

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Walking Tour # 4

Lot Number: 300 Space: G 52 A

Find A Grave # 6860133

Name: **Allee, James Franklin (J. Frank)**

Birth date: December 2, 1857 Death date: October 12, 1938 Burial Date: October 15, 1938 Age: 81
B. Dover DE

Spouse: Elizabeth "Lizzie" Stevens Allee (1858-1943) m. January 18, 1882 in Camden, DE

Children: James Frank Allee Jr. (1884-1956)

Parents: James Francis Allee (1811-1889) and Martha Jane Day Allee (1835-1919)

Siblings: Presley Allee (1856-1932); Douglas C. Allee (1859-1937) Charles D. Allee (1861-1862); Charles Day Allee (1865-1928)

Residence: 300 N. State Street, Dover DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: see next pages

Service/occupation information: Jeweler; DE State Senator and US Senator;
Trained as a jeweler and watchmaker; see next pages

Officiate: Joseph S. Heiko

Lot Owner:

Inscription:

J. Frank Allee
Son of
James F. Allee
and Martha Jane Day
Born
Dec. 2, 1857
Died

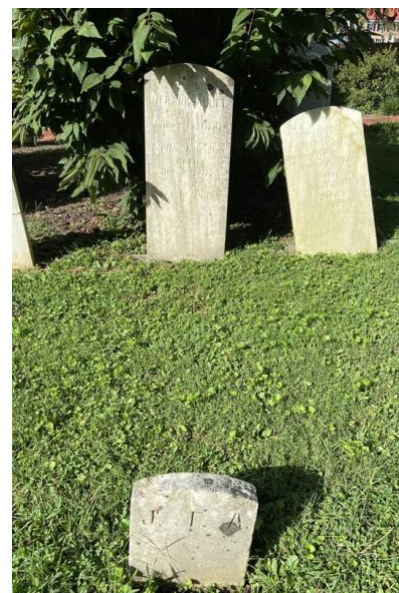
Oct. 12, 1938

Footstone: J. F. A.
(At base of marker: "Son of" positioned upside down)

DIMENSIONS: H 40" x W 18" x D 2"
Footstone: H 12" x W 10" x D 2"

STYLE: headstone + footstone

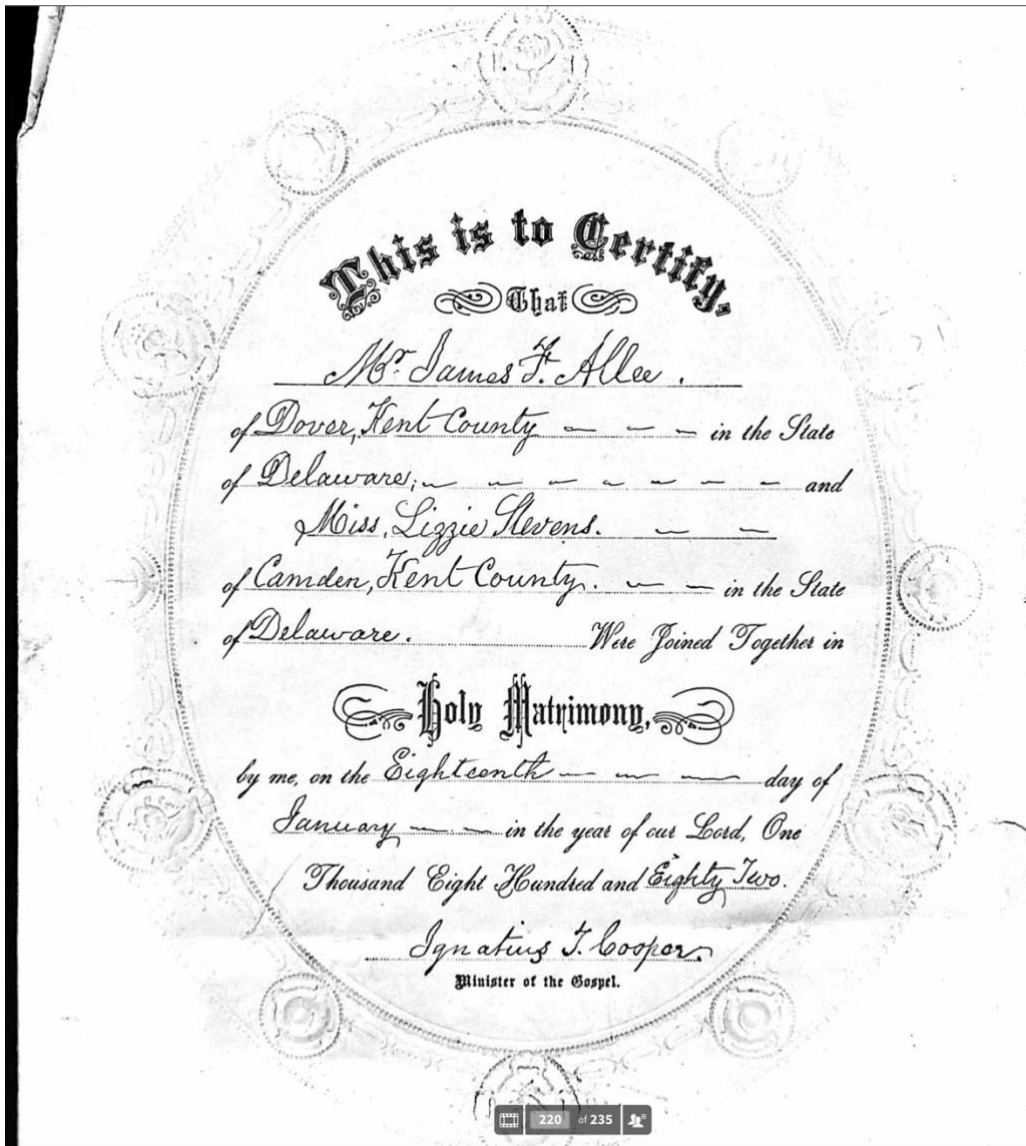
Repairs needed: Cleaned summer 2021



Inventory date: March 30, 2019 Recorder: Ted George



Marriage certificate retrieved from ancestry.com on September 22, 2021



J. F. Allee, Former U. S. Senator, Dies

News Journal, THUR. Oct. 13, 1938

Widely Known Republican Political Leader Passes At 80; Served in State Senate as Well as Congress

DOVER, Oct. 13.—(Special).—J. Frank Allee, former United States senator and for years active in the Republican Party, died early this morning at the home of his son, James F. Allee, Jr., editor and publisher of the State Sentinel, on Dover Green. Mr. Allee was born Dec. 2, 1857. He was 80 years of age last December. He had been ill for several weeks, and death was due to general debility.

The family of former Senator Allee has been prominent in business and politics in Kent County for more than a century. His grandfather, Presley Allee, was clerk of the Supreme Court of the state by appointment of Gov. Daniel Rodney. His father, James F. Allee, was a jeweler in Dover for many years, also served as judge of the Orphans' Court, and was secretary and treasurer of the Delaware Railroad at the time of its construction and held those offices for many years.

Well Known in Politics

While former Senator Allee succeeded his father in the jewelry business and had other business connections he was best known in politics and as a leader of the Addicks faction of the Republican Party for many years.

Mr. Allee served two terms in the state Senate from 1898 to 1903 and was a member of that body when the constitution went into effect. He was elected to the United States Senate for a four year term in 1903. He became associated politically with J. Edward Addicks shortly after the latter came to Delaware the latter part of the last century. Mr. Addicks for years was a candidate for the United States Senate, an ambition which he never realized.

The advent of Addicks caused a split in the Republican Party and Mr. Allee became leader in the Union Republican (Addicks faction) Party. He served as chairman of the Union Republican State Committee for some years and was generally recognized as the closet man in Delaware to Addicks, who was widely known as a gas magnate. Mr. Allee also was associated with Addicks, in business having been president of the Bay State Gas Company for several years.

The regular Republican faction of the party, headed by Col. Henry A. duPont, opposed Addicks and his methods to win a seat in the Senate, and was successful in that op-

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position which continued over a long period.

In those days, United States senators were elected by the Legislature. Addicks' determination to become a senator brought about a deadlock at several sessions of the Legislature with the result that in 1903 both Delaware seats in the United States Senate were vacant.

Deadlocked All Winter

All during the winter of 1903 the Legislature was still deadlocked on the senatorial question. Late in the session, when Addicks saw that he could not be elected, he agreed to a compromise which brought about the election of Mr. Allee for the long term and Dr. L. Heisler Ball for the short term. They were elected March 2, 1903. They were state chairmen of the rival Republican organizations. Because of the previous deadlocks the long term had but four years and the short term but two years to run. Mr. Allee served out his four years in the Senate.

Several years later Senator Allee sold his jewelry business and for several years with his son operated two large canneries. He had retired from business some years ago but never lost his interest in politics. His son, who is a lawyer as well as newspaper publisher, was elected to the State Senate for one term and has been more or less active in Republican politics.

Senator Allee in 1882 married Miss Elizabeth Stevens of Camden, Del. He is survived by his wife and one son, James F. Allee, Jr. He was a member of the Masonic order and the Episcopal Church.

Funeral Set For Saturday

The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon with services at 2 o'clock in Christ Episcopal Church.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Eldid L. Clarke, Houston A. Culbreth, Daniel Mifflin Wilson, William M. Hope, Elmer E. Benson, U. S. Senator James H. Hughes, Henry Ridgely, Frank Hall Davis, Judge William H. Boyce, and former-Gov.

William D. Denney, all of Dover; John A. Barnard of Woodside; I. Dolphus Short of Milford; J. Austin Ellison of Wilmington; U. S. Senator John G. Townsend, Jr., of Selbyville; Ruby E. Vale of Milford; William Saulsbury of Washington, D. C.; Chief Justice Daniel J. Layton of Georgetown, and Joseph Morris Harrington of Felton.

Active pallbearers will be Leon deValinger, Secretary of State Charles L. Terry, Jr., D. D. Wharton, M. Hayes Wilson, T. Marvel Gooden, Charles W. Hardesty, Dr. Harry McDaniel, Jr., Ralph Lord, R. Lindale Frazier, and Col. William J. Storey.