

2/26/1833

REV. BENJAMIN ALLSTON

Born--~~2/25/1838~~

FATHER: Governor R.F.W. Allston

MOTHER: Adele Petigru

Ref: News & Herald Paper

Married--2/25/1864

~~Ellen Stanley Robinson~~

Died--1/16/1900

~~FATHER: Governor R.F.W. Allston~~

~~MOTHER: Adele Petigru~~

Buried: St. John's

Rector of St. John's

Wife: Ellen Stanley Robinson

Ref: News & Herald Paper

Death Notice--1/24/1900

He was a Colonel

Ref: News & Herald Paper

Ellen Stanley Robinson

Died--1875

Ref: News & Herald Paper

Their children were:

Charlotte Allston Moore of Union, S.C.

R.F.W. Allston of Tryon, N.C. *Robert Frances Withers Allston*

Charlotte Allston

Married 1/7/1900

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Colonel Benjamin Allston, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, heart became affected and nothing could be done to arrest the disease. So Sallie Martin had the wedding in her home. Charlotte Allston married Maurice A. Moore.

Marriage Notice--1/10/1900

News & Herald newspaper

Charlotte Allston married Maurice A. Moore 1/7/1900.

Miss Obear writes of Col. Allston, "Colonel Benjamin Allston was our minister then. He was a military man, who had been ordained priest late in life. He showed this in many ways. He adhered strictly to the ritual of the church. For instance, one Christmas season he had service on that day, on St. Stephen's Day, on St. John's Day and on Holy Innocents' Day; four days in succession. Most of these days had never been observed by any of our ministers, but the prayer book called for these services, therefore he gave them. He was blunt but honest. He did things of which some did not approve, but in his own mind he thought they were perfectly justifiable, therefore he took no pains at concealment. Once I heard him read Tennyson's 'Passing of Arthur.' He read well, and I particularly remember the impressive manner in which he read the lines, 'More things

are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.' His daughter, Charlotte, married to the man she had chosen before he died. So one Sunday night, in the presence of their freinds, Bishop Capers performed the ceremony. Mrs. Sallie Martin, with whom they boarded, had so arranged the room that through the open door Colonel Allston, unable to sit up, could see them. At the close of the service, the couple went to him, knelt, and he gave the blessing. When they returned, her aunt, Mrs. Pringle, to prevent tears--for it was affecting--sat down at the piano and played, 'The Brook.' It was a good selection, and as her fingers rippled over the keys, the company became reasonably cheerful. It was a lovely wedding. Snowflakes were falling as we walked home. Colonel Allston died a few weeks later. The minister from Trinity, Cloumbia, came to conduct the funeral.. That afternoon in the church, Sarah DesPortes and her three children, Augusta, Ulysse and Fay Allen, were baptised. Em, Beckie and I were witness and godmothers for the children. I suppose others were present, but I have forgotten who they were."

*was a radiant creature,
etc.*

In an article in the News & Herald Newspaper was the announcement of Charlotte Allston wedding. It read, "Moore-Allston---Miss Charlotte Allston and Mr. M. A. Moore were quietly married on Sunday afternoon at five o'clock at the residence of Mrs. S. G. Martin. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Capers in the presence of a few freinds. The bride wore a lovely dress of white brocaded crepe de chinz, trimmed with liberty slik and her maid of honor, Miss Frances Vanderhorst, of Charleston, wore a dress of white chiffon over white satin. Mr. Walker Moore, a brother of the groom, was best man. The wedding was to have taken place on Wednesday, January 3 but on account of the illness of the bride's father, Rev. Mr. Allston, the date was changed. The bride and groom left on the north-bound evening train and will be away for several days. The young couple will make their home in Union, and will carry with them the best wishes of their freinds."

Notice of Colonel Allston's death was found in the News & Herald Newspaper dated January 24, 1900. It read as follows: "Rev. Benjamin Allston---Rev. Benjamin Allston, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Died on Monday Evening About 7 o'clock. Mr. Allston was born in Charleston, South Carolina, at the residence of James L. Petigru, Esq., the famous lawyer, on the 26th day of February, 1833. He was the eldest son of Governor R. F. W. Allston and Addie Petigru, sister of James L. Petigru, Esq. He entered West Point at the age of sixteen, the youngest member of his class and was graduated in June, 1853. Among his classmates were Generals Scoofield and Craighill, U. S. A. After graduation he was assigned to the calvary corps, and sent on a Trans-Mississippi expedition-a branch of which service he commanded as a lieutenant. The object of this expedition was to pacify some troublesome Indians. After a few years of active service, during which he transversed nearly all the Western States, he resigned from the U. S. Army in April, 1858. He then engaged in rice planting until the beginning of the war for Southern Independence when he raised, and assisted greatly in equipping, a company of calvary, which he desired to go to Virginia, but most of the men were unwilling to leave the State at that time, as it will be remembered by those familiar with the history of the times that an idea obtained that a citizen should only take up arms to defend his own State from invasion. True, however, to his conviction of the call to duty, whatever might be the opinion of others, he resigned as Captain and reported in person at Richmond. After a few weeks drilling artillery, he was commissioned Major of the 19th

Mississippi Infantry, under Col. Motie and Lieut. Lamar, which command served under Gen. Kirby Smith at Manassas Junction. After this Mr. Allston served as Colonel of the 4th Alabama Infantry, while Col. Law was recovering from a severe wound inflicted at Manassas. After serving some time around Norfolk he was made Lieutenant-Colonel and sent to East Tennessee to report to Gen. Kirby Smith at Knoxville where he was wounded in the side. In January, 1863, he was transferred to the Trans-Mississippi department as Inspector General for Gen. Kirby Smith, and continued in this capacity as well as Chief of the Secret Service. On 25th of February, 1864 he was married to Miss Ellen Stanley Robinson of Texas, who died in 1875. Two children of this marriage survive, Mrs. M. A. Moore, now of Union, South Carolina and R. F. W. Allston of Tryon, North Carolina. After the war, Mr. Allston engaged in rice planting, and for some years was lay-reader in the chapel at Planterville, South Carolina; and while interested in this, the late Bishop Howe requested that he take the order of a deacon so that he might be available at funerals and weddings. This led him into theological studies, and he became so much interested and impressed that he resolved to make the sacred work that of his life. About this time he married Miss Louise Gilbert North, and was called to the rectorship of Prince Frederick's Pee Dee (Georgetown Co.) where he did a great deal of missionary work among the poor. Thence he was called to Prince George, Winyah, Georgetown, South Carolina; subsequently to the church at Union, South Carolina, and then to Winnsboro. -
-Mr. Allston impressed his character on this community. He loved the truth in all of its simplicity. He abhorred anything ostentatious, and was true and sincere in all things. This was well illustrated even in the face of death, who he directed the utmost simplicity in the manner of his burial. He was most thoroughly honest with himself. Once examining and finding the way of day, as it appeared to him, he ~~_____~~ *add*

--The funeral services were held in St. John's Episcopal Church on Wednesday, conducted by Bishop Capers, assisted by Dr. W.E. Evans, of Cloumbia and Rev. J. W. C. Johnson, of Rock Hill. The honorary pall-bearers were: Dr. D. E. Jordan, Rev. C. E. McDonald, W. H. Witherow and G. H. Masier. Active--J. Q. Davis, L. Gautt, H. Rion, W. D. Douglas, H. A. Gaillard, U. G. DesPortes. Camp Raines, U. C. V., attened the funeral services in a body.