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Biography

NAME Allan, Robert M.

Occupation Insurance and Investment

Address 2495 Glendower Avenue

Birth (Date and Place) September 12, 1880, St. John,
New Brunswick, Canada.

FATHER Martin Smith Allan

Birth (Date and Place) 1856, St. John, New Brunswick

If Deceased, When _____

MOTHER Shara Neptune

Birth (Date and Place) 1854, St. John, New Brunswick

If Deceased, When 1920

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Helen M. Urenn

Birth of Same (Date and Place) Taylorville, California

If Deceased, When _____

When Married 1907

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

Robert M., Jr.

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ANCESTORS OF DISTINCTION OR LOCAL INTEREST

(Please include names of local interest as "forty-niners," or any one connected with the affairs or development of the state or city, as officials, professional men, merchants, etc.)

Grandfather was a freeman. He

bought his passage to the New World and

then worked it out after arrival.

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Public schools of St. John, New Brunswick;

Public schools of Boston, Mass.

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC. Jonathan Club; City Club;

Breakfast Club; Casa Del Mar Club; Lakeside Club;

El Caballero; San Pedro Golf Club; Mason

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION

Methodist

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

Republican

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE

1903

SKETCH

(Please make this as full as possible, giving business affiliations, positions of honor or trust with dates if possible.)

Robert M. Allan was born September 12, 1880,
in Canada, in St. John, New Brunswick. He attended
public school in the same place, and at eighteen
years of age went to Boston. There he finished his
schooling and became interested in electrical
experimental work until removing to Los Angeles
in 1903.

In his early days in the city Mr. Allan, who
joined the Electrical Workers Union, first engaged
in electrical business with Woodill-Hulse Electric
Company, and later was with the Auto Vehicle Com-
pany.

Possessing an aptitude for figures he started
in insurance and finance in 1905. He was made pres-
ident of the Guarantee Finance & Securities Company;
vice-president of Insurance Plan Mutual Building and
Loan; and formed the Allan MacMaster Company, of
which he is senior partner.

In 1921 Mr. Allen was elected to the City
Council on which he served six years, until July
of 1927.

After an interval in which he returned to
his private business interests he was again ap-
pointed to public office, to the Board of Public
Works, in 1933, upon which he serves to date
1937.

HOBBIES:

Golf

Fishing