

Ross Township Pioneers

Spencer Allen and Margaret Potter

(1805-1864)

(1811-1863)

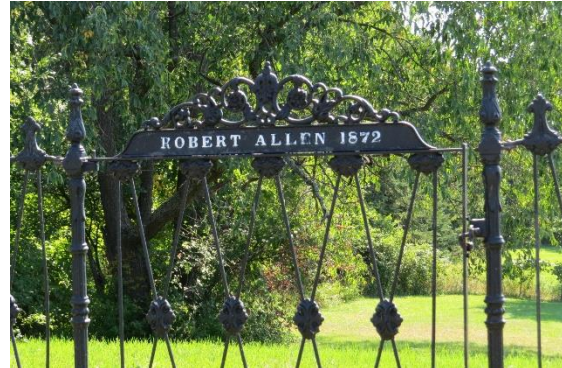
Emigrated From: U.S.A & Ireland
Date: bef 1826

Date of Settlement in Ross Twp: c1834
Located: Lot 1, Concession 1 EML
Occupation: Farmer
Religion: Church of Scotland

Spencer ALLEN¹ was born about 1805 in U.S.A.,² died on 4 Jun 1864, and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Spencer Allen Cemetery, Ross Twp, Ontario).

Spencer married **Margaret POTTER**¹ on 31 Dec 1833 in Hull, Gatineau, Quebec, Canada.³ Margaret was born about 1811 in Ireland,² died on 18 Dec 1863, and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Spencer Allen Cemetery, Ross Twp, Ontario). According to their marriage registration, Spencer Allen was already farming in Ross Twp., at the time of the marriage. He was one of the earliest settlers of Ross Township. Margaret had been living in Huntley Twp., Carleton County. In the 1851 Canadian City Directory, Spencer Allen is listed as an Inn Keeper, Cobden. Spencer Allen purchased Lot A, Con 3, 28 acres on July 13, 1836. He also purchased Lot 1, Con 1 EML Ross Twp Nov 27, 1844, a 200 acre parcel of land; Lot 2, Con 1 EML in 1844, a 100 acre parcel.

The Spencer Allen Cemetery is an abandoned cemetery located on Lots 6/7, Con 3 Ross Township. In his Will, Spencer Allen instructed his son to erect a fence around the cemetery.



Children from this marriage were:

- 2 i. **Robert ALLEN**⁴ was born on 5 Oct 1834 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁵ died on 18 Jan 1906 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁶ and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).
- 3 ii. **Melinda ALLEN** was born on 6 Feb 1836 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada⁷ and was christened on 3 Sep 1836.⁷
- 4 iii. **Rachael ALLEN**¹ was born in 1838 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,² died on 30 Sep 1896 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁸ and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).
- 5 iv. **James P. ALLEN**¹ was born on 31 Oct 1842 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada² and died on 15 Jan 1892 in Manistee, Manistee, Michigan, U.S.A..⁹
- 6 v. **Jane ALLEN**¹ was born in 1843² and died on 5 Sep 1906 in Portsmouth, Frontenac, Ontario, Canada.¹⁰
- 7 vi. **Mary ALLEN** was born on 21 Aug 1844 of Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario and was christened on 3

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- Oct 1844 in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Pakenham, Lanark, Ontario, Canada.
- 8 vii. **Elizabeth Ann ALLEN**¹ was born on 9 May 1849 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,¹¹ died on 10 Jan 1923 in Englehart, Temiskaming, Ontario, Canada,¹² and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.
- 9 viii. **Margaret ALLEN**¹ was born on 22 Apr 1850 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 6 Jan 1907 in Manistee, Manistee, Michigan, U.S.A., and was buried in Manistee, Manistee, Michigan, U.S.A. (Oak Grove Cemetery, Manistee, Michigan).
- 10 ix. **William Oliver ALLEN** was born on 11 Aug 1855 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 14 Jul 1910 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A., and was buried in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A. (Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin).

Second Generation (Children)

2. Robert ALLEN⁴ was born on 5 Oct 1834 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁵ died on 18 Jan 1906 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁶ and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).

Robert married **Ann LIVINGSTON**, daughter of **James LIVINGSTON** and **Julia McCUE**, on 30 Dec 1862 in , Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.¹³ Ann was born about 1832 in Ireland, died on 23 Jul 1872 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,¹⁴ and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Spencer Allen Cemetery). Robert & Ann lived in Cobden. In the 1881 County Atlas for Renfrew County, Robert is listed as a Station Agent; Division Court Clerk, Cobden; Township Treasurer. He was a prominent man in Cobden during his lifetime.



Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Julia Jane ALLEN** was born on 4 Oct 1866 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada¹⁵ and died in Jan 1935 in Montreal, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.¹⁶

Julia married **James Alexander HANNAH**, son of **John**

HANNAH and **Helen Jane CHAMBERS**, on 31 Aug 1887 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.¹⁹ James was born about 1861 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁰ died on 31 Dec 1892 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Beachburg Union Cemetery, Beachburg, Ontario, Canada).

- ii. **James Oliver ALLEN** was born in 1869 in Ontario, Canada, died on 16 Apr 1869, and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Spencer Allen Cemetery, Ross Twp, Ontario).
- iii. **Robert James ALLEN** was born on 12 Mar 1870 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.²¹

Robert married **Katherine HALLIDAY**, daughter of **John HALLIDAY**, on 3 May 1900 in Chapleau, Pontiac Co., Quebec.²² Katherine was born of Chapleau.

- iv. **Baby ALLEN** was born on 23 Jul 1872 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.

Robert next married **Agnes McLAREN**,²³ daughter of **Alexander McLAREN**²³ and **Jane MOORE**,²³ on 8 Mar 1873 in Osceola, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.²⁴ Agnes was born on 4 Mar 1842 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,¹¹ died on 19 Sep 1905, and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).

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Children from this marriage were:

- i. **William Wallace ALLEN** was born about 1873 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 15 Feb 1875 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁵ and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Spencer Allen Cemetery, Ross Twp, Ontario).
- ii. **William W ALLEN** was born on 5 Nov 1875 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁶ was christened on 25 Nov 1876 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁶ and died before 1932.
- iii. **Ida ALLEN** was born in 1878 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁷ died on 29 Oct 1897 in Pembroke, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁸ and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).
- iv. **Wallace Gordon ALLEN** was born in Nov 1879 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 4 Apr 1881 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁹ and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Spencer Allen Cemetery, Ross Twp, Ontario).
- v. **Margaret Moore ALLEN** was born in Oct 1880 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 24 Jan 1881 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,³⁰ and was buried in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Spencer Allen Cemetery, Ross Twp, Ontario).
- vi. **Janet Agnes ALLEN** was born on 31 Oct 1882 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada¹¹ and died after 1932.

Janet married **Mackie David PEEVER**, son of **James PEEVER** and **Eliza McQUITTY**, on 29 Jan 1902 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.³¹ Mackie was born on 31 Jan 1878 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada and died on 2 Jan 1930 in Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

- vii. **Alexander Clarke ALLEN**²³ was born on 2 Sep 1884 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,¹¹ died on 23 Dec 1947 in Ottawa, Carleton, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).

Alexander married **Mabel Margaret McDIARMID**,²³ daughter of **John McDIARMID** and **Mary R. GEMMILL**,³³ on 7 Dec 1911 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.³² Mabel was born on 5 Sep 1883 in Bromley Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,³⁴ died on 27 Dec 1982 in Toronto, York, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).

3. Melinda ALLEN was born on 6 Feb 1836 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada⁷ and was christened on 3 Sep 1836.⁷

4. Rachael ALLEN¹ was born in 1838 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,² died on 30 Sep 1896 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁸ and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).

Rachael married **James LIVINGSTON**, son of **James LIVINGSTON** and **Julia McCUE**. James was born in Sep 1838 in Co. Carlow, Ireland,¹¹ died on 8 Dec 1913 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,³⁵ and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **James Oliver LIVINGSTON** was born about 1864 in Ontario, Canada.²⁷
- ii. **Robert Spencer LIVINGSTON** was born in 1865 in Ontario, Canada,²⁷ died on 1 Jul 1904, and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).
- iii. **John Allen LIVINGSTON** was born about 1867 in Ontario, Canada.²⁷
- iv. **Elizabeth Ann LIVINGSTON** was born on 13 Apr 1869 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.¹¹ Elizabeth married **Joseph Samuel McGONEGAL**, son of **Andrew McGONEGAL** and **Elizabeth KENNY**, in

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Aug 1890 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada. Joseph was born on 7 Sep 1865 in Westmeath Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,³⁶ died on 20 Dec 1928 in North Bay, Nipissing, Ontario, Canada,³⁷ and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.

- v. **Margaret Jane LIVINGSTON** was born on 12 Nov 1872 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada³⁸ and was christened on 2 Mar 1877 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.²⁶

Margaret married **Lawrence CASHMORE**, son of **Thomas CASHMORE** and **Mary Ann NEWILL**, on 11 Dec 1907 in North Bay, Nipissing, Ontario, Canada.³⁹ Lawrence was born about 1867 in Shawville, Pontiac, Quebec, Canada.

- vi. **William George LIVINGSTON** was born on 20 Apr 1876 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁴⁰ was christened on 2 Mar 1877 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,²⁶ died on 12 Apr 1949 in St. Catherines, Niagara, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in St. Catherines, Niagara, Ontario, Canada (Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines, Ontario).

William married **Alberta Kerr BURNS**, daughter of **John BURNS** and **Margaret COPPING**, on 5 Sep 1900 in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Cobden, Renfrew Co., Ontario.⁴¹ Alberta was born on 12 May 1875 in Rawdon, Montcalm, Quebec, Canada,¹¹ died on 11 Apr 1910 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁴² and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).

William next married **Eleanor MORTIMER**, daughter of **Reginald W MORTIMER** and **Annie ROBINSON**, on 24 May 1912 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.⁴³ Eleanor was born in 1886 in Clerkenwell, , London, England⁴⁴ and died on 9 Jul 1965 in St. Catherines, Niagara, Ontario, Canada.⁴⁵

- vii. **Arthur Samuel LIVINGSTON** was born about 1880 in Ontario, Canada.²⁷

- viii. **Julia Gertrude LIVINGSTON** was born on 7 Jul 1884 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁴⁶ died on 27 Jun 1963, and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Clavin United Church Manse, Pembroke, Ontario).

Julia married **Frank Rowland TAYLOR**, son of **Henry D. TAYLOR** and **Harriett L. ROWAN**, on 30 Jun 1909 in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada⁴⁷ (St. Paul's Anglican Church, Crawford St., Cobden, Ontario K0J 1K0, Canada). Frank was born in Sep 1880 in England,¹⁷ died on 5 Oct 1918, and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).

5. **James P. ALLEN**¹ was born on 31 Oct 1842 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada² and died on 15 Jan 1892 in Manistee, Manistee, Michigan, U.S.A..⁹

James married **Sarah CAMPER** on 24 May 1876 in Manistee, Manistee, Michigan, U.S.A.⁴⁸ Sarah was born about 1854 in England, died on 19 Sep 1885, and was buried in Cadillac, Wexford, Michigan, USA (Maple Hill Cemetery, Cadillac, Michigan).

James next married **Alice M. HAIGHT** on 3 Feb 1890 in Reed City, , Michigan, U.S.A.⁴⁸ Alice was born about 1851 in Ohio, U.S.A. and died in 1917.

6. **Jane ALLEN**¹ was born in 1843² and died on 5 Sep 1906 in Portsmouth, Frontenac, Ontario, Canada.¹⁰

7. **Mary ALLEN** was born on 21 Aug 1844 of Ross Twp., Renfrew Co., Ontario and was christened on 3 Oct 1844 in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Pakenham, Lanark, Ontario, Canada.

8. **Elizabeth Ann ALLEN**¹ was born on 9 May 1849 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,¹¹ died on 10 Jan 1923 in Englehart, Temiskaming, Ontario, Canada,¹² and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.

Elizabeth married **John HILL**, son of **Thomas HILL**⁵⁰ and **Ann BURNS**, on 2 Dec 1869 in Beachburg,

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Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.⁴⁹ John was born on 20 May 1844 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,¹¹ died on 20 Aug 1901 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada,⁵¹ and was buried in Cobden, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada (Cobden Union Cemetery, Cobden, Ontario).

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Henry Edward HILL** was born on 29 Dec 1872 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.¹¹ Henry married **Mary Osborne BARR**, daughter of **Henry BARR** and **Annie Ellen ORR**, on 30 Jun 1897 in Beachburg, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.⁵² Mary was born on 29 Mar 1873 in Clarendon Twp., Pontiac, Quebec, Canada, was christened on 1 Mar 1874 in Clarendon Twp., Pontiac, Quebec, Canada, and died on 31 Dec 1923.
- ii. **Baby HILL** was born on 10 Sep 1873 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada⁵³ and died on 11 Sep 1873 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.⁵⁴
- iii. **Baby HILL** was born on 10 Sep 1873 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada⁵⁵ and died on 11 Sep 1873 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.⁵⁶

9. Margaret ALLEN¹ was born on 22 Apr 1850 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 6 Jan 1907 in Manistee, Manistee, Michigan, U.S.A., and was buried in Manistee, Manistee, Michigan, U.S.A. (Oak Grove Cemetery, Manistee, Michigan).

Margaret married **William George BROWNRIGG** in Michigan, U.S.A. William was born on 6 Mar 1843 in Co. Wexford, Ireland, died on 10 Dec 1921 in Manistee, Manistee, Michigan, U.S.A., and was buried in Manistee, Manistee, Michigan, U.S.A. (Oak Grove Cemetery, Manistee, Michigan).

The child from this marriage was:

- i. **William George BROWNRIGG** was born on 23 May 1893 in Manistee, Manistee, Michigan, U.S.A., died on 3 Jul 1970 in Manistee, Manistee, Michigan, U.S.A., and was buried in Manistee, Manistee, Michigan, U.S.A. (Oak Grove Cemetery, Manistee, Michigan).

10. William Oliver ALLEN was born on 11 Aug 1855 in Ross Twp., Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, died on 14 Jul 1910 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A., and was buried in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A. (Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin).

William married **Anna LEE**. Anna was born in 1855 in Kenosha, Kenosha, Wisconsin, U.S.A., died in 1919 in Kenosha, Kenosha, Wisconsin, U.S.A., and was buried in Kenosha, Kenosha, Wisconsin, U.S.A..

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For information on sources and information on further generations,
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Note: the information presented is an accumulation of information from a number of sources
but should not be assumed that it is an exhaustive genealogy.

SURNAMES OF DESCENDANTS

ALLEN	LIVINGSTON
BROWNRIGG	MCGONEGAL
BURNS	PEEVER
HANNAH	TAYLOR
HILL	