

ALLEN BOBBITT 1789 - 1848

Son of William and Lively Bobbitt

Allen Bobbitt was the first son of William and Lively (Hight) Bobbitt. His father, William Bobbitt as a widower married for his second wife, Lively Hight, on June 8, 1788, in Granville County, North Carolina. The marriage is recorded. William M. Bobbitt was the bondsman for the marriage. The bond is numbered 2583.

Lively Hight was a daughter of John Hight of Franklin County. William and Lively had two sons, Allen Bobbitt born in 1789 and Archibald Bobbitt born in 1791. The family was listed in the 1800 census of Franklin County.

William Bobbitt:

1 male under 10	(1790-1800)	1 female 45 & over	(....-1755)
1 male 10 - 16	(1784-1790)		
1 male 45 & over	(....-1755)		

William Bobbitt the father of Allen Bobbitt had several children by a previous marriage. The sons of his previous marriage were, Turner Bobbitt, Sion Bobbitt, Solomon Bobbitt, William Bobbitt, Britton Bobbitt, Shadrack Bobbitt and John Bobbitt. The records show that Allen Bobbitt had a contact with most of his half brothers in one way or another.

Allen Bobbitt married Elizabeth Turner, a daughter of Henry Turner, and probably a relative of the first wife of William Bobbitt. Allen was married in Granville County on November 23, 1808. The census records of 1810 show Allen and his wife living with William Bobbitt in Franklin County.

William Bobbitt:

2 males 16 - 26	(1784-1794)	1 female 16 - 26	(1784-1794)
1 male 45 & over	(....-1765)	1 female 45 & over	(....-1765)

In this record Allen who was born in 1789 and his wife Elizabeth Turner who was born in 1790 are making their home with Allen's parents. Archibald Bobbitt is the other male at home.

In 1828 there is an interesting deed recorded in Franklin County.

May 22, 1828 - 26/210 Allen Bobbitt to Henry Turner for \$1.00, 100 acres joining John Stone, also to Henry Turner, 1 negro woman and her child, hogs, oxen etc., to secure a debt said Bobbitt owes. September Court 1828, Witnesses: John Hicks, William Gill, Archibald Bobbitt.

Archibald Bobbitt was the brother of Allen Bobbitt. Henry Turner was the father-in-law of Allen Bobbitt. The deeds frequently contain the names of family relatives.

Allen Bobbitt grew to maturity along with his cousins, John B. Bobbitt, and William Turner Bobbitt, both sons of Turner Bobbitt.

Allen Bobbitt lived on the plantation of his grandfather, William M. Bobbitt until January 1820. In that month of 1820, Allen Bobbitt purchased a share of his father's estate, about 100 acres, and was listed as a taxpayer in Franklin County.

"January 7, 1820, From William Bobbitt Senior, to Allen Bobbitt, both of Franklin County, for \$ 350.00 for 100 acres of land lying between the said Bobbitt and Ingram, joining Major Stone, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Turner. Witnesses: John Person, Turner Bobbitt. Book 19, page 65."

The 1820 census records for Franklin County are missing. In 1810 Allen Bobbitt had no children. We do not know how many children he had in 1820. The 1830 census of Franklin County is probably the most complete picture of his family.

Allen Bobbitt:

2 males under 5	(1825-1830)	1 female 10 - 15	(1815-1820)
1 male 5 - 10	(1820-1825)	1 female 15 - 20	(1810-1815)
1 male 10 - 15	(1815-1820)	1 female 40 - 50	(1780-1790)
2 males 15 - 20	(1810-1815)		
1 male 40 - 50	(1780-1790)		

This would indicate a family of six sons and two daughters. In 1831, William Bobbitt the father of Allen Bobbitt was deceased, and William M. Bobbitt the grandfather of Allen Bobbitt was deceased. On August 13, 1831, Allen Bobbitt entered a deed which secured land for him in Granville County and moved to that county about 1833. The recorded deed is in Franklin County, Book 26, page 314.

"From Ann Turner of Franklin County, to Allen Bobbitt of Franklin County, for \$ 1.00, 230 acres of land whereon the said Ann now lives, the land joins John Bobbitt and others, as a mortgage to secure debts the said Ann owes. Witnesses: P. H. Bobbitt, Thomas V. Bobbitt, and D. Stone."

This land was sold at auction and bid by Archibald Turner of Granville County for \$ 91.00, payable to Allen Bobbitt as a trustee.

On February 21, 1821, Allen Bobbitt sold the 100 acres of land he purchased from his father to David Stone for \$ 219.14. The deed is recorded in Franklin County in Book 26, page 254. It is not clear how much land Allen Bobbitt purchased or sold in Franklin County before he moved into Granville County.

On January 7, 1814, Allen Bobbitt entered into a deed with his wife's family, who were also his cousins. The deed is interesting because of the people mentioned and the location of the land. It is here abstracted for the essential details.

"This indenture made by Allen Bobbitt and his wife, Elizabeth, and William Turner and Ann Turner for themselves as guardians for, Martha Turner, Nancy Turner, Viner Turner, Mary Turner, Edmonds Turner, Louisa Turner, Patrick Turner, and Archibald Turner, all infant children of Vines Turner, deceased, of Franklin County. The petitioners father, Vines Turner, departed this life intestate, in the year of 1812, owning a tract of land on the waters of Cypress Creek, adjoining the lands of Allen Hines, and others, containing four hundred acres, which descend to the petitioners as the heirs at law. A request is made that the land be sold so that an equal distribution of its value may be made..... Green Hill became the highest bidder for the sum of \$ 955.00. Therefore Allen Bobbitt and Elizabeth his wife, and William Turner, the parties of full age, and Ann Turner, guardian of the infant children.....land being four hundred acres on the side of Tittle Creek...Cullin Jones corner, along Jones line, to Allen Hines line, thence to Tittle Creek, in John Mitchell's line...to Cypress Creek."

Witnesses: John Solomon, Wm. E. Turner
James Maxwell.

Signed: Allen Bobbitt
Betsey E. Bobbitt
Wm. E. Turner
Ann Turner

In 1840 the census records of Granville County list the family of Allen Bobbitt. He was living near the families of Solomon Bobbitt, John Bobbitt, Patrick H. Bobbitt, Shadrick G. Bobbitt, and Durelle E. Bobbitt. The family of Allen was listed as:

Allen Bobbitt:

1 male 10 - 15 (1825-1830)	1 female under 5 (1835-1840)
2 males 15 - 20 (1820-1825)	1 female 5 - 10 (1830-1835)
2 males 20 - 30 (1810-1820)	1 female 15 - 20 (1820-1825)
1 male 50 - 60 (1780-1790)	1 female 20 - 30 (1810-1820)
	1 female 40 - 50 (1790-1800)

One son, Patrick H. Bobbitt has left home and two daughters were born since the 1830 census was recorded. The total family was 6 sons and 4 daughters who lived to maturity. Allen Bobbitt died in 1848 in Granville County.

On June 9, 1847, Allen Bobbitt was ill, but went to the court house in Granville County and had a will recorded. The will does not mention all of his children, possibly because he had provided for his older children before his wish to make a will. Allen died in January of 1848 and his will was recorded and probated in February 1848.

"I Allen Bobbitt of the County of Granville..... do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

Item: I give to my beloved wife, Elizabeth, all my estate both personal and real during her lifetime, and at her death the whole to be equally divided among all my children after giving my daughters one hundred dollars each."

Item: I give to my son Rufus Bobbitt a horse of ordinary value to be worth from \$ 30 to \$ 50 as my other sons have had a horse and he has never had one.

Item: I give to my son Augustus E. Bobbitt \$ 45 to be paid to him by my executors after my death and before a general division of my estate, to make his portion equal to that given to the balance of my children.

Item: I appoint my two sons, Thomas V. Bobbitt and Augustus E. Bobbitt, my executors, thereby revoking and disallowing all others. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of June in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Seven."

Witnesses: John Jenkins
D. P. Paschall

ALLEN BOBBITT

From Ruby W. Smith and Lucy Bobbitt Holding we know the names of most of the children of Allen and Elizabeth Bobbitt.

Daughter	born 1812
Patrick H. Bobbitt	born 1814
William A. Bobbitt	born 1815
Thomas V. Bobbitt	born 1818
Lucretia Bobbitt	born 1820
Augustus E. Bobbitt	born 1823
Richard E. Bobbitt	born 1824
Elizabeth Bobbitt	born 1825
Rufus Bobbitt	born 1829
Malissa Bobbitt	born 1831
Amy Ann Bobbitt	born 1836

Most of the children were married in Granville County, and their marriages were recorded.

<i>Daughter....</i>	<i>married</i>	<i>John Jenkins</i>	
<i>Patrick H. Bobbitt</i>	<i>married</i>	<i>Lucy Ann Cheatham</i>	<i>1835</i>
<i>William A. Bobbitt</i>	<i>married</i>	<i>Jacksey E. Mitchell</i>	<i>1842</i>
<i>Thomas V. Bobbitt</i>	<i>married</i>	<i>Nancy L. Parham</i>	<i>1856</i>
<i>Lucretia Bobbitt</i>	<i>married</i>		
<i>Augustus E. Bobbitt</i>	<i>married</i>	<i>Susan Bullock</i>	<i>1848</i>
<i>Richard E. Bobbitt</i>	<i>married</i>	<i>Sarah Bullock</i>	<i>1847</i>
<i>Elizabeth Bobbitt</i>	<i>married</i>	<i>Mitchell James</i>	<i>1847</i>
<i>Rufus Bobbitt</i>	<i>married</i>	<i>Elizabeth Compton</i>	<i>1857</i>
<i>Malissa Bobbitt</i>	<i>married</i>	<i>James L. Strother</i>	<i>1848</i>
<i>Amy Ann Bobbitt</i>	<i>married</i>	<i>Wm. E. Qualls</i>	<i>1867</i>

From the records, most of the children lived their entire lives in North Carolina and mostly in Granville County, near the township of Henderson.

It is not certain when Elizabeth (Turner) Bobbitt died. She was listed as head of household in the census of 1850 taken for Granville County. The family was # 88, counted September 30, 1850 for the Fort Creek District.

Elizabeth (Turner) Bobbitt	60	1790	Virginia
Vines Bobbitt (Thomas)	30	1820	North Carolina
Richard Bobbitt *	25	1825	North Carolina
Rufus Bobbitt	22	1828	North Carolina
Lucretia Bobbitt	30	1820	North Carolina
Sarah Bobbitt (Bullock)*	20	1830	Virginia

We are not certain if Richard Bobbitt and Sarah Bullock were married at the time of this census. Sarah was listed as a Bobbitt and we believe that they were married in 1847. Later Richard and Sarah Bobbitt lived in Warren County, North Carolina.

Elizabeth Bobbitt was not listed in any tax lists or census records after 1850. Allen and Elizabeth Bobbitt had one of the key families in North Carolina. There are numerous descendants living in the state today. The children became teachers, ministers of the Gospel, and leaders in their communities.