

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Allen, Robert Senator _____
Represented Des Moines County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 Jan 1817 County Antrim, Ireland

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Hancy Mason 28 June 1846 Des Moines County, Iowa
(2) Catherine Ripley 23 Jan 1861 Des Moines County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership He is in sympathy with the Presbyterian doctrine but

5. Sessions served 12th General Assembly 1868 is not a member

6. Public Offices

A. Local Justice of the Peace from 1852

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 18 Jan 1907 Radgville, Iowa; buried Old Stone Church Cemetery, Judgeville, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Mary (Mrs. E. J. Jackson); Martha (Mrs. Lucullis Collins); John Mason; By 2nd wife - Frank

9. Names of parents Hugh and Catherine (Davidson) Allen

10. Education He was educated in schools of Warren County,
Ohio

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He was born in Ireland, although he was raised in
Warren County, Ohio. He lived there until 1839. He
then went to Des Moines County, Iowa and purchased 270
acres and then returned to Ohio yet in 1839 until April 1842,
- He then returned to Des Moines County, Iowa where he sold 100
acres and returned to Ohio in November 1843, in August 1844
he returned and began to improve the land.
- His first wife, Nancy, born 23 May 1827, died 7 Jan 1860
- His second wife, Catherine, born 23 Sept 1825, died 27 Jan 1898.

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RULES FOR DEFENSE IN DARELIUS CASE.

Demurrer to Indictment—Case
 Remanded to the April
 Term of Court.

use of the State of Iowa vs.
 Thus, the indictment in which
 ed at the November term of
 ct court, will be remanded to
 id jury for the April term,
 rt refusing to release
 endant's bond. This ac-
 rendered necessary by
 on of Judge Smyth in sus-
 demurrer to the sufficiency
 dictionment filed by the defend-

as found against Dareli-
 me of assault with in-
 ommitting great bodily injury, the
 ing witness being Attorney
 Albia, one of the men who is
 ing the mulet law cases. Capt.
 illner for the defendant filed
 or to the indictment alleging
 delency and the matter was
 this morning before Judge
 y Capt. Willner and County
 Kuhlmeier. It was a lengthy
 t and voluminous citations
 de by both attorneys. At the
 n of the arguments, the court
 ed that the demurrer was sus-
 s it was clearly shown that
 had not been clearly set
 the indictment. He remanded
 to the April term of court.
 aves County Attorney Kuhl-
 without one criminal case to
 o in the January term. The
 nt against Darellus, was re-
 before Mr. Kuhlmeier as
 is office.

IGHT APPENDICITIS.

nt Men of Pennsylvania Town
 rganize Olive Oil Club.
 ville, Pa., Jan. 18.—This town
 Anti-Appendicitis club, the
 object of which is the preven-
 ho disease, which has become
 ly prevalent here. One of the
 ents of membership is a lib-
 sumption of olive oil.
 el "he oil has been ordered
 ad a by-law provides
 h...ber shall partake of a
 onful before each meal—as a
 y, not a luxury.
 Campbell is president, James
 ecretary and Frank Soule
 r of the club, and more than
 nment in the town.
 n the last two weeks twelve
 f the disease have developed
 nd that number of operations
 on performed at the local hos-

TO EXPLAIN LAW

STATE DAIRY COMMISSIONER
 WRIGHT WILL BE HERE.

On the Program for Lecture Before
 Women's Federation at Library
 Hall Next Friday.

H. R. Wright, state food and dairy
 commissioner of Des Moines, has ac-
 cepted the invitation of the Burlington
 Federation of Women's Clubs, to ad-
 dress the Burlington women on the
 subject of pure foods, next Friday, Jan-
 uary 26, at which time he will lecture
 at the library hall at a meeting which
 has been called for 3:30 p. m. All the
 members of the federation are urged
 to attend this meeting and a general
 invitation is issued to the women of
 the city to be present.

Will Explain Law.

It is due to the club women of Iowa
 that the pure food law has been passed
 and put into force in this state. The
 women are more interested in the
 foodstuffs, as they come in direct con-
 tact with the supply, and their revolt
 against the adulterations and frauds
 practiced on them by the manufactur-
 ers has occasioned the upheaval in the
 food market. Now that they have the
 law they are interested in its enforce-
 ment. In order that all women of Bur-
 lington may become acquainted with
 what are and what are not adultera-
 tions, the Burlington federation has
 asked Mr. Wright to come here. He
 will explain the law in full and go into
 details as to what substances are inju-
 rious and what are harmless. Each
 article of food sold will bear a label,
 but these labels will not mean anything
 to the general housekeeper unless she
 is familiar with what should and what
 should not be placed in those pack-
 ages. All of this will be explained next
 Friday afternoon, and no housekeeper
 should miss this lecture, as it is of the
 utmost importance to her. By thus
 being instructed in the matter she can
 call the turn on the grocer or butcher
 who may try and shove impure or
 shoddy goods on her.

A TOUCHING TRIBUTE.

Miss Catherine Delaney Passed Away
 at Her Home in Fargo, N. D.
 Mr. and Mrs. Pat Fitzgerald, accom-
 panied by Mrs. Katherine Delaney,
 have returned from Fargo, N. D., where
 Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald attended the
 funeral of Mrs. Delaney's daughter,
 Miss Katherine. Mrs. Delaney is a
 cousin of Mr. Fitzgerald.

The Fargo Forum contains the fol-
 lowing touching tribute to the young
 woman:

"In the tender flower of her inno-
 cent girlhood was Miss Catherine De-
 laney, the idolized daughter of Mrs.
 Catharine Dolaney, gathered to the
 angels, after almost two years of suf-
 fering, which was relieved as far as
 earthly means could give relief, by the
 close attention of kind and faithful
 physicians, skilled nurses and the lov-
 ing mother who watched her darling's
 life ebb away, hoping against hope and
 praying to a loving God to hold her
 precious child on earth. She smiled
 with a heaven-born light in her face,
 her spirit was freed from its earthly
 temple and she soared to the angel
 world.
 "I found enough cold weather in
 North Dakota in one hour," said Pat
 Fitzgerald who returned from Fargo

ROBERT ALLEN

PIONEER OF DES MOINES COUNTY
 PASSED AWAY LAST EVENING.

Had Lived Here Since 1839—Was Al-
 most Ninety Years Old—Prominent
 in Politics.

Hon. Robert Allen, who represented
 Des Moines county in the legislature
 in the sixties, one of the oldest pion-
 eers of this section of the country,
 passed away last evening at his home
 8 miles northwest of Burlington. Had
 he lived four more days he would have
 celebrated his 90th birthday and this
 year is the 68th anniversary of his
 coming to Des Moines county.

Robt. Allen was born in County An-
 trim, Ireland, January 23, 1817. At the
 age of eighteen months, his parents
 came to America. They were of the
 old Scotch-Irish Covenanter stock. In
 1818, the English government was mak-
 ing great efforts to colonize Canada
 and as passage was cheap, the Allens
 set sail for a Canadian port. Arriving
 there a land bounty was offered the
 immigrant for himself and every mem-
 ber of his family, amounting to 500
 acres, but imbued with a love of liber-
 ty, he refused the offer and he con-
 tinued on his way, going to Cincinnati,
 Ohio, and it was there that Robt. Al-
 len spent his youth on a farm, attend-
 ing school in the winter time. In 1839
 he came to Des Moines county, Iowa,
 and purchased a farm of 270 acres, a
 part in Franklin and the remainder in
 Flint River township. It was not until
 1842 that he began to farm the land,
 but later he disposed of his interest
 in that tract and purchased 160 acres
 which has since become one of the
 best farms in the township. The land
 was in its raw state when he first came
 in possession and only shrub crab
 trees grew where thousands of bushels
 of corn have since had their origin.

In 1846 Mr. Allen was married to
 Miss Nancy Wassom. They, like other
 pioneers were forced to endure
 many trials and hardships, their first
 habitation being a log cabin. Their
 first meal was taken on the stove
 hearth and the first table they pos-
 sessed has been kept as a relic of the
 old days. As the days passed the land
 became more productive and they prospered
 accordingly. Mrs. Allen died in
 1860 and Mr. Allen married again in
 1861, his second wife being Miss Cath-
 erine Ripley.

Mr. Allen always took a warm in-
 terest in politics. In 1866 he was
 elected to the state legislature to fill
 an unexpired term and in the following
 year was re-elected. During his time
 in the legislature he was active and be-
 came one of the leaders in the councils
 of his party. He was first elected jus-
 tice of the peace in 1852 and had held
 that office half the time since. He
 was instrumental in the advancement
 of many public enterprises but of late
 years had retired from active duties.
 He was a man of great energy and
 perseverance, of unassailable integrity,
 of positive convictions and was always
 willing to help a neighbor in need.

Surviving are three children: Mrs. E.
 F. Jackson of Lincoln, Neb., Mrs. Lu-
 cellis Cousins, and John Allen. The
 funeral will be held Monday from the
 residence at 10 o'clock with services
 later at the stone church at Dodge-

—"I found enough cold weather in
 North Dakota in one hour," said Pat
 Fitzgerald who returned from Fargo



Are We Doing the Business

- Because** We are Chickering, Gabler,
- Because** We carry the largest stock a
- Because** We make of every patron a
- Because** We show the same courtesy
- Because** The reputation of the Guest
- Because** We always sell an honest
- Because** You'll not find lower prices o
- Because** We Sell, Rent, Tune, Store
- Because** We allow a liberal price for y
- Because** Nowhere else in the middle

This Magnificent A

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Richmond, Armstrong,
shall & Wendell and I
The Aeolian Orchest
Pianola, The Weber,
Pianola Pianos.

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 Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Ottu

REAL PROSPEROUS

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 MAKES IMPROVEMENTS.

National State Provides Additional Of-
 fice Room for Its Safety De-
 posit Vaults.

When the banks of a city are con-
 tinually outgrowing their quarters it
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of the best farms in the township, though when he became the owner there were no improvements whatever. The land was in a raw state, and there were no trees except a thicket of scrub crab trees, which have long since been cut down, the land being used for corn, wheat and other products.

After getting the land under cultivation Mr. Allen began to look about for some one with whom to share the pleasures and trials of life, and on the 28th of June, 1846, he was married to Miss Nancy Wassom, a native of Tennessee. Her father had migrated to Illinois, and from there to Iowa in 1844. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen: Mary, wife of E. F. Jackson, a farmer residing near Lincoln, Neb.; Martha, wife of Lucullis Cousins, who is engaged in farming in Montana, and John, who became the husband of Nancy Moore, and is a farmer of Franklin Township. On the 7th of January, 1860, the mother of these children, who was a member of the Lutheran Church, was called to her final rest, and on the 23d of January, 1861, Mr. Allen was united in marriage with Catherine Ripley, a native of Des Moines County. One child was born of this union, Frank, who now has charge of the home farm.

Mr. Allen is now the owner of 160 acres of prairie and twenty acres of timber land, constituting one of the best farms in the county. The little cabin to which he brought his young bride has long since given way to a fine two-story brick building, and all the improvements which go to make up a model farm may be found on his land. Like other pioneers he was forced to endure many trials and hardships, and in those early days, not having a table, his first meal was taken from the stove hearth, which he used in place of that article, though he soon built a table, which he yet keeps as a relic of the early days of this now populous and prosperous county. Mr. Allen has always taken a warm interest in public affairs. In 1866 he was elected to fill the unexpired term of Benjamin Darwin in the State Legislature, and in the fall of 1867 was re-elected for a full term. During his term of service he was one of the leading men in the House and had much influence in the councils of his party, showing decided ability for legislative duties. Firm in his convictions of duty, he was an earnest supporter

of the laws of the State and everything which he believed to be right. During his earlier years Mr. Allen was a Douglas Democrat, but during the dark days of the Rebellion he was loyal to the cause of the Union, and many times his voice has been heard appealing to the people to stand by the old flag. Since those days he has been an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and it was by that party he was sent to the Legislature. In the year 1852 Mr. Allen was elected Justice of the Peace, having filled that position for more than half of the time since; his decisions have always been guided by the law and evidence in the case and have never been reversed. Mr. Allen has been instrumental in the advancement of many public enterprises, and has also given much time and attention to the management of his farm, and is thoroughly familiar with farm life in all its details. He is in sympathy with the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, but is not a member. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both are highly respected and honored citizens, whose neighbors and friends speak of them in no stinted terms of praise.

Mr. Allen's parents, who were of the old Scotch-Irish Covenanter stock, emigrated to this country when he was about eighteen months old, and went direct to Warren County, Ohio, where they lived the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1853, at the age of seventy-two, and the mother in 1838, at the age of forty-five. Mr. Allen never married again. Hugh Allen was a weaver by trade, at which he worked in Warren County for five years, when he rented a farm for eight years more, then bought a place of his own, on which he lived until his death. By becoming surety for a brother in Ireland, and buying the release of another brother from the English army, Mr. Allen had lost most of his means before emigrating, but he determined to try to better his fortunes in the New World. At the time of his emigration, in 1818, the English Government was making great efforts to colonize Canada, and passage to that country being cheap, he sailed for a Canadian port. Arriving there he was offered a land bounty for himself and each member of his family, amounting in all to about 500 acres. Imbued with a love of liberty he refused the offer,

although almost destitute of ready money, and selling off at auction all the bedding and clothing he could spare, took passage for Cincinnati, near which city he had a brother-in-law living, preferring to begin life anew under the flag of freedom. On getting to his destination not only was his money all gone but he was \$4 in debt, with not a cent in his pocket. He borrowed the money to pay this trifling debt, and began his new life with energy. The result of his labors was satisfactory, and the courage of the poor emigrant was rewarded, as in his later years he was possessed of a comfortable competence. He was a man of great energy and perseverance, of unassailable integrity, of positive convictions, of great generosity, and a remarkably kind disposition, always willing to assist a neighbor in need. He was in his native land a Covenanter, and after coming to this country joined the Presbyterian Church, in which he was an Elder. The lesson of Mr. Allen's life is full of encouragement to young men who have their way to make in the world, and shows what can be accomplished by energy, industry, and an upright life.



CAPT. J. ALLISON SMITH, for ten years Principal of the High School, of Burlington, Iowa, was born near Wheeling, Ohio Co., W. Va., Sept. 5, 1815, and is a son of William C. Smith, who was also a native of West Virginia, born in 1797. John Allison Smith, the paternal grandfather, emigrated to the West from New England prior to the War of 1812, and in that war served under Gen. Jackson, of whom he was afterward a great admirer. William Smith also served in the whisky war of Pittsburgh, Pa. He wedded Miss Mary Neely, who was a native of Ireland, and came with her parents to America in childhood. Five children were born to this worthy couple: J. Allison, the subject of this sketch; Dorcas, wife of John Hosick; Elizabeth, wife of George Wright; Susan, wife of Thomas Todd; and William T., unmarried; the last four are residents of Leavenworth, Kan. They were all reared in the Presbyterian faith and

are members of that church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are now deceased; the former departed this life in 1843, the latter in 1851.

The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, his primary education being received in the West Alexandria Academy, supplemented by a course in the Washington College in Washington County, Pa., where he was graduated in 1840. He cast his first presidential vote in 1840, taking an active interest in that campaign, and in the same year he went to Mahoning County, Ohio, where he was in charge of the Canfield Academy. In 1843 he went to Wheeling, W. Va., there also having charge of the Wheeling Academy for four years, and later became Principal of the Florence (Pa.) Academy. While in the latter place he obtained a position as a teacher in a private family at Milliken's Bend, La., at a salary of \$2,000 per year, but through the perseverance and influence of his adviser, the Rev. W. D. Smith, who was strongly anti-slavery in his views, and did not want him to go into a slave State, he abandoned the offer and was elected as Principal of the Lebanon Academy, at Lebanon, Warren Co., Ohio. After continuing in that position for four years, he went to Springfield, Ohio, where he was instrumental in building the Springfield Female Seminary at a cost of \$40,000, and was the largest stockholder, having charge of the school for nearly four years, when, in 1857, he went to Edgar County, Ill., where he was Principal of the Edgar County Academy for five years. He then removed to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where he was employed as Principal of the High School until the breaking out of the Rebellion. Having many friends in the South, it was thought by some people of Mt. Pleasant that his sympathies might be with the people of that section. He was therefore called upon by some Republicans to ascertain his views in regard to the impending struggle. Feeling somewhat injured by the way he was approached, Mr. Smith mounted a stand, and in a speech made to a large crowd, which soon gathered round, he gave them to understand that his sympathies were wholly with the Union. It was now vacation time and he made a trip to the East. On his return to Mt. Pleasant he was greatly surprised to find a company which had been enlisted gathered at the depot to meet him, with a band of music.

Individual Record

Search Results

Robert ALLEN (AFN: 4H4S-27)

Sex: M

Pedigree

Family

Event(s)

Birth: 1817

County Antrim, Ireland

Burial:

Dodgeville, Des Moines, Ia

Parents

Father: [Hugh ALLEN \(AFN: CPGX-TF\)](#)

Family

Mother: [Catherine DAVIDSON \(AFN: CPGX-VL\)](#)

Marriage(s)

Spouse: [Nancy WASSOM \(AFN: 4H4S-3D\)](#)

Family

Marriage:

Spouse: [Catherine RIPLEY \(AFN: CPGX-WR\)](#)

Family

Marriage:

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Husband's Name

Robert ALLEN (AFN:4H4S-27)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 1817 **Place:** County Antrim, Ireland
Buried: **Place:** Dodgeville, Des Moines, Ia

Father: Hugh ALLEN (AFN:CPGX-TF)
Mother: Catherine DAVIDSON (AFN:CPGX-VL)

[Family](#)

Wife's Name

Nancy WASSOM (AFN:4H4S-3D)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt. 1819 **Place:** Il
Died: 1860 **Place:**

Father:
Mother:

Children

1. Sex Name

F Mary ALLEN (AFN:4H4T-01)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt. 1855 **Place:** <Des Moines Co, Ia>

2. Sex Name

F Martha ALLEN (AFN:4H4T-16)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt. 1857 **Place:** <Il>

3. Sex Name

M John Wassom ALLEN (AFN:4H4R-SV)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 7 Feb 1853 **Place:** Des Moines Co, Ia
Died: 25 Jan 1932 **Place:** Danville, Des Moines, Ia
Buried: **Place:** Prairie Grove, Des Moines, Ia



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Husband's Name

Robert ALLEN (AFN:1869-NGR)

Pedigree

Born: 23 Jan 1817 **Place:** , Antrim, Ireland
Died: 19 Jan 1907 **Place:** Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa
Married: 23 Jan 1861 **Place:** Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa

Father:

Mother:

Wife's Name

Catherine RIPLEY (AFN:1869-NH0)

Pedigree

Born: 23 Sep 1825 **Place:** , Tyler, Virginia
Died: 27 Jan 1893 **Place:** Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa
Married: 23 Jan 1861 **Place:** Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa

Father: John RIPLEY (AFN:1869-DJS)

Family

Mother: Rachel BENNETT (AFN:1869-D1P)

Children

1. Sex Name

M Frank ALLEN (AFN:1869-NJ6)

Pedigree

Born: Abt. 1843 **Place:** Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa



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