



Who's Who of Ballooning

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ALLEN, Edward Bostwick (Sr.) USA (1896-1985) (HB/SM)
 See APPENDIX-S/BF/BL. Aeronaut Extraordinaire.
 b: 24 Aug.1896 Dansville, NY;
 d: 9 Oct.1984 Batavia. NY (age 89); Stage name: "Captain Eddie"; Nickname "Bill"; Son
 of balloonist "Curt"; Brother of Warren, twin of Edgar; Father of balloonists "Ed
 Jr.,Gloria, Florence, & Arlene; Grandfather of balloonist David.
 p: Professional Smoke Balloonist 1912-76; Worked for "Lucky-Teteer's Daredevil Thrill
 Show, and "Joie Chitwood Thrill Shows"; Worked County-Fair circuit with children;
 Shoemaker, Gas-station owner/operator.
 f: First balloon ascent 7 Sep.1912 from Lockport, NY; Last recorded 5 Aug.1976 (see
 below, May have made several hot-air flights 1977-85); made more than 3300 ascents
 in his lifetime (3253 recorded parachute descents).
 l: Claimed to have flown in every mainland United States; Used 129 different balloons in
 his career.
 h: Honorary Life Member of the Balloon Federation of America; Montgolfier Diploma,
 FAI-1975. ***Epic flight 5 Aug.1976 (at age 80) from Indianola, IA. Ascent in a traditional
 smoke balloon was normal, but his parachute malfunctioned and partially collapsed on
 descent. He sustained a broken ankle, pelvis, & 2-vertebrae. r: BM-AU/74; Allen Family
 Scrapbook; Batavia Daily News; F.WOOD.