

F AIRVIEW CEMETERY • BROWNSTOWN, INDIANA

James W. Allen

Occupant Name: James W. Allen

Location: Section C

Date of Birth: 5/26/1834

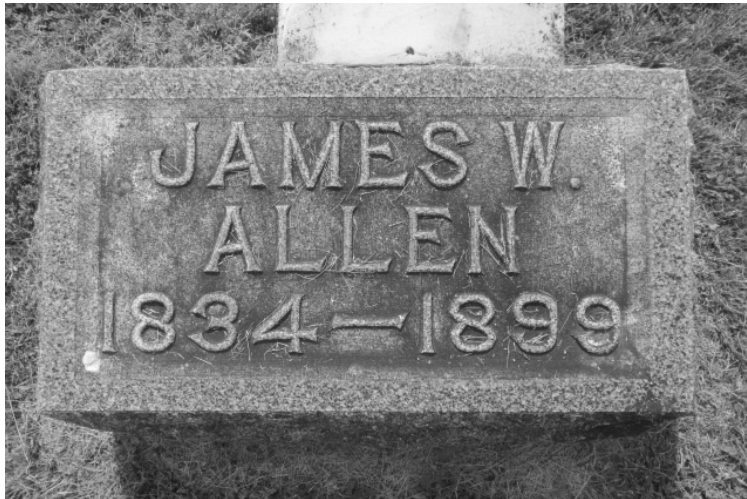
Date of Death: 6/19/1899

Date of Burial: 1899

Veteran: Yes- Co B. 22nd Indiana Vol.

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



JAMES W. ALLEN.
A Well Known and Highly Esteemed Pioneer Citizen Passes Away Unexpectedly.

James W. Allen died very suddenly at his home in West Brownstown, Monday morning, June 19th, 1899, at about 7:00 o'clock. He was taken quite ill on last Thursday with an attack of pleurisy and had been confined to his bed ever since. The last few days he had apparently improved in health, and just prior to his death had partaken of his morning meal while sitting on the edge of his bed. He had no sooner finished his meal, than he was taken with a fatal spell and fell to the floor, from which he was lifted and placed on the bed where he quietly, and without warning, passed away. He was a man of iron constitution and was not thought seriously ill when death overtook him. The cause of his sudden demise was pronounced as neuralgia of the heart. The shock is that much more appalling to the family and likewise the community at large, because of its sudden and unexpected nature.

Deceased was one of the most popular and well-known men of the county. He was the head of a large, well respected and highly esteemed family. He has resided for a third of a century in our little city and greatly will be missed by our citizens. The BANNER extends its warmest sympathies to the bereaved family, and we feel assured that the sorrowing community will heartily join with us.

The funeral services were conducted at the family residence in West Brownstown, Tuesday afternoon at 8 o'clock. Rev. E. L. Sanders officiating. A large concourse of people followed the remains to Fairview cemetery where interment occurred under the auspices of Washington Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M., assisted by Gordon Tanner Post, No. 159, G. A. R.

JAMES W. ALLEN
Was born May 26th, 1834, in Kentucky just across the Ohio river from Madison, Ind., consequently he was just beginning his 66th year when stricken down. He removed to this state with his parents when quite young, settling on a farm in Scott county where the earlier days of his youth were spent on the farm and in clerking in various stores of the town in the vicinity of the farm.

On May 22, 1856 he was married at Austin, Scott county, to Miss Hannah M. Ogden, who, with the following children survive him: Chas. M., Wm. W., Sherman, Anna, McKain, Ella and Lee, of this place, Ross Jackson, of Free-town, and Clarence, of Centralia, Ill. He also leaves a brother, Oscar of this place, and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Thomas, of Crotherville; Mrs. Nancy Pierson, of Medora, and Mrs. Sarah Casey, of Louisville, Ky.

He first came to this county about 1850, settling at Reddingtop where he embarked in the milling business. In 1860 he removed to Crotherville where he engaged in the general mercantile business, which business he successfully conducted for a number of years.

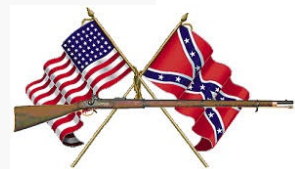
In 1862 he enlisted as a recruit to Co. B., 22nd Ind. Vol. He was a true and patriotic American soldier, as his army career, though short, will fully attest. He joined his company at Perryville, Ky., just prior to the famous battle by that name. On the morning of the battle he was ailing and was ordered to an ambulance. When the battle began he left the ambulance and joined his company. The commander of the company ordered him back, but remarking that he had come there to fight, he fell in. This company bore the brunt of the confederate attack and Mr. Allen was among the first to fall, sustaining a severe wound, in the fearful onslaught that left but four unharmed members of the company. The wound necessitated his discharge, thus did his soldier life end without even being once drilled or required to do guard duty; however, he did his duty valiantly and nobly.

He was an active democrat and did much toward furthering the interest of the party in this county. In 1864 he was elected to the office of Recorder of Jackson county on the democratic ticket, being re-elected in 1865, thus he served the people for eight years in one of the leading offices of the county. He also served the people of Brownstown township as Justice of the Peace for several terms, likewise officiating as a Notary Public for a number of years.

He removed to this place upon his election to office, since which time he has resided here, excepting a few months at the close of his official career as Recorder, which he spent at Crotherville.

Years ago he became a member of the Masonic and G. A. R. orders, to which he ever proved a worthy and consistent member until his death, having filled all the posts of honor of both the orders.

He was an indulgent and worthy citizen. Honest as he was fearless, in his dealings with his fellow-men he made many friends. Because of his long, useful and kindly career, the community and county in general will ever cherish his memory.



In Memoriam.

Comrade James W. Allen, an estimable member in good standing of Gordon Tanner Post, No. 159, G. A. R., Dept. of Indiana, was summoned to answer at the last roll call Monday, June 19, 1899. A shadow has fallen on our hearts; a hand whose warm grasp we have felt, is taken away; a voice to which we have often listened, hushed, and a chair is now vacated and draped in mourning. There has come to each member of our Post, a sense of personal bereavement, greater than words can describe. Years ago he became a member of this Post and took a deep interest in keeping up that warm comradeship, which was engendered in the camp and byouac and hardship of a soldier's life.

Comrade Allen was born May 26th, 1834, in Kentucky, and came to this State when quite young. He enlisted as a recruit in Co. B. 22nd Indiana Volunteers in 1862 and was a patriotic soldier. He joined his company at Perryville, Ky., and participated in the battle at that place October 8, 1862, and was among the first to fall severely wounded, and which wound necessitated his discharge.

In the death of Comrade Allen the country has lost one of her true defenders, the community a true-hearted citizen, the widow a devoted husband, the children a kind father, and his Post a true comrade.

Therefore, the Post has ordered that his chair in the Post and Post Charter be draped in mourning for 30 days and that a copy of this memoriam be presented to the bereaved family and also published in the Brownstown BANNER and Telephone and a copy be spread on the records of the Post.

JAMES BURGIN,
JAMES BASLEY, } Com.
WM. CARTWRIGHT.