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Mr. Allen was a son of Mr. William Shepherd Allen, of Woodhead Hall, Cheadle, Liberal M.P. for Newcastle. Educated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, he was trained for the law, and like his father took a great interest in public affairs. When only 22 years of age he succeeded his father as the member for Newcastle. He volunteered for service in the South African War, and in the 1900 General Election he was defeated by Sir Arthur Seale Haslam. Continuing his legal studies, he was called to the Bar in 1905 and subsequently served as a member of the Royal Commission on Licensing. For some time he represented Newcastle on the Staffordshire County Council.

During the last war he held several appointments, including that of military representative at Islington, a member of the first National Savings Committee, and head of the agricultural branch of the Ministry of National Service. In the 1924 General Election he stood as Anti-Socialist candidate for the Burslem and Tunstall constituency, and was beaten by Mr. Andrew Maclaren. In the 1931 Election he won the seat for the National Government from Mr. Maclaren, but was beaten again in 1935, when he decided to retire from the political arena.

In 1930, Mr. Allen was appointed Recorder of Ludlow, and two years later he was made a King's Counsel. He was appointed Recorder of Newcastle in succession to Mr. Samuel Lowry Porter (later Mr. Justice Porter) and he sat at the last Quarter Sessions for the borough in July. He was twice married, first to Jeanette, daughter of Mr. John Hall, by whom he had one child, a son, and secondly, in 1929, to Mrs. Oliver Riley.

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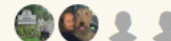
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