

Litchfield, Connecticut,

June 19, 1858.

Hon. Geo. P. Marsh,

My Dear Sir - Your letter to our worthy
^{John Clark}
~~Bethers~~, making enquiries as to the date of the
birth of Ethan Allen, has been handed to me for
reply. The place of his nativity having long been a
matter of dispute among Biographers and Historians,
the undersigned was, a few months since, appointed
on a Committee of "The Litchfield Co. Hist. & Antiquarian
Society", to investigate the subject & make report. The
Report, as presented to the Society, was copied into the
Burlington Free Press of Jan. 1, 1858, to which I refer
you. The date of his birth, not being then under con-
sideration, was only referred to incidentally, but the
record therein given is conclusive, viz:

"On the 1st page of the 1st Book of Births, Marriages &
Deaths, among the Litchfield Town Records, occurs the
following entry -

"Joseph Allen and Mary Barker were joined to-
gether in marriage by ye Rev. Mr. Anthony Stoddard of
Haddam, March 11, 1736-7."

"A subsequent entry on the same page is as
follows:

"Ethan Allen ye son of Joseph Allen and Mary his
wife was born ~~born~~ January ye 10, 1737-8."