

During her three years of disability which terminated active club and community work, she still cherished a desire to participate in ~~community endeavors~~.
the performance of civic deeds, and other achievements in the progress of our people.
But, during her more than a century of rewarding contributions to the community, ^{in active days,} we can say that she served with great fidelity. *and satisfaction.*

She was faithful in the little things in view
Performing all the homely tasks of every day
With deep and loving gratitude, dear God, to You.
With thankfulness that ^she could serve in this small way.
Although ^she longed for larger duties, still we know
That each small service, rendered joyously did bring
Some bit of beauty to life's plan. The soul must grow,
Unfolding like a flower to its full blossoming.
And so, dear Father, with Your help ^she did climb
Upward higher, until at last ^she won
The right to great tasks, the goal sublime,
Through all the little humble things well done.

~~Senior District, New York of America~~
~~Oakland and District~~
~~Executive District~~
~~Executive Committee~~ ~~and Dist. Commission~~ ~~acting~~

TESTIMONIAL TO BERTHA MADE WYSINGER ALLEN

The labors of Mrs. Bertha Wysinger Allen would fill many important pages of history on her activities to ameliorate and elevate the social, economic and cultural status of the Negro men, women, adolescents and children in the Bay Area. We can not tell the whole story here of her work/and accomplishments during the long years of service. We ~~can~~ ^{shall} only mention the organizations with which she was identified; for through her work with them

~~through her work~~, Oakland witnessed the emergence of a new and promising order for the Negro citizen.

We shall relate in/brief detail, however, an historical fact in the legal records of California:

The colored ~~segregated~~ schools were ordered closed in 1875. It was necessary for Mr. Edmond Wysinger, the deceased's father, to bring suit against the Tulare County Board of Education for the admittance of his ~~two eligible boys~~ to the ~~public~~ school in Visalia. The case was determined by the Supreme Court, under case number 13,287 in Department One, ^{on} January 29, 1890. As a result, the Court issued a mandate compelling the admission of her brother, Arthur Wysinger, to the Tulare High School. Arthur was the first colored boy to graduate from public high school in Visalia.

During her childhood in Oakland at the age of four years.

In 1909 she married the late Otis Doss Allen, son of the late Elder D. C. Allen, Pastor of the Church of Christ in Oakland.

X During her 50 years of community interest, Mrs. Allen has served as a worker, officer, or board member in these organizations: County Welfare League, and Alameda County League of Colored Women Voters. This latter organization was instrumental in opening the doors of Highland Hospital to qualified Negro girls for nurse training. Dominant status and position were also held in the YWCA, Northern Federation of Colored Women and Fannie Wall Children's Home. Service in the California State Association of Colored Wo-

men's Clubs, Inc., extended over a period of 45 years. She held membership in local federated clubs and was co-founder of the California Native Daughters (Federated) in 1958. Effective work was also given in local non-federated club groups.

Mrs. Allen's organization and presidency of the East Bay Industrial League were effective in securing employment for Negroes in the East Bay during the depression. The survey secured under the S. E. R. A. produced employment to many Negro white-collar workers during that period of depression. ~~and~~

Mrs. Allen lives at 1408 Dwight Way, Berkeley. She is the mother of one son, Ivan; 3 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

took pride in being a worker officer or board member in these orgs.

TRIBUTE TO BERTHA WYSINGER ALLEN

Born 10/30/1885
Died 5/8/67

To Mrs. Bertha Wysinger Allen, the co-founder of the federated California Native Daughters Club on July 2, 1956, we give this tribute. We have found ^{that} her life, her labors and her achievements will stand as a monument in the progress of our Club. ~~Textxxxxxxxdeceasedxmemberxxwexdedicatexthixxpoem,~~
~~#GOODxTIMBER".~~

To our deceased member who in health and in sickness manifested ~~loyalty~~ concern and willingness to give of herself, we dedicate this poem entitled, "Good Timber".

The tree that never had to fight
For sun and sky and air and light,
That stood out in the open plain
And always got its share of rain;
Never became a forest king,
But lived and died a scrubby thing.

The man who never had to toil
To heaven from the common soil,
Who never had to win his share
Of sun and sky and light and air;
Never became a manly man,
But lived and died as he began.

Good timber does not grow in ease;
The stronger wind, the tougher trees,
The farther sky, the greater length,
The more the storm, the more the strength.
By sun and col, by rain and snows,
In tree or man, good timber grows.

Where thickest stands the forest growth,
We find the patriarchs of both;
And they hold converse with the stars
Whose broken branches show the scars
Of many winds and much of strife--
This is the common law of life.

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We shall always be grateful for her having passed this way.

In abiding tribute,

California Native Daughters Club

Gertmude Hadden, president

Ruth Lasartemay, secretary