

His eldest daughter, Betsey (5), was born Nov. 25, 1782, and was married to David Randall, of Ashburnham, March 16, 1805, who were the parents of Caroline (6). (See Stearns History of Ashburnham, 1887.)

Children of Zenas and Caroline (Randall) Allen :

- i. CHARLES HASTINGS, b. Boston, June 14, 1828.
- ii. GEORGE HENRY, born Fitchburg, Nov. 22, 1832.

27. CHARLES HASTINGS⁸ ALLEN, (*Zenas,*⁷ *Benjamin,*⁶ *Phinehas,*⁵ *Benjamin, Jr.,*⁴ *Benjamin,*³ *John,*² *Walter,*¹) born Boston, June 14, 1828; married, July 2, 1849, Caroline F. Sanders, daughter of George and Caroline (Muzzey) Sanders, born New Ipswich, N. H., Aug. 9, 1827, died Boston, Aug. 31, 1897.

Hon. Charles H. Allen was educated in the public schools of Boston. His business life began with a term of service as the youngest boy in the dry goods jobbing store of J. H. & J. Osgood, of Boston. Subsequently he became bookkeeper for Francis Skinner & Co., commission merchants, who were engaged in selling cotton and woolen fabrics for manufacturers.

In 1868 he entered a partnership in the firm of Leland, Allen & Bates, which carried on the same business as the firm with whom he had previously been employed. This connection lasted until 1876, when the firm was dissolved, and since that time Mr. Allen has never been engaged in mercantile business.

From 1887 until 1897 Mr. Allen was president of the Central National Bank of Boston. That his management was a success is best evidenced by the fact that dividends were paid semi-annually, which gave excellent satisfaction to the stockholders. Since January, 1880, Mr. Allen has been president of the Home Savings Bank, and here his financial ability has found an extended opportunity for display. When he assumed the presidency, the bank had been under the shadow of a temporary injunction for the space of two years. In less than eight months this was dissolved. The deposits at that time were about \$2,500,000. When the injunction was put aside there was some call for deposits, for which ample provision had been made. The deposits at this time were reduced to \$1,700,000. Not long afterwards deposits commenced to grow, and by gradual and steady increase they have now passed the six and a half million mark. The increase in 1897 was larger than that of any similar bank in Boston, with a single exception; if the increase was taken on the basis of a percentage, it would be by far the largest. Mr. Allen was made president entirely without his solicitation; as he had no previous connection with the bank, the statement of the marked success attained carries with it its own praise.

For many years Mr. Allen was a member of the Mercantile Library Association, and from the years 1846 to 1853 served as a member of