

# Finding the Ancestors of Peter Allen and Roena Pierce

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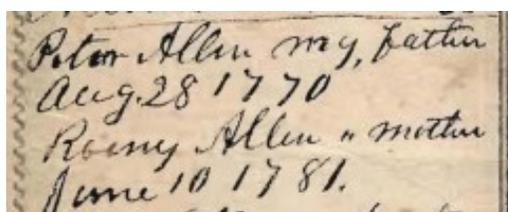
## Introduction

Here are some thoughts that I want to record/share regarding Peter Allen and Roena Pierce.

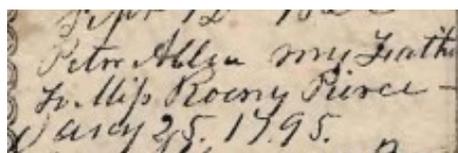
According to a bible left by their son Marvin, Peter was born on 8/28/1770 and Roena was born on 6/10/1781. This means that their very early years must have been influenced by the Revolutionary War. Peter and Roena appear to have come to Fabius, NY, just a few years after it was founded in the last few years of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. They were certainly there in 1803 based on Baptist Church records that survive. By the end of 1836, both had died.

Here are images from Marvin Allen's Bible. They record birth, marriage, and death for his parents.

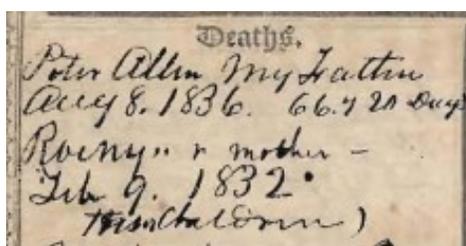
Birth:



Marriage:



Death:



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Here are images from the church records mentioned above. See [www.familyserach.org](http://www.familyserach.org).

FABIUS, N. Y. CHURCH RECORDS

First Baptist Church  
Methodist Episcopal Church

Copied from the original records  
by Gen. Asa Danforth Chapter of  
the Daughters of the American  
Revolution

1931

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FABIUS, ONONDAGA COUNTY, N.Y.

Organized - 1803

Original members - Aug. 24, 1803

Samuel Webster	died Dec. 1834
Thomas Keeney	" May 1, 1837
John Phelps	
Abiram Stebbins	
Peter Allen	" Aug. 1836
Elijah Keeney	" Dec. 4, 1819
Thomas Keeney, Jr.	" Feb. 6, 1814
Margaret Webster	" May 1837
Jemima Wallace	" Oct. 30, 1814
Anne Phelps	" Fe. 18, 1832
Roana Allen	" Feb. 9, 1832
Mercy Keeney	" May 1, 1837

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The research problems that have not been solved include those bits of information about their years prior to those in Fabius. These things would include birth locations, identities of parents and other relatives, location of marriage on 1/25/1795, etc.

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Here is a family group form for the Allen/Pierce family.

Family Group Report		
<b>Husband: Allen, Peter</b>		
Birth	1770-08-28	Connecticut
Death	1836-08-08	Michigan
Father		
Mother		
<b>Wife: Pierce, Roena</b>		
Birth	1781-06-10	
Death	1832-02-09	
Father		
Mother		
<b>Children</b>		
<b>1M</b>	<b>Allen, Peter</b>	
	Birth	1796-07-06 Fabius, Onondaga, New York
	Death	1829-12-30 Cattaraugus Co., NY, New York
<b>2M</b>	<b>Allen, Luther</b>	
	Birth	1798-10-10 Fabius, Onondaga, New York
	Death	1847-02-20 Gowanda, Cattaraugus, New York
	Spouse	Benedict, Huldah
<b>3M</b>	<b>Allen, Marvin</b>	
	Birth	1800-11-04 Farmington, Ontario Co., New York
	Death	1861 Farmington, Ontario Co., New York
	Spouse	Gardner, Mary
	Marriage	about 1837 Farmington, New York
<b>4M</b>	<b>Allen, Asahel</b>	
	Birth	1802-11-05 Fabius, Onondaga, New York
	Death	1858-01-21 Cattaraugus, New York
	Spouse	Benedict, Sally Ann
	Spouse	Shaw, Julia Ann
<b>5M</b>	<b>Allen, Elisha</b>	
	Birth	1805-04-21 Fabius, Onondaga, New York
	Death	1832-11-19 Cortland, New York
	Spouse	Benedict, Electa Mercy
	Marriage	1831-02-22
<b>6M</b>	<b>Allen, Norman</b>	
	Birth	1807-03-16
	Death	
<b>7M</b>	<b>Allen, James P.</b>	
	Birth	1810-10-21 Fabius, Onondaga, New York
	Death	1840-09-13 Burr Oak, Michigan
	Spouse	Macy, Maria C.
<b>8M</b>	<b>Allen, Mason</b>	
	Birth	1813-06-17
	Death	1833-12-07
<b>9F</b>	<b>Allen, Lucy Maria</b>	
	Birth	1816-07-23
	Death	1832-02-12
<b>10M</b>	<b>Allen, Daniel R.</b>	
	Birth	1819-10-22
	Death	1843

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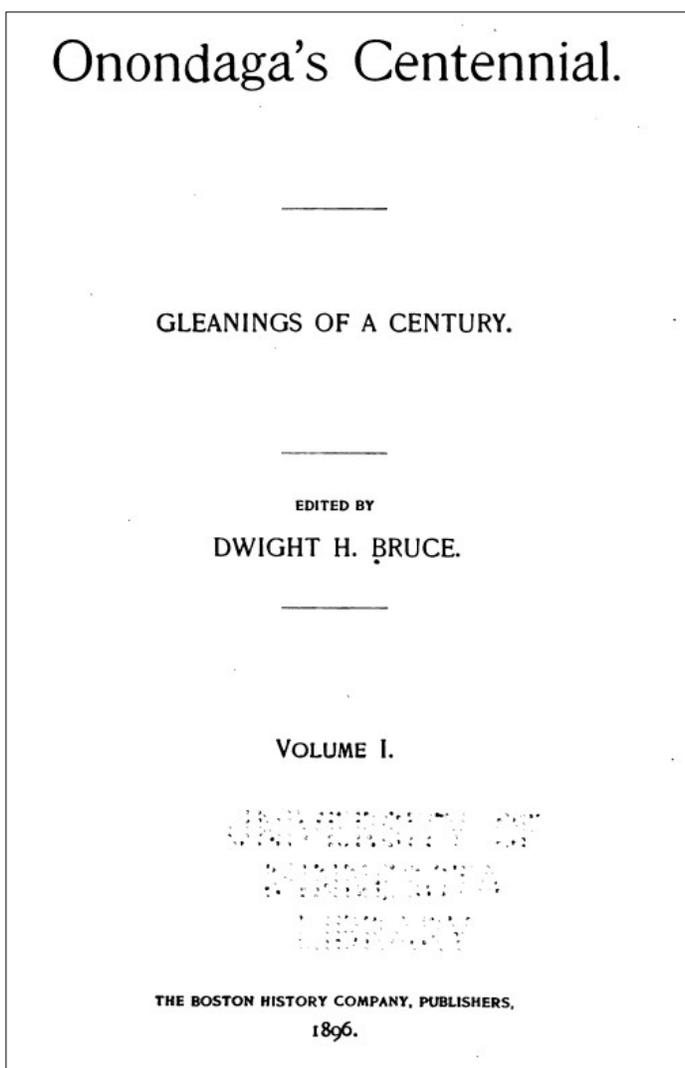
## Fabius Records Impasse

I have found this information in a two-volume Centennial publication for Onondaga County, published in 1896.

Unfortunately the town records prior to 1854 were burned with Lewis Bramer's hardware store in Fabius village in December, 1882. This loss precludes the possibility of obtaining the names of others who are worthy of mention in local history, but tradition says that the entire population was in community of sentiment and action for the public

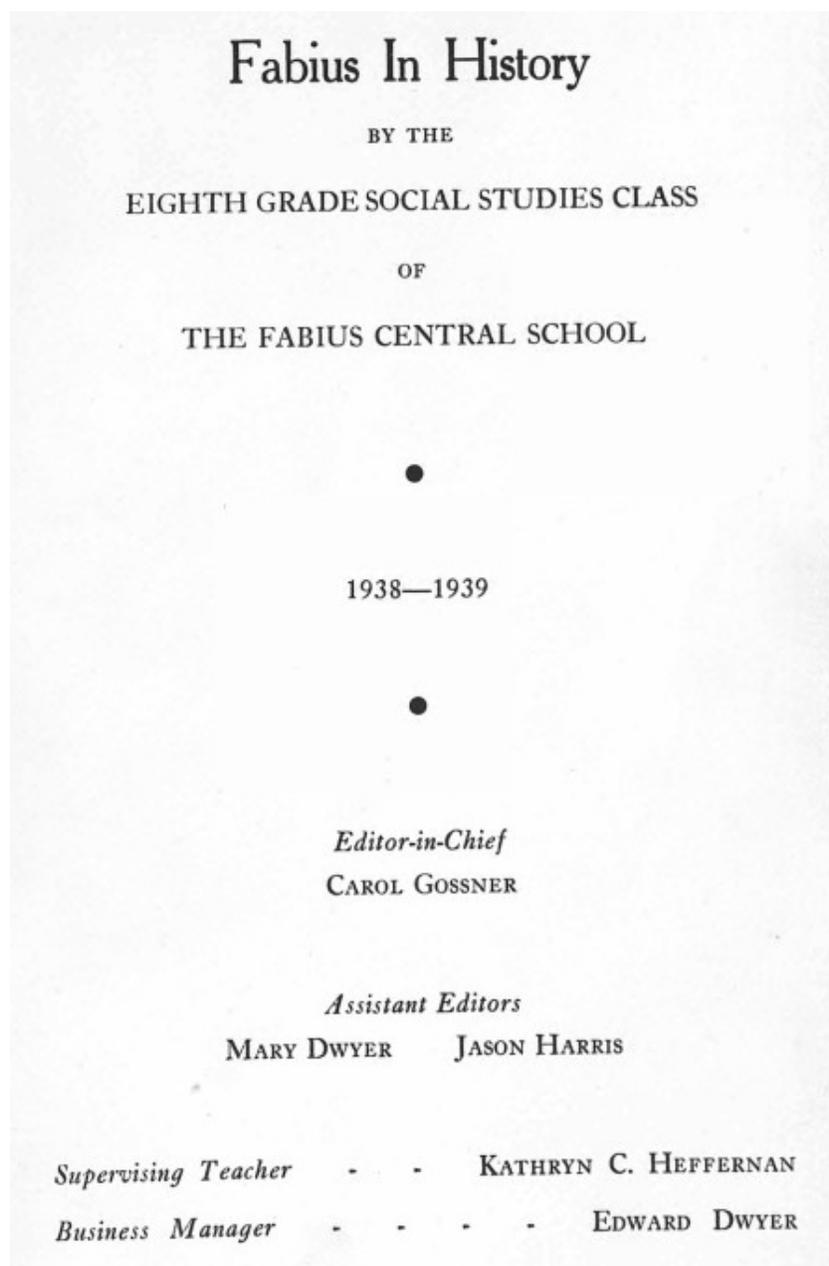
The book is available from Google Books (free). Here is its title page.

This information may help explain why information about the town and couple has eluded past researchers.



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Having noted this problem, however, there are some general sources that can help us understand the town of Fabius and its early years. Here is one example, available via Google Books. It has a special section on Fabius. <https://books.google.com/books?id=wcehDgAAQBAJ&pg=PA25&dq=fabius+in+history&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjvbkpamtqPhAhUMOawKHb-7BHkQ6AEIKjAA#v=onepage&q=fabius%20in%20history&f=false>



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## Roena Pierce Speculation

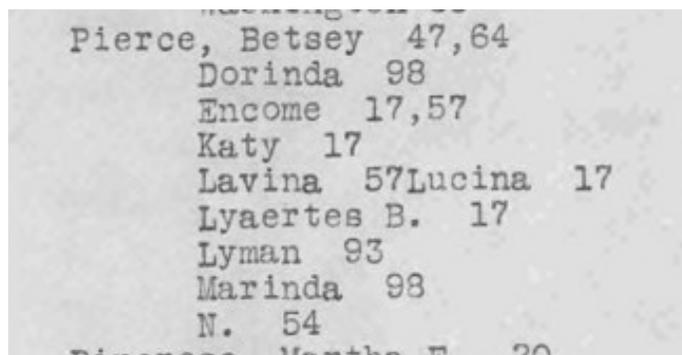
Above is mentioned a transcribed set of records from two churches in Fabius, NY, where Peter and Roena lived. You'll find many entries for Allens, and it confirms some of the dates in the Marvin Allen bible.

In this same document there is also a list of Pierce people in the church records. I am wondering if they may be related to Roena. To that end I investigated some of the names in the church records as well as other Pierces that show up in census records for Fabius. Some of the records for these folks led me back to Rhode Island. Since Roena was born 6/10/1781, it is tempting to imagine that her birth records may have been destroyed by the British if she was indeed born in RI. So, I offer this link to a tree for some RI people that may be of some interest.

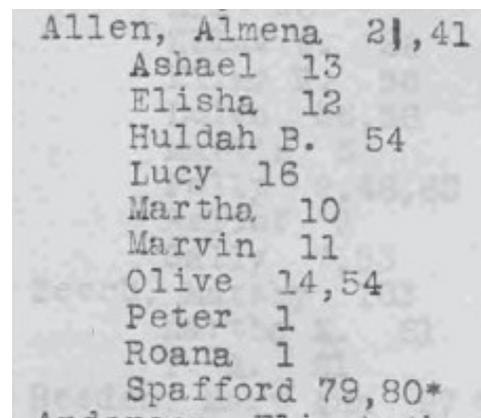
"Pedigree Resource File," database, FamilySearch  
(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/2:2:3Q9Q-LZ4> : accessed 25 March 2019), entry for Ebenezer /Pearce/Pierce/, cites sources; "Jerl & Ara Weber" file (2:2:2:MMD8-NB2), submitted 8 April 2014 by EleanorMitchell [identity withheld for privacy].

Maybe she is descended somehow from Daniel Pierce (1662-1731). If so, I'm afraid that the only way to prove it will be through genetic testing.

Following are images from the index to the church records document that shows the named Pierce and Allen folks.



Pierce, Betsey 47,64  
Dorinda 98  
Encome 17,57  
Katy 17  
Lavina 57Lucina 17  
Lyaertes B. 17  
Lyman 93  
Marinda 98  
N. 54  
Martha F. 20



Allen, Almna 21,41  
Ashael 13  
Elisha 12  
Huldah B. 54  
Lucy 16  
Martha 10  
Marvin 11  
Olive 14,54  
Peter 1  
Roana 1  
Spafford 79,80\*

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## Peter Allen Speculation

Some have said that Peter was from Connecticut. However, I have never been able to find concrete evidence supporting this. That is not to say that origins in CT do not make sense. They definitely do. The question is how to find evidence.

As explained earlier, local (town) records for Fabius burned in 1854. So, unless there are property or church records that I have not found so far, we are left with census records to provide hints. To that end, I have looked at the Federal census enumerations for 1800-1830 to see if there are any Allen males other than Peter that show up.

## 1800 Census Data

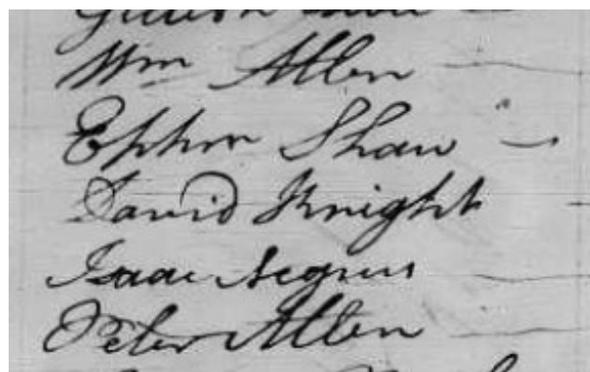
In the 1800 census, both Peter Allen and William Allen are listed. For example . . .

Name: Wm Allen  
Event Type: Census  
Event Date: 1800  
Event Place: Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States  
Note:  
Page: 179,180  
Affiliate Name: The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)  
Affiliate Publication Number: M32  
Affiliate Film Number: 24  
GS Film Number: 193712  
Digital Folder Number: 004955942  
Image Number: 00190

### Citing this Record:

"United States Census, 1800," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XH5Y-1TW> : accessed 27 March 2019), Wm Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 179,180, NARA microfilm publication M32, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 24; FHL microfilm 193,712.

Their names are first and last in the accompanying image. It is tempting to think that William and Peter were related somehow. This is worth pursuing. Perhaps it would lead to discovery of their origins.



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## 1810 Census Data

In 1810, there are three Allen males in the Fabius census on pages 34 and 35 – William, Peter, and Jared. This provides another name (Jared) for research.

Here are the references.

"United States Census, 1810," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XH2Z-S8X> : accessed 27 March 2019), Jared Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 35, NARA microfilm publication M252 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 34; FHL microfilm 181,388.

"United States Census, 1810," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XH2Z-S4Q> : accessed 27 March 2019), Peter Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 34, NARA microfilm publication M252 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 34; FHL microfilm 181,388.

"United States Census, 1810," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XH2Z-SCR> : accessed 27 March 2019), Wm Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 35, NARA microfilm publication M252 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 34; FHL microfilm 181,388.

Here is the image that shows Jared. Note that it also shows Caleb, Ebenezer, and Daniel Pearce, who might be related to Roena.

Caleb Pearce	1	3	1	1	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	-
Eben. Pearce	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Dan. Pearce	2	2	1	1	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	-
Simcon Sprague	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Matthew Stuart	3	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
Thad. Beach	2	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	1	-	-	-
Elnathan Griffen	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cary R. Griffen	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sarah Peabody	2	-	-	1	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	-
Lewis Beebee	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Jared Allen	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

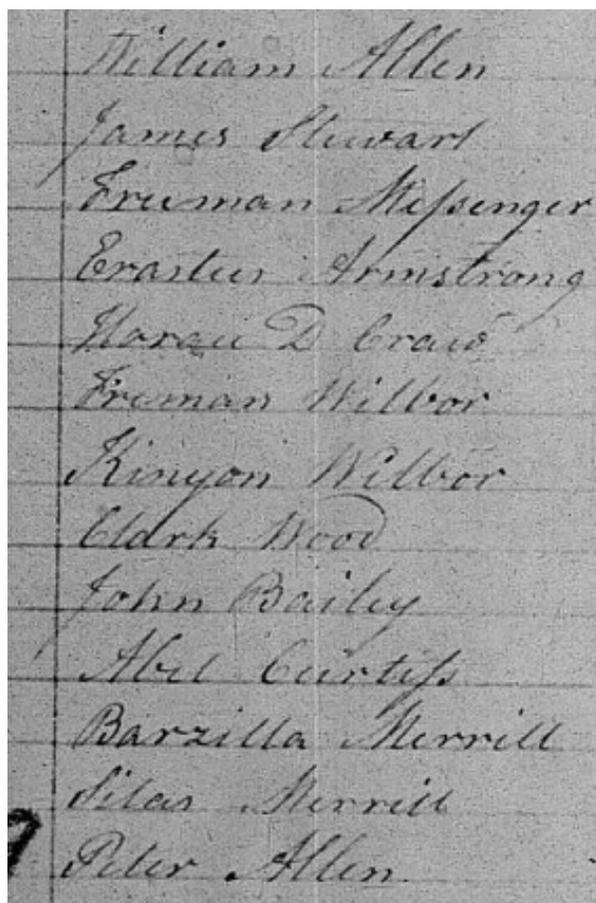
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## 1820 Census Data

In 1820, only William and Peter are present.

"United States Census, 1820," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHGW-8NW> : accessed 27 March 2019), Peter Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 159, NARA microfilm publication M33, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 67; FHL microfilm 193,722.

"United States Census, 1820," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHGW-8N9> : accessed 27 March 2019), William Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 159, NARA microfilm publication M33, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 67; FHL microfilm 193,722.



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## 1830 Census Data

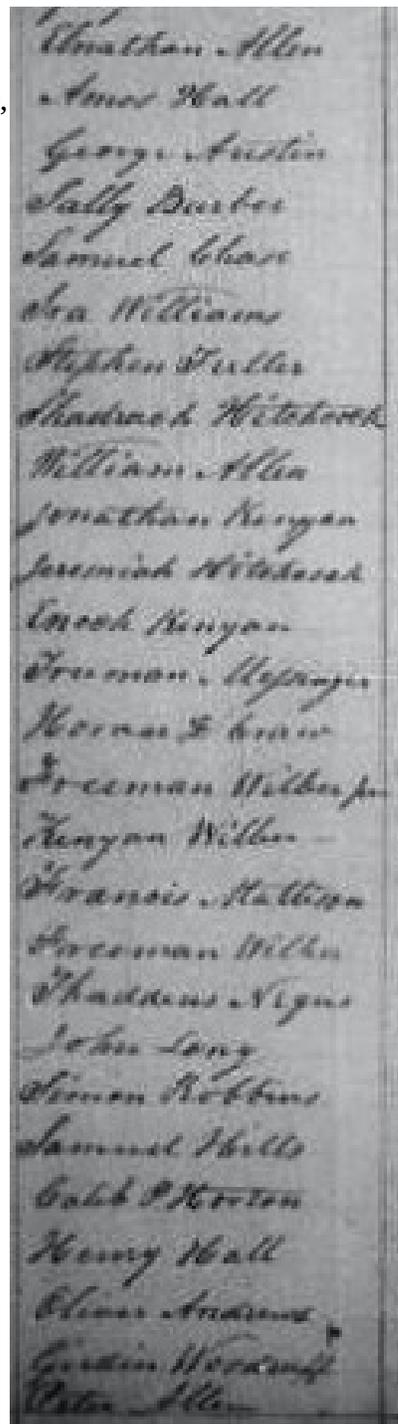
1830 adds another Allen – “Elnathan”. (It makes me wonder if the enumerator did not mean Ethan.)

"United States Census, 1830," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHPJ-7K3> : 22 August 2017), Elnathan Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing 249, NARA microfilm publication M19, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 100; FHL microfilm 17,160.

"United States Census, 1830," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHPJ-7K2> : 22 August 2017), Peter Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing 249, NARA microfilm publication M19, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 100; FHL microfilm 17,160.

"United States Census, 1830," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHPJ-7K4> : 22 August 2017), William Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing 249, NARA microfilm publication M19, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 100; FHL microfilm 17,160.

In summary, it seems reasonable to research all the Allen males that appear in 1800-1830 census enumerations: William, Jared, Peter, and Elnathan(?).



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## 1840 Census Data

In 1840, the four previously mentioned Allen males are gone. Instead there are two new ones – Jedediah and Spafford.

"United States Census, 1840," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHTW-KLJ> : 16 August 2017), Spafford Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 204, NARA microfilm publication M704, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 317; FHL microfilm 17,200.

"United States Census, 1840," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHTW-217> : 16 August 2017), Jedediah Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing p. 199, NARA microfilm publication M704, (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 317; FHL microfilm 17,200.

## 1850 Census Data

In 1850, there appear to be two Allen families in Fabius – one headed by Spafford b. 1811 and his wife Almena b. 1818 and two children; another headed by C. Henry (b. 1825) and Harriet (b. 1827) Allen. These might be children of the earlier Allen males mentioned in the 1800-1830 census enumerations.

"United States Census, 1850," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MCB5-7SQ> : 12 April 2016), Harriet Allen in household of C Henry Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing family 382, NARA microfilm publication M432 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.).

"United States Census, 1850," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MCB5-K3H> : 12 April 2016), Spafford Allen, Fabius, Onondaga, New York, United States; citing family 301, NARA microfilm publication M432 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.).

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## Spafford Allen – Hints?

The Spafford Allen line is described on ancestry.com. See the following.

Jacob b.1755 d.1840 (in Chenango Co., NY). He was Spafford's father . . .

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/25098946/person/1604927191/facts>

William b.1774 d.?. He was Jacob's brother . . .

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/25098946/person/27342400574/facts>

James b.1734 d. 1764. He was Jacob's father . . .

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/25098946/person/27342400564/facts>

Erasmus Allen Jr. b. 1712 d.1787. He was James' father.

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/25098946/person/200126688751/facts>

This line might be a clue to the actual line of Peter Allen. To test this, we would need a direct male descendant of Peter and one of Stafford to do y-DNA testing. Do these people exist?