

Augusta County Historical Society
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John Allen and the Founding of Ann Arbor
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Scope & Content

Provides an account of the role of John Allen, a native of Augusta County, Virginia, in the founding of Ann Arbor Michigan in the 1820's. Details of his life in Virginia, Michigan and California are included. There are many references to his family and personal life. Mr. Allen was described as a "versatile man-farmer land speculator, newspaper publisher, lawyer, legislator, gold miner-he could turn hand to almost any productive activity, and he was always an optimist."

Historical/Biographical Note

John Allen was born in Augusta County, Virginia on May 17, 1796. His father, Col. James Allen, was a member of one of the old families of the Shenandoah Valley. John's first wife was Mary Crawford. She died shortly after the birth of their second child. In 1821, he married Mrs. Ann Isabella (Barry) McCue, the widow of his first cousin, Dr. William McCue. In addition to the Allen family, information pertaining to the McCue and Trimble families is included.

Organization/Arrangement

booklet (34 pages)

Miscellaneous