

## **Angeline Brady**

On June 30, 1853, at the City Cemetery on the "Negro Lot," Angeline was buried. Her burial expenses had been paid. Angeline was a slave of Alexander Allison. All this information can be learned by visiting **Interments** on the NCCA web site and entering the name "Angeline" in the search engine. When we look at the tombstone inscriptions in **Garrett 1971**, we can find "Angeline Brady 1827-1853 Wife of Montreville." The first and last names of her husband were inscribed on the tombstone as well as her birth and death year. Today (April 2009), Angeline's tombstone is gone, lost or destroyed by weather and time.

Where did Angeline live as a slave to Alexander Allison? The City Cemetery Interment record listed her residence as "City." From the 1850s through the end of the Civil War, Alexander Allison's family home stood at 9 North Summer Street (today 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North). The house was within a block of the First Presbyterian Church (which still stands at 5<sup>th</sup> & Church Street). In the U.S. Census Slave Schedule 1850, Alexander Allison was listed with 12 slaves in the City of Nashville: 2 adult males, 3 adult females and 7 children. No names were listed in the Schedule. Two of the three females were the age of Angeline, who was either 26 or 30 at the time of her death in 1853. **Click here** to find out more about **Alexander Allison**.

Alexander Allison's wholesale dry goods business was located on the Public Square near the Courthouse. We can speculate that Angeline might have visited his office and passed along Deaderick Street where Sally Thomas had her laundry. Perhaps they were friends. Sally was a slave who was permitted to operate her laundering business in the downtown. Sally died in 1850. Angeline's and Sally's tombstones were originally located side by side at City Cemetery.

What happened to Montreville Brady? Did they have children? Are there descendants today? We would like to hear from anyone with family history. Please contact the City Cemetery Association by email or mail.

**On May 16, 2009, replacement tombstones for Angeline Brady and Sally Thomas, two African American slave women, were dedicated at the City Cemetery.**

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