

## David Allison

David Allison died sometime in September 1798 and had purchased 200,000 acres of Georgia land around 1794-95 with a man named Benjamin Grayson Orr who was a partner with another man named W.P. Tebbs. Apparently, Tebbs ended up causing Orr a lot of legal problems over the next few years and Orr made a public case out of the situation by publishing a news article on 28 March 1800 telling the world about his dealings with Tebbs and that he was seeking arbitration.

Allison was a large land speculator for the Blount Brothers, namely William Blount (first territorial governor of Tennessee). His birth date and place is unknown but quite a bit has been published about him and his acquisitions, not to mention many news articles about his failures too; he died while incarcerated in debtors prison in Philadelphia.

The following news articles will confirm that David Allison is NOT buried in this cemetery; his name was found in local probate records but we now know by the following that this was merely because he owned land here and not because he died here. However, I will keep him in the listing for now to prevent future researchers from including him.

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The Philadelphia Gazette & Universal Daily Advertiser (Philadelphia, PA); Monday 1 October 1798; pg. 1 col. 5

Died last evening, DAVID ALLISON. [Another paper dated Tuesday October 2nd said that he died Monday evening; online tree and published research has 28 September 1798 as date of death -- ALH]

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The Philadelphia Gazette & Universal Daily Advertiser (Philadelphia, PA); Monday 28 January 1799; pg. 4 col. 3

NOTICE -- A REGISTERS Court for the purpose of desciding [sic] the Claims to the Administration of the Estate of DAVID ALLISON, deceased, will be held at the State house on Saturday February 2d, ensuing at 10 o'Clock A.M. [Originally posted January 22nd and ran for a few weeks].

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The Philadelphia Gazette & Universal Daily Advertiser (Philadelphia, PA); Monday 4 March 1799; pg. 3 col. 5

NOTICE -- THE Subscribers request a meeting of the Creditors of DAVID ALLISON, deceased, on Thursday Evening next, at 7 o'clock, at the House of Mr. M'Shane, Sign of Harp and Eagle, in Third-street.

Wm. SHANNON}  
W.M. BIDDLE} Administrators  
W. SERGEANT} to D. Allison

[Posted March 4th and ran for a few weeks]

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Gazette of the United States (Philadelphia, PA); Friday 13 December 1799; pg. 3 col. 2

The well-known David Allison, Esquire, who died in the prison of Philadelphia, is said to be at present alive and well, in Kentucky. He escaped from durance vile

[sic], by means of a coffin.

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Gazette of the United States (Philadelphia, PA); Saturday 14 December 1799; pg. 2  
col.

David Allison, Esq. actually died, of the Yellow Fever, in the year 1798, in the  
prison of Philadelphia, as we are assured; and the report in circulation, to the  
contrary, is without foundation.