



Philip Allen, 1855

ALLEN, Philip, statesman, born in Providence, Rhode Island, 1 September 1785; died there, 16 December 1865. He was graduated at Rhode Island College in 1803, and engaged in mercantile business, chiefly in the West India trade established by his father, who died in 1803. He began the manufacture of cotton at Smithfield about 1812, and in 1831 established the print works at Providence. In 1819 he was elected to the legislature, and served also as one of the commissioners for the settlement of the state debt. In 1851 he was elected, as the candidate of the Democratic Party, governor of Rhode Island, and again in 1852 and 1853. From 1853 and 1859 he was United States senator, serving in the committees on commerce and naval affairs..

Builder: Page & Allen, Portsmouth, Virginia

Length: 80'

Beam: 23'

Draft: 5'

Displacement: 93 tons

Rig: Topsail schooner

Cost: \$

Commissioned: 1856

Decommissioned: 1865

Disposition: ?

Machinery: None

Performance & Endurance:

Max:

Cruising:

Complement: 13, plus officers

Armament: 1 x 9-pounder

History:

The revenue cutter *Philip Allen* was constructed by Page and Allen of Portsmouth, Virginia. Her construction was superintended by Revenue First Lieutenant Robert K. Hudgins. She was launched in early 1856 and her station designated as Baltimore, Maryland.

She sailed on 21 August 1856 for New York for temporary duty. She returned to Baltimore from New York in September of the same year. She was rearmed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in May of 1861. She remained in the Chesapeake region during the Civil War, seeing action near Fortress Monroe and at Norfolk, Virginia.

There is no further record of her after 1865.

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