

## Isaac Allen Sr. and Jr. Biographical Sketches

Isaac Allen [Sr.], Esq., of Clarkson village, was born in Enfield, Hartford county, Connecticut, April 26, 1794. He was the second of three sons, — John, who died in Michigan, Isaac, and Chauncey. In boyhood he was apprenticed to a hatter, served his time until he became thoroughly skilled in his trade, and on the 27th day of April, 1815, the day after he became of age, he left his father's home in search of a favorable locality to open business for himself. He first went to Hartford, where he remained a few weeks, then went to Danbury, thence to New York city and Brooklyn, and finally up the Hudson river to Schoharie, where he followed his trade until May, 1816, when he emigrated to western New York, and settled in Clarkson village, at that time a promising business point in this newly-settled region. He purchased one acre near the corner, and commenced working at his trade. In 1817 he returned to Connecticut, and on September 10 of that year he was married to Miss Mary Terry, of Enfield, and with her returned to his western home. In March, 1819, he purchased a farm and removed to Hamlin Centre, where he lived four years, and then sold out and bought on the Ridge road [1823], west of Clarkson village, the place represented in this work. In September of this year Mr. Allen lost his wife, with whom he had lived in happy wedlock over fifty-nine years. Of eleven children, ten are still living, six sons and four daughters; and at the funeral of the mother the rare spectacle was presented, never to be forgotten by those who witnessed it, of six stalwart sons bearing the remains of the aged and beloved parent, the ripened harvest, to their final resting-place. Mr. Allen has been one of the foremost men in the history of this section in every effort for the improvement of its people or the advancement of its material interests. Of the most exalted integrity, he is honored and respected by a wide circle of friends. Now in his eighty-third year, he possesses the health, vigor, and elasticity of a man of sixty.

Monroe County History, Clarkson, p. 169, 1877 W.H. Mc Intosh, J.B. Lippincott Press, Philadelphia

Isaac F. Allen served as a supervisor of Clarkson in 1837. p. 257, Town of Clarkson, Landmarks of Monroe County New York, William Farley Peck, Boston History Company, 1895

Allen [Jr.], Isaac, was born in Clarkson, October 15, 1822. His father was Isaac Allen [Sr.], a native of Enfield, Conn., and the family were of Welsh descent, and trace their descent from John Allen, who was buried at Enfield in 1640. Isaac came to this county in 1815, and a year later returned to Connecticut, and married Mary Terry, returning to Clarkson, where he was identified with the hat business for years. He died in 1885, in his ninety-first year. In 1848 Isaac married Rebecca A., daughter of Allen Hobbie, and they have one son, Orel S. Capt. Henry Allen was born in Clarkson April 26, 1836, and in 1862 enlisted in Co. A, 140th N.Y. Vols., and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Cold Harbor, Gettysburg and Petersburg, holding the rank of captain before his honorable discharge in 1864. Returning to the farm, he married, in 1865, Addie Henyon, who died in 1872. In 1876 he married, second, Helen E. Perigo, daughter of Guy P. Perigo, and they have five children: Claude A., George R.,

Barton H., Mrs. Maud A. McClenithen, and Bertha Allen. Mr. Allen has served as assessor and supervisor, and has held a prominent position in public affairs.

Town of Clarkson, Landmarks of Monroe County New York, P. 193, William Farley Peck, Boston History Company, 1895