

History of Erie County, Pennsylvania. Containing A History of the County; its Townships, Towns, Villages, Schools, Churches, Industries, etc.; Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men; Biographies; History of Pennsylvania. Statistical and Miscellaneous Matter, etc., etc. Illustrated. Chicago: Warner, Beers & Co., 1884.

William Allison, farmer, P. O. West Greene, was born Jan. 18, 1808, on his present farm, and is a son of **William** and **Nancy (Gilchrist) Allison**, who entered land about 1797, which has always been in the family name. Children's names—**James**, deceased; **Mrs. Sidney Gifford**, deceased; **Robert G.**, deceased; **Mrs. Margaret Van Curon**, deceased; **John**, deceased; **Mrs. Eleanor Sturgeon**, **William**, **Mary Ann** and **Elizabeth**. **Mr. Allison** died Nov. 5, 1825, **Mrs. Allison** March 27, 1846. Our subject was married, Sept. 24, 1835, to **Harriet H.**, daughter of **John** and **Rachel (White) Carson**, both now deceased. **John Carson** came from Lancaster Co., Penn., in 1797, and moved his family in 1801 or 1802. A copper tea-kettle carried by **Mrs. Carson** on the horn of her saddle is still preserved in the family. He came from Scotland when six years of age. His father came to America some years after, and settled in Perry Co., but died in Erie Co. at the age of ninety-seven. Both are deceased. Our subject, with wife, settled on the old homestead. Of their six children, three are living—**Mrs. Amelia A. Gifford**, **Mrs. Rachel R. Gifford** and **James W.** **Mr. and Mrs. Allison** are now enjoying the quiet of a peaceful old age, and are upright, Christian pioneer people, respected by all.

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