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fl. 1677–95

William Allen, [colonial](#) <sup>[3]</sup> official of North Carolina, was in [Albemarle](#) <sup>[4]</sup> by 9 June 1677, when he witnessed the signatures on two bills of debt to New England traders.

In November 1681, Allen was a member of the council and ex officio justice of the general court. That he held his council seat by vote of the assembly indicates that he was also a member of the assembly. In April 1695 he was the presiding justice of Currituck Precinct Court. Because of the sparseness of surviving records of the period, his tenure in these offices cannot be determined.

Allen had at least 450 acres of land, apparently in Currituck Precinct. Seven of his [headrights](#) <sup>[5]</sup> were assigned him by a New England trader, Mordecai Bowden; he may have had business connections with Bowden. Nothing more is known of his private life.

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