

# Rifle Used in Battle Of Little Big Horn Is Included in Collection

(Editor's Note: Following is the second installment of an article describing guns in the collection of Sheriff Jack Allen. The third and concluding installment will be published Wednesday.)

By JACK SELLERS

Anyone at all familiar with guns knows the word "Springfield." The rifles carried by Uncle Sam's soldiers today are Springfields. Throughout the modern history of the country the Springfield has taken a forward part.

In Allen's collection is one of the earliest Springfields manufactured. It was not long after its appearance that it won the steadfast popularity it has enjoyed ever since.

This particular Springfield went campaigning with B troop of the Seventh cavalry, and came into Allen's possession from the Crow reservation in Montana. It was a survivor of the Custer massacre on the Little Big Horn in Montana. Is there any who does not know of Custer's last stand, one of the most famous incidents in western history?

Right beside it is one of the rarest guns probably in existence, one of the earliest Colts pistols manufactured. Stamped in the metal is its number, No. 227. In those days, with the Colts comparatively few and far between, individual weapons of this type were so well-known that some even had names. Possibly No. 227 had a name like "Old Betsy" or "Bandit's Last Drink."

It is a 44, one of the really old, original 44's, and used a cap and ball. You stuffed the lead in at the muzzle, with some wadding, and set the cap off in the breech with the firing pin. It was a U. S. army gun, and is still in its original sheath. They tanned good leather in those days, for the heavy scabbard, although black and tarnished with age, is still in excellent condition.

This weapon came from the historic Fetterman massacre near Sheridan.

Here is one of the most marvelous rifles in the entire collection—exclusive of the two handmade models that date back to the Revolutionary war in the 1700's. It is a muzzle-loader and one of the long rifles such as Daniel Boone used, or one of the long rifles about which Stewart Edward White has woven a fascinating series of early western stories.

"A wonderful gun," exclaimed Allen, and in his eye was the gleam of reminiscence.

## COLONIAL FLINTLOCK WINS GERING SHOOT

Four or five years ago there was an unusual contest held in Gering, Neb., a contest in which only old-time hunters were allowed. Allen took

went into the making of this gun nearly 200 years ago.

Every detail of it was handmade, from molding and turning the barrel to the carving and inlaying of the stock. Its maker was James Gulcher of Pennsylvania, and it made a name for itself at Ft. Ticonderoga that still survives.

On an opposite wall is another handmade long rifle dating from the colonial period, a squirrel rifle of beautiful craftsmanship. It is a handsome gun, chaste in design and yet elaborately inlaid and carved.

Both guns, in every particular, are intact, even to the original ramrods. Allen has kept them in such good condition that they would readily be recognized and put to use by their original owners, could the clock be turned back a century or two.

Especially interesting to us nowadays are the tallow boxes embedded in the stock of each.

## TALLOW STILL IN RIFLE OF 1700's

Let us snap open the lid of the tallow box in the curled maple stock of the squirrel gun. It works easily. What is left of the original tallow is still there! It has become brown around the edges, and a bit molded in spots, because of its age, but it is still soft enough to use, and has no offensive odor. It was fine tallow, and the tight-fitting lid has kept it intact.

Allen explained that it was used to make loading, through the muzzle, quicker and more easily. The gunner gave his wadding a swipe in the tallow and it rammed into the barrel much more readily.

Yonder is another old 44 Colts, possibly fashioned by Sam Colt himself. It was undoubtedly someone's pet side arm, for it is a fine gun and must have been highly prized in its time. It was an army gun, and was loaded with cap and ball.

It was found among some human bones discovered northeast of Casper 35 years ago.

In those days, no two Colts were exactly alike. Each had its individual characteristics. Here is a 45 Colts that was remodeled at sometime or other. It went through the Spanish-American war. It is unusual in that no two pieces in it are identical with the guns of that period. Perhaps this was done in the remodeling. It was a good shooting iron.

Most odd, perhaps, of any gun in the Allen collection is the old Burnside rifle. No other model like it was ever manufactured, Allen related, and its history must have been extremely interesting.

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Four or five an unusual contest held in Gering, Neb., a contest in which only old-time weapons were used. Allen took this old flintlock along with him and brought back first prize. It shot as true and as smoothly as in the days when Jed Smith was the first trapper to penetrate into Wyoming, floating in a make-shift boat down the Sweetwater.

"It is extremely accurate," Allen recalled. "I remember making a score of 49 hits out of a possible 50 with it."

Hanging near the ceiling, it was one of the prettiest guns one could be privileged to see. Its copper inlay, the beautiful curl of the wood, its trimness and compactness, and its long, perfectly bored barrel, was a pleasure to study. Not often is one privileged to see a gun reflecting as fine and painstaking workmanship as this.

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It was of cap-and-ball design, but —wonders of wonders—both cap and ball were loaded from the breech. Consequently, its breech mechanism is unique. At first glance, it looks as though it would have taken an engineer with a master's degree to load it, but upon closer inspection, it was really very simple. One wonders how true was its marksmanship.

Nor will it ever be known just what part it played in its last chapter of active life.

### RIFLE USED IN TERRIFIC FIGHT

Its barrel is bent. Traces still show it was drenched with blood.

Allen and a companion discovered it, together with another rifle of standard make, in a cave on the edge of the Laramie plains. Also in the cave was a dead Indian, in an almost completely mummified condition.

It was a desolate locale, amid a rabble of broken and craggy rocks, an isolated section of country.

"I thought I saw a flash of red or something among the rocks, and what looked like an opening. I suggested we go over and take a look," Allen reminisced. "Sure, enough, there was a cave."

Rocks started to move and roll as they were investigating; it was a spooky, weird sort of a place, anyway, and it looked as though the cave had been long buried under rock, only to be disclosed again by some avalanche; so they did not prolong their inspection.

Still on the dead Indian's head was a tribal head-dress. He had been a chief. There was every indication he had died in a terrific hand-to-hand struggle, with what or whom they did not learn.

The blood-stained rifle had been involved in that fight. Perhaps the kink in the barrel had come from hammering on an adversary's head.

The rifle was in pretty poor condition when salvaged by Allen before he ducked out of the eerie cave, rocks rolling ominously down the slopes outside, but he has since repaired it and put it in nearly its original condition.

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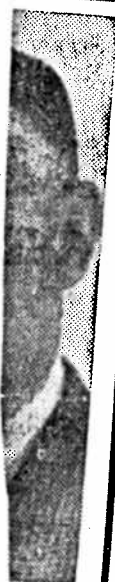
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The city was reported in a state of preparedness to defend itself against bandits and straggling soldiers. All British residents left the territory for Nanking.

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# "HAPPY JACK" ALLEN, U. S. MARSHAL, 1932 ONCE LED COLORFUL LIFE OF COWBOY

By PAUL LOFGREN

A straight-shooter, and a square shooter," and "one of the best law officers in the business"—that and more is what fellow officers have to say of R. John ("Happy Jack") Allen, the cow-puncher United States Marshal for Wyoming.

"Happy Jack" Allen is one of the most colorful law officers in America today. A product of the early west, he still retains the code of the rangeland—when men "shot out" in the open. Allen, who knew the famous Billy the Kid and other famous desperadoes of the early days, says the modern gangster is a "rat" in comparison. The bad men of the early West at least had a code of honor, and their word was as good as their bond," said Allen one time in telling of the early days.

Rode Range for the CY Jack Allen rode the range for the late J. M. Carey and the CY outfit for eight years. And it was one of Judge Carey's "cow-herds" that he used to ride about the ranch with the now United States Senator Robert D. Carey, and with the Senator's brother, Charles D. Carey, of Cheyenne, now one of the most prominent stockmen in the nation.

Jack Allen was a bronco rider in the first Cheyenne Frontier Days show. In later years he was a rider in the Buffalo Bill wild west show, and was with this show on European tours.

When the then United States marshal, Hugh L. Patton, died recently in Cheyenne, Jack Allen, an old range buddy of Patton's left his place as State Law Enforcement Commissioner to become the new United States Marshal.

## Served in Two Wars

But this is not the first federal office he has held. During the World War he was in the government Intelligence Service, and was one of those stationed in the highly important district of lower Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Sparrows Point, New Jersey where the latest munition plant in the na-

tion was located.

Jack Allen also served in the Spanish-American War as Sergeant in Troop K. Torrey's Rough Riders.

## Veteran Law Officer

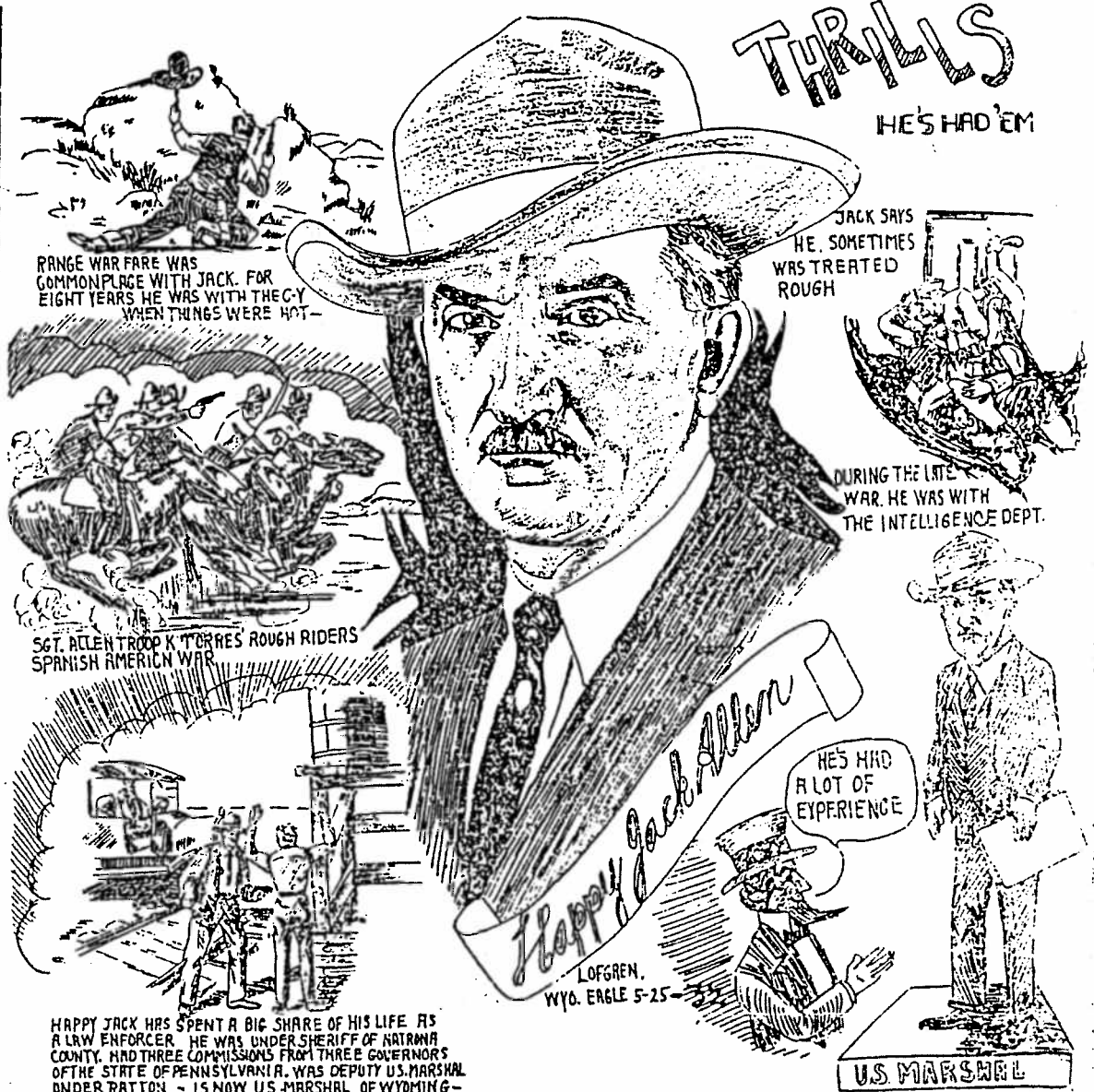
Jack Allen was deputy sheriff of Natrona County, 1903 to 1905. Later he became a deputy United States Marshal under Hugh Patton,

and was stationed first in Cheyenne and later in Casper. He was serving his eighth year as deputy marshal when appointed State Law Enforcement Commissioner by the late Governor Frank C. Emerson, and three years after his appointment to state office, he was recommended and approved as the new United States Marshal for

Wyoming.

"Happy Jack" Allen has three hobbies—his family, drawing pictures, and collecting firearms.

In 1901, R. John Allen was wed to Miss Helen T. Smith at Battle Creek, Nebraska. To the union was born two sons, one of whom has died and the other is married and resides in Casper.



## A MAN WHO WORE MANY HATS

"THE SPIRIT OF THE OLD WEST--OF BUFFALO BILL, TRAIN ROBBERS AND CATTLE RUSTLERS, THE KIND OF ROOTIN', TOOTIN', TWO-GUN SHERIFFS YOU SEE IN WESTERNS AT THE MOVIES--HAS BEEN INFUSED INTO THE GRAND AMERICAN TRAPSHOOT." THIS IS ONLY ONE OF THE MANY QUOTES WHICH APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS OVER A PERIOD OF 25 YEARS DESCRIBING R. JOHN "HAPPY JACK" ALLEN.

ROBERT JOHN ALLEN WAS BORN AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK ON APRIL 18, 1876. HIS FAMILY HAD COME FROM ENGLAND AND SETTLED IN VERMONT IN 1777. THEY HAD REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTORS, AND HIS FATHER FOUGHT IN THE CIVIL WAR, PARTICIPATING IN MANY BATTLES INCLUDING GETTSBURG. THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN IN THE ALLEN FAMILY, R. JOHN AND HELEN WHO DIED AS A BABY.

AFTER THE DEATH OF MR. ALLEN'S PARENTS IN 1880, HE LIVED WITH HIS GRANDPARENTS IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THERE, BUT MOST OF HIS EDUCATION CAME FROM PRIVATE STUDY AND WIDE CONTACT WITH MEN AND LIFE. AT THE AGE OF FOURTEEN, HE WAS ORPHANED AGAIN AND WAS ON HIS OWN.

HE CAME WEST TO WYOMING ABOUT THE TIME WYOMING WAS MADE A STATE. HIS FIRST WORK WAS AS A COWBOY ON THE P. O. RANCH IN CHEYENNE WHICH WAS OWNED BY ARBUCKLE BROTHERS, SUGAR REFINERS. AFTER TWO YEARS, JACK ALLEN WENT TO CASPER AND RODE THE RANGE FOR JUDGE J. M. CAREY AND THE C. Y. RANCH. AS ONE OF THE COWHANDS, HE RODE AROUND THE RANCH WITH U. S. SENATOR ROBERT D. CAREY AND THE SENATOR'S BROTHER, CHARLES CAREY, A PROMINENT STOCKMAN. HE ALSO RODE IN THE DRIVE IN 1892 AGAINST THE

RUSTLERS WHOSE HIDEOUT WAS IN THE HOLE-IN-THE-WALL COUNTRY. DURING MR. ALLEN'S TIME WITH THE C. Y. RANCH OUTFIT, HE WAS A BRONCO RIDER IN THE FIRST CHEYENNE FRONTIER DAYS SHOW.

JACK ALLEN LEFT THE C. Y. RANCH TO ENLIST FOR SERVICE IN THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, BECOMING A SERGEANT IN TROOP K OF TORREY'S ROUGH RIDERS. AFTER SERVICE IN THE WAR, HE RETURNED TO THE C. Y. RANCH FOR A YEAR AND A HALF. DURING HIS DAYS AS A COWBOY, R. JOHN ALLEN PICKED UP THE NICKNAME OF "HAPPY JACK" ALLEN. IT WAS COMMON IN THE OLD WEST FOR MEN TO BE KNOWN BY NICKNAMES. IN PERSONALITY THE COWBOY WAS AN OPTIMIST AND OFTEN A SAGE-BRUSH PHILOSOPHER.

IN 1900 HE OPENED A BARBER SHOP IN CASPER AND WAS ALSO MARRIED ON JULY 4 TO NELLIE SMITH OF NEBRASKA. MR. AND MRS. ALLEN WERE THE FIRST COUPLE TO BE MARRIED IN THE NEW ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH. THE NEW CHURCH WAS BUILT IN 1898 WITH DONATIONS RAISED BY THE CONGREGATION IN 1897 AND 1898. FATHER KEATING, WHO MARRIED THE ALLENS, HAD LONG HAD A DREAM OF SEEING A HANDSOME CHURCH IN CASPER.

OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, "HAPPY JACK" HAD MANY JOBS. BESIDES OWNING HIS OWN BARBER SHOP, HE WAS AN UNDERSHERIFF OF NATRONA COUNTY FROM 1903 TO 1905. AT THIS TIME, HE WAS APPROACHED BY BUFFALO BILL TO SIGN A CONTRACT TO GO WITH HIS WILD WEST SHOW AND CONGRESS OF ROUGH RIDERS TO EUROPE. HE HAD SEEN "HAPPY JACK" WITH THE C-Y RIDERS AND REMEMBERED HIS NAME. "HAPPY JACK" DIDN'T WANT TO GO, BUT BILL SAID IT WOULD BE THE FINEST EDUCATION HE COULD GET. AFTER SIGNING ON, "HAPPY JACK" PERFORMED WITH THE GROUP ON TWO TOURS TRAVELING IN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, WALES, GERMANY, BELGIUM, AUSTRIA, AND THE COLLESEUM IN ROME, ITALY.

ON RETURNING FROM EUROPE, HE LEFT WYOMING TO GO TO COATSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA WHERE HE WAS A PLAINS CLOTHES MAN WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE BECAME CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE WORTH STEEL CORPORATION OF COATSVILLE UNTIL 1917, AND THEN MOVED TO CLAYMONT, DELAWARE TO BE SUPERINTENDENT OF SAFETY FOR THE SAME COMPANY.

WORLD WAR I BROKE OUT AND JACK ALLEN ENTERED THE SERVICE FOR HIS COUNTRY AGAIN. DURING THE WAR, HE WAS IN THE GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AND WAS STATIONED IN PENNSYLVANIA, DELAWARE, AND SPARROWS POINT, NEW JERSEY WHERE THE GREATEST MUNITIONS PLANT IN THE NATION WAS LOCATED.

WHEN THE WAR ENDED, "HAPPY JACK" RETURNED TO CASPER AND BECAME A VETERAN LAW OFFICER. IN 1921 GOVERNOR ROBERT CAREY APPOINTED HIM STATE AGENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. FROM MARCH 1923 HE SERVED AS DEPUTY U. S. MARSHALL FOR WYOMING UNDER U. S. MARSHALL HUGH PATTON UNTIL MARCH OF 1929 WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR FRANK EMERSON AS COMMISSIONER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR THE STATE OF WYOMING. ON MAY 23, 1932, R. JOHN ALLEN WAS APPROVED BY THE U. S. SENATE AND APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER TO SERVE AS U. S. MARSHALL OF WYOMING.

"A STRAIGHT SHOOTER AND ONE OF THE BEST LAW OFFICERS IN THE BUSINESS THAT AND MORE IS WHAT FELLOW OFFICERS HAD TO SAY OF R. JOHN ("HAPPY JACK" ALLEN, THE COW-PUNCHER U.S. MARSHALL FOR WYOMING. "HAPPY JACK" ALLEN IS ONE OF THE MOST COLORFUL LAW OFFICERS IN AMERICA. A PRODUCT OF THE EARLY WEST, HE STILL RETAINS THE CODE OF THE RANGELAND--WHEN MEN "SHOT IT OUT" IN THE OPEN. "HAPPY JACK" KNEW BILLY THE KID AND OTHER FAMOUS OUTLAWS OF THE EARLY DAYS AND SAYS THE MODERN GANGSTER IS A "RAT" IN COMPARISON." THIS WAS PRINTED IN A CHEYENNE NEWSPAPER IN MAY 1933.

ALLEN HAD SPENT HIS YEARS AS A STAUNCH REPUBLICAN AND WHEN THE DEMOCRATS CAME RIDING INTO OFFICE ON THE WINGS OF THE ROOSEVELT LANDSLIDE HE DECIDED TO RESIGN AS U.S. MARSHALL AND RETURN TO CASPER RATHER THAN FIGHT WITH ANY POLITICAL FOES IN THE NEW DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION.

AS SOON AS THE ALLENS MOVED BACK TO THEIR HOME IN CASPER, "HAPPY JACK" WAS CALLED ON TO RUN FOR SHERIFF OF NATRONA COUNTY. HE CAMPAIGNED AND WAS THE FIRST REPUBLICAN SHERIFF ELECTED IN THE COUNTY IN 16 YEARS AND THE ONLY REPUBLICAN IN AN ELECTIVE OFFICE IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN CASPER, WYOMING. UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1942, HE REMAINED AS SHERIFF OF NATRONA COUNTY BEING RE-ELECTED EACH TIME HE RAN FOR OFFICE. HIS YEARS AS SHERIFF WERE AS RUGGED AS THE REST OF HIS LIFE. HE NOT ONLY HUNTED DOWN OUTLAWS AND CRIMINALS BUT HAD TO SEE THAT THEY GOT A FAIR TRAIL. HE ALSO WAS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN CASPER AND WOULD OFTEN HELP THOSE IN NEED. ONE OF HIS MANY DEEDS WAS TO TAKE 50 CHILDREN FROM THE CHILDREN'S STATE HOME IN CASPER AS HIS GUESTS TO THE COLE BROTHERS CIRCUS.

EVEN THOUGH HIS LIFE WAS FILLED WITH MANY CAREERS, R. JOHN "HAPPY JACK" ALLEN HAD TIME FOR SEVERAL HOBBIES--DRAWING, TRAP SHOOTING, AND COLLECTING OLD FIREARMS AND RELICS. HIS TRAP SHOOTING TOOK HIM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES AND TO CUBA. FROM 1967 UNTIL 1982, A COLLECTION OF HIS FIREARMS AND RELICS WAS DISPLAYED AT THE FORT CASPER MUSEUM. THE FAMILY HAS SINCE STORED THE VALUABLE ITEMS. MANY THINGS ARE STILL BEING DISCOVERED ABOUT "HAPPY JACK" ALLEN'S LIFE AS THE FAMILY SORTS THROUGH OLD BOOKS, PHOTO ALBUMS AND SCRAPBOOKS.

"HAPPY JACK" AND HIS WIFE, NELLIE, DID HAVE TWO CHILDREN, JAY AND JAME



WHO ARE BOTH DECEASED. HE STILL HAS DESCENDANTS IN CASPER, MONTANA, AND LARAMIE. THE FAMILY IN LARAMIE INCLUDES HIS GRANDSON, JACK ALLEN WHO TEACHES AT LARAMIE HIGH SCHOOL AND HIS GREAT GRAND-DAUGHTER WHICH IS ME.

EVEN THOUGH HE HAS BEEN GONE FOR MANY YEARS, HIS STORY LIVES ON!

R. Jack Allen Died October 12, 1942

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN


My Grandfather was Robert John "Happy Jack" Allen. He was born April 18, 1876 in Brooklyn, New York. He migrated to Wyoming in 1890 at about the time Wyoming was admitted to the Union. He first found work as a cowboy with the PO ranch near Cheyenne. Two years later Jack was riding with Judge J.M. Carey's CY brand. In 1892 he rode with prominent stockmen and cowboys against the Rustlers who made the Hole-In-The-Wall country their hideout.

Jack Allen left the CY to enlist for service in the Spanish-American War, becoming a Sergeant in Troop K. of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders, and he was wounded in the charge up Kettle Hill. After service in the war he returned to the CY brand for a year or so.

In 1903 Jack became under-sheriff for Natrona County. In 1905 he was approached by Buffalo Bill to join his European-bound Wild West Show. Jack was reluctant to go, but after Bill's assurance of the best education a man could get, he signed on, performing on two tours. On his return home he joined the Coatsville, Pennsylvania police department. He became Chief of Police of the Worth Steel Corp and he worked for this company until the outbreak of World War I. In 1917 he entered the service of his country again and was assigned to the Government Intelligence Service.

When the war ended Jack had become a veteran law officer. In 1921 Governor Robert Carey appointed him State Agent of Law Enforcement. In 1923 he was appointed to the post of Deputy United States Marshal for the District of Wyoming. Then again in 1929 Governor Frank Emerson appointed him Commissioner of Law Enforcement for the state of Wyoming. Upon the death of U.S. Marshal Hugh Patton in 1932, my Grandfather was appointed by President Herbert Hoover to the position of United States Marshal for the District of Wyoming. Soon after the election of Franklin Roosevelt to the office of President, being a staunch Republican he resigned his position as Marshal and returned to Casper. He ran for the office of Sheriff of Natrona County and held that office until his death in 1942.

In apporximately 1903, while serving as under-sheriff of Natrona County, he acquired a .45 LC nickel plated Colt Single Action revolver, serial no. 92242, engraved and fitted with carved bullhead mother-of-pearl grips. This Colt was my Grandfather's personal sidearm throughout his law enforcement career, and remained one of his prized possessions until his death October 12, 1942.



Jack Allen  
1601 Arnold Street  
Laramie, Wyoming 82070

Sworn to and before me on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 1998

Diane L. Schmidt, A Notary Public in and for the State of Wyoming

Diane L. Schmidt  
Notary Public  
Albany County, WY  
My Commission Expires  
November 6, 1999



*R. John "Happy Jack" Allen  
United States Marshal  
District of Wyoming*

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# United States of America

- - - - DISTRICT OF W Y O M I N G

To all who shall see these presents, GREETING:

Know Ye, That, reposing special trust and confidence in the INTEGRITY, ABILITY, and DILIGENCE of R. JOHN ALLEN, I hereby appoint and commission him Field DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL in and for the - - - - - District of W Y O M I N G and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office according to law, and to have and to hold the said office, with all the powers, privileges, and emoluments to the same of right appertaining unto him, the said R. JOHN ALLEN, during my pleasure, subject to the conditions prescribed by law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at CHEYENNE, in the District aforesaid, this 14th day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty three

Hugh L. Patten  
United States Marshal

Frank W. Emerson

Governor of the



# State of Wyoming

To All to Whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

Know Ye, That reposing special trust and confidence in the ability and integrity of

R. JOHN ALLEN

I have appointed and do hereby commission him

COMMISSIONER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office according to law, and to have and to hold the said office with all the powers, privileges and emoluments thereunto appertaining, unto him the said R. JOHN ALLEN during the term of \_\_\_\_\_ Years from the first \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ March \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 19\_\_ to the pleasure of the Governor.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused these letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at the City of Cheyenne, the \_\_\_\_\_ eighth day of FEBRUARY in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and \_\_\_\_\_ twenty-nine and the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and \_\_\_\_\_ fifty-third

Frank W. Emerson

By the Governor:

Am. C. C. C.  
Secretary of State



Walter Haver,  
President of the United States of America.

to all who shall see these presents greeting:

Know ye, That, relying, special trust and confidence in the Fidelity, Ability and Diligence of  
R. John Allen of Wyoming I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,  
do appoint him Marshal of the United States, in and for the District of Wyoming  
and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that office according to Law, and to have  
and to hold the said Office, with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining unto him, the said  
R. John Allen for the term of four years, commencing with the date hereof,  
subject to the conditions prescribed by Law

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made, Witness and the Seal  
of the Department of Justice, to be hereunto affixed

I gave at the City of Washington this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May  
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and \_\_\_\_\_ and of the  
Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and \_\_\_\_\_ with

By the President:

William Steadman

Secretary of Justice

Robert H. Brown