

# Ellis Huff Allen 1894

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My great grandpa, Ellis Huff Allen, was born November 21, 1894, in Clifton, Utah.

He spent most of his growing up years living in Tropic, Utah. He spent a lot of his life herding sheep and said he took his first herd alone and trailed them from Tropic to the Buckskin Mountain when he was 12 years old. He spent about 3-4 months there with them before he got to go home and only saw anyone else when they brought him supplies.

He served in the Army during World War One and served in France and Belgium and returned home after the end of combat. He never talked much about his time in the Army as it was very bad most of the time and many of the things he saw he wanted to forget.

When World War II started Ellis was working at the Defense Depot in Ogden, Utah as a guard. He tried to enlist in the military. But, was turned down because he was too old.

While he was working in Ogden, he lived in a boarding house. There was a great cook at the boarding house, named Truie Belle Woolstenhulme. Ellis fell in love with her and her cooking. They were married September 14, 1942.

Ellis and Truie lived in Ogden until 1946 when they moved to Tropic, Utah.

He always raised a large garden and had a lot of fruit trees on his lot. He also raised most of his food and bottled it during the summer. He also raised chickens, rabbits, pigs and sheep for meat. He would cure his own pork so it would keep for a long time.

He would farm in the summer and in the winter he would go to Southern California and Nevada to work road construction or hauling freight with his horses and wagon.

Ellis had two sons Ellis Lynn Allen born February 29, 1944. And John William Allen was born March 12, 1946. He was a good father but he had to spend a lot of time away herding sheep to their family.

He taught his sons how to saddle a horse and herd sheep by the age of eight. He also taught them how to cut and haul fire wood to cook with and use for heat.

He could sharpen any type of cutting tool. He sharpened saws, knives and scissors for most of the town. He also sharpened axes and other large tools. He could do a lot of blacksmithing to make horse shoes and some tools. He also knew how to temper steel to harden it.

He saw a lot of changes during his life and adapted pretty well to most of it. But did have a little trouble accepting some things like most people not wanting to farm for a living.

Ellis Huff Allen was a good husband, father and grandfather. He was a great soldier. And he served his country and his family very well his entire life.

He died in Cedar City, Utah, March 27,1978. He was buried in Tropic, Utah. The place he called HOME!