots with the rifle or pistol ever known in our section. Ab ut 1872 she was married to John M. Matthews, of Whiteville, Tenn., who was a lieutenant in the 6th Tennessee Infantry, C. S. A. They moved to Texas in 1881, and all of the children have become quite wealthy in the development of the lands in the western part of that state. Their names are as follows: Mrs. Tate Matthews Barnett, Marfa, Texas; Sloan Matthews, Hovey, Texas; Claude Matthews, Fort Davis, Texas; Walter Matthews, Marathon, Texas; Morton Matthews, Alpine, Texas.

They are all married and have fine ranches and have always lived on the frontiers. My brother and I were raised and educated by our grandfather, and I am the only one left of John Allen's descendants in Tennessee.

John Allen was an excellent christian gentleman, a devout member of the Methodist church, and a strong disciple of John Wesley. During the latter part of his life, he read the Bible through every year and always held family prayers at night. He was a Mason of high rank, and always felt much interest in the Order. He knew no fear and during the war when the Federal soldiers were invading the country, it made no difference how many were in the crowd, or at what time of the night they came, he always met them at the gate. He was a prosperous cotton planter and owned a large number of negroes at the outbreaking of the war. He was charitable and liberal, but frugal and economical in his habits. To the negroes who stayed with him during the war, he sold farms after the war on a credit giving them all the time desired to pay for them. He was a man of strong determination, and considered loyalty to both principle and friends the greatest of all the virtues. To those of less discrimination this has often been construed to mean stubbornness, but his immovable loyalty was based upon love of principle.

Pinkney Morton, a brother of Caroline, moved from Williamson county to Caney Springs, now in Marshall county and raised his family on the adjoing farm to where General Nathan Bedford Forrest was reared. He was a great friend of the Morton family and Captain John W. Morton, one of

MET WITH MISS MARY HARRIS

Baptist Philathea Class Have Enjoyable Meeting At Her Home On November 6th.

The Philathea Class of the Baptist church enjoyably met with Miss Mary Harris on Tuesday night at her home on Fifth avenue.

The following program was rendered: "A Sketch of George Washington" by Miss Grace Beasley; "The Declaration of Independence," Miss Sarah Macon; "The Navy of the U. S. During a Revolution," Miss Ethel Chandler; "The Carolinas and West Point," Miss Janet Fleming; "The Surrender of Lord Cornwallis," Mrs. T. B. Gardner.

After the rendition of the program, instrumental music was rendered by Miss Ethel Chandler.

Ice cream, caramel and coconut cake were served and enjoyed as refreshments.

WARREN APPLES FINE SPECIMEN.

Raised in Mr. E. P. Fitts' Orchard Under Spraying Method of Dem. F. B. Newell.

County Demonstrator F. B. Newell brought to this office Wednesday four apples taken as a sample of Mr. Ed Fitts' apple crop. These apples were large, mellow, and without any defects.

Mr. Newell informed us that from the sale of the products of Mr. Fitts orchard over a hundred dollars had been realized.

The big yield and the quality of the fruit in this orchard was due to spraying done by Mr. Newell, and the public will next year be in a position to appreciate the value of spraying and of the work of Mr. Newell who is to have charge of the twelve test orchards being established in Warren.

As described by a gentleman who comes from an apple country, "These apples are some of the finest I have ever seen. I am agreeably surprised that this county can produce such fruit."

PHILATHEAS HOLD MONTHLY MEETING

Methodist Church Philatheas Hold Meeting With Misses Sue and Isabel Broom.

On Monday night November 5th the regular monthly meeting of the Philathea Class of the Methodist church was held at the home of Misses Sue and Isabel Broom.

The country of Armenia was the topic study of the evening. Several very interesting papers were read—Miss Lou Brown, Miss Sallie Palmer, Miss Ursula Pellatier and Miss Mary Chauncey each reading an interesting, helpful paper. A very pretty instrumental solo was rendered by Miss Belle Dameron.

After a delicious fruit salad course served by the Misses Broom, the meeting adjourned to meet the first Monday night in December at the home of Miss Belle Dameron.

BOX PARTY AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AT HOLLISTER.

On Friday night, November 16th, there will be given at Hollister High School a box party and musical entertainment. The proceeds will be used to help pay for the furnace now being installed in the school building. Everybody cordially invited.

REPORT OF COTTON GINNED IN WARREN CO. TO OCT. 16TH

The Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, reports that Warren had ginned prior to October 16th 1,140 bales of cotton.

A TRIBUTE FROM HER GOOD PASTOR

To Mrs. W. E. B. Harris Who Died at Her Home Near Macon On November 1st.

Nov. 1, 1917, in the early morning, Mrs. Martha Dora Harris, after a painful illness of four weeks, died peacefully at her home near Macon, where she had lived seventeen years. She was 55 years, 2 months and 3 days old, having been born in Granville county August 23th, 1862. Her parents were Rev. L. A. and Mrs. Nancy Lloyd, deceased, while a brother and a sister are yet living.

In her nineteenth year, January 1881 she was happily married to Mr. William E. B. Harris, and he and eight of their fourteen children survive their loved one. There are also five grand children.

Excepting five years in Nash county her life was most generally spent in Warren county.

When a mere Sunday School girl she joined the M. E. Church, South, at Hebron, Warrenton circuit, and upon the organization of the Macon Methodist church in 1874 she moved her membership there, and made a faithful member for more than forty years.

Her pastor referred to her as "a virtuous woman" in whom her husband's heart did safely trust; affectionate and industrious as a home keeper, her children arising up, and calling her blessed.

Wherever she lived she made friends overcoming many things by constant kindness. Hers was an unselfish life, full of the spirit of loving service and sacrifice. Home was her realm.

When she could no longer serve others, as a sure reward they gratefully administered unto her. Nothing was spared for her comfort and welfare. Love did its best to prolong her stay, but God willed otherwise. Her patience and resignation in all her affliction were beautiful. As the end approached she said to those about her: "I want you not to grieve for me; I am willing to go." These triumphant words are suggestive of the heroism with which she met the last enemy. These words will act as a balm of consolation to bleeding hearts. These words will serve to recall one whom God's grace enabled to live so unselfishly, and has gone to dwell in His holy presence. These words will stimulate to more diligent endeavor her pastor whom she greeted with uniform kindness and hospitality.

"There is no death—the stars go down To shine upon a fairer shore." R. H. BROOM.

OUR LITTLETON NEWS LETTER

Hallowe'en Party, Rook and Book Clubs Meet; Mohorn-Boyce Wedding; Other News.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fetter, of Raleigh, spent the week end with relatives here.

Mrs. H. C. Smith and daughter, little Miss Carrie Tucker have returned from a few days visit to relatives in Henderson.

Miss Sallie Boyce left Monday for Baltimore, where she will attend a Business College.

Rev. and Mrs. Francis Joyner spent a few days with friends at Oxford last week.

Mr. C. G. Moore, Jr., of the U. S. Navy, spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Moore.

Mr. J. H. Newsom spent Sunday with friends in Norfolk.

Dr. and Mrs. Horace Palmer and children, of Hollister, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Dora Vinson on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Miles and Miss Mattie Jenkins spent Sunday with Mrs. J. B. Aiken at her home at Elm City.

Mr. Haywood Glasgow, who has been employed in the Bank of Littleton for some time, left this week to accept the position of Cashier in Bank at Robertsonville.

Mrs. J. M. Bragg and Misses Minnie Daniel, Annie Thorne and Helen Nicholson motored to Warrenton and Henderson Monday.

The members of the Littleton Red Cross Auxiliary gave a Rook Party

in the Red Cross rooms on Tuesday evening. An admission fee of twenty five cents was charged, to be used for Red Cross work. Interesting games, hot coffee and dainty sandwiches were enjoyable features of the evening's entertainment.

BOOK CLUB ENTERTAINED.

On last Tuesday afternoon the Book Club was very pleasantly entertained by Mrs. L. M. Johnston at her attractive home on Mosby Avenue. After an interesting program had been rendered, a tempting salad course was served, while social chatter was enjoyed.

ROOK CLUB MET.

Miss Edith Browning was hostess to the Rook Club on Friday afternoon. A number of games were played with interest and enthusiasm, after which a dainty salad course was enjoyed.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY.

One of the most pleasant social events recently enjoyed by the young ladies of Littleton was the Hallowe'en Party given by Miss Willie Vassar and Mrs. W. M. Perkins on Friday evening at the home of Miss Vassar.

Games, jokes and story telling were features of the evening's amusements. An ice course was attractively served. Those present were: Misses Bessie Harris, Urtie Harrison, Carrie Helen Moore, Mary Nicholson, Carrie Myrick, Etta Belle Stevens, Sadie Vinson, Frances Sessoms; and Mesdames V. F. Harrison and Howard Browning.

MOHORN-BOYCE.

Miss Elizabeth Boyce and Mr. Mason Mohorn, both of Littleton, were married on Monday evening about six o'clock at Fairmont where Miss Boyce was teaching. Mr. and Mrs. Mohorn left at once for Littleton and are the guests of Mrs. Mohorn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boyce.

Mrs. Mohorn will return to Fairmont this week to resume her school duties for the remainder of the term, while Mr. Mohorn leaves in a few days for Camp Jackson, Columbia.

The bride is a young woman of attractive personality, amiable disposition and possessing many admirable qualities. Mr. Mohorn has for several years held a responsible position with the Bank of Littleton, but resigned to answer the call of his country and join the boys in khaki.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Mohorn have a large circle of friends who wish them much happiness.

GROVE HILL FARMERS VERY BUSY

Farmers Busy Picking Cotton; School Started Nov. 5th. Locals and Personals.

Farmers are very busy this week picking cotton, and preparing to sow wheat. The heavy rain this morning will delay people from plowing for several days.

Mr. Miller, our future pastor, gave us a fine sermon Sunday.

Our school started Monday November 5th with Miss Ruth Davis as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harris, of Ringwood, visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Harris recently.

Miss Arline Stallings spent last Saturday night with Miss Lillian Hardy.

Mrs. Foster Robertson and children, of Macon, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Lancaster.

Mrs. W. T. Hardy and several of her children spent Monday night and Tuesday with her mother near Aspen.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smiley and son spent Saturday night and Sunday in the home of Mrs. Smiley's sister, Miss Pattie Lambert.

Mrs. T. A. Harris and daughter Gertrude spent a few days with her daughter Miss Belle Harris at Tar River where she is teaching school. They also took in the fair at Oxford.

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF WARREN CO. HOME GUARD.

You are hereby commanded to assemble in the Armory over the Dameron Building at 8 o'clock p. m. Monday, the 12th instant.

TASKER POLK, Captain.

LAST FRIDAY A BIG DAY AT WISE

Patriotic Rally and Flag-Raising at Wise; Red Cross Auxiliary Organized; Locals.

On Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock there was held a patriotic rally and flag raising at the schoolhouse. The program was opened by the singing of "America" by the school, which was followed by a recitation by Miss Hattie Hodges who recited "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" most acceptably.

The Hon. Tasker Polk, of Warrenton, delivered an interesting and instructive address on "Why We Are at War." We always expect a good speech from Mr. Polk, and we always get it. We appreciate his coming, and it seems as though his unwavering patriotism makes him more eloquent than usual, if such a thing is possible. After Mr. Polk's address, Miss Sadie Perkinson recited with a great deal of expression and emotion, "The Recessional" by Kipling.

The exercises were concluded on the outside of the building where as the school sang "The Star Spangled Banner," "Old Glory" was unfurled. The school then repeated the oath of allegiance and saluted the flag.

All who were interested went back into the school house for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary to the Warrenton Chapter of the American Red Cross. Miss Jerman, Miss Burwell and Mrs. Rooker, of the Warrenton Chapter were present. An Auxiliary of twenty-five charter members was organized with the following officers:

Chairman, Miss Margaret Justice; Secretary, Mrs. Charlotte S. Perkinson; Treasurer, Miss Lena White. Other charter members are: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Perkinson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Perkinson, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hayes, Miss Hattie Hodges, Miss Smith, Prof. Craver and Miss Craver, Miss Carrie Dunn, Mrs. Oscar Perkinson, Vance St. Sing, Mrs. Hester Paschall, Mrs. W. M. Rochelle and the Misses Agnes Paschall, Malissa Hicks, Clifflie Williams, Bertha White, Lizzie White, Estelle Isles, and Mary Perkinson.

The first meeting was held on Monday afternoon November 5th with Mrs. Hayes. At this time yarn for knitting was distributed, and it was voted that a meeting be held every Wednesday in a room over the J. R. Paschall Co. Store, which room is to be fitted up as a work room. All others who are willing to knit whether members or not can get wool and directions from Mrs. Charlotte Perkinson.

New members who have joined since the rally day are: Mr. James White, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. S. White, Mr. Lawrence Perkinson, Mr. W. C. Perkinson, Mrs. I. L. King, Miss Malissa Coleman, Miss Lalla Perkinson and Mr. Ernest Collins.

Some Need of Wise Auxiliary American Red Cross: A load of wood, a sewing machine. Any person willing to give some wood or willing to loan a sewing machine for use in the work room please notify any of the officers.

PERSONAL ITEMS OF MARMADUKE

Local and Personal Mention of Goings and Comings In and Around Marmaduke.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davis, of Henderson, are spending the week end with his parents at Rose Cottage.

We hear that Mr. William Benson and family will move to the vacant home owned by Mrs. M. C. Davis.

Mr. Clifford Robertson is boarding with Mr. Ricks Mustian in order to conveniently attend school in Warrenton.

Miss Bernice Scundberg, of Vaughan, has commenced the public school term as our teacher for this session.

Miss Ruth Davis, Mr. M. C. Duke and family spent Sunday with Mrs. John Powell.

Mr. P. R. Davis and wife with little Mary Wilson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. S. K. Clark and family.

Mrs. M. C. Duke and Miss Sallie Powell spent one day last week with Mrs. S. W. Powell at Inez.

Miss Mabel Robertson is teaching school near Louisville this winter.

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