

Mrs. Calista Doble Allen Dies After Long Illness

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Mrs. Calista Doble Allen, widow of James F. Allen, and one of the earliest settlers in DeLand, died at 4 o'clock this morning in her home at 518 N. Woodland Blvd. of a lingering illness which had kept her in poor health for the last two years.

Born Oct. 8, 1852 in Madison, Me., she was 88 years old and had been a resident of the DeLand area for 66 years—since 1875.

Mrs. Allen with her husband came to this section from Eau Claire, Wisc., settling between DeLand and Lake Helen where they planted an orange grove and established their homestead. They moved to the town of DeLand in 1882 when Mr. Allen entered the furniture and undertaking business. Mrs. Allen had been a devoted member of First Baptist Church here since it was founded in 1884.

Six children were born of their marriage, four of whom survive. These are Mrs. Mabel Allen Win-

ters, James A. Allen, and Mrs. Fannie Allen Regar, all of DeLand, and Joseph F. Allen of Gainesville. Two other daughters, Josie and Eula Allen, died in childhood. Other survivors include six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Allen's husband died 12 years ago.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later. They were incomplete today pending word from Mrs. Winters who is vacationing in Ridgecrest, N. C.

The Allen-Summerhill Company, successor to the firm Mrs. Allen's husband founded early in the history of this city, has charge of the body.