Houma Parish of Terre Bonne La August 28th 1843

To all whom it may concern. This will certify that a Mr Thos J Allen, and his wife, Mrs Ann Maria Allen arrived in this neighbourhood on, or about the 13th of this month, on their way to Texas; of which republick the Sd Allen represented himself as being a Citizen. That on account of exposure &c he had become drowsy unwell, so much so, that he was unable to proceed further. That after an illness of Twelve days the said Thos J Allen died, leaving his unprotected & disconsolate wife in a land of strangers. he having died on the 25th of this month. As therefore she is desirous of returning to the north her original home, when she says she has friends. and, as we are aware of the little credence given to the tales of females travelling alone. We feel it a duty incumbent on us to give to the bearer Mrs Ann Maria Allen this certificate and to recommend her to the protection and kind offices of those amongst whom she may chance to be. For the authenticity of our signatures &c. refer to Messrs Lafourcade & Squires old Levee St. Orleans.

Signed V. P. Winder

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