

## The Timothy A. Allen and Annie (Parker) Allen Family

Timothy A. Allen was my father's (Byron Edward Wood) grandfather on his mother's side. He was born in Arkansas on February 7, 1855 and died in 1944 at the age of 89, while staying with his daughter (Gracie (Allen) Lipe) at Paris, Arkansas. He is buried at Elizabeth Hall Cemetery at New Blaine, Arkansas along with his wife Annie (Parker) Allen and all his children and many of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His wife's parents and many of her relatives are also buried there.

His parents had come from Texas, Missouri to Arkansas in the early 1850's. Some of their children had been born in Missouri according to the attached U.S. Census of 1870 for Johnson County, Arkansas, Clark Township. His father's name was Joseph Allen (born in 1823) and his mother's name was Mary Ann Childers (born 1829). They were married in 1847 in Texas, Missouri. His parents died when Uncle Tim, as he was called by many in later life, was still a child. He and his brothers and sisters were raised and continued to live in Logan County until their death. (Logan County was formed out of part of Yell County and other counties nearby). Aunt Hazel said that she had heard that "Uncle Tim's" father had been buried up at the Coals-sp? (I do not know where that is) but the general concensus from Aunt Girtie and others is that the parents of "Uncle Tim" were buried in the old historic cemetery of Norristown. Norristown is across the river from Dardanelle and was a booming little town in the early history of Arkansas and was almost the state capital but it disappeared and Russellville took its place. No one has located their tombstones yet but there are many unmarked graves there. Mary Ann (Childers) Allen's father (John Childers) was born in Tenn in 1803 and died about 1864 in Arkansas and her mother (Ursula DeMoss) was born in Kentucky in 1805 and died about 1865 in Arkansas. They were married July 20, 1826 in Orange County Indiana.

At any rate most of the time the Allen Family lived around Dardanelle, Arkansas. Aunt Girtie told me that during the Civil War the Allen Family was living in a brick building by the Arkansas River in Dardanelle, Arkansas. During this time there was a battle at Dardanelle in which the family had to take shelter behind the banks of the Arkansas River. I ran across a book entitled "History of Yell County" by Wayne Banks—I have a copy of the book and have marked the place, p. 129-130—in which he mentions an occasion during a Civil War battle in Dardanelle in which non-combatant citizens of Dardanelle, Arkansas had to take shelter from gunfire and cannon behind the banks of the Arkansas River. I presume this was the one she was talking about.

According to Grannie Virgie the following are the Allen brothers and sisters.

Dick Allen  
Lizzie Allen (Underwood)  
Henry Allen (7/17/1852-7/9/1883) buried at Graves Cemetery  
Timothy A. Allen (2/7/1855- 1944) buried at Elizabeth Hall Cemetery  
Nannie Allen (Graves) No dates but buried at Graves Cemetery  
Organ Allen ((Brandom) (5/15/1855-2/10/1891) buried at Graves Cemetery  
Misouria Allen (Barker) (born March 27, 1854 in Conway County, Arkansas)

Aunt Hazel Wood told me that at least one or both of his brothers are buried near Delaware, Arkansas at Graves Cemetery. Graves Cemetery is located between New Blaine and Dardanelle – it can be seen from the highway – and that most likely his sisters also since one of them married a Graves. At least one of the brothers served in the Civil War. I have attached the Civil War Records of Richard Allen.

Timothy A. Allen was a Farmer at New Blaine, Ark. He also hauled the first load of lumber to build the Subiaco College at Subiaco, Arkansas. It is of the Benedictine Order and is a beautiful stone building which one may visit today. Also, I believe he had something to do with a building at Spring Lake. He was a Mason for over 50 years. He played the role of father to my father (Byron Edward Wood) and his brother (Lynn Wood) after their father had been killed by lightning when they were quite young and their mother moved back in with her parents.

His wife was Annie (Parker) Allen – daughter of Meredith Parker and Jemina (Jones) Parker. She was born in 1854 and died in 1923 at the age of 69. She was born and raised in Logan County and lived there all her life. Their home was the one in which Aunt Hazel and Uncle Lynn lived and it was probably built by “Uncle Tim.” It is on a hill with a lovely view of the surrounding countryside and near Little Shoal Creek at New Blaine, Arkansas. It is part of the same land which belonged to Annie’s parents but their house was further back along Little Shoal Creek where Meredith had a water mill. Uncle Tim had a warranty Deed to the land around the hill—I’m not sure how much. When he died he willed this land to my father because he had helped him with money when he was having a hard time and Dad paid the taxes on the property when Uncle Tim was about to lose the place. My father left the area and later sold the property to his brother Lynn Wood and his wife Hazel Wood for the sum of \$100.00 with the understanding that his mother Virgie could always have a home there.

The children of Timothy A. Allen and Annie (Parker) Allen were:

Nora Allen – never married. (1/29/1878-10/1910). She died of T.B. and is buried in Elizabeth Hall Cemetery at New Blaine, Arkansas.

Arie Allen (Robinson) – (3/27/1880-7/28/1905). She is buried at Elizabeth Hall Cemetery, New Blaine, Arkansas. She was the wife of George William Robinson—a doctor who practiced at New Blaine, Arkansas and the brother of Permelia (Robinson) Wood (Daddy’s grandmother). She died young – possibly from T.B. also but I’m not sure. Their children were Bonnie and Lela.

Joe Allen – (11/20/1882-3/1930) He died of <sup>Pneumonia</sup> ~~T.B.~~ and is buried at Elizabeth Hall Cemetery, New Blaine, Arkansas.

Gracie Allen (Lipe) – (2/20/1884-10/13/1966). She married Thomas I. Lipe who was born 9/24/1876 and died 6/9/1955. They lived at Paris, Arkansas and are buried at Elizabeth Hall Cemetery along with their daughter Lena Lipe (7/23/1908-10/10/1915).

Their other daughters were: **Marie Lipe** who married McKinley Hampton and lived at 1210 Port Arthur, Mena, Arkansas, 71953. They had two children: James Hampton and Jean Hampton. James became a missionary in Africa.

**Velma Lipe** who married a Smead.

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Gracie and Tom also raised **Calvin Crow** -- a son of Myrtle Allen and N. E. Crow after both parents died.

Virgie (Allen) Wood – also, Lee, and Beard (9/18/1886-2/7/1976), died at age 89. She married Abraham Edward Wood in 1904. Abraham Edward Wood (2/17/1884-5/30/1911) was killed by lightning while still a young man. He was a Mason, school teacher at Oak Mound School near Scranton, Arkansas, the first Mayor of Scranton, and he and Tom Lipe built the first dwelling in Scranton. He also taught Sunday School at Elizabeth Hall. I have a photograph of Abe's class with Byron and Lynn in attendance. He had all ages. Billy has his school bell. Both Abe and Virgie are buried at Elizabeth Hall Cemetery at New Blaine, Arkansas. Their children were:

**Byron Edward Wood** – (9/12/1905-3/14/1976) buried at Cherokee Memorial Park, Lodi, California.

**Lynn Wood** – (12/15/1907-7/3/1976) buried at Elizabeth Hall Cemetery, New Blaine, Arkansas.

Girtie (Allen) Crow – ( - 10/19/1990) . She lived to be 101 and is buried at Elizabeth Hall Cemetery at New Blaine, Arkansas. She married W. W. Crow (Shorty) and they lived below the hill where Hazel and Lynn Wood lived in "Uncle Tim's" old house. Their Children were:

**Pru Crow** who married Homer Jones and is buried at Elizabeth Hall Cemetery.

**Windle Crow**, an infant son, deceased and buried also at Elizabeth Hall Cemetery.

They also raised **Joe Crow** – another son of Girtie's Sister Myrtle and Shorty's Brother N. E. Crow after they had both died.

They were called Aunt Girtie and Uncle Shorty and are both buried at Elizabeth Hall Cemetery.

When I was a small girl and we lived at Spiro, Oklahoma, my family was called to New Blaine when Timothy Allen was very ill and not expected to live. At that time he was staying with Aunt Girtie and Uncle Shorty, below his place on the hill. He recovered from that illness however.

Myrtle (Allen) Crow—married W. W. Crow's brother N. E. Crow. They had three children  
The parents died at a young age. **Melba** was old enough to be on her own and she married soon after. **Calvin** was raised by Gracie (Allen) Lipe & her husband Tom Lipe. And **Joe** was raised by Girtie (Allen) Crow and her husband Shorty Crow. I believe that Myrtle also died of T.B. but I'm not sure. She is buried at Elizabeth Hall Cemetery at New Blaine, Arkansas.

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My father said that when he was growing up on his grandfather's farm arrowheads were very plentiful on this land and when plowing it was very easy to find them. I know from reading a history of that county that there were Indians along both Big and Little Shoal Creeks and Aunt Hazel pointed out a field below the hill on which "Uncle Tim's" house was situated where Lynn had been working and had run across an old Indian Cemetery.