

An Old and Respected Citizen Passes Away

James D. Allen was born in Greensburg, Green county, Kentucky, Feb. 1st, 1812, and was the youngest of eight children several of whom lived to a good old age. He was united in marriage to Adaline Constant on March 12th, 1835, who now survives him. He leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Mattie Sharp of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. Emma Gillespie of this place. He united with the Baptist church in Greensburg, Kentucky in January, 1855 and has since lived a consistent christian life. He came to Shawnee, then Gum Springs, Kansas Territory, in the spring of 1857 and has made this place his home ever since, with the exception of two or three years during the war, when he removed to Kansas City, Mo. and remained until it closed, when he returned to his present home. During his long residence here he held the office of Justice of the Peace of Shawnee township for twenty-six years and was Probate Judge of Johnson county for four years.

He died March 21st, 1894, aged 82 years, 1 month and 21 days, and his death was that of a christian; an hour before his death in bidding those around him good bye, he requested them to meet him in heaven. He died peacefully and happy—his mind was clear to the last moment. Thus is ended a useful, honorable, exemplary and well-spent life, of a man respected and beloved, by all who knew him. The prostrated and sorrowing widow, the wife of his young manhood and old age, who is now 81 years old, and his children who mourn him, have the profound sympathy of the entire community.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church on Friday, March 23rd, 1894, at 2 o'clock p. m., Rev. Finley of Lenexa officiating, and the remains were followed to the Shawnee cemetery by a large concourse of sympathizing friends and neighbors. The pall bearers were B. F. Hollenback, A. L. Williamson, John C. Ferguson, Thomas Archer, George Knauber, Jesse Pearson, W. F. Blanton and John Hughes, old citizens who had known him intimately from twenty to thirty years.

In his younger days Judge Allen was intimately associated with the lamented Abraham Lincoln in Illinois, who often practiced in his court, Mr. Allen being a justice of the peace in that state.

Judge Allen was beloved by all who knew him, and the universal verdict of all is that a good man has gone.

The Little Case.

The celebrated case of the State vs. A. W. Little will be sent to the jury today, after a hard fought legal battle of something over two weeks' trial. Messrs. Ogg and Scott presented the argument for the state and C. F. Hutchins and J. P. Hindman for the defense.

During the long and expensive trial every legal point has been carefully presented and the evidence thoroughly sifted. Public sentiment has been more or less divided, with a slight leaning toward the defendant. During the entire trial the court room has been well filled with spectators and crowded during the arguments of the counsel. Attorneys Hutchings and Ogg, especially, were favored with a crowded house. Their arguments for the defense and prosecution being the strongest efforts presented in court for many years.

Opinions vary as to the result of the case, ranging widely from a verdict for murder or man-slaughter in a light degree to acquittal. It is generally believed that in the event of conviction a new trial will be granted by the supreme court either upon the grounds of improper remarks of counsel, or error, or both.

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