

# Allen & Breach Families of Monkey Island, Bray, Clewer & Windsor in Berkshire, England, 1800-1927

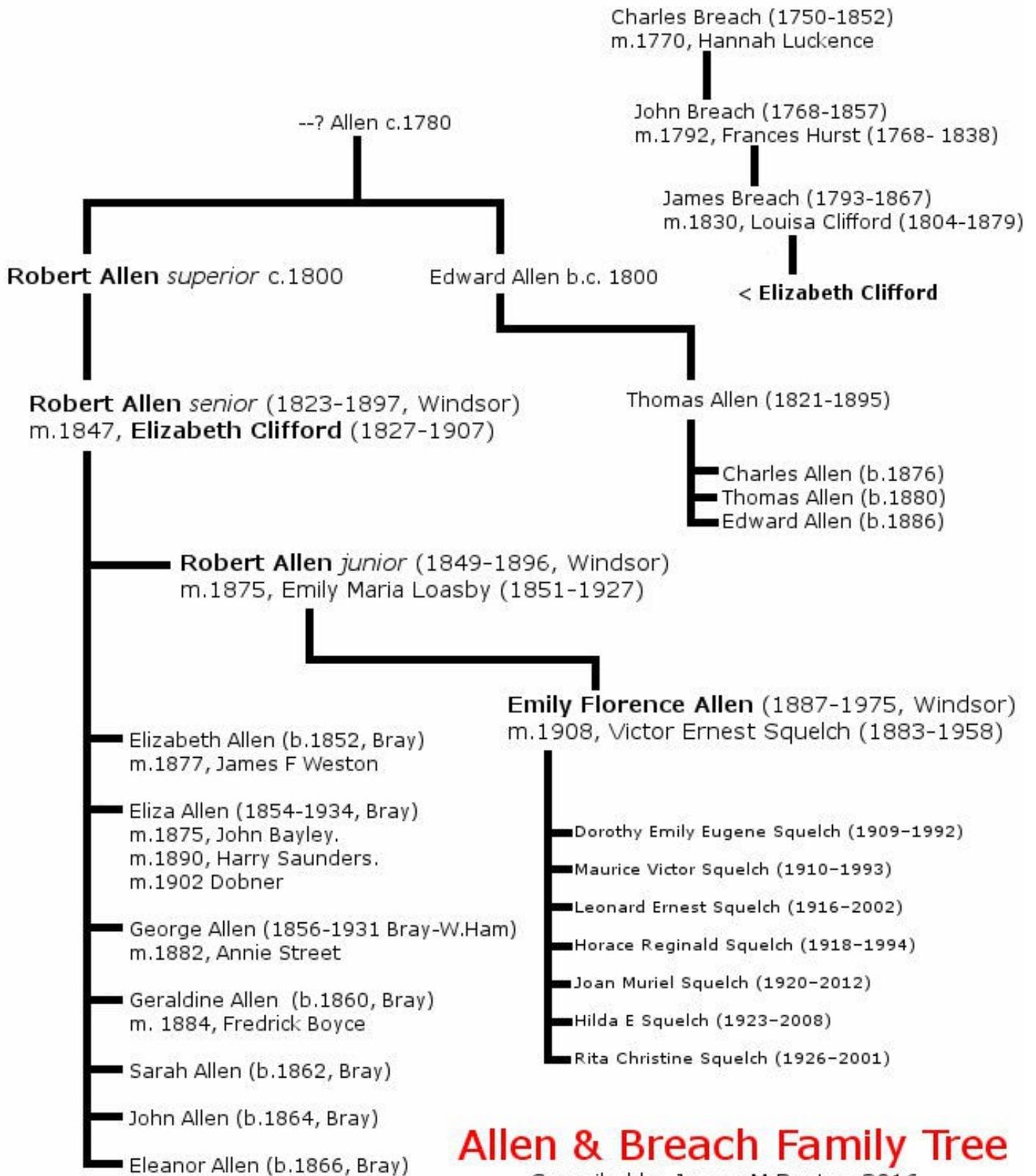
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The surname Allen is ascertained by experts to be a mutated form of the pre-Christian 'Ailin' which translates as 'little rock'. Due to the impoverished beginnings of the Allens it has not been possible at present to trace the family prior to 1823. But, Robert the first forbearer has left us a considerable legacy of information in local newspapers allowing us to describe in detail his personal habits, even what he took for breakfast. Like many working class Victorians their story is peppered with successes and misfortune, but certainly has a fairy tale ending upon the matrimony within the Squelch family.



# Robert Allen senior (1823-1897)

(6<sup>th</sup> Gen. Grandfather to the Author)



**A21.** Robert Allen senior, c.1890 from private family collection

## **Origins**

Robert Allen was born 1823 in the Eton, Bucks area, just over the river from Windsor Castle. He states on his marriage certificate his father was a Robert Allen, boot closer (*sewed uppers onto leather shoes*). There are no definite leads for him so far, apart from a man of the same name, a boot maker, being convicted of forging counterfeit coins and passing them in Thames Street, Windsor in 1835, which seems a good candidate being as there is no trace of either Robert in the 1841 census, he may have been brought up in a school of correction, or a workhouse.

## **Life on Monkey Island**

The first we hear of him is living & working as a waterman (*water taxi*) on Monkey Island with the family of James Breach a fisherman and basket weaver stationed in a cottage with thriving fruit trees, fish & swans for many years. *The Worshipful Company of Watermen hold no records for him, one assumes he was outside the area of jurisdiction.* He married James's daughter Elizabeth Clifford (*mother not yet married*) in 1847. This place was a fashionable destination for '*pleasure-parties*', Eton boys and anglers before the opening of the hotel, but there was no bridge at that time, so he would have ferried them to it by punt for a few pennies, while fishing the Thames with his father-in-law. James' wife Louisa also ran a primitive beer shop there. Travel writer James Thorne happened to visit in 1849;

*"...the Pavilion on Monkey Island, the drawing room of which is painted over with monkeys is hastening to decay and is only kept from entire ruin by the occasional attention of the fisherman and his family who live in a cottage on the island and who rent the water for the fishery and two or three of the neighbouring ayots (islands) for the purpose of growing basket rods and who supply boiling water and the like for visitors." by James Thorne, from 'Rambles by Rivers' 1849.*

He built a good knowledge of the river and its inhabitants, especially the wildlife, as in 1849 he shot a 4 foot otter near the island that had been destroying the fish stocks, that was stuffed and "*paraded door to door as an exhibit*". Hunting predators was in their works interest as fishermen and were also paid to look after swans on the river by the Dyer's, Vitner's Company and others especially so as they were '*pinioned*' and thus incapable of flight. They could be paid half a crown for each cygnet that hatched from a nest they built for the swans and 2s per swan for feeding them in winter.

### **Innkeeper of the 'Crown Inn' & Boat-building in Bray**

One may assume that he also had an expert apprenticeship in the boat building trade, as by 1851 he had taken over or established a boat building yard on the riverside in Bray, whilst also a little later being innkeeper of the '*Crown*' beerhouse nearby, which still is a very ancient dwelling dating to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. We may guess (*for example*) that he may have learned his trade under Roger Tolladay at the Eton Brocass boatyard as William Fish, apprenticed under Tolladay, was lodging and working as a boat builder with Robert in 1851. (*Mr Fish was sentenced to 2 months hard labour for stealing 500 "gold leaves" from his master in 1842, he may have had sympathy for his former colleague*).

He was fined £2 twice for keeping the pub open outside the permitted hours in 1856 & '66, and in '57 he auctioned off his entire stock of boats, horses, carts, guns and tools, I doubt these two matters are related, but he obviously had some business difficulty or need to raise money, note it was his business to trade boats in this period. A glance at that the 9 types of boats he is selling indicates either a master of his craft age 34 or a broad range of clients.

*"Bray. Mr Preece to sell by auction at premises of Robert Allen boat builder; Boats; Randan Oak Skiff, Fishing Punts, Outriggers, Funney, Tubs, Gig, Canoe, Punts, Sailing Boat, Store Punt. Other; single barrel gun, double barrel gun, pony, cart, mare in foal, four wheel chase, four spring carts, lathe, tools, rick of hay." Reading Mercury, 24th Oct 1857.*

### **Innkeeper of 'The Anglers Rest' & Boat Building**

By '69 he and his now family of 7 children had migrated a mile downstream to become again an innkeeper, this time of the '*Angler's Rest*' at Bier Lane in Windsor with a boat building yard behind. He did not learn the lessons of the past and was fined twice for Sunday opening in that same year. He would have again built and supplied punts, rafts, skiffs and canoes to the wide variety of users and tourists of the Thames, with a pub-lunch and beer, hopefully after their boat trip. Prominent signs featured on the properties in dated photos c.1880 remind us of his service; "*R. Allen Boat and Punt Hire*". A picture of his houseboat the '*Albany*' from an 1895 postcard (*below*) suggests bowed rails on the top deck that could hold a canopy and thus hold maybe a score of people who could sit and '*picnic*' on regatta days for a leisurely view of the river. To further supplement his income he also rented the fisheries and ayots (*islands*) at times with other business men in the area, which we presume he sublet to fishermen or gave season passes to.

Analysis of the '*Angler's Rest*' inn from early pictures indicates a late Georgian / early Victorian visage (*large bay windows, shallow roof, no bricks*). Analysis of maps suggests that it was built between 1817-1841. The 1742 Collier and 1811 Boyce maps hint at the presence of buildings along the water's edge, but the more detailed 1711 Vansittart & 1817 enclosure map definitely does not feature the inn. It is thought then through investigation that when George III had a goal built on George Street between 1817-1820 to replace the one inside Windsor Castle, that the

house may have also been erected as an official's lodge (*construction of which could have gone on after George's death in 1820 ofc*). By the 1841 tithe map a vast number of huddled houses is seen newly built west of Bier lane with two large 'factory units' (*not present on the 1870 OS map*) behind and to the side of the 'Angler's Rest'. These were according to the census of '51 & '61 'marine stores' run by Issac Talbot which sold everything the boating man would need, and would deal heavily in 2<sup>nd</sup> hand goods and scrap, known for it's 'underhand dealings'. An engraving also from this date suggests many small industrial chimneys surrounding the house, suggesting smithing and smelting. The returns state it is Crown land, and so rented to the occupiers.

Williams Henry Jacobs (*father of namesake Arthur*) the first recorded innkeeper (*I have found*) for the 'Angler's Rest' beer-house went into bankruptcy in 1862 but was discharged a few months later. We might suppose therefore that both these business holders went into difficulty between '66-'69 allowing Robert to rent the land in negotiation with the Windsor Corporation, refurbishing the pub and demolishing the marine stores, building a purposeful boatyard with hire for the purposes of tourism.

As well as the many differing trades that used the river, such as fishing, transport of coal, goods, ferries, willow growing etc, this location took great advantage of the two railway terminus that came to Windsor in 1850, providing boat hire to the thronging day trippers, *you could purchase a rail ticket and hire of a skiff with mattress and cover for £3.25 in 1879*. This area was obviously a popular destination for visitors to Windsor Castle from home and abroad, as it was for Eton boys and masters to let off steam. You had yearly regattas, boat & horse races and events throughout the year with Royal celebrations. Especially so, as the inn was deliberately built facing obliquely over the river away from the other houses, overlooking 'Fireworks Ayot' (*its namesake promotes its use*) with a 1 min short-cut from the station avoiding the 'slums'. These occasions would not pass without a fireworks display which would be let off from the latter island, with hints that Robert rented for specifically that purpose. Such an event occurred on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1885 to mark the occasion of the birth of George III (*147<sup>th</sup> anniversary*), which also passed as election day for masters at Eton. The fact that there were open sewers, a sewerage outlet and it being in a 'slum area' frequented by 'criminals' nearby did not seem to put off tourists, it was right outside Windsor castle and a fashionable activity for some to gawk at the unfortunate. He therefore was exploiting the fashion of the day with a 'finger in all the pies', his gamble of relocating his entire business and skill set age 50 certainly therefore paid off.

Around 1876 the inn licence passed into the hands of a later relation Henry Hill and the promenade was extended around this time. The house was demolished in 1905 and rebuilt as the 'Thames Hotel' ran by Arthur Jacobs (*son of William H., above*) also a champion lifesaver, born at the 'Anglers Rest' in 1863 who built the 'New Windsor Castle' steamer in 1923 with others and 'took over' the boat building and hire at the promenade after Robert died.

### **Bier Lane, Windsor**

Bier Lane of which the inn was part, (*renamed River Street c.1890*) sloping down to the river from archive & archaeological research suggests this was a river access point for ferries, a goods wharf, maybe even Royal funerals while tolls existed on Windsor bridge from around the 1100's, with worker's houses built along it over time. This was once considered a royal court area, as it was just outside Windsor Castle but due to bad construction and frequent flooding the houses never dried out properly and combined with cesspit's and open sewers was not a popular abode, census indicate a high number of low skilled workers, Italian immigrants and overcrowding. It was

considered by the Victorian authorities as a 'slum area' or 'rookery' the worst in Windsor with a high rate of diseases. The immediate area was promised reform which became a running joke over a 100 years, it seems the idea of a street reminiscent of a decadent medieval hamlet next door to her Majesty was good business for tourism and formed part of the ironic humour of the Victorian British. I personally think it shows the tolerance and love that English kings had for the most poor and vulnerable of their subjects. In 1923 it was finally demolished, the area is now a car park.

### **The Thames River**

The Thames was at times a cruel mistress and could give and take all you made in a year. Thus in 1869, '72, '73, '75 and '77 severe flooding may have denuded Roberts ability to recover his losses at the inn, being as they were near the water line with basic flood defence and no promenade at the time, old photos suggest it was around 8 foot above the river. These floods would also bring cholera and typhoid, with cesspits and open sewerage overflowing, the inn being next door to the sewage outfall of Goswell ditch. *Although as noted below Robert was caught several times running the pub out of hours so may have lost the licence.*

### **Boatyard Fire & Crime**

However there was worse to come in his later years. In Jan 1890 his entire boat yard, a life's work, with all the "valuable boats" over wintering for his clients and patrons was completely gutted by fire, the intensity & glare of which alarmed the neighbourhood and scorched much of the wood on nearby cottages, one may presume because of the proximity of the 'Angler's Rest' it too was damaged. In 1892 Robert, now an elderly man, was viscously assaulted by a Henry Hogg, travelling dray-man, for reasons unknown and in 1894 his own son Robert stole the furniture from his boat-house the 'Albany', moored on the Goswell, (pic. A40, 1895) no doubt from speculation to fund his drink habit.

If these were natural disasters, then maybe Robert could not afford to pay his debtors or his son who worked for him, who then turned to drink, it may have been a family feud or even a kind of rival business guerilla take over! Noted also above that this area was in disfavour with the authorities, newspaper articles of the period suggest they wanted nothing but demolition, could this have been an early secretive attempt?

However bad his situation in these later years it did not set him back, he was part covered by insurance and moved to the new houses in Arthur Road, Windsor listed in the 1891 census age 70 as a working shipwright. Theory dictates that he may have been involved in the building of the early pleasure steamers if he did recover his losses, with his variety of contacts including Jacobs, Tolladay and others.

### **Death & Legacy**

Robert died in 1897 at the latter place, leaving a legacy of 8 children. His certificate suggests heart failure caused by gout, one of the causes of which is associated with bad diet and long term consumption of alcohol. Of his three sons, all were apprenticed in boat building; eldest son Robert however due to drink divorced from his wife & worked himself to death in the workhouse a year before his father. George ran off to the army becoming a sergeant in the Royal Artillery. John remained single and a boatman at Windsor all his life, one may assume a ferryman of sorts. Of his daughters, Elizabeth married James Weston a groom. Eliza married John Bayley a plumber.

With all these details we might add some character to the

man. Although Bier Lane was considered at least by the authorities as a 'slum' with many 'low skilled migrants' passing through, having this trade at the height of boating fashion would have paid him well and he would have become one of the leading, dare I say respectable men of the street and river employing carters, servants, boatmen, cooks, apprentice boat builders making many contacts through his beer-house and rich patrons who commissioned & overwintered boats with him. His picture (A21 above), handed to me by his descendants shows the 'uniform' of a working foreman or gaffer, a black bowler, heavy gold Albert chain to a pocket watch and presumed woolen suit. The cane, pipe and watch indicate this was taken after his 60th year.

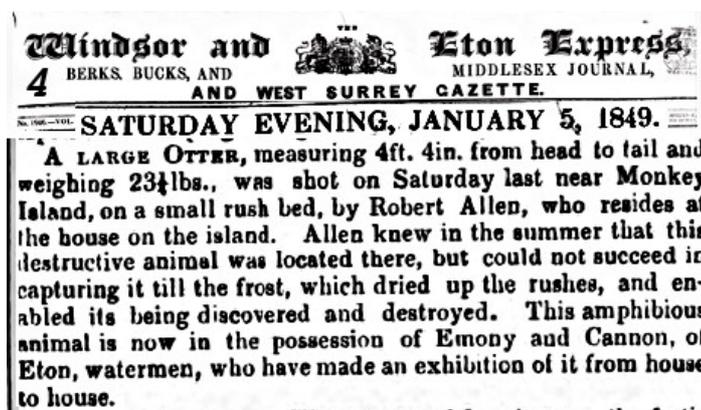
He would have been a familiar face on the waterfront for 40 years for returning 'loyal' tourists. As a master boat-builder there may still exist Victorian punts and the like by his hand, being as they were so well made in that time, even the 'Albany' houseboat may still be afloat! Although living a full and busy life, his beer consumption led him into debt and trouble at times, including the grafting of his habits onto his sons, who brought up in an area known for its propensity for vice were bound to become influenced by some of its traits and ways. He probably had a rich & 'healthy' diet of fish & duck however, he being a keen huntsman. If we are to go by the personality traits of my late grandmother he would have had a balanced judgement, with a sense of humour, but could be a little coarse and fiery, with an air of 'Romany' insight.

### Images & Documents Associated With Robert Allen senior (1823-1897)

1847 marriage solemnized at Bray in the parish of Bray in the County of Berks								
No.:	When Married:	Name & Surname:	Age:	Condition:	Rank or Profession:	Father's name:	Rank or profession of father:	Residence at time of marriage:
212	June 19th	Robert Allen Elizabeth Clifford	29 19	Bachelor Spinster	Waterman --	Robert Allen --	Bootcloser --	Monkey Island Monkey Island

Married in: the church at Bray according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by me, Walter Levett. This Marriage was solemnized between us: The mark, X, of Robert Allen. The mark, X, of Elizabeth Clifford. In the presence of us: James Breach, Charles Jones.

**A22.** Robert Allen & Elizabeth Clifford, marriage cert transcript, 1847



**A23.** Otter shot, 1849, ftr Robert Allen snr.

**READING MERCURY,**  
**TURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1856.**

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.—DEC. 9.  
*(Present: Chas. Sawyer, Esq., Chairman; J. Hercy and  
 J. J. Coney, Esqrs.)*

Robert Allen, a beer-house keeper at Bray, was charged by C. O. Neil, County Police superintendent, with having his house open for the sale of beer, &c., at half-past two o'clock on the 22nd of November. The case was fully proved by police-constable Eason. Allen, in defence, stated that in consequence of having a horse ill he had sent for a veterinary surgeon, who was one of the persons in the house; and as the horse was expected to die, he had brought with him a knockerman to remove it immediately, and this was another person present. The Bench consulted, and then ordered him to pay 40s. fine, and 11s. 6d. costs.

**A24.** Pub fine, 1856, ftr Robert Allen snr.

**READING MERCURY,**  
**OCTOBER 24, 1857.**

BRAY, NEAR MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.  
 TO BOAT PROPRIETORS, FISHERMEN, ANGLERS,  
 and Others.—SKIFFS, PUNTS, SAILING BOAT,  
 HORSES, Spring CARTS, Turning Lathe, &c.

**M**R. PREECE is instructed to Sell by Auction, on Friday, October 30th, at Twelve o'clock, upon the Premises of Mr. Robert Allen, Boat-builder, a very excellent new randan oak Skiff, 30 feet long, complete; an excellent new oak Skiff, 22 feet long; three capital Fishing Punts (1 new), several Outriggers, Funneys, Tubs, and Gig, two excellent randan oak Skiffs in good condition, Sailing Boat, Canoe, Store Punt, &c.: capital single percussion gun (by Perren, Windsor), capital double-barrelled gun (by Knock, Ludgate hill), brown pony, useful cart or van horse, mare in foal, four-wheel chaise, four capital spring carts, capital turning lathe, carpenters' tools and chest, and various other Effects; also a rick of excellent Meadow Hay, standing on the premises late in the occupation of W. M. Lamb, Esq.

May be viewed the morning of Sale; catalogues may be had on the premises; at the office of the Auctioneer, Maidenhead, and by post on application.

**A25.** Auction, Reading Mercury, 1857, ftr Robert Allen

READING MERCURY, OXFORD GAZETTE, NEWBURY HERALD, AND BERKS COUNTY PAPER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1869.

WINDSOR PETTY SESSIONS. MONDAY. (Before defendant was fined 1l. and 6s. 6d. costs.—Robert Allen, keeper of the "Angler's Rest," in Bier-lane, was charged with having his house open during prohibited hours on Sunday week. The Bench dismissed the case.—Thomas

**A26.** Pub open, Reading Mercury, 1869, ftr Robert Allen

READING MERCURY. OXFORD GAZETTE. NEWBURY HERALD.  
 AND BERKS COUNTY PAPER, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1870.

4 || WINDSOR PETTY SESSIONS, SEPT. 15.—  
 SEPT. 12.—William Allen and John Hoare were charged with damaging a ceiling at the "Angler's Rest," in Bier-lane, kept by Robert Allen. The defendants were discharged, and ordered to attend as witnesses when a man named Coventry should be apprehended.—Elizabeth drunk

**A27.** Ceiling damage, Reading Mercury, 1870 ftr Robert Allen

JANUARY 9, 1892.

BOROUGH BENCH.

**ALLEGED SERIOUS ASSAULT WHILE UNDER BOND.**—*Henry Hogg*, a short but powerfully-built young fellow, was brought up in custody, charged with assaulting *Robert Allen*, an elderly master boat-builder, on the 30th December.—It was stated that so serious were the injuries inflicted, that the complainant was unable to leave his bed, and the case was therefore adjourned for a week.—Defendant applied for bail, but the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. P. Lovegrove) said his present position was a very serious one, inasmuch as he was under sureties to keep the peace at the time this savage assault was committed.—The Mayor intimated that, under the circumstances, the Bench could not accede to the application for bail, and defendant was removed in custody.

A28. Assault, Slough Observer 1892, ftr Robert Allen snr

WINDSOR.

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**FIRE AT A BOATHOUSE.**—A fire, which on account of the glare it occasioned at first, caused considerable alarm in the neighbourhood, and which but for the fortunate circumstances that it occurred at a spot where there was an inexhaustible supply of water, and that two efficient Fire Brigades were promptly in attendance, and soon succeeded in reducing its ravages to an extremely circumscribed area, broke out shortly after eleven on Tuesday night at the boathouse of Mr. Robert Allen, boat-builder, and proprietor of a number of pleasure boats, which are let out for hire. The boat-house, which is situated on the banks of the Thames at the bottom of River-street, contained a considerable number of boats belonging to Mr. Allen's patrons, and housed against the winter (some of a very valuable description), and these, together with the boat-house, were completely destroyed. The highly combustible character of the material attacked caused the fire to burn with intense fierceness, and a highly lurid glare was produced in the sky. So intense was the heat that the window frames and other wood-work in several cottages on the east side were greatly scorched, but thanks to the effective intervention of the Eton and Windsor Fire Brigades, this property did not actually catch fire, and the damage was confined to the destruction of the boat-house and the boats stored therein. This property is partially insured in the Royal. Whether or not the cottages, which together with their outhouses were considerably damaged by fire and water, were insured, we are not in a position to state. The members of the Eton Brigade present included the Captain, the sub-officers, and several men, while the members of the Windsor Volunteer Fire Brigade in attendance was Deputy-Captain T. G. Dyson in command, Foreman Kendrick, Engineer Mainwood, Escapeforeman Hall, Firemen W. Willis, Husted, McCloskie, Riches, Boswell, Solloway, Mainwood, Smith, Mellows, G. Willis, Marshall, and Ganson. How the fire originated is at present unexplained.

A29. Fire, Slough Observer 1890, ftr Robert Allen snr



MONKEY ISLAND.

Hall 1859

**A30.** *Monkey Island by Hall 1859*

\* In Westall's "Views on the Thames" the paintings are said to be the work of "a French artist named Clermont." Although clever in design, they are of no great merit in execution. One of the best of these groups we engrave,—It represents two of the animals awkwardly carrying home fish, the eels escaping from the basket. The most ludicrous scene occupies the centre of the ceiling, and is a burlesque on the triumph of Galatea; even the Cupid attending her is represented as a winged monkey with fluttering drapery, strewing flowers on the nymph, who, with her attendant tritons and sea-nymphs, are also represented as monkeys. The room is popular, and inviting to the numerous picnic parties by whom the place is visited throughout the summer season.



Hall 1859

**A31.** *Monkey Island mural, Clermont c.1720*



BRAY CHURCH.

Hall 1859

**A32.** *Bray by Hall, 1859*



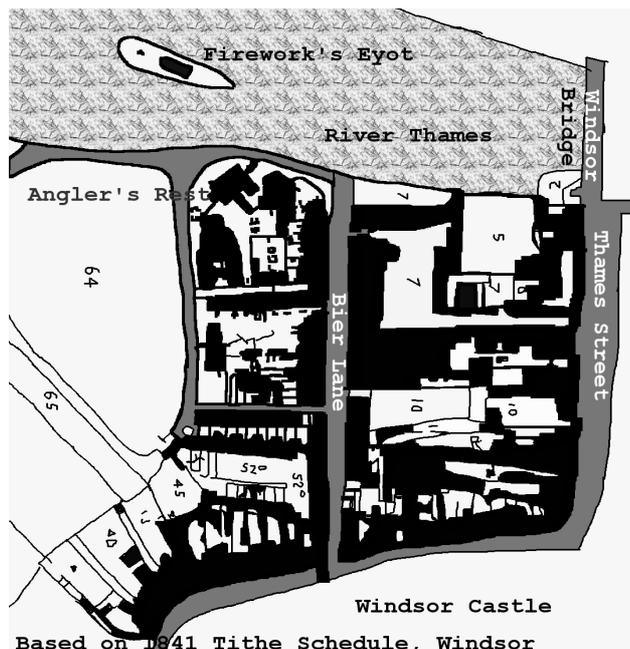
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**A33.** *The Crown, Bray c.2014*



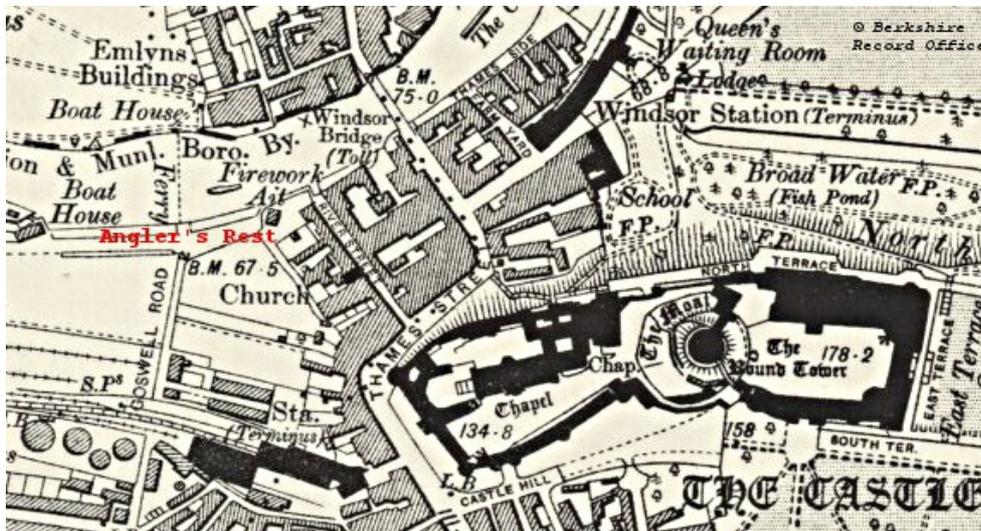
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**A34.** *The Crown, Bray c.2014*

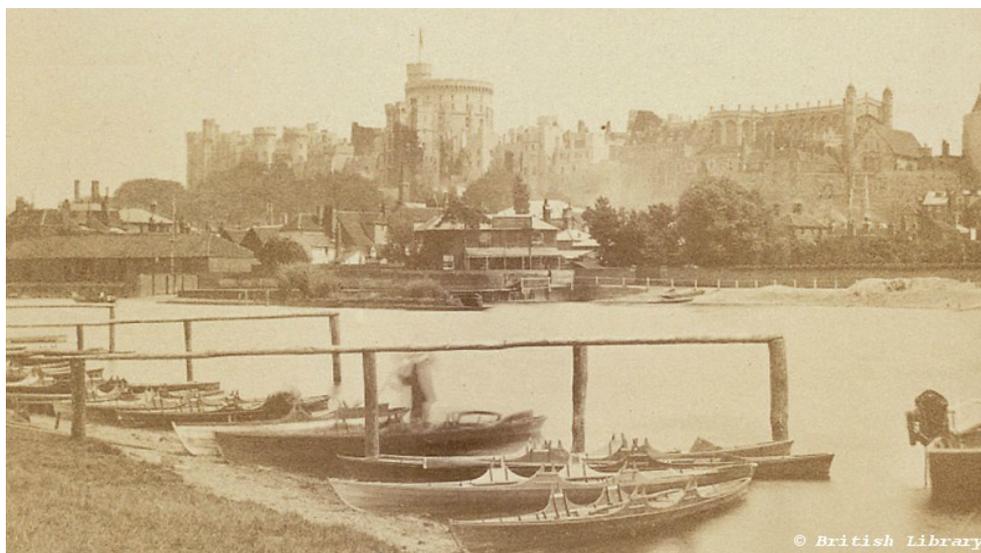


Based on 1841 Tithe Schedule, Windsor

**A35.** *'Angler's Rest', Bier Lane, Windsor based on 1841 Tithe Map Schedules*



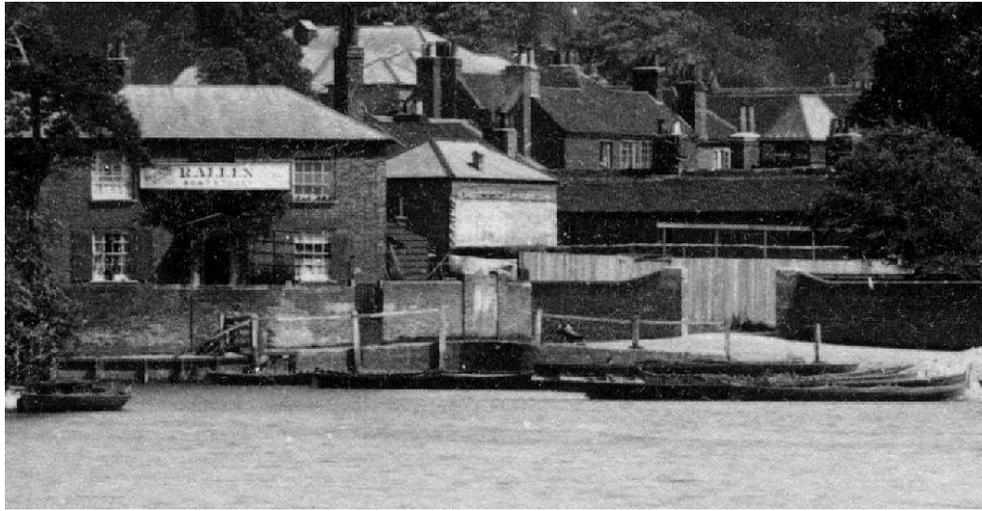
**A36.** 'Angler's Rest', River Street, Windsor. 1888 OS map



**A37.** 'Angler's Rest', Windsor 1866, below the tower



**A38.** "Allen, Boat & Punt Builder" & 'Angler's Rest' c.1880



**A39.** "R. Allen Boat & Punt hire" 'Angler's Rest' c.1883



**A40.** View of Windsor c.1895, 'Albany' houseboat moored to right



**A42.** Windsor Regatta 1908 at the Promenade

## **Robert Allen *junior* (1849-1896)**

*(Son to Robert Allen Snr ; 5<sup>th</sup> Gen. Grandfather to the Author)*

Son of Robert Allen & Elizabeth Clifford above, born on Monkey Island, Bray. Apprenticed in the boat-building & beer drinking trade, while an expert in the former, he seems to have developed an over-fondness for the latter. Circumstance was deemed not to favour his prospects as he produced only one child in 1887, 12 years after his marriage while living in Garden Court near to his father's boatyard, considered a '*slum area*' known for frequent flooding and dampness, including sewerage seeping through the chalk walls. He certainly was though while sober and employed an expert in his craft he being a boat builder and carpenter for his father for 35 years. It seems that in winter time there was no work for him and had to be laid off, thus "*idle fingers led to the devil's work*", he was arrested twice for being drunk and disorderly in 1884 & 1885. Family stories include propensity for domestic arguments, possibly violence.

After his father's boatyard '*mysteriously*' burnt down in 1890 he would not have been so actively employed and is living with his dad in 1891, separate from his wife and daughter. It appears that alcohol and a long term wrist disease contributed to this divorce, family stories tell of him throwing his family out into the night on many occasions. He then appears in a petty court session in 1894 charged with stealing furniture from his own father's houseboat, for which he was fined £5 while his elderly dad was recovering from the loss of his boatyard by fire and an assault. Whether this was a family feud we can only guess at, but we can but surmise that he was in desperate measures, but even more so after he was fined £5!

His early death aged 47 in 1896 a year before his father seems to confirm his misfortune. Contrary to family lore though he did not "*drink himself to death*", he ended up in the Windsor workhouse working as a labourer in Clewer which might have involved cleaving wood, mending shoes etc. Conditions & nutrition were "*adequate and clean*" therein, the inmates had communal facilities, but he found his predicament so tough he actually died from "*exhaustion*", coupled with a "*disease of the wrist*". This strongly hints at Kienböck's disease, or could possibly have been a necrosis, cancer or a badly healed fracture, which may have driven him 'stir crazy' and to drink, and explain some of his 'odd behaviour' in family lore.

His wife Emily Loasby lived on to 1927 in the toil of laundress while supporting daughter Emily also apprenticed in this trade. On his frequent rounds as a postman in Windsor, Ernest Squelch must have have '*swept her off her feet*' taking her to a better horizon.

## Images & Documents Associated With Robert Allen Junior (1849-1896)

THE SLOUGH, ETON AND WINDSOR  
OBSERVER, JUNE 6, 1885.  
BOROUGH BENCH.  
MONDAY.—Before the Mayor (J. Oberlin-Harris, Esq.),  
and G. H. Long, Esq.  
*Robert Allen* was charged with having been drunk and  
disorderly.—The case was adjourned from last Thursday  
in order that the attendance of another man named  
Dodwell, who had been summoned, might be procured.—  
Mr. Supt. Hayes now said Dodwell had left the town.—  
Police-constable Maycock said he was certain Allen had  
been drunk, and had put his fists up to the police in a  
threatening manner.—The magistrates fined defendant  
10s. including costs.

A43. Drunk, Slough Observer, 1885, fr. Robert Allen jnr.

THE SLOUGH, ETON, AND WINDSOR OBSERVER  
-NOVEMBER 10, 1894.  
PETTY SESSIONS.  
MONDAY.  
THEFT FROM A HOUSEBOAT.—*Frank Glaister* and  
*Robert Allen, jun.*, were charged with having stolen  
a fancy screen, a wicker table, and a butler's table  
and tray combined, the property of Mr. Robert Allen,  
sen., from the houseboat "Albany," moored to the  
river frontage in the Goswells, on October 27th.—  
They were each fined £5; in default, a month's hard  
labour.

A44. Furniture theft, Slough Observer, 1894, fr. Robert Allen jnr.

A51. Court Deposition: "I live at River Street and carry on a boat building business. I had a house boat called 'The Albany' moored on the river frontage in the Goswells rented of Windsor Corporation. The boat was partially furnished. I went to the boat and noticed items go missing over a week, for which I published a bill for". Mrs Newcombe saw this and contacted him. "I went to [her] house and recovered my property, she paid 5/6 to Robert Allen [jnr] who said he had them from a sale". Edited extract from Robert Allen snr's witness deposition, 5th Nov 1894



Windsor workhouse from the east, 1841.  
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## George Allen (1856-1931)

(Son to Robert Allen Snr ; 5<sup>th</sup> Gen. Grand Uncle to the Author)



**A53.** George Allen, wife Annie, da.Eleanor c.1892

Son of Robert Allen senior & Elizabeth Clifford, born Bray Village. Also apprenticed as a boat builder, he was keen to escape his destiny and enlisted in the Royal Artillery aged 16 (*he lied and stated 19*) in 1873. He rose to Sergeant after 12 years, seeing service in Sheffield and Woolwich barracks. We believe he was based within the horse cavalry as a 'driver', probably on horse drawn gun carriages and was also a firing range instructor. He received his long service medal aged 36 with "*exemplary conduct*", bar one fine for "*reading a newspaper while on duty*" for which he was reduced in rank to 'Bombadier'. He also served in India at a time of peace in the Empire. Although 60 years old at the outbreak of WW1 he did in-fact re-enlist, according to his descendants, as a gunnery instructor.

His direct descendant contacted me in 2017 supplying photos of his family, father, providing additional personal details. He was married to Annie Street (nee Wetton), siring 3 children, but only one Eleanor (*pictured*) survived. After his army career he went on to become manager of a timber floor & paving laying company around 1895 in Essex, later running the store. They were contractors for laying the wood block paving in London County Hall, Lambeth in 1909, the Bank of England and one of the Lloyd's buildings. One may consider it a very professional and trusted company. From around 1898 (*in conjunction with his block paving*), like his father, he became a licensed victualler, running the the 'Vine Inn', Stockbridge, Hants and the 'Bruce's Arms' in Pewsey, Wiltshire (*still extant*) and a Hackney carriage driver, which in those days was a horse and cart. He must have continued working into his late 70's.

## Images Associated with George Allen (1856-1931)

*Medalist*

W. O. Form 39.

RECORD OF SERVICE.

No. *1164* Name *George Allen*

Joined at *Wolverhampton* on *9 September 1873*

PROCEEDINGS ON ATTESTATION.

For Twelve Years Army Service.

To be put to the Recruit before Attestation.

your Name? *George Allen*

Parish and in or near what Town, and in what }  
 were you born? *Braff* in or near the Town of *Maddingley*  
 in the County of *Berkshire*

your Age? *19* Years " Months.

your Trade or Calling? *Boat & Punt Builder*

an Apprentice? *No*

*Richard Airey* Lt. Col.

*George Allen*

*1164*

**A46.** George Allen Military Records, 1893

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*Mr George Allen*  
 of *The Vine Inn* in the  
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 date hereof until the *31st* day of *December* next following; the sum of *three*  
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Granted at *Portsmouth*  
 this *1st* day of *February* 189*8*

by *J. H. Tucker*

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2. This Licence must be renewed at the expiration of this year, if you continue to keep a Carriage.

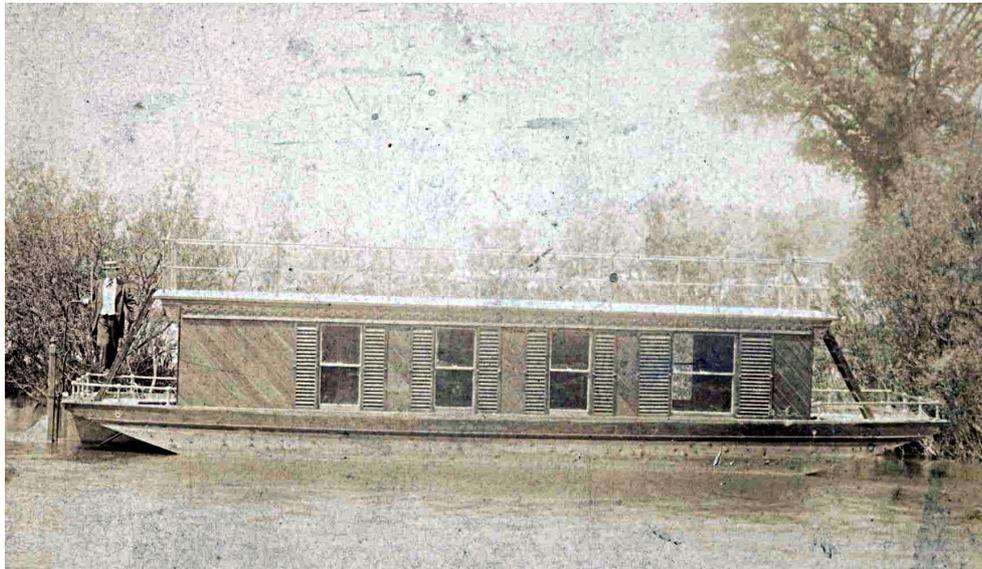
3. Should an additional Carriage be kept in the interval, a further Licence must be obtained.

\* If the residence is within an Administrative County Borough insert "Borough".

**A54.** George Allen Hackney Carriage licence 1898



**A55.** George Allen (in doorway, right) wife Annie (left of doorway) da. Eleanor (seated) at the Bruce's Arms, Wilts c.1901. Note 'George Allen' licence over the doorway



**A56.** This is apparently George Allen at a young age in his 'Eton boating regatta suit' aboard a house boat that would no doubt have been built by the Allen family c.1875. Comparing this with an image of Robert's houseboat 'The Albany' (pic. **A40**, named in court **A51**), I am very certain this is the same boat newly built before it was painted white. Note same number of windows, shutters, same shape, with same shaped railings on top deck for regatta passengers to stand on.

# John Allen (1863–1943)

(Son of Robert Allen Snr ; 5<sup>th</sup> Gen. Grand Uncle to the Author)

Of Robert Allen senior & Elizabeth Clifford's three sons, only John remained a bachelor and true to his roots and apprenticeship, serving as a boatman and boat builder all his life, living with his father. But he, like his siblings, was led astray by drink in his youth and is found in court for stealing 60s of varnish from his father and reselling it for beer money in 1886. 3 months later not having learned his lesson, he also 'procured' a gold watch and silver matchbox from an army Captain William Graves who he was ferrying. The Captain had seen the items fall into the water, yet did not tell John or his family. He later returned and asked him to hire a diver, but John retrieved it in secret and sold it to a local pawn broker for £10 while wearing a smart suit and giving a false name. Because of his recent varnish theft he was sentenced to 3 months hard labour. He seems to have learnt his lesson from this and was with his father when he passed away.

## Documents Associated with John Allen (1863-1943)

THE SLOUGH, ETON AND WINDSOR  
OBSERVER, MARCH 20, 1886.  
BERKS PETTY SESSIONS.  
SATURDAY.—Before the Hon. Colonel R. Hay (in the  
chair), General Thornhill, Colonel Gordon, F.  
Ricardo, Esq., F. T. Barry, Esq., and E. D. Foster.

**ROBBING A FATHER.**—*John Allen*, a young man, was charged with stealing a quantity of varnish, the property of his father, Robert Allen.—Albert Hill said: The first Saturday in February I met the prisoner about one o'clock near his father's house, and he asked me if I wanted any varnish as he had got some for sale. I asked him what he wanted for it, and he said, "I have got two gallons you can have for 10s." I had the varnish soon afterwards, and waited until he brought it to me. I paid him 5s. on account. No arrangement was made as to the payment of the other money. The police afterwards took possession of the varnish I received from the prisoner. My store is under the railway arches. I have been convicted of receiving the varnish, and fined 30s.—Robert Allen said: I am a boat builder in Bier-lane. In the course of my business I keep a quantity of varnish in tins. I lost two tins of varnish. They were kept on a shelf in a room in my house. I afterwards recovered the two tins I had lost, one having been in the possession of Hill, and the other being brought back and put at my back door. The tins of varnish are each worth 28s., the price of the varnish being 14s. per gallon. The prisoner lived with me. He had access to the room where the varnish was kept. After the varnish was lost my son went to Egham, but he was in this town every night from what I hear. He has been back for a week, and I have taken him into my employ again. He said he was very sorry for what he had done. He tells me he was to have the varnish again when he paid back the 5s., as it was in a kind of pledge. When there has been work to do I have paid my son regular wages, but there has been no work during the winter, and I have only kept him.—The Chairman told the prisoner the charge against him was a very serious one. Hill had been fined 30s. for receiving the varnish, and prisoner would have to pay a like sum, or go to prison for one month with hard labour.—The money was paid.

A48. Varnish theft, 1886, fr John Allen

# THE SLOUGH, ETON AND WINDSOR OBSERVER, JUNE 26, 1886.

BOROUGH BENCH.

MONDAY.—Before J. W. Wellman, Esq. (in the chair),  
W. S. Cantrell, Esq., and W. Beach, Esq.

HONESTY WOULD HAVE BEEN THE BEST POLICY.

John Allen, aged 22, the son of a boatbuilder of Windsor, was brought up in custody on remand charged with stealing a gold watch and chain and a silver matchbox, of the value of £40, the property of Capt. William Spencer Paget Graves, of Arctrow Cottage, Windsor.—Mr. B.-C. Durant watched the case on behalf of the prisoner and his friends.

Captain Graves, the prosecutor, said: On Sunday, the 30th May, about two o'clock in the afternoon, I was on a little raft in the river Thames belonging to the prisoner's father. Whilst I was stooping over to put some things in a boat, my gold watch and chain slipped out of the breast-pocket of my boating shirt and fell into the water between the boat and the raft. I can't say whether the prisoner saw the watch fall into the water, but he was attending to the boat at the time. I did not say what had happened, but got into the boat and went off. There were some of my family in the boat, but I don't think they saw the watch fall into the water. I saw it fall. I returned the same day about eight o'clock in the evening, and I then informed the prisoner of my having lost the watch and chain as before stated. I told him the position where it had fallen as exactly as possible. He did not make any search then, and I suggested that a diver should be employed. No diver was employed then. Prisoner said he would get a diver, who had previously recovered some property from the river. The next day he informed me that a diver could not be got at. On the Tuesday I received a telegram stating the terms of a diver. I did not employ that diver, but I communicated with the Thames Conservancy in London, who gave me permission to employ Fenton, one of their divers. The diver Fenton made a search on the following Friday, the 4th June, between twelve at noon and five o'clock, but the watch was not found. I was not there the whole of the time the diving was going on, but whenever I was I saw the prisoner there. I have not seen the watch since I lost it till this morning. The one now produced is the same. I have not seen the chain since. The value of the watch, chain, and silver box was over £40. The water was not sufficiently clear to let the watch and chain be seen at the bottom, for it was very deep and muddy, and the stream was running very fast.

It was stated that the water at the spot where the watch fell in was twelve feet deep.

Richard Bayley said: I am a plumber, and work for the Great Western Railway Company. I am lodging with the prisoner's father. On Sunday, the 13th of June, the father asked me to see to a valve in the cistern in the water-closet, which is upstairs in Mr. Allen's house. On going there I found on the top of the cistern the silver match-box now produced, and it had two pawn-tickets in it. I put the box with the tickets in my pocket, and on going downstairs I put them on the table. The prisoner was there, but I did not say anything to him, nor he to me. I did not know what the tickets were about, as I took no notice. I merely said I had found them up on the cistern. I said that to the prisoner. He said they were his. I can't tell whether he took them up from the table, as I went away. I did not see them afterwards. I gave no information to anybody. I knew nothing about the things. I happened to see that on the top of one of the tickets was "Attenborough, Oxford-street." I did not see what the things were to which the tickets referred. When I put the box and tickets on the table that was the last I saw of them.

Eliza Bayley said: The last witness is my nephew. I live at Robert Allen's, the father of the prisoner. I remember the last witness bringing from the closet upstairs a silver box and tickets. I believe he gave it to my brother, John Allen, the prisoner. I heard him say where he found the things, but did not hear him say anything else. I did not see where he put them, and he did not tell me what he had done with them. I saw the tickets at the bottom of the box when the last witness brought the box in. I saw one of them was for a watch pledged for £10, and the other a chain for £2. I can't say whether it said "gold" watch. It said Oxford street, but I did not see the name. Last Wednesday morning I saw Mr. Hayes along with my father, and he made enquiries of me, and I told him what I knew, giving him all the information I could.

Leo Stammers said: I am an assistant to Richard Attenborough, of 142, Oxford-street, London. The watch now produced was pledged at the shop on the 1st June, for £10. It was pawned in the name of Henry Gray, of East Cottage, Pangbourne. The prisoner is the young man who pledged it to the best of my recollection. I did not ask him any questions as to whose property it was. My "Governor," that is the manager, asked him some questions, and the manager paid him the money. The value of the watch in the sale-room would be £13.

In answer to Mr. Durant witness said: The "Governor" is not down here to-day. I won't be sure that he asked the prisoner any questions. I

sure that he asked the prisoner any questions. I don't know that any questions were asked at all. I believe the prisoner was dressed in a light suit at the time he came, and his appearance was quite up to his being the owner of such a watch as this, as he looked very respectable. The name, Henry Gray, that he gave, also corresponded with the initials that are on the watch. When the watch was offered me I looked in the Police Book, but there was no information there as regards the number of this watch or anything of the kind. I value the watch at £13, that is in our sal-room. We allow is a penny-weight, and you will find that all over the trade.

Mr. Superintendent Hayes said: In consequence of what the prisoner's father told me on Saturday evening last, I went down to his house, and on the top of the cistern I found the silver box now produced. It was concealed, and I had to get a ladder to get it. I found nothing in the box but a coin, and a few matches. I then charged the prisoner with having stolen the things, and he was taken into custody. I asked him if he wished to give any information, and he said he knew nothing about it.

The prisoner pleaded guilty. In speaking in mitigation of punishment, Mr. Durant drew attention to the comparative youth of the prisoner, and said he was the son of a respectable tradesman of this borough. There was no doubt that upon his being informed that the watch had fallen into the water, the temptation of getting it out was too strong to be resisted. Prisoner had no intention of keeping the watch and chain, but would have eventually redeemed them from the pawnbroker and restored them to the owner. He referred to the facility it appeared there existed of any young man going to a first-class pawnbroker's in London and disposing of a watch of this kind, without any questions being asked. If there were not these facilities for disposing of property illegally obtained there would not be so many robberies committed as there were. Facilities being afforded in this way had often been spoken of in terms of strong reprobation.

The pawnbroker's assistant, Stammers, said the prisoner when he brought the watch in appearance looked quite up to being the owner of a watch like the one produced. When he asked £10 on the watch prisoner appeared to know its value, and he would not take less. The name he gave also corresponded with the initials that were engraved on the watch. Witness knew nothing of the watch having been stolen until ten days after it had been taken in, when the police called.

Mr. Durant remarked that a person giving a name that corresponded with initials on a watch was no proof of honesty, for any person could give such a name.

In answer to an enquiry from the Bench, Mr. Supt. Hayes said that a short time back the prisoner had been fined 30s. for stealing a quantity of varnish, the property of his father.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. Lovegrove) said a very bad feature in the present case was the fact of the prisoner putting Captain Graves to the expense of a diver, when he knew that it was no use doing so, the watch not being in the water.

Captain Graves said the prisoner had every opportunity of putting an honest £5 in his pocket, for he (Captain Graves) would have willingly paid that sum if the watch when prisoner recovered it from the river had been given up to him. At the very time prisoner knew the watch was at the pawnbroker's, prisoner had wished a diver to be employed; and the reason the diver named by prisoner had not been engaged was that the terms were not satisfactory, being £10 whether the watch was recovered or not.

The Chairman said the Bench considered the case a very serious one, especially when it was remembered that it was only a short time back that prisoner had been leniently dealt with by the magistrates, a fine being inflicted upon him instead of his being sent to prison. He would now now be sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour. The magistrates might have sentenced him to six months.

The magistrates ordered the watch to be restored to Captain Graves. They refused to make any order for the pawnbroker to be repaid any portion of the £10 advanced, as they considered that the watch had been taken in pledge in a very lax manner.

A49

A49. Watch theft fr. John Allen, 1886

# Thomas Allen (1821-c.1900)

(1st cousin to Robert Allen Snr; 1st Cousin 5x Removed to the Author)

We only know of Thomas from one entry in the 1861 census telling us he was a Chelsea pensioner age 40 staying with cousin Robert Allen senior at the Crown in Bray. From this we traced his military records to having just completed 21 years service in the 45<sup>th</sup> Foot Guards which were stationed at Gibraltar, Trinidad and the Cape of Good Hope. He gained the Kaffir medal for serving in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Zulu war and a long service medal. However, shortly after being enlisted or conscripted in 1839 he 'deserted' for 6 months ending up in Belfast where he was caught or handed himself in. Although this could carry the death sentence, on this occasion he was tattooed with the letter 'D' under his arm and later forfeited his medals and never rose above the rank of private. On discharge he reverted to his former occupation of sawyer on and off for at least 40 years, he probably worked for Robert at times. He married late, age 54 to sire 3 children, settling in Clewer.

## Images Associated with Thomas Allen (1821-c.1900)

THE BOARD having examined and compared the Regimental Records, the Soldier's Book, and such other Documents as appeared to them to be necessary, report that

*Private Thomas Allen* by Trade a *Sawyer* was BORN in the Parish of *St. Mary* in or near the Town of *Windsor* in the County of *Berks* and was ATTESTED for the *45<sup>th</sup>* Regiment of *Foot* at *Windsor* in the County of *Berks* on the *1<sup>st</sup> April 1839* at the Age of *18 Years* that after making every Deduction required by Her Majesty's Regulations, the SERVICE

Regiment	Promotions, Reductions, &c.	Rank	Period of Service in each Rank		Amount of Service	
			From	To	Years	Days
<i>45<sup>th</sup> Foot</i>	<i>Attested</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>1 April 1839</i>	<i>29 June 1840</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>90</i>
	<i>Deserted 30 June 1840. Tried by a Dist. Court Martial 23 Decr 1840, and sentenced. Four Months Imp<sup>t</sup> from 26 Decr 1840.</i>	<i>Kept at Belfast</i>				
	<i>&amp; letter D-</i>					
				<i>Total</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>90</i>

**A50.** Thomas Allen, Military Records, extracts, 1861

# Allen & Breach Family Timeline

**Note:** Angler's Rest, Windsor should not be confused with pub of the same name at Wrasbury, Egham, nearby. **Snr:** senior. **Sup:** superior. **Jnr:** junior

DATE	SOURCE	CASE
1823	Census	Robert Allen snr. born, Eton, Bucks
7 May 1825	Court	Theft of nets, fish, lead, Monkey Island
Oct 1827	BDM	Elizabeth Clifford born of Louisa on Monkey Island
27 May 1829	Probate	James Breach named as executor in Thomas Clifford's will
18 Jan 1830	BDM	James Breach marries Louisa Clifford
31 May 1830	BDM	Thomas Clifford dies, will proved 10 Nov 1831
7 Mar 1835	Court	Theft of nets from Monkey Island belonging to James Breach by George Watkins, 12 months imprisonment
4 July 1835	Court	Robert Allen sup. convicted of passing counterfeit coins, Thames St. 6 months imprisonment
11 Jun 1836	Court	James Breach & William Clifford witness in swan killing by Henry Wilder, Monkey Island
6 Jun 1841	Census	James Breach, fisherman, Monkey Island
19 Jun 1847	BDM	Robert Allen snr. marriage Elizabeth Clifford, Monkey Island
25 Sep 1847	Court	Louisa Breach, beer shop, Monkey Island. William Clifford, brother convicted of receiving stolen goods
5 Jan 1849	News	Robert Allen snr. otter shot off Monkey Island and stuffed
June 1849	Book	Fishing family living in cottage on Monkey Island
Dec 1849	BDM	Robert Allen jnr. Born Monkey Island, baptised 2nd Dec, Bray
30 Mar 1851	Census	Robert Allen snr. boatbuilder, Bray. Census
30 Mar 1851	Census	Issac Talbot, 'marine stores' at 25 Bier Lane
1854	Directory	Breach, John Basket Maker, 93 High St, Eton Allen Robert, beer retailer, boat builder, Bray
01 July 1854	News	Robert Allen snr. 'Crown', Bray, auction of '40 man' houseboat
13 Dec 1856	Court	Robert Allen snr. keeping 'Crown' inn Bray open at 2:30am, fine 40s 11d
24 Oct 1857	News	Robert Allen snr, 'Crown', Bray, auction of boats, tools, guns
28 Aug 1858	Court	Theft, silk hankie by John Bright, tramp from Robert Allen snr. 'Crown' inn
7 Apr 1861	Census	Robert Allen snr, boatbuilder & innkeeper, 'Crown' inn, Bray
30 Apr 1861	Census	Issac Talbot, 'marine stores' at 25 Bier Lane
11 Oct 1862	Court	Bankruptcy of William Henry Jacobs, inn keeper & carpenter 'Anglers Rest'
20 Dec 1862	Court	William Henry Jacobs, Order of Discharge from Bankruptcy
14 Apr 1866	Court	Robert Allen snr. Fine 40/11s for keeping 'Crown' inn open before 12:30am
4 Aug 1866	News	Robert Allen snr. 'Crown', Bray, sale of 10ton ballast boat
11 May 1867	News	Robert Allen snr. 'Crown', Bray, sale of 3ton ballast boat
1868	Directory	Allen, Robert, beer retailer & boat builder, Bray
27 Feb 1869	News	John Dobbs retailer, suicide, drowned near 'Angler's Rest'
20 Nov 1869	Court	Robert Allen snr. 'Angler's Rest', keeping inn open on Sunday, dismissed
20 Feb 1869	News	Robert Allen snr, Crown Inn, boat 'California' for sale
4 Dec 1869	Court	Robert Allen snr. 'Angler's Rest', refuse to admit Police on Sunday, fine 10s

20 Sep 1870	Court	William Allen & John Hoare, damage to ceiling at 'Angler's Rest', discharged until 'Coventry' is caught
18 Nov 1870	Court	Henry Sable new innkeeper Crown, Bray.
2 Apr 1871	Census	Robert Allen snr. boat builder, innkeeper, 'Angler's Rest'
1876	Directory	Henry Hill landlord, 'Angler's Rest', Bier Lane
17 June 1878	News	Count Aubriet de Pevy, suicide, body taken to 'Angler's Rest'
3 Apr 1881	Census	Robert Allen snr. boat builder, Willow Ctg, Windsor
27 Sep 1884	Court	Robert Allen jnr. drunk & disorderly at 'Adam & Eve', fine 10s
6 Jun 1885	Court	Robert Allen jnr. drunk & disorderly, Bier Lane, fine 10s
4 Jul 1885	News	Robert Allen snr. application for rent of ayots and fisheries
20 Mar 1886	Court	John Allen, son, stealing varnish from Robert Allen snr, fine 30s.
26 Jun 1886	Court	John Allen stealing gold watch from Capt Wm Graves, 3 months hard labour
27 Nov 1886	Court	Mary Rice, fine 20s for stealing boots from Mary Bryan at 'Angler's Rest'
1887	Directory	Allen, Robert, boat builder, Bier lane,
20 Aug 1887	Court	Theft, towline, from Robert Allen snr. by John Patterson, fine 5s
1 Dec 1888	Court	Eliza Jackson assault on James Preedy at 'Angler's Rest', fine 21s
18 Jan 1890	News	Bier Lane boatyard gutted by fire ( <i>arson?</i> ) belonging to Robert Allen snr, clients valuable boats destroyed
5 Apr 1891	Census	Robert Allen snr. boat builder & shipwright, Arthur Rd, Windsor
9 Jan 1892	Court	Henry Hogg, assault on elderly master boat builder Robert Allen snr, remanded in custody
10 Nov 1894	Court	Robert Allen jnr. & Frank Glaister, stealing furniture from houseboat 'Albany' moored off Goswells, belonging to Robert Allen snr, fined £5
4 Jul 1896	Court	Henry Hill, 'Angler's Rest' cautioned for receipt of stolen clocks from Herbert's Supplies, Eton
Oct 1896	BDM	Death, Robert Allen jnr., exhaustion, Windsor workhouse
Apr 1897	BDM	Death, Robert Allen snr. gout, 2 Arthur Road, Windsor
2 Mar 1901	Court	Albert Johnson of 'Angler's Rest', 28 days for stealing 2 coats from George Foster, Datchet
12 Oct 1901	Court	James Carpenter, fined 7/6 obstruction of highway by cart belonging to William Smith, lodger 'Angler's Rest'
31 Oct 1903	Court	Clinton Henry James Lipscombe of 'Angler's Rest' drunk in charge of horse & cart, fine 10s
1905	BRO	Plans submitted for demolition & rebuilding of 'Angler's Rest'
2 Apr 1911	Census	Arthur Jacobs, innkeeper & boatbuilder, 'Thames Hotel' (pr. 'Angler's Rest')

# Allen Family - Vital Statistics

## Allen Family Research Notes

The only baptism matching Robert Allen senior found online as yet is that for 1823 in Eton with parents Sarah Allen and Robert Meadows. However on his marriage cert. he names his father as Robert Allen a boot closer. To debunk the Meadows theory above, his cousin is named Thomas Allen, born Eton 1820 (1861 census), so that means two generations before this there was an Allen b.c.1760 living around that area having at least two sons. The occupation of a bootcloser suggests medial repetitive skill and low pay, and might have been in the workhouse. But many of the shoe manufacturers were in Eton High Street, where also worked John Breach, basket maker, father to James, later father-in-law to Robert. All the Allen's in the '41 Census around this area and period were agricultural labourers, nothing quite matches. There is the possibility that he was baptised in his mother's home parish or that some lies are told on documents. Otherwise Robert Allen's father is the convicted coin forger prominent in the newspapers, whose career in crime spanned several decades, the only connection thus far is that a so named man, a boot maker was sent to jail in Windsor for forging and passing coins (*a smasher*) in Thames Street in 1835.

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## Robert Allen

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**enior** *son of Robert Allen superior*

**BIRTH:** c.1823 Eton, Bucks

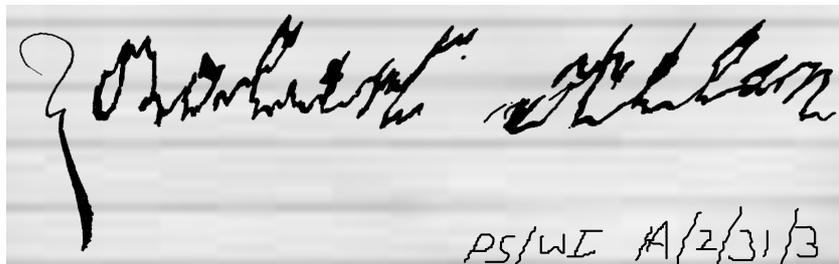
**BAPTISM:** possible match: 23 Feb 1823, Eton, Bucks

**MARRIAGE:** 19<sup>th</sup> June 1847, St Michael's, Bray, 24yrs.  
No.212 Apr qtr 1847, 6 219 Cookham, Berks

**DEATH:** Apr qtr 1897, aged 74. 2c 266 WINDSOR, Berks

**FATHER:** Robert Allen? b.c.1800, boot closer

**MOTHER:** Sarah Allen? b.c.1800



**A51.** Based on Robert Allen signature 5th Nov 1894, Windsor Petty Sessions

**Cousin: Thomas Allen** b.1821 in Eton (1861 Census Chelsea Pensioner age 40) m.c.1875, **Sarah.** Private 45th Reg Of Footmen, No: 1662. Served in Gibraltar, Trinidad, Cape 1839-61. Awarded Kaffir medal for 2<sup>nd</sup> war & Long Service medal, but forfeit as deserted for 6 months in 1840, for which he was tattooed with the letter 'D' under his arm. Worked as a sawyer prior and after service. Children: **Charles Allen** b.1876 **Thomas Allen** b.1880. **Edward Allen** b.1886. **Father:** Edward Allen of Datchet?

## Elizabeth Clifford *wife to Robert Allen senior*

**BIRTH:** Monkey Island, Bray

**BAPTISM:** 28 Oct 1827 Bray, Berks (mother unmarried)

**DEATH:** 80yrs, Jan 1907. Windsor 2c 318

**FATHER:** James Breach, bp.29 Sep 1793 Eton, Bucks. m.18 Jan 1830 Bray, Berks. d.July 1867 Cookham, Berks. Basket weaver & fisherman on Monkey Island & High St, Eton.

**MOTHER:** Louisa Clifford, b.28 Sep 1804 in Bray, Berks. bp.28 Oct 1804.

d.Oct 1879 Windsor, Berks. Beer seller, Monkey Island & laundress, Eton.

**SIBLINGS:** All Bray & Eton. **James Breach** b.1830. **Frances Breach** 1832-1838. **Frances Breach** 1832-1838. **Charles Breach** 1835-1878, fisherman m.**Harriet Wilson** no issue. **John Breach** 1842-1857.

### ADDRESSES & EMPLOYMENT for Robert Allen snr & Elizabeth Clifford

<b>1823 CENSUS-BIRTH</b>	Eton, Bucks	-
<b>1841 CENSUS</b>	Monkey Island	<i>(Elizabeth only)</i>
<b>1847 MARRIAGE</b>	Monkey Island	Waterman
<b>1849 CHILD BAPTISM</b>	Monkey Island	Labourer
<b>1852-66 BAPTISMS</b>	Bray	Boat Builder
<b>1851 CENSUS</b>	Bray Village	Boat Builder
<b>1854 NEWS</b>	'Crown' inn, Bray	Innkeeper, boat builder
<b>1856 COURT</b>	'Crown' inn, Bray	Boat builder, innkeeper
<b>1861 CENSUS</b>	'Crown' inn, Bray	Boat Builder, innkeeper
<b>1869 NEWS</b>	'Crown' inn Bray	Boatbuilder, innkeeper
<b>1871 CENSUS</b>	25 'Angler's Rest' Bier Lane	Innkeeper, boat builder, retailer
<b>1881 CENSUS</b>	Willow Cottage, Bier Lane	Boat builder
<b>1891 CENSUS</b>	1, Lime Grove, new Windsor	Boat Builder & Shipwright
<b>1901 CENSUS</b>	24 King's Terrace, Clewer	<i>(Elizabeth only, widow)</i>

### CHILDREN of Robert Allen snr & Elizabeth Clifford

NAME	BIRTH / BAPTISM	MARRIAGE	DEATH	CHILDREN	NOTES
<b>Robert Allen</b>	1849, <i>see further page</i>				
<b>Elizabeth Allen</b>	bp.7 Mar 1852, Bray	6 Jan 1877 Eton, Bucks. James F Weston, groom, porter	?	Lizzie Harriet R b.1877 Geraldine Weston b.1879	Servant 1871 laundress 1911
<b>Eliza Allen</b>	bp.20 Aug 1854, Bray	m.1875 John Bayley, plumber m.1890 Harry Saunders, boat builder m.1902 Dobner	Mar 1934 Windsor	Margaret Louise 1875-1905 Eliza Susannah b.1879 John Robert b.1879 Percival George 1885-1942 Florence b.1889	1871, Barmaid
<b>George Allen</b>	bp.20 Apr 1856 Bray	29 Jan 1882 Annie Street, Sheffield, Yorks	27 May 1931 West Ham	George H Allen b.1882 Eleanor Mary Allen 1887-1958 Elizabeth Annie Allen 1890-1892	Boat builder. Royal Artillery, Reg No. 8559, 1872-1893, Driver, Serial No., 38454. India, Sheffield, Woolwich. Manager, Acme Paving Co, Essex
<b>Geraldine Allen</b>	bp.24 June 1860 Bray	Mar 1884, Fredrick Boyce, Windsor			Emigrant?
<b>Sarah Allen</b>	bp.3 April 1862, Bray				
<b>John Allen</b>	bp.3 May 1864, Bray		Sep 1943?		Boat builder, boatman
<b>Eleanor Allen</b>	bp.6 May 1866, Bray				

## **Robert Allen *junior*** *son of Robert Allen senior*

**BIRTH:** Oct qtr 1849, Monkey Island, Bray. Cookham, 6 168

**BAPTISM:** 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1849, St Michael's, Bray

**MARRIAGE:** 25<sup>th</sup> July 1875, Windsor Holy Trinity, 22 yrs. Jul qtr 1875, Windsor, 2c 719.

**DEATH:** disease of wrist, exhaustion, 47yrs, Windsor Workhouse.

Oct qtr 1896,. Windsor, 2c 273

**BURIAL:** 21 Sep 1896, St Andrew, Clewer

## **Emily Maria Loasby** *wife to Robert Allen junior*

**BIRTH:** St Peters, Old Windsor, 11 May 1851. Windsor 6, 305

**DEATH:** Sep qtr 1927, 74 yrs. Windsor, 2c 454

**FATHER: John Loasby** b.1811, Ketley, Northamptonshire. m.25 Dec 1841 Old Windsor.  
d. Oct 1872 Windsor. w.laborer.

**MOTHER: Eliza Taylor.** b.1821, Old Windsor, Berks. d.1909, Windsor, Berks.

**SIBLINGS: John William** b.1842. **Sarah** 1844–1878 dressmaker. **Charlotte Jane** 1848–1924  
m. **John Fillin.** **Ambrose Henry** 1853–1922 blind basket maker, Lambeth m. **Susan Wells.**

## **CHILDREN of Robert Allen & Emily Maria Loasby**

**Emily Florence Allen** *b. 1887 m.Victor Victor Quelch 1908, Clewer*

## **ADDRESSES & EMPLOYMENT for Robert Allen jnr & Emily Maria Loasby**

<b>1849 BAPTISM</b>	Monkey Island	-
<b>1851 CENSUS</b>	Crown Inn, Bray Village	-
<b>1861 CENSUS</b>	25, Angler's Rest, Bier Lane, Bray	Scholar
<b>1871 CENSUS</b>	25, Angler's Rest, Bier Lane, Bray	Boat builder
<b>1875 MARRIAGE</b>	Bier Lane, Bray	Boat builder
<b>1881 CENSUS</b>	3, Garden Court, Bray	Carpenter
<b>1885 COURT</b>	Bier Lane	Labourer
<b>1891 CENSUS</b>	1, Lime Grove, New Windsor	Boat builder
<b>1896 WORKHOUSE</b>	Windsor Union	Labourer, dead
<b>1901 CENSUS</b>	31 River Street,	<i>(wife only)</i> widow, laundress
<b>1911 CENSUS</b>	4 Myrtle Villa, Clewer,	<i>(wife only)</i> widow, laundress

# **Breach Family, Windsor**

## **By James M Burton Feb 2015 (Updated May '16)**

Paternal side of Robert Allen senior's wife, Elizabeth Clifford (Breach) (*6<sup>th</sup> Generation Grandfather & Grandmother to the author*). The surname according to experts comes from *bhreg* - "to break" describing someone who either breaks the first sods of earth for agriculture, or even the breaching of castle walls.

The family were for many decades, if not longer, basket makers stationed at No. 65 & 93, High Street, Eton and rented ayots on the Thames for the purpose of growing 'osiers' – thin willow branches that were coppiced from trees yearly that were weaved into baskets. These could be shaped for all manner of uses, and were very popular in the period because of their sturdiness and quite cheap and easily repaired.

Those trades utilising them would be innumerable of course, but one focus was on fishing vessels. Eel and crayfish trapping was common on the Thames, lines of large pot shaped baskets could be seen up on 'fishing weirs', a now dead craft. The fish were very numerous on this stretch of the Thames, described as the finest area of the river with abundant trout, gudgeon, pike, eel, carp etc. Jack Hall a noted catcher with a crew of 9 in punts caught "132 dozen gudgeon" – about 1,580, between Windsor and Monkey Island in one day c.1830. You can imagine that this attracted lots of poachers, and wayward Eton boys, so much so that a decree was made by the Windsor magistrates to curb this activity and formed a Preservation Society in 1835 bent on breaking up these gangs.

James Breach, at least, was engaged in this employment for at least 30 years from around 1820 on Monkey Island from the only cottage there, keeping an eye on the willow beds. If he was paying a license fee to fish this stretch of river, it would have been in his best interest to work with the authorities to stop the poaching gangs so mentioned. Indeed he was victim to their privations in 1825 and '35 when fish and nets were stolen from him.

However, his immediate family were no saints, William Clifford his brother-in-law was convicted of receiving silver goods stolen from the vicar of Dorney, and hiding them in a hole on the bank of the island in 1847. As mentioned in the Allen Story above, they also entertained parties of visitors to the island and were paid to care for the swans, and regularly helped the local hunts keep the area predator free. I can imagine that in summer this idyllic and very rural island was a paradise, with feasts of ducks, eggs, fish and fruit all harvested for 'free' with daily visits of pleasant picnickers.

The mural paintings of monkeys in the fishing pavilion on the island engaged in the very habits which James practised everyday could seem to some as cynical, sarcastic, a parody of these hard working men's lives. I'm just happy to believe that it was my distant ancestors who may have inspired these drubbings, and inwardly chuckled at the thought that he may have been given the lease for his simian features or gait, to attract more visitors.

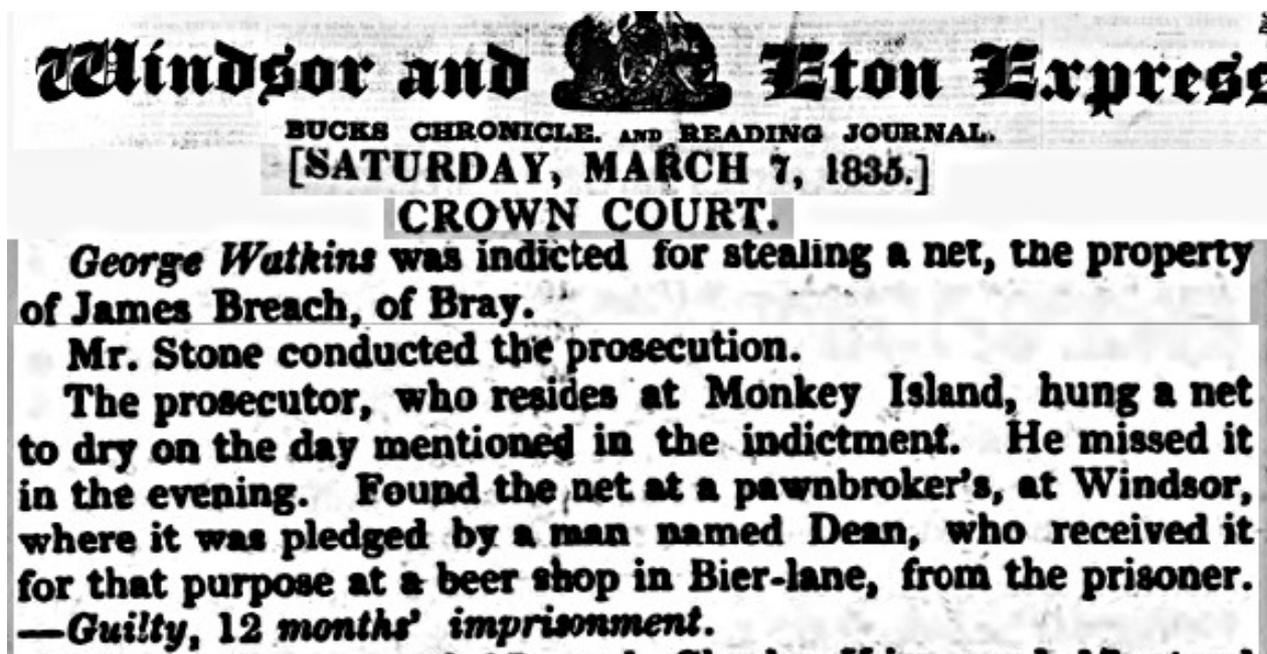
His father John Breach born in Henley kept a shop at 93, High Street, Eton for the purposes of making baskets up to his death aged 89, now an antique store. Interesting that he was married in Marlybone, London, he may have completed an apprenticeship up there before moving back down. His father in turn, a Charles Breach was a few shops down at No. 65, now a Costa Coffee, born in Reading, also a cooper; a barrel maker. He is the first centenarian I have recorded within the

family tree, he dying age 102. All feature in trade directories of the time, so of a moderate income if you also consider they probably fished the Thames too.

I am quite certain that Elizabeth Clifford, wife to Robert Allen snr is the daughter of James Breach & Louisa Clifford due to the following reasons; there is no father stated on her baptism 1827 or marriage record 1847 this is because her parents were unmarried at the time of her birth and wished to avoid hefty 'bastardy payments'. In Louisa's father's will drawn up in 1829, Thomas Clifford, labourer, names James Breach, fisherman as executor to his will, with the condition that any of his children may benefit from the use or mortgage of his several cottages in Bray, which MAY have included the one on Monkey Island, but I cannot prove that. James took advantage of those terms by marrying Louisa in 1830 a few months before Thomas' death.

The birth of Elizabeth occurred on Monkey Island where James, at least, was living as a fisherman from around 1820, and with his family until c.1849. It seems implausible, to me at least, that Louisa as a young woman was living on her own on an island noted for poachers and thieves, especially with the long history of the Breach's growing willows here. On the 1841 census she is named Elizabeth Breach, and on the 1861 census, James is named as her father, he was also witness to her marriage. From this we can be sure that James is her father and the product of illegitimacy. For the purposes of continuity, and their close relationship & business interests with the Allen's it seems pertinent to include their story here.

## Images Relating to the Breach Family



A52. 7<sup>th</sup> Mar 1835, Windsor & Eton Express, theft of nets, Monkey Island, ftr James Breach

## Breach Family Timeline

DATE	SOURCE	PARTICULARS
22 Jan 1750	BDM	Charles Breach, birth, Reading, Berks
1768	Census	John Breach, son of above born Henley, Oxford
22 Jan 1770	BDM	Charles Breach marriage to Hannah Luckence? St Giles, Reading
3 Dec 1792	BDM	John Breach marriage to Frances Hurst, St Marylebone
29 Sep 1793	BDM	James Breach, son of above baptised St Michaels, Eton
28 Sep 1804	BDM	Louisa Clifford, born Bray of Thomas Clifford
7 May 1825	Court	Theft of nets, fish, lead, Monkey Island
Oct 1827	BDM	Elizabeth Clifford, born of Louisa Clifford on Monkey Island
27 May 1829	Probate	James Breach named as executor in Thomas Clifford's will
1830	Directory	Charles Breach, Basket maker (& cooper) 65 High St. Eton
18 Jan 1830	BDM	James Breach marries Louisa Clifford, Monkey Island
31 May 1830	Probate	Thomas Clifford, Bray, dies, will proved 10 Nov 1831
7 Mar 1835	Court	Theft of nets from Monkey Island belonging to James Breach by George Watkins, 12 months imprisonment
11 Jan 1836	Court	James Breach & William Clifford witness in swan killing by Joseph Wilder, Monkey Island
6 Jun 1841	Census	John Breach, widow, basket maker, High St, Eton
6 Jun 1841	Census	James Breach & family, fisherman, Monkey Island
1847	Directory	John Breach, Basket Maker, 92 High St, Eton
19 Jun 1847	BDM	Robert Allen snr. marries Elizabeth Clifford, Monkey Isle
25 Sep 1847	Court	Louisa Breach, beer shop, Monkey Island. William Clifford, brother convicted of receiving stolen goods
5 Jan 1849	News	Robert Allen snr. otter shot off Monkey Island & stuffed
June 1849	Book	Fishing family living in cottage on Monkey Island
30 Mar 1851	Census	James Breach & father John, basketweavers, High St, Eton
30 Mar 1851	Census	Charles Breach, 101 yrs, Peach St. Wokingham
Oct 1852	BDM	Charles Breach, dies, 102yrs, Wokingham
1852	Directory	John Breach, basketmaker, High St, Eton
1854	Directory	John Breach, basketmaker, 93 High St, Eton
Jan 1857	BDM	John Breach, dies, 89yrs, Eton
7 Apr 1861	Census	James Breach, basketweaver, father-in-law to Robert Allen snr, boatbuilder & innkeeper, 'Crown' inn, Bray
30 Sep 1867	BDM	James Breach dies, 73yrs, buried St Michaels, Bray
2 Apr 1871	Census	Louisa Breach, laundress, widow, Bray village

# Breach Family Vital Statistics

## Notes on Breach family research

Charles Breach being the father of John is based purely from the fact that he is listed in directories as a basket weaver in Eton High St in 1830 as is John in 1847, same place, same occupation, a few shops away, making him the best candidate if you regard inheritance of skill base, location and name. But as Charles is 'all over the place' prior to being in Eton, it needs some tracking of original records, which I have not undertaken at the Bucks record office. His wife's name *Luckene* is only from a transcription, and appears unusual, foreign, or a mistranscription.

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## Charles Breach

*6<sup>th</sup> Generation Great Grandfather to the author*

**BIRTH:** 22 Jan 1750 Reading, Berks  
**BAPTISM:** 20 May 1750 Wokingham, Berks  
**MARRIAGE:** 20yrs, **Hannah Luckence**, 22 Jan 1770, St Giles, Reading  
**DEATH:** 102yrs. Oct qtr 1852 Wokingham, Berks 2c

### ADDRESSES & EMPLOYMENT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>WORK</u>
1750	BDM	Wokingham, Berks	baby
1770	BDM	Wokingham, Berks	marriage
1830	DIRECTORY	65 High St. Eton	basketmaker & cooper
1851	CENSUS	Peach St. Wokingham, Berks	widow
1852	BDM	Wokingham	death

### CHILDREN of Charles Breach & Hannah Luckene

John Breach, b.1768, Reading (*see next entry*)

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## John Breach

*5th Generation Great Grandfather to the author*

**BIRTH:** 1768 Henley, Oxford  
**MARRIAGE:** 24yrs, **Frances Hurst**, 3 Dec 1792, St Marylebone, London  
**DEATH:** 89yrs, Jan qtr 1857, Eton, Bucks 3a 238

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## Frances Hurst

*Wife to John Breach, above*

**BIRTH:** 10 Apr 1768, Eton, Bucks  
**DEATH:** 70yrs, Apr qtr 1838, Windsor 6 215

**FATHER:** **William Hurst** b.c.1738. m.2 Aug 1758 St John the Baptist, Hillingdon d.c.1820

**MOTHER:** **Martha Hurst** b.c.1738. d.c.1820

**SIBLINGS:** All bp. Eton. **Anne Hurst** b.1759. **Elizabeth Mary Hurst** b.1761.  
**William Hurst** b.1764. **Frances Hurst** 1768–1838. **John George Hurst** b.1770.  
**Thomas Hurst** b.1775.

## ADDRESSES & EMPLOYMENT for John Breach & Frances Hurst

DATE	SOURCE	ADDRESS	WORK
1768	BDM	Henley, Oxford	birth
1792	BDM	St Marlybone, London	marriage
1841	CENSUS	High St, Eton	basketmaker, widow
1847	DIRECTORY	92 High st, Eton	basketmaker
1851	CENSUS	High St, Eton	basketmaker, widow
1852	DIRECTORY	High St, Eton	basketmaker
1854	DIRECTORY	93 High st, Eton	basketmaker
1857	BDM	Eton, Bucks	death

## CHILDREN of John Breach & Frances Hurst

NAME	BIRTH/BAPTISM	MARRIAGE	CHILDREN	DEATH	NOTES
James Breach	1793 <i>See further page</i>				
John Breach	bp.2 Jan 1795 Eton, Bucks			1798?	
Charles Breach	bp.26 Dec 1796, Eton, Bucks				
John Breach	bp.15 Dec 1799, Eton, Bucks				

## James Breach

*4th Generation Great Grandfather to the author*

**BAPTISM:** 29 Sep 1793 St John, Eton, Bucks  
**MARRIAGE:** 36yrs, to **Louisa Clifford**, 18 Jan 1830, St Michael's, Bray  
**DEATH:** 72yrs. Jul qtr, 1867, Cookham, Berks 2c 211  
**BURIAL:** 30 Sep 1867 St Michael, Bray, Berks

## Louisa Clifford

*Wife to James Breach, above*

**BIRTH:** 28 Sep 1804, Bray, Berks  
**BAPTISM:** 28 Oct 1804, St Michael's Bray, Berks  
**DEATH:** 75yrs. Oct qtr 1879, Windsor, Berks 2c 277

**FATHER: Thomas Clifford** bp.16 Jul 1769, St Michael's, Bray. m.**Mary Eadle** 27 Aug 1798, St Michael's, Bray. br.59yrs, 31 May 1830, St Michael's, Bray. Prob. 10 Nov 1831. w.labourer, owner of cottages.

**MOTHER: Mary Eadle.** b.c. 1796. d.c. 1844?

**SIBLINGS: Eliza Clifford** 1799–1859 m.**Thomas Foot**, poulterer, Twickenham.  
**Lucy Clifford** 1807–1868 m.**Henry Middleton**, labourer, Cookham. **William Clifford**, 1809–1884, m.**Mary**, publican, Cookham.

## ADDRESSES & EMPLOYMENT for James Breach & Louisa Clifford

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>WORK</b>
1793	BDM	High St, Eton, Bucks	James birth
1793	BAPTISM	St John, Eton, Bucks	James baptism
1827	BDM	Monkey Island, Bray, Berks	fisherman
1829	PROBATE	Monkey Island, Bray, Berks	fisherman
1830	MARRIAGE	Monkey Island, Bray, Berks	fisherman
1835	NEWS	Monkey Island, Bray, Berks	fisherman
1836	NEWS	Monkey Island, Bray, Berks	fisherman
1841	CENSUS	Monkey Island, Bray, Berks	fisherman
1847	NEWS	Monkey Island, Bray, Berks	(Louisa only, beer-seller)
1849	BOOK	Monkey Island, Bray, Berks	fisherman
1851	CENSUS	93, High St, Eton, Bucks	basketmaker
1861	CENSUS	Crown Inn, Bray, Berks	basketmaker
1867	BDM	Crown Inn, Bray, Berks	James death
1871	CENSUS	Bray village, Berks	(Louisa only, laundress, widow)

## CHILDREN of James Breach & Louisa Clifford

<b>NAME</b>	<b>BIRTH/BAPTISM</b>	<b>MARRIAGE</b>	<b>CHILDREN</b>	<b>DEATH</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>Elizabeth Clifford</b>	1827 (see Robert Allen snr.)			1907	
<b>James Breach</b>	bp.20 Jun 1830 Monkey Is., Bray	-	-	1835?	-
<b>Frances Breach</b>	bp.1 Jul 1832, Monkey Is., Bray	-	-	Apr 1838	-
<b>Charles Breach</b>	bp.14 Jul 1835, Monkey Is., Bray	Oct 1860, Harriet Wilson, Eton	-	Jan 1878, Eton	fisherman
<b>John Breach</b>	bp.1 May 1842 Bray	-	-	1860? Eton	-

# REFERENCE

st: street. Jnr: junior. sup: superior. Snr: senior.  
c: circa. ftr: featuring. bot: bottom. mid: middle

## Photos

- A21.** Robert Alen snr, from private collection of living descendant
- A22.** Robert Allen & Elizabeth Clifford, marriage cert transcript, 1847. *See BDM below*
- A23.** Otter shot, Windsor & Eton Express 1849, ftr Robert Allen snr. *See News below*
- A24.** Pub fine, Reading Mercury 1856, ftr Robert Allen snr. *See Newspapers below*
- A25.** Auction, Reading Mercury, 1857, ftr Robert Allen. *See Newspapers below*
- A26.** Pub open, Reading Mercury 1869 ftr Robert Allen snr. *See Newspapers below*
- A27.** Ceiling damage, Reading Mercury, 1870 ftr Robert Allen. *See Newspapers below*
- A28.** Assault Slough Observer 1892, ftr Robert Allen snr. *See Newspapers below*
- A29.** Fire, Slough Observer 1890, ftr Robet Allen snr. *See Newspapers below*
- A30.** Monkey Island by Hall 1859. *See Books below*
- A31.** Monkey Island mural, Clermont c.1720. *See Books below*
- A32.** Bray by Hall, 1859. *See Books below*
- A33.** The Crown, Bray c.2014. [David Griffen photography](#)
- A34.** The Crown, Bray c.2014. [David Griffen photography](#)
- A35.** 'Angler's Rest', Bier Lane, Windsor, based on 1841 Tithe Map Schedule. *See Maps below*
- A36.** 'Angler's Rest', River Street, Windsor. *See Maps below*
- A37.** 'Angler's Rest', Windsor 1866, below the tower. Sedgfield, William Russell. [British Library Online](#)
- A38.** "Allen, Boat & Punt Builder" & 'Angler's Rest' c.1880. George Washington Wilson via [Royal Windsor Forums](#)
- A39.** "R. Allen Boat & Punt hire" 'Angler's Rest' c.1883 via [Royal Windsor Forums](#)
- A40.** View of Windsor c.1895, 'Albany' houseboat moored to right via [Royal Windsor Forums](#)
- A42.** Windsor Regatta 1908 at the Promenade via [Royal Windsor Forums](#)
- A43.** Drunk, Slough Observer, 1885 ftr Robert Allen jnr. *See Newspapers below*
- A44.** Furniture Theft, 1894, ftr. Robert Allen jnr. *See Newspapers below*
- A45.** Windsor Workhouse 1841. Peter Higgingbotham via [Windsor Workhouses](#)
- A46.** George Allen, Military Records, 1893. *See Military below*
- A47.** Flooring & Paving Advert from a directory via [Grace's Guide](#)
- A48.** Varnish theft, Slough Observer, 1886, ftr John Allen. *See Newspapers below*
- A49.** Watch theft, Slough Observer, 1886, ftr John Allen. *See Newspapers below*
- A50.** Thomas Allen, Military Records, extracts, 1861. *See Military below*
- A51.** Based on Robert Allen signature 5th Nov 1894, Windsor Petty Sessions. *See Court below*
- A52.** Fishing net theft, Monkey Island from James Breach *See Newspapers below*
- A53-A56** Pictures of George Allen and family from private collection by living descendant

## Births Death Marriages

### **New Windsor – Holy Trinity**

**A22.** Marriages 1844-81 Micro Fiche 30355 BRO D/P 166/1/10 7/9  
Baptisms 1844-53 BRO D/P 166/1/1 F1

### **Bray - St Michael's**

Marriages 1844-52 Micro Fiche 10238 (2.f2) BRO D/P23/1/18 16/28  
Baptisms c.1840-1880 BRO D/P 23/1/9 MF 10332/7-12 Fiche 5/1

### **Maidenhead Union**

Deaths 1848-67 BRO G/M Mf25 5/2

### **Windsor Union**

Register of Deaths G/WI/7/3

### **St Andrew Church M.I.**

<http://www.standrewsclewer.org/graves/section-a/>

## Court

**A51. Depositions**, covering the period 1st Feb-31st Dec 1894. 31, R v F Glaister and R Allen; larceny (miscellaneous furniture), 5th November 1894. BRO PS/WI1A/2/1-35

**Sessions order book**, 31 Dec. 1888-30 Dec. 1895. BRO Q/SO/36

**Session Roll**: Epiphany 1892. BRO Q/SR/632

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**Minutes of the Second Court**. 1851-1894. BRO Q/SMG/14

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**1830 Pigot & Co.** Directory p.67 (ancestry.co.uk)  
Basket maker Breach Chas. (& cooper) 65 High St.

**Pigot's 1844** Roger TOLLADAY boat builder Eton.

**Slater's 1852** Brocas St, Tolladay and Kempster. boat builder

**1847 Post Office Directory of Berkshire** (ancestry.co.uk)  
p.1893 Eton, Basket Makers, Breach, John, 92 High st

**Slater's, late Pigot & co., Bedfordshire, Berkshire 1852**

p.64 Eton, Basket Makers, Breach, John, High st

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p.304 Allen Robert, beer retailer, boat builder Bray

p.648 beer retailer Allen R., bray

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**Edward Cassey & Co.'s Directory of Berkshire and Oxford, 1868**

p.65 Bray Allen Robert, beer retailer & boat builder

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p.568 (591) Hill H. the "Angler's Rest" Bier Lane

**Kelly's Directory of Berkshire, 1887**

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Record Number 52 <http://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=gbm%2fwo97%2f2189%2f052%2f001&parentid=gbm%2fwo97%2f2189%2f8845>

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## **Newspaper Reports**

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<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000413/18250507/019/0004>

**Decree on poaching nr Monkey Island.** Berkshire Chronicle Sat 26 Apr 1834 p.3. col 4 top  
<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000358/18340426/012/0003>

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<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000413/18350404/037/0004>

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