

**ANOTHER LOCAL PIONEERING STORY -
MOTHER AND DAUGHTER LUCY PLATTS & JANE
ALLGOOD, BOTH BORN IN COLEORTON
EMIGRATED TO UTAH IN 1864 WITH TWO OF
JANE'S CHILDREN**



JANE ALLGOOD – MAY 5th 1849 TO MARCH 20th 1939

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PREFACE

The source for the information in this publication partly came from an on-line genealogy study in the public domain.

The author has been surprised how many examples he has found of residents in the local area emigrating to both America and Canada. Other examples can be found on his website samuelstewart.com

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF LUCY PLATTS



LUCY PLATTS (c. 1860)

Lucy Platts was born in Coleorton on 8 March 1806. Her father, John Platts (1774-1849), was 31 and her mother, Ann Platts (nee Tomlinson) 1769-1852, was 36 at the time. They were both born in Coleorton.

The children of John Platts and Ann Platts (nee Tomlinson) were: -

John (1794-1858)

Jane (1796-1876)

Mary Ann (1796-1876)

George (1797 deceased)

Cristiane Christiana (1799-1842)

Joseph (1801-1861)

William (1803-1871)

Lucy (1806-1870)

Ann (1808-1874)

James (1811-1878)

Lucy Platts married John Allgood on 9 July 1837, in Coleorton, presumably at St. Mary's Church.

In the 1851 census for Coleorton (the moor), John Allgood, aged 35 is given as a "Petrifactioner" who was born in Tewksbury. He is living with his wife **Lucy Allgood (nee Platts)**, a lace agent, aged 43 who was born in Coleorton. At that time they have five children, of which four were born in Thringstone as previously John Allgood had been a "Petrifactioner" in Whitwick. [If the reader refers to the author's website samuelstewart.com – subsection "Other Industries" – then "Spar Ornament / Bauble Making in the Local Area" - page 4/5, an explanation of this process is given.](http://samuelstewart.com)

John and Lucy's children were: -

Eliza (11) – b. Thringstone (1839-1855)

John Platts (8) – b. Thringstone (1842-1919)

William Hammersley (7) – b. Thringstone (1844-1902)


George (4) – b. Thringstone (1846-1909)

Jane (1) – b. Coleorton (1849 – 1939)

There was another son, name and age not known

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1849 Jane Allgood Birth Certificate, Registration District: Ashby-De-La-Zouch, Subdistrict: Whitwick.

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1879	5th May 1849 Coleorton	Jane	Girl	John Allgood	Lucy Allgood formerly Arncliffe Aldate	Retiree	Lucy Allgood Mother Coleorton	16th April 1849	J. H. [Signature]	Drumpton Aldate


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In 1864, Lucy, together with her daughter Jane, at the age of 15, and two of her brothers (including George, aged 17) and the youngest son (name and age not known), emigrated part way to Utah by ship. The author assumes that the three older children had left home by then and John Allgood had either died or left the area as he isn't mentioned in the 1871 census. They came by Rail Car as far as the Missouri River and then joined Capt. Rawlins company and walked to the Salt Lake valley. When they entered the valley, Lucy's son George was ill with pneumonia. There was nothing of great interest that happened to the company as it travelled to the valley, entering it in the month of September of that year. It is almost certain that the family were Mormons (Latter Day Saints). There were lots of records of Mormons visiting the area around Coleorton that time.

GEORGE ALLGOOD (JANE ALLGOOD'S SON)

George Allgood fought in the "Black Horse War" and was one of the first to open a coal mine in 1872 at the age of 25. In 1874, blasting was taking place in his mine, and all of the men couldn't be accounted for, so George went into the mine to warn the others, and he was the last man to come out. Just before he got out a blast went off and pinned him to the ground under a large lump of coal which crushed his left leg. He spent two years in and out of hospital and nursing care and finally had to have his leg amputated. He was thirty years old.

In 1878, George met and married Letty Rees who was 16 years of age and they were married on the 3rd of July of that year. After the loss of his leg and the bitter disappointment of loosing his mine to unscrupulous partners and unable to work in the mine, he became involved in the lime business for many years until his health failed. Suffering great pain from ulcers, he did odd jobs. For the last two years of his life, he was an invalid. He died on March 12th 1909. George was the father of 8 children – Earnest, Earl, Lucy, Elsie, Eudora, Stanley Thomas, Lester Rees, Lettie Florence and George Harry. George was also known as being an accomplished violinist and spent many hours playing for the pleasure of others.

Written by Letty Rees Allgood, his wife.

Lucy died on 9 November 1870, in Coalville, Summit, Utah, United States, at the age of 64, and was buried in Coalville Cemetery, Coalville, Summit, Utah, United States.

THE MARRIAGE AND EXPERIENCES OF JANE ALLGOOD (5TH MAY 1849 – 20TH MARCH 1939) IN UTAH

Thomas Lewis Beech married Jane Allgood on January 9th, 1868, and they had a living posterity of one son, three daughters, 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. His vocations, for the most part having been farming and stationary engineering. In May 1866, he responded to a call to drive an ox team to Florence, Nebraska, for emigrants, and returned in October of the same year. (He was just 22 years old.) One assumes that this was the Ox train that Jane and her mother was travelling with. Thomas Lewis Beech filled two honorable missions to Great Britain for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The first he completed in 1892 and the second in 1902. He had filled offices in the Sunday School, Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association and Ward Bishopric, and became a member of the High Priests' Quorum of the Summit Stake of Zion. In civic affairs he served as constable, city Marshall, justice of the peace and councilman of Coalville. He served in the Summit County Militia during the Black Hawk Indian War of 1866-67. He worked on the original construction of the Union Pacific Railroad through Echo Canyon in 1868, a link of the first Transcontinental Railroad of North America. And at the same time and place, his wife **Jane Allgood Beech** worked as a cook for the construction gangs. Lucy lived in the Coalville Election Precinct, Summit, Utah, United States in 1900. She died on 20 March 1939, in Coalville, Summit, Utah, United States, at the age of 89, and was buried in Coalville Cemetery, Coalville, Summit, Utah, United States.

Children of Thomas Lewis Beech (1846-1927) and Jane Beech (nee Allgood) (1849-1939): -

Sarah Jane (1868-1953)

Lucy A (1871-1871)

John Thomas (1872-1903)

William Henry (1874-1950)

Mary Ann (1877-1966)

Eliza Lewis (1879-1952)



SARAH JANE BEECH – eldest daughter of Thomas and Jane beech

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Residents in Coalville in the county of Summit, State of Coalville, Utah on 20th June 1870:-

28 born in England
2 born in Sweden
6 born in Utah

There were 10 dwellings and nine families

People of interest there who were born in England: -
Jacob Allgood (28) – Labourer
Linda Allgood (62) – Keeping House
George Allgood (21) – Labourer

The above suggest that other relatives of the Allgood's emigrated to Coalville.