

Death of a Faithful Veteran

Sketch of the death of Elder Danial Allen.

The late Danial Allen was the son of Daniel and Nancy Stewart Allen. He was born in Whites Town, Oneida county, New York State, December 9, 1804. His parents moved to Chataqua county in the year 1807, and lived there during the war with England in 1812. His father served his country in the war of 1812 as a soldier. He went with the army to Buffalo at the time of its fire. After the war his parents moved into the state of Pennsylvania, Erie county, where they resided for ten years. They then went to Cayuga county, state of Ohio, where they dwelt until their death in 1856.

Brother Daniel was married to his first wife, Mary Ann Morris, on the 6th of October, 1828, in the state of Ohio, Chayuga county, where both embraced the Gospel, having been baptised into the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in June 1834, by Elder Joel H. Johnson. Soon after Brother Allen joined the Church, he sold his farm in huntsberg for six hundred dollars and handed over that amount to the Prophet Joseph Smith, to help redeem Zion and purchase lands in Jackson county, according to revalation. In 1836 he moved to Kirtland, bought two city lots, built himself a frame dwelling house and a boot and shoe store, and expended one thousand dollars in property in Kirtland. He was a share holder in the Kirtland Bank. He was compelled to sacrifice all this, however, on account of the ~~persecutions~~ persecutions which followed, and was driven away by the mob without any means of subsistence for his family. He then moved about fifty miles south of Kirtland, to Avanna, where he obtained work on a canal, receiving fifty cents per day. Out of his sum he had to support his family, and yet he saved the means necessary to purchase an old span of mares and an old wagon. In this way he moved his family to Missouri, being determined to gather there with the Saints. He started with S. B. Toddard and Dr. Mitchell in the spring of 1838, and joined his brother Joseph at Log Creek, five miles South of Far West. He went with his brother Joseph and

Brother Isaac Morley to another location. They took up some land
of the town of Far West. The deceased built him a log house and was putting on the
roof on the day of the election in Galiton, August 8th, 1838. From that time he was
under arms until the day they relinquished them in Far West. He was with D. W.
Patten when they took the cannon from the mob, also with Seymour Brunson when they
were surrounded with Bogarts company of Log Creek, five miles south of Far West.
He left Far West on February 6th, 1839, with his wife and five children, in company
with his brother Joseph, Isaac Morley and Brother Rosson, and camped out twenty-
one nights, when they reached Quincy, Illinois. From there he went to Lima, Illin-
ois, and stayed one year, and moved to Nauvoo on April 1st 1840. Here he lived un-
til April 1st, 1846. During the time he was located in Nauvoo he helped to build
the Temple, and paid for a share in the Nauvoo House. From Nauvoo Brother Allen
proceeded to Winter Quarters, and as he left Nauvoo his wife was taken very sick.
When he arrived at the head of Soap Creek, on the way to Winter Quarters, his wife
died from the effects of the persecution. From the time Sister Allen was baptised
into the Church she remained a faithful member, and never murmured or complained
in all the trials through which she had to pass, for she had a testimony of the
truth of the Gospel for herself, and died as she had lived, in full faith of a glori-
ous resurrection with the Saints. Brother Daniel Allen was then left with five
children, the youngest being only two months old. He lived at Winter Quarters un-
til the spring of 1848. He was married to Louisa Jane Berry, June 22nd, 1847.
In the spring of 1848, he moved his family to Kanesville, where they resided until
the spring of 1849.

He started with his family to Salt Lake Valley on May 15th, 1849, where he ar-
rived September 22nd of the same year. He lived at Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake City
for 18 months, then moved to Salt Lake city and lived in the Twelfth ward. There
he went into the tannery business with Samuel Mulliner. Brother Allen tanned the
first leather in Utah. After following this business for three years in Salt Lake
City he sold out to Samuel Mulliner. Brother Allen married his third wife, Sarah

Whitely, in Salt Lake City, 1854. He then moved to Manti, Sweetwater county, built another tannery, and followed the business there for one year. He then sold out to Warren Snow, and moved to Pleasant Grove, Utah county, in the fall of 1855, where he built him another home. In the fall of 1856, he moved to Provo City, where he resided until the fall of 1862, when he was called to the Dixie mission. During the time he was in Provo he established another tannery in the Fourth Ward, and also set up a boot, shoe, and harness shop in connection with the tannery. He donated liberally toward the building of the Provo Tabernacle and the Fourth Ward school house.

He moved his wife Sarah, and family to St. George in the fall of 1862, and built a home there. In 1863 he sold his property in Provo and started with the other members of his family to St. George. On reaching Parowan, Iron county, he met President George A. Smith, who counselled him to remain there and build a tannery. This he did in company with President W. H. Dame in 1864. He followed the business until 1880. He then moved his family to Escalante, Garfield county, where he resided up to the time of his death, January 15th, 1892, at the age of eighty-seven years, one month and six days. His wife Sarah died January 3rd, 1892, at the age of fifty-seven years, eleven months and twenty-eight days. He attended her funeral on the 5th, was present at fast day meeting on the seventh and preached an excellent sermon. On the morning of the eighth, between 12 and 1 o'clock, he was seized with a severe chill, which confined him to his bed until he passed away. His death bed was surrounded by a number of the members of his family.

He was the father of twenty-six children - sixteen sons and ten daughters. He now leaves a wife, seventeen children, sixty grand children, and about forty great grandchildren. Brother Allen retained his mental faculties up to the last. He called his family to his bedside, exhorted them to remain faithful to the Church and honor the Priesthood, and sent word to his children not present to obey the same council. He then asked his family to release him for his mission was filled.

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