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The Allred Hotel in Afton, Wyoming

From a History by Mary Hortense Allred Hanson, daughter of Nelson Calvert and Miranda Nelson Allred.

"Miranda has been a public servant, being in business practically all her life since I have known her. She was one of the early furniture dealers of the valley (Afton, Wyoming) and many families, both in the upper and lower valleys. The furniture could be had at a reasonable price whether by credit or cash. Many times she took farm produce to pay bills. If the books were opened there would be thousands of dollars that had never been paid." (Bishop Osborn Low, August 1942)

Miranda's father operated a general store in Bloomington; there she received a good education in store keeping from him as a child. Later after she was married, Miranda gathered together the materials and money and built a brick store in Fairview, Wyoming. Her husband, Nelson Calvert Allred, was on a mission at this time (1900-1901), so she did much of the labor herself. She put bricks in her apron and carried them up the ladder to the mason.

In 1907, Miranda accepted a job as saleslady at the Ed Lewis Department store in Afton. She continued there until the Allred Hotel was finished. The Hotel started out as just a square two-story building in downtown Afton.

Nelson, Miranda and their family moved into the new hotel after Warren was born December 12, 1908. The family sat around in the evening



Allred Hotel and Store in Afton, Wyoming.

during those winter months, sewing carpet rags that would be woven into rugs for the new business. Since the children were too young to sew, they would guide the cloth ropes while Miranda wound it into three and four pound balls. She paid the children five cents a pound for the balls.

On one special occasion Miranda and Nelson had a Halloween party. There was to be a dance in the Opera House that night for the young men and women. Miranda thought a party would give the parents and younger children a place to go.

Food was prepared and the doors were open to all who wished to come. Part way through the evening's festivities Miranda announced: "Everyone gather around and we'll all dress up and have a parade up at the dance." Sheets were gathered from the closets and off the beds. There must have been sixty or seventy people dressed

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up as ghosts. Nelson was the drill master. He chose some spooky words that would tell the marchers when to change from single to double file and off they went. When they arrived at the dance, before they went inside, the manager announced to the dancers: "Mr. Spook and his followers are outside and they want to come in and drill for you. Everyone step back."

Nelson Allred's family was one that worked and played together. The business was large enough to furnish work for all the children. They did all the baking for the hotel and family. After the youngsters were in bed, Charlotte and Hortense each mixed a batch of bread for the next day. Hortense had to stand on a chair to do the job. When Hortense was only sixteen her job was to take charge of the kitchen and dining room.

In the early days of the Allred enterprises they had to have their own cows, pigs chickens, etc. Albert cared for the livestock, kept the wood chopped and kept the fires going in the hotel. He also did a lot of baking for the dining room. He made the best pies and chicken dressing. He also did the cleaning up after meals and mopped the floor.

The hotel grew to have 56 bedrooms and a large department store. A wing was built on the southeast and the attic made into a third story. Then another wing was built on the northeast to match the first one and would house the store. After its completion the merchandise was moved from the rented building across the street. Two weeks later the whole thing went up in smoke.

You could hear someone shout, "The Allred Hotel is on fire!" It was as if the whole building



First Allred store in Fairview, Wyoming.

had exploded. Fire and smoke were spewing out all the windows. After it was over all that was left visible was an old black hotel stove, now blacker than ever.

At first Miranda was hysterical. Not because of the fire but because she couldn't find the three younger children, Donna, Daisy and Therial. She was afraid they were in the fire. One of the neighbors Kate Gardner, sent word that they were with her. When Miranda learned that the children were safe she cried, "Forget the fire. Nothing matters except the children and they are alright." Daisy's Personal Account of the Fire October 1915

In the afternoon when the kitchen work had been completed, mother, father and Jennie had gone into the store to work. I was in Jennie's room admiring her lovely jewel box and the items inside. I was trying each piece on and was looking with awe at a bone bracelet I had on when Therial came running in, shouting, "Daisy, Come see what we made in the wood box!"

I followed him through the dining room, and I could see flames through the glass swinging door. They were leaping to Albert's coat hanging above the box and to the ceiling. Therial and Donna watch fascinated. I literally had to drag them away. I sat on the step outside and ran to the store to tell the folks. Jennie was the first to arrive on the scene and she gasped and fainted.

By this time the place was swarming with people. Mother cried for someone to take Jennie away. Our neighbor, Kate Gardner, took Donna

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Allred Hotel and Store under construction in Afton, Wyoming.

and Therial by the hand and led them away and I followed. It seems Therial had tried to put some wood in the firebox of the kitchen stove. One stick was too long so he pulled it back out and threw it in the wood box.

When Archie came back from Australia he brought nests of bed bugs in his steamship trunk. The walls of the hotel had been filled with sawdust to make the place cool in the summer and warm in the winter. It was a perfect habitat for bugs and it was impossible to completely rid the place of them. As we were looking over the ashes mother made the comment, "Well, at least we got rid of the bed bugs."

The insurance on the store goods had not yet been transferred and they were advised to file bankruptcy. That was unthinkable to Miranda and Nelson. They decided to work and pay off the debts no matter how long it took. Years later when it was accomplished Miranda returned from the bank and exclaimed, "I feel as though a load of stones have been lifted from my shoulders."

After Charlotte and Jennie died the business would not have carried on except for the help from the two daughters-in-law, Malinda and Ellen. They each had two young children and every afternoon they bundled them up, put them in a box on little sleds, and pulled them down to the hotel. Here the mothers helped in preparing the evening meal. They continued to do this until others were trained to take over. Still at times additional help was required. Miranda hired girls



Main Street of Afton, Wyoming, showing the Allred Hotel.

who were in need of financial help, one time she had seven girls employed there.

Daisy's Account of one of the Fires:

On a Sunday, 1928, it was Stake Conference day and approaching the noontime meal. The dining room was filling with people. In the kitchen someone complained about the stove not drawing as it should and dinner was late.

"Let's burn the soot out with a rubber inner tube," someone suggested.

The tube was stuffed into the firebox and really took off, not just eliminating the soot in its wake but the tinder dry boards in the attic caught fire.

Everyone started gathering things up and rushing outside with what they could get hold of.

Mother cried, "Someone get the piano out." She was referring to the baby grand.

"How are we going to get it out? Cut off the legs?"

"No! No! Don't! What good is it without legs?" she wanted to know.

By this time Therial had bounded up the two flights of stairs, through the door into the attic and had located the exact spot of the blaze. When the fire engine arrived the fire was quickly extinguished.

March 2, 1929, Nelson Calvert Allred passed away. Part of the article in the *Independent* read "When Mr. and Mrs. Allred first came to Star Valley they stayed in Fairview and started in the mercantile business and operated the Allred Hotel since they moved to Afton.

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The Allred's have suffered many reverses and hardships and loss by fire, but they usually looked on the bright side of things and started over again with renewed hope and courage."

In 1935 Miranda sold the Allred Hotel to some people who owned a saw mill. She took rough lumber for part down payment and told each of the girls, Daisy, Donna and Hortense that they could have 1,000 feet to start building their homes

On August 24, 1942, Sarah Miranda also passed away. One of the things the *Independent* said was: "While in Fairview the Allred's were prominent in business and church activities. They

Afton in Lincoln County, Wyoming, is located in Southwest Wyoming.

not only ran a general merchandise store but sold machinery, wagons and pianos to people throughout the valley. They took the contract to build the first water pipeline in Fairview and helped with other enterprises. She and her husband and family moved to Afton about thirty eight years ago and established the Allred Hotel and Store. While in this business they met prominent people from all parts of the United States and many countries."

P.S. Family history accounts indicate that Miranda had a slot machine placed in the basement of the Allred hotel to accommodate the visits of Butch Cassidy; she thought he was quite a handsome fellow.



Nelson Calvert Allred was the son of William Moore and Orissa Angelia Bates Allred. William was the son of Isaac and Mary Calvert Allred. Isaac's parents were William and Elizabeth Thrasher Allred. William's parents were Thomas and Elizabeth Allred. The father of Thomas was Solomon Allred.

Allred Crest Raffle for the Reunion



The Allred family crest is in brilliant color. It is printed here in black and white.

Afton S. Kesler, Beaver, Utah was the previous owner of this stained glass crest. She indicated in her will that the overlay should be made available to other family members in event of her death. This family crest was produced by Jonathan Goodrich, a descendant of the original Thomas Allred. It again is being offered to the Rocky Mountain Allreds during the family reunion July 9, 2016, in Spring City, Utah.

The crest is approximately 30 X 40 inches. The overlay is lighter than glass and stronger. It will not chip, fade or peel over time. The method of acquiring the crest is through raffle. Tickets are \$10 each. Buy one for each of your family members.

The Rocky Mountain Allreds are responsible for preparing the crest for shipping, if the winner is not at the Spring City Reunion. The winner is responsible for shipping and insurance costs. You can purchase raffle tickets the day of the reunion or via mail. Tickets for \$10 per ticket should be made to the Rocky Mountain Allreds and mailed to Larry C. Allred, 447 North 200 East, Farmington, UT 84025. Ticket requests must be postmarked by June 30, 2016.

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For lunch reservations contact Joe West at pelikan@xmission.com or 801-292-3807 by July 1, 2016.

Linda Isom has been unable to attend the reunion the past two years. She plays the Isaac Allred violin that is a reunion favorite. She and her sister, Bonnie Hughes, will perform on the violin and piano.

Dawnell Griffin, author of *From England to America: Our Allred Family* will attend. Books are available for purchase. Dawnell will sign and sell books. In addition there will be other books and items available to purchase.

Watch for further details in the Allred Family website and the Rocky Mountain Allred and Allred Facebook pages. The contact person for further reunion information is Mary Ellen West, mewnvl@gmail.com or 702-436-4154.

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If you are able, please bring items you would be interested in--from something hand-made to help offset costs for next year.

Hardships of Life and Death in Pickens County, Georgia

by Dorothy Allred Cruse

My great grandparents, Nancy Josephine Allred and William Isaac Allred were first cousins who married sometime between 1890 and 1893. Norman Lee Allred, my grandfather, was born in 1893, then in 1896 Calvin Speer was born and in 1898 or 1899 their third son, Earnest B. was born. Nancy died shortly after in 1899 perhaps from complications of birth.

Now William Isaac, being a farmer, could not raise two little boys and an infant and make a living. So he arranged with his sister, Palistine B. Allred and her husband, Robert Lee Allred, to take the boys into their home as they were childless. Robert Lee was also the brother of Nancy Josephine. The boys never returned to their father's house. The story in the family is that the boys were not treated well by their Aunt and Uncle. In 1911 Earnest died, he was twelve or thirteen years old. As yet I have not been able to determine his cause of death.

According to the 1900 US Census William Isaac was living with his parents, William Brantley and Cansadah Allred. The 1910 US Census shows William Isaac with wife Emma Jane (Clark) Allred and by 1930 they had six children.

Upon submitting a DNA sample from my brother to Family Tree DNA the results have provided some rather unsettling information. With the assistance of Family Tree Allred DNA Project Coordinator and Manager, John Allred and a little guidance from Cousin Linda Allred Cooper, John determined that indeed Norman Lee Allred is the son of Nancy Josephine Allred but he is not the son of William Isaac Allred. This is from the Y-DNA and autosomal DNA tests.

The test results identifies the male lineage as belonging to the Lane family. What a shock! Who is this Lane person? So what happened here? Did Nancy's 'betrothed' run away or did he die? Was Nancy pregnant when she and Isaac married? Or, is there another secret here? Another mystery to be solved!

Since Earnest B., son number three, died so young and Calvin Speer, son number two, and his wife had no children there appears to be no one else to test for a genetic match. Is this the end of our story? Only time and more research will tell.

As we can see, life had its hardships then with decisions made, but I am proud to be in the family as they make me who I am. Maybe future research will cast a better light on this story.

Send Information for 2016 Allred Reunions

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Elias Allred, Senior, Son of Thomas, Lived Longer Than Most People Believe

*by John Allred, Dublin, Ohio
Cleveland R., William R., Coleman S.,
Samuel, Elias, Thomas, Solomon Allred*

Elias Allred is my Great, Great, Great Grandfather, and being a student of history, I am very interested in his role in America's fight for independence. He was just a few weeks short of his 17th birthday when the first shots of the Revolutionary War rang out at the Battle of Concord, Massachusetts on April 19, 1775. It took a while for the War to reach North Carolina but he was eventually drafted on December 1, 1780. He was 22 years old when he served his first of two terms in that war. The Revolutionary War was no doubt a defining event in his life but he had a full, long life after that. In fact, he lived longer than most Family Tree sites give him credit.



There is no controversy on the date of birth of Elias Allred – May 6, 1758¹. What is often confused is his date of death. The most common statement of the year of his death is 1840, no doubt based on the year stated on his tombstone. And a tombstone statement is usually taken as factual. But in this case, it isn't!

If Elias Allred died in 1840 as his tombstone states, his family would have committed a giant fraud because his Revolutionary War pension payments continued until 1844, but of course they did no such thing! We now know that Elias applied for a pension from the State of Georgia, based on his Revolutionary War service, in Hall County, Georgia on July 10, 1833. He was granted \$22.50 per year for the rest of his life, paid in two equal payments of \$11.25 each in March and September¹. His last payment was picked up by his representative, Israel K. Tefft², on September 4, 1844 in Savannah, Georgia, which means Elias actually died somewhere around early September, 1844 and not in 1840 as



The answer to that mystery was revealed in a visit to Elias Allred's burial site by a group representing the East Coast Allreds, led by Linda Allred Cooper in November, 2000¹. That visit was commemorated by a photo, taken by Linda Allred Cooper:



From left: David Allred and Jackie Allred Cooley of Gainesville, GA; Adrian Allred, Dot Allred Allen, Sue Estep and Lawrence Allen of North Carolina and Larry Allred of Utah.

Elias is buried at Bethlehem Baptist Cemetery, Lula, Hall County, Georgia. For more than a century, Elias' grave was unmarked, although cemetery records showed the exact place of his burial. The tour guides for the East Coast Allreds' visit was Jackie Cooley and David Allred of Gainesville, Georgia who revealed that their aunt, Martha Lucille Allred Pyatte, had a tombstone erected in the 1950s to mark the specific location

We don't know what basis Martha Allred Pyatte used to choose a death year of 1840. No such record, other than the tombstone has been found. There is no doubt that she meant well in her attempt to mark Elias Allred's grave and commemorate his service in the Revolutionary War. However, she clearly had insufficient information to construct an accurate memorial. In addition to the wrong year of Elias' death, the tombstone has another error: the statement "GA CAVALRY REV WAR" is also incorrect. Elias Allred was in the Cavalry but there is clear evidence, in his own words, that he served only in North Carolina and South Carolina, not in Georgia. His pension application¹ states:

That he was drafted into the Service of the United States about the first of December in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty for a three months tour of duty under Capt John Hines who commanded a Company of HORSE (deponent furnishing his own horses) and was attached to Col. John Littrells Regiment Major Ghotston (sp?) also belonged to the said regiment and also marched to where Gen'l Green's army was stationed near the Cheraw Hills in the State of South Carolina from thence we marched up Peèdee River to Salisbury in North Carolina leaving Gen'l Green with his army to follow. We made a rapid march to meet with and assist Col. Morgan who was retreating from Wallis (after having defeated Tarlton at the Cowpens) when we reached Salisbury we found Col. Morgan with his army marching through town. Who placed the company of Cavalry to I belonged together with about eighty of his riflemen to

(Endnotes)

¹ Ancestry.com. U.S. Pensioners, 1818-1872 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007. To find the original document, on Ancestry.com, search for Elias Allred (b. 1758, Randolph County, NC, and go to Military, US Pensioners, 1818-1872.

² Some sources say I.K. Tefft was Elias Allred's attorney but the 1860 census identifies him as a "bank officer".

Guard until the main army could be ferried across the Yadkin River. But just about the time the last baggage waggon got onboard the Flat a party of Wallis men Said to be about one thousand came upon us. We fired two rounds and retreated and on the next joined Col. Littrel marched to the Barracks and in tow or three days was discharged tho time for which I was drafted having expired.

Then a few days after getting my discharge I substituted in place of a man by the name of John Sitten for a three months tour of duty in the Cavalry again and under the same officers and was marched to & fro through the State of North Carolina keeping down the tories and was in one pretty smart skirmish with the like which were commanded by a Col. Fanning a noted tory. I think this tour of duty was commanded about the first April 1781. Having Served out this tour of duty. I with several others of the same company agreed to stand as what was termed minute men subject to the call of the same Captain and was frequently called on and was out sometimes two or three days at a time. I have no documentary evidence and know of no person by whom I can prove any service except John Duncan whose affidavit is annexed. I hereby relinquish my claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that his name is not on the pension roles of the agency of any State.

John Sitten was Elias' brother-in-law – he was married to Sarah (Sally) Rigby, Elias' wife's sister.

After the war, Elias returned to North Carolina until he moved to the Pendleton District, South Carolina in 1815. Then, in 1827, he moved his family to Hall County, Georgia where some of his children had migrated years before.

Elias had an extraordinary life because he was a born at a time when the world was rapidly changing and he had a significant role in the birth of our new nation. He was a true patriot who lived to the ripe old age of 86, which in itself was quite a feat for his time.

2016 Randolph County, North Carolina, Allred Reunion

The 2016 Randolph County, NC Allred Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 10, at Central Falls Baptist Church beginning at 11:00 AM. The church is located at 1332 Old Liberty Rd., Asheboro, NC 27203.

This year's reunion will consist of a meal at noon, a raffle and an auction. Please bring a covered dish and join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

For information on where to stay in Randolph County, please visit www.chamber.asheboro.com, then choose Membership Directory. There are listings for camp grounds, restaurants, and hotels, etc. If you have any questions, you may contact Gina Morton Smith at (336)879-0408 or ginamortonsmith@yahoo.com.



From the files of Dawnell Griffin to the editor of the Allred Family Organization Newsletter about the golfer, Lee Trevino.

I don't think you have ever printed this and it is a lot of fun...short but fun. In 1993 W [William] Darrell Allred wrote up this human interest story. Maybe it has already been published (I can't remember) but if it hasn't it should be. William Darrell Allred was born in 1920 and was the son of Reuben Lazelle and Lila Agnes Williams Allred. (He died in 2012). The story is about his unmarried Aunt Mabel (daughter of John Clement and Cora Lee Giles Allred):

She lived in a nursing home the later years of her life, dying in November 1987 at the age of 96. She was one of Lee Trevino's fans. Her concern for his continued participation is reflected by her reaction to his being tied with another player. . . and the results of that tie situation. Picture a ninety-year old lady watching golf. She has insisted on learning a new word each day and by her own admission she was determined not to become a recluse. Her well-worn dictionary was evidence of this determination. Television was her window to the world. Her letters were as absolute and specific as a legal document and the subject matter showed that she was aware of current happenings. Although she continued to expand her vocabulary, she did not always grasp the meaning of a current expression i.e. this following excerpt from her five-page, handwritten letter of May 18, 1980, some three months after her ninetieth birthday:

"This evening before supper I was looking at and listening to TV here, showing men playing golf. Then it was announced: 'Lee Trevino sudden death.' As you may already know, Lee Trevino was one, among others, a very good player of golf. However, as we all know, none of us were put here on this dear old world of ours to live and stay always. As we've all got to go home when the dear Lord calls us home."

My cousin Bob and I recently shared this with Lee Trevino. To acknowledge the story, he sent each of us an autographed picture. Best regards, Darrell

[Letter written March 27, 1993, in possession of DH Griffin]

The Allred DNA Project

by John Allred, Dublin Ohio

When the Allred Family Organization launched the Allred DNA project in conjunction with Family Tree DNA in 2002, there were several questions that remained unanswered about the Allred ancestry, despite many years of hard work searching for documentary evidence. The relatively new science of DNA analysis for genealogical research seemed to offer solutions to those difficult problems encountered by researchers.

At the time there was substantial circumstantial but no direct evidence that the Allreds came from Lancashire, England. It was known that there was a Solomon Allred born in Eccles Parish, Lancashire, England in 1680. It was also known that there was a Solomon Allred listed on the Chester County, Pennsylvania tax roles in 1724 and 1730. *But – was it the same man?*

By 2002 many Allreds had traced their ancestry back to one of a number of Allreds living in North Carolina in the mid-1700s. *But – were the North Carolina Allreds related to Solomon Allred of Chester County, Pennsylvania and, perhaps, Lancashire, England?*

Even the Allred name in North Carolina was not certain. Early genealogists had proposed that Allreds were actually descendants of the Aldredge family who came to North Carolina from Virginia. *Did the North Carolina Allreds descend from Solomon Allred of Pennsylvania or the Aldredge family of Virginia?*

While documentation showed that there was one or more men in central North Carolina named William Allred there was also a man named William Elrod. *Was William Elrod and William Allred one and the same man as many supposed?*

DNA analysis to the rescue!

Most of these questions have now been answered, thanks to DNA analysis and the discovery of further documentation. For example it is virtually certain that *Solomon Allred, born in Lancashire, England to Ellen Pemberton Allred and John Allred, is indeed one and the same man as the Solomon Allred in Chester County, Pennsylvania in the 1720s.* We know this because an abstract of a letter has been found showing that Solomon wrote to his cousin Israel Pemberton in Philadelphia from Chester County on January 19, 1720. Solomon Allred's mother's maiden name was Pemberton.

DNA analysis has shown conclusively that the Elrod family of North Carolina is not related to the Allred family! And neither is the Aldridge family of Virginia.

There is now enough DNA evidence from Allred men in England and America to firmly conclude that our ancestors did indeed come from England and more specifically from Lancashire. *So far, all of the Allred men whose Y-chromosome DNA matches each other either live in Lancashire, England now or their ancestors did!*

How does DNA analysis reveal information about the Allred ancestry?

Humans have 23 pairs of chromosomes which transmit genetic information from parents to children. One pair is called the sex chromosomes because they determine the sex and the sexual characteristics of the child. Females have two, so-called X-chromosomes, one of which came from their mother and the other came from their father. Males have one X-chromosome which came from their mother and one Y-chromosome which came from their father. During the reproductive process, a copy of the DNA in this Y-chromosome is passed from father to son with no input from the mother. Since the Allred name is also passed from father to son, all Allreds should have identical DNA in their Y-chromosome! And they would have except there are sometimes mistakes made when the DNA in the Y-chromosome is copied during the reproduction process. Such mistakes, called mutations, happen at random, unpredictable times. For this discussion, the examples will use a 25 marker Y-chromosome analysis although Family Tree DNA now gives consumers a choice of 37, 67 or 111 markers.

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459a	459b	455	454	447	437	448	449	464a	464b	464c	464d	

What the results mean

As an example of DNA transmission without error, let's look at Don and Leron Allred, both of whom have traced their family line back to Thomas Allred of North Carolina:

DYS values:

Don Allred	13	24	14	11	11	14	12	12	11	14	13	30	19	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	28	15	15	16	18
Leron Allred	13	24	14	11	11	14	12	12	11	14	13	30	19	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	28	15	15	16	18

For each of the markers (called DYS values), the results are identical. This means that there is a very high probability they have a common ancestor but it does not tell us when. The paper trail proves that they did indeed have a common ancestor within seven to eight generations.

It doesn't always turn out that way. Consider a comparison of Don with Jimmy Dean Allred both of whom trace their ancestry to Thomas:

Don Allred	13	24	14	11	11	14	12	12	11	14	13	30	19	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	28	15	15	16	18
Jimmy Dean Allred	13	24	14	11	11	14	12	12	11	14	13	31	19	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	28	15	15	16	18

The Allred DNA Project *continued from page 11*

Note that there is a difference at DYS 389-2, shown in bold, in Jimmy Dean's result. Does this mean that the two are not related? The answer is no since they share the family name of Allred and there is documentation that shows Thomas as their common ancestor. The different value at DYS 389-2 is the result of a mutation, that is, a mistake, in the copying of the Y-chromosome DNA during the reproductive process at some time between Thomas and the birth of either Don or Jimmy Dean. Even without the paper trails, the shared name of Allred and the DNA result (one mutation, also called a genetic distance of 1) would have led us to the conclusion that Don and Jimmy Dean very likely had a common ancestor at some time but, again, without documentation we would not have known how many generations back.

Even two or more mutations do not mean that two people are unrelated. Compare Don with Michael S. Allred. Don remember has traced his ancestry to Thomas and Michael has traced his to Thomas' brother, Solomon, which makes their common ancestor Solomon Allred, born in 1680 in Lancashire, England. Yet DNA analysis shows that two mutations (genetic distance = 2) happened between their birth and that of their common ancestor, which is easily within the range of probability so, yes, Don and Michael are closely related, confirming the paper trail.

Don Allred	13 24 14 11 11 14 12 12 11 14 13 30 19 9 10 11 11 25 15 19 28 15-15-16-18
Michael S. Allred	13 24 14 11 11 14 12 12 11 14 13 30 19 9 9 11 11 25 15 19 28 15-15-16-17
David Allred	13 24 14 11 11-14 12 12 12 15 13 32 19 9-10 11 11 25 15 19 28 15-15-16-18

The DNA data for David Allred are not so clear cut. He has a genetic distance of 3 out of 25 markers from Don Allred and 5 out of 25 markers from Michael which might be cause to question a family relationship. (Note that one of the mismatched markers differs by two between David and the other two but this "double slippage" is considered one mutation.) On the other hand, all three share the family name of Allred and David lives in Lancashire, England where, as far as he knows, his family has always lived. The most probable correct interpretation is that David is related to the Solomon Allred family but their common ancestor was further back in time than Solomon's generation. That is, two Allred men who have three or more mismatches out of 25 markers are either not related to each other or, more likely, their common ancestor was probably born before 1680, the birth year of Solomon Allred. Analysis of more markers would be needed to distinguish these possibilities.

For our Allred family in America, no more than two mismatches out of twenty five markers would be expected since Solomon Allred migrated here in the early 1700s - about 300 years ago. Assuming 25 years per generation 300 years would be about 12 generations. While mutations occur at random times, on average one every ten generations can be expected for 25 markers so up to two mismatches would still mean a common ancestor since Solomon Allred. But three or more mismatches out of 25 markers suggests that a common ancestor might exist sometime before Solomon came to the Colonies or that the person is not genetically related to the Allred male line. Again analysis of more markers is necessary before any conclusion could be reached.

The Mystery Allreds

There is a group of men who have the Allred name and whose DNA matches each other but have 6 or more mismatches out of 25 markers compared to Allred men who have a definitive trail to Thomas, Solomon or William. Several mismatches do not mean that two men are not related but do mean that their most recent common ancestor is further back in time, especially if they share a common surname and geographic origin. The only limitation to the "common name" argument is that surnames only became common after the Norman conquest of England in 1066 which was about 40 generations ago. Since one mutation out of 25 markers can be expected every 10 generations, no more than 4 mismatches would be expected and still have a common ancestor named Allred but W. Darrell Allred had five markers, shown in bold, that do not match. Analysis of as many as 67 markers shows that the DNA of the mystery Allreds does not match the DNA of bona fide descendants of Thomas, Solomon and William.

Don Allred	13 24 14 11 11 14 12 12 11 14 13 30 19 9 10 11 11 25 15 19 28 15 15 16 18
W. Darrell	13 23 14 11 11 14 12 12 12 14 13 30 17 9 10 11 11 24 15 19 29 15 15 17 18

The question is who are these mystery Allreds? From a variety of subtle clues over the years, Linda Allred Cooper hypothesized that, of the four North Carolina Allreds, it may have been John who carried the mismatched DNA. Consistent with that hypothesis, though not proof, was the fact that we found several Allred men who had the DNA test and who had a definitive paper trail back to Thomas, William or Solomon but none to John. Over the past several years, we attempted to find an Allred male who had a paper trail leading back to John Allred and then ask him to take the Y-chromosome DNA test. Recently such a person emerged in the form of Gary Austin Allred who readily agreed to submit to the DNA test. The result:

Don Allred	13 24 14 11 11 14 12 12 11 14 13 30 19 9 10 11 11 25 15 19 28 15 15 16 18
W. Darrell	13 23 14 11 11 14 12 12 12 14 13 30 17 9 10 11 11 24 15 19 29 15 15 17 18
Gary Austin	13 23 14 11 11 14 12 12 12 14 13 30 17 9 10 11 11 24 15 19 29 15 15 17 18

Note that the pattern for Gary Austin Allred does not match Don Allred's DNA, representative of the DNA of descendants of Thomas, Solomon and William, but it does match that of W. Darrell Allred, who is representative of

the mystery Allreds. Since we know, that Gary Austin descended from the “original” John Allred of North Carolina, this result proves that the mystery Allreds descended from John. Extending the number of markers examined to 67 confirmed this conclusion. That is, although John behaved as and was treated as a brother to Thomas, Solomon and William, he was not, in fact, a biological brother. (See Allred Family Newsletter # 104, Fall, 2015.)

So, who was John Allred if not a biological brother? The answer appears to lie in a court record from February 2, 1737 in which two men, Henry Enoch and Joseph Metcalf swore that a man named Samuel Finley in an oral will made shortly before his death which left “all he had” to a child named Johny “Aldridge” (later shown in court records to actually have the surname of Allred). Linda Allred Cooper hypothesized several years ago that this John Allred who was the recipient of Samuel Finley’s estate was the illegitimate son of an Allred woman and was one and the same John Allred who showed up in North Carolina as the apparent brother of Thomas, Solomon and William Allred. DNA analysis has now shown that the DNA of Gary Austin Allred who has a definitive paper trail to the original John Allred of North Carolina, matches the DNA pattern of a member of the Finley family:

Gary Austin	13 23 14 11 11 14 12 12 12 14 13 30 17 9 10 11 11 24 15 19 29 15 15 17 18
Wayne Finley	13 23 14 11 11 14 12 12 12 14 13 30 17 9 10 11 11 24 15 19 29 15 15 17 18

Extending the markers to 67 confirmed this match. Given the DNA match of a current member of the Finley family with a known descendant of John Allred makes it pretty clear that John Allred was fathered by a Finley. In her recent book (From England to America Our Allred Family, Watkins Printing, Logan, Utah), Dawnell Hutton Griffin asserts that John Allred was the illegitimate son of Samuel Finley and a daughter of Solomon Allred. In the Spring, 2016 issue of the Allred Family Newsletter (#106), Linda Allred Cooper reviews the convincing evidence that John Allred was the son of Samuel Finley and an Allred woman, most likely the daughter of Solomon Allred.

Allred family Y-chromosome data are on line

The Y- chromosome DNA data for all members of the Allred Family DNA project is available at:

<http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/allred>

Click on “y – Results” near the top of the page to see the data, listed by kit number, not name. An Allred male who has had his Y-chromosome DNA analysis can see his data by looking at their kit number. He can compare his results with those of others.

Note the data are separated into categories. The largest section, described as “Descendants of Allreds of 16th Century Lancashire, England” include descendants of William, Thomas and Solomon of North Carolina. Their heritage has been traced to the Allred family of Pendleton, Eccles Parish, Lancashire, England dating back to the 1500s through the first known member of the family to come to America, Solomon Allred (b. 1680). Below that large group, there is a smaller group under the same heading, separated because only 12 markers were analyzed which make the data less certain.

A third group, under the title of “Descendants of 16th Century Allreds thru Solomon’s daughter, Samuel Finley and John Allred” are the “Mystery Allreds” described above. Their DNA matches that of Wayne House Finley, presumed descendant of Samuel Finley.

Note that sections are divided by “Haplogroup” designation. A Haplogroup can be thought of as a migratory group, that is, a group of people who stayed together over long periods, moved from one region to another together and shared a common ancestor. Our ancestors were members of the R1b Haplogroup shown in the chart. (The more specific designation is R1b1a1a2.)

Men in other Haplogroups shown in the chart (E, I, and R1a) have a possible connection to the Allred family but do not share an unbroken male line with the majority of Allred men. That is also true of those at the bottom of the chart with the designation “Haplogroup R1b – No match yet in the project”.

Usefulness of DNA analysis

DNA has proven to be a boon to genealogists but it is not a substitute for the tried and true method of documentation. DNA analysis is most effective in *confirming* a relationship rather than finding one, that is, combining DNA analysis with documentation substantially increases our understanding of our heritage. But DNA has its limitations. For example, an Allred man who’s DNA matches that of the majority of other Allred men is definitely a descendant of Thomas, William or Solomon but DNA does not tell you which one.

The Allred Family DNA project, by definition, involves only Y- chromosome DNA because this type of DNA is passed from father to son and so is the family name in our society. A DNA match with another male named Allred has a much higher probability of being correct than it would be if the family name was not the same.

Two other types of DNA have been used for genealogy: mitochondrial and autosomal. Both types are complicated enough to deserve a treatise on their own. Briefly, mitochondrial DNA is passed from the mother to both sons and daughters but only the daughter can pass it on so this type of DNA can follow an unbroken female line. Because of the complex nature of mitochondrial DNA including the fact that in our society the family name changes every generation since women usually take the husband’s family name, this analysis is generally useful to confirm relationships.

Autosomal DNA involves analysis of segments of DNA on all twenty three pairs of chromosomes.

Since autosomal DNA comes equally from father and mother, a child in theory gets 50% of his/her DNA from each parent, 25% from each grandparent, 12.5% from each great grandparent, DNA is diluted each generation so that within a few generations it may be too small of an amount to show a relationship even if one exists. Interpretation of autosomal DNA data is complicated to the point that documentary evidence is essential.

Tombstone Placement Ceremony at Sandy Creek Baptist Church, Randolph County, North Carolina April 16, 2016

by Linda Allred Cooper

As you no doubt know by now from many articles published in this newsletter over the years, Jeremiah York was a neighbor and friend of Solomon Allred in Pennsylvania and in North Carolina. These two men appeared together on the 1724 and 1730 Tax Lists for Chester County, Pennsylvania. Jeremiah's land was located just across the Potomac River from William Allred's (Solomon's son) land in the 1730s and 1740s. They most likely traveled together down the Great Wagon Road to North Carolina where, in the 1750s and 1760s, York land bordered Allred land in what is now Randolph County. Yorks and Allreds intermarried many times over the generations and there are theories that Solomon Allred may have married a sister of Jeremiah York although this has not been proven. Yes, these two men had a very close relationship and many Allreds claim Jeremiah York as their ancestor.

AFO member, Dennis York, along with his cousin and fellow researcher, Dr. Ron York, are currently working on a family history book about Jeremiah and his descendants. As part of their research and work, they hosted a Tombstone Placement Ceremony and placed a new tombstone on the grave of Jeremiah York on Saturday, April 16, 2016. Following a wonderful lunch provided by the Ladies of the Church, Travis Brock, Pastor of Sandy Creek Baptist, gave a tour of the new church sanctuary and a tour and history of the restored log church building on the site that dates back to 1802. Those of you who have been on the tour of Allred sites in Randolph County will remember this log church, stunning in its simplicity.

Everyone then gathered in the cemetery for the tombstone placement and prayer dedication. Franklin Allred mixed and placed the cement which will hold the tombstone in place. Jeremiah's descendants mingled and discussed genealogy and history while the stone was set. A second tombstone, for Jeremiah's granddaughter, Jemima York Hays, was placed on her grave site.



New stone for Jeremiah York.



Dennis York

Jemima (also spelled Gemima and Gemmie), 1762-1812, married Revolutionary War Veteran, Edmund Hays (1760-1856), who is also buried in the cemetery. Jemima's original tombstone has disappeared over the years, but Dennis and others remembered seeing the original tombstone and grave, so the replacement stone was placed on that spot.

When you visit Sandy Creek Baptist Church, you will notice several replacement tombstones neatly placed in the old section of the cemetery. All of these stones are the work of Dennis York who has been faithful and dedicated in this work to honor his ancestors. Many thanks go to Dennis for all of his hard work!

Sandy Creek Baptist Church is located at the Corner of Sandy Creek Rd. and Ramseur-Julian Rd. (SR-2442) Liberty, North Carolina, in Randolph County.



The crowd at the tombstone placement ceremony.



Franklin Allred prepared the cement for the stone setting.



Enjoying the lunch after the Tombstone Placement Ceremony are (l-r) Mildred Allred York, Linda Allred Cooper, Gina Morton Smith and Ruth Ann Marley Jones.

Allreds on Facebook

An All Allreds Page

There is an Allred Family Organization group on Facebook. Information on upcoming events, projects we are working on, photos, stories and much more. All those with Allred ties are welcome.

Currently there are 619 Allreds registered. If you have questions, contact group administrator, Karisa Walker at fourinohio@att.net. Almost daily there are Allred questions and comments. <https://facebook.com/groups/251626831520359/>

Submit Address Change or New Phone and Email Address

If you are moving, please forward a Change of Address to the Allred Family Organization, 11707 Indian Ridge Road, Reston, VA 20191. Also, if you have a new phone or email, please let Joyce Allred know at the above address or via e-mail: jagentree@aol.com.

Rocky Mountain Allreds

by Elizabeth Saderup

There are now 119 members on the Rocky Mountain Allred Facebook page. We have had an increase of members since the last newsletter, so the word is spreading! I recently changed the statues of the group from open to private, now only members can view what is posted. This was changed to help with privacy issues and so that members can feel free to share information that they want. People may join by going to www.facebook.com/groups/rockymountainallreds

Articles and Photographs are Welcome for the Newsletter

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Allred Obituaries

R. L. "Pete" Allred

1920-2016

Allred Family Organization member, R. L. "Pete" Allred, died May 95, 2016, in Amarillo, Texas. He was 95 almost 96. He was born in Quannah, Texas, August 14, 1920, to Renne and Leona Hamby Allred. He worked with his dad until he was 16. Then he began his wandering ways. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Pete hopped freight trains, travelling and working as far as Pendleton, Oregon. He settled in Amarillo in 1990 after returning from 10 years in California. Pete was the last Allred in his family tree. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, a brother and four half-sisters. Survivors are nieces and nephews.

Kaye Allred

1931—2015

Kaye Sharon Allred died November 27, 2015, in Round Rock, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Perry Leon Allred Jr. She attended Texas Tech University. She was the mother of four children, Alan, D'Ann, Gary and Andrea. She has 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral services were held December 5 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Round Rock.

Frances Allred

1913—2015

Pauline Frances Allred, 102, a native of Jackson, Mississippi, died November 30, 2015 in Austin, Texas. She was the daughter of Robert Ray Allred and Anna Cecilia Netties Allred. She was born July 4, 1913. She graduated from Central High School in 1930 and Millsaps College with a B.S. Degree in 1934. After graduation From Millsaps, she taught school in Hinds County and Jackson for 12 years, first at Liberty Grove for 10 years and then Barr Elementary. She began a career with the Girl Scouts of America. She worked with the Girl Scouts from 1946 to 1970. During that period, she worked with the South Texas Girl Scout Council, the Mountain Laurel Council in West Virginia and the Rio Grande Council in El Paso. After retirement in 1978, she spent almost 20 years traveling the U.S. and Canada with her sister, Bess. She is survived by nephews, B.B. McClendon, Jr., Jackson, MS, Lloyd C. Brown Jr., Forest, MS, Robert Henry Allred Jr., Mission, TX and niece, Barbara Allred Holibaugh, Kingswood, TX. She was buried in Jackson at Lakewood Cemetery with a private family service December 10, 2015. A

great granddaughter of Azariah Allred, and great great of Phineas Allred. She was very interested in our discoveries on the Allred family tree.

J. Melvin Allred

1931—2015

J. Melvin Allred, 84, of Burlington, North Carolina, died December 5, 2015, at his residence. He was a native of Alamance County. His parents were Maurice Frank Allred and Rosa Sykes Allred Woody. He retired from the Payne Oil Company. He is survived by two daughters, Wanda (Willie) Simpson, Haw River and Lori Whitfield, Mebane, two sons, Donald Ray (Carolyn), Elon, and Randy Lee Allred, Mebane. Funeral services were December 9, at the Rich & Thompson Chapel in Graham. Burial was in the Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery.

Willa "Billie" Lewis

1928—2015

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Michael Weston Allred

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President's Column

It is Allred Reunion time again. Hope you can attend the July reunion in historic Spring City, Utah, or in September in Randolph County, North Carolina, where Solomon Allred obtained a land deed in 1752.

Also, we need more people submitting stories and information to the newsletter.

Some of you could consider a run for office in the AFO. 2017 is election year.

It is my desire that The Allred Family Organization expand and be much bigger than it is today. Any help you as members of the AFO can contribute is appreciated.



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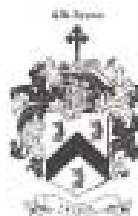
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