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AFO 2017 Elections

It is time for another membership-wide AFO Board of Directors Election. 2017 is your chance to become more involved with the AFO and how it is operated. All current Executive Officer's positions are available. You can nominate yourself, nominate another AFO member or nominate the existing officer for reelection.

All candidates for office must be current dues paying members of the Allred Family Organization and have an email account.

The four Executive Officer positions are up for election. According to the AFO Bylaws, these positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

This AFO election will be held by mail ballot, therefore making it easier for all members to participate. If you are interested in seeking office or want to nominate someone for these three-year positions, the specifics of each office are below:

President

The president shall oversee all board meetings in person or via the Internet. The president is ad hoc chairman of all committees. He/she insures that all officers and committees are doing their job. He/she

is responsible for overseeing all activities of the AFO.

Vice President

The vice president shall assist the president. If the president is unable or unwilling to preside over any AFO Board of Director's meetings, the vice president shall act in his/her stead.

Secretary

The secretary shall maintain an accurate and complete record of all board of director's meetings. He/she keeps a printed copy of all messages sent to the board of director's chat list.

He/she takes minutes at all in-person board of director's meetings. He/she summarizes each meeting and provides a written summary of each meeting of the board of directors. A copy of this summary is sent to the newsletter editor for publication.

Treasurer

The treasurer shall have charge of all monies collected by the Allred Family Organization and shall disburse them as necessary. The treasurer maintains proper books and provides a report to the board of directors at every meeting or when

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requested by the president; is responsible for providing an independent audit of the books annually; is responsible for filing all required tax forms; ensures that all AFO bills are paid in a timely fashion; is responsible for remaining current on all investment trends and ensuring that all AFO funds are in secure, financially beneficial market(s); manages and maintains the AFO membership database, receiving and posting all incoming memberships into the database; insures proper deposit of all funds; furnishes list of all members whose dues are up to date for mailing of the newsletter by editor, and, receives and posts all incoming memberships in the database. Insures proper deposit of funds.

All nominations must be received by April 28, 2017.

The nominations committee will review them, contact the nominees to be certain they are qualified and willing to serve.

Nominations should be sent to: Larry C. Allred, 447 North 200 East, Farmington, UT 84025. He may also be contacted at larrycallred@msn.com or 801-558-6753.

Nominating committee members are Larry Allred, Farmington, Utah, Bobby

Allred, Centre, Alabama, and Patricia Silcox, Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. The committee will announce the nominees in the next issue of the Newsletter and include their platforms (No. 110).

A ballot will be included with issue (No. 111). All members are encouraged to vote and return the ballot to Larry Allred by the date listed on the ballot.

Larry, Bobby, and Patricia will tally the results and publish the winners in the Winter issue of the AFO newsletter, No.112.

National Genealogical Society Conference

The National Genealogical Society will hold their annual conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, May 10-13 2017. I'm going to plan a little Allred get-together at some point during the conference - maybe a supper or lunch or something. Let me know if you plan to be there and I'll include you in on the plans as we make them

The conference website is <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

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Flu Hits the Wyoming Allreds

by Maryellen West

comments by Rex Ashdown

1918 signaled the end of the first world war with many soldiers returning home only to be brutalized by the “grip” or the “Spanish Flu” that spread like wildfire over the world. While the war cost about 16 million lives, the flu took over 50 million world-wide. That is approximately one fifth of the world’s population! This was a deadly and virulent virus that attacked not only the elderly and very young but unlike many pandemics today, this virus attacked and killed healthy young adults in their prime without warning; often taking their lives within hours or days. One in four people in the United States was afflicted and in one year the average life expectancy in the United States dropped by 12 years. The disease marched across the United States very quickly. A person could be healthy one moment and within hours would be unable to walk due to high fevers, generalized weakness and in most cases the lungs would fill and it would be pneumonia that would ultimately take its toll. Since there were no antibiotics to fight the infection, there was nothing to do but make the patient as comfortable as possible.



The Nelson Calvert Allred family of Star Valley, Wyoming, became an unhappy part of the statistics.

Jennie and Charlotte Allred were the very active and talented daughters of Nelson Calvert and Sarah Maranda Nelson Allred. Jennie was a talented singer and pianist who at age 22 had performed in many venues and Charlotte was her younger sister who at 20 had married Parry Ashdown and recently given birth to a baby boy they named Charles. The following is an excerpt from a memory of Rex Ashdown, Parry’s son:

Inasmuch as Dad was working as a ranger for the U.S. Forestry Department at the time, they went to live in the mountains in a small cabin. He described it as one long beautiful

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honeymoon. I have since talked with people who knew them and all they have told me that they were impressed with them as a beautiful young couple, very much in love. They were healthy and had the promise of a wonderful life.

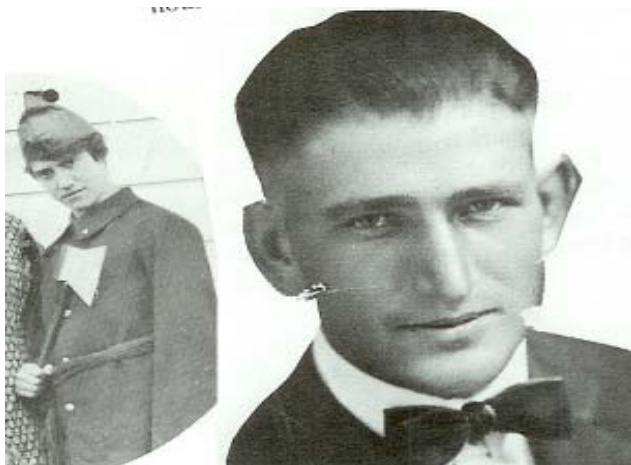
In due time a son was born. I guess Dad felt that the world was his in every way. Then, one morning Charlotte woke up and told Dad she did not feel well. Also, she wanted him to hear of her experience during the night. (This part so impressed me that I believe it is very accurate). It seems that Charlotte's sister had come to her during the night and had taken her to the "Other side of the veil". That is, they visited that life that follows this mortal experience.

Charlotte told of the unbelievable beauty, the peace and love that was so total in every aspect of the experience. She then gave Dad what must have been a near terrifying concept. Her sister had wanted her to stay there but she had told her she had to return and explain why she was leaving Dad. She told him that she would spend the day with him but that when evening came, she would go back with her sister.

Dad told of how he had talked to her, accepting it as a beautiful dream but that it could not be true. Her sister was well and strong the last time they were in Afton so how could they have come and taken her to the other side? He told her of his love for her and how much he needed her. He also pointed out that the new baby, Charles had to have a mother.

Charlotte's answer to that was that she would come back in a few days and take the baby with her.

It was very difficult for Dad to share all this with me even though it had been nearly 25 years before. Dad told of how they talked all that day and as the hours ticked away Charlotte became sicker and sicker. She expressed her love for him but the other side was so beautiful that she had to go. I cannot, even now, nearly fifty years after this event took place, truly comprehend the fear, the anguish, the all-consuming sense of loss that Dad must have been feeling as he watched Charlotte die. By sundown, Charlotte had indeed, gone to the other side. It was December 30, 1918. As she promised, in a few days, Charles also left this life. It must have been difficult beyond belief to take his bride of less than a year back to her mother in Afton. When he arrived, he found the sister had preceded Charlotte as she had told. Charlotte is buried in Fairview, Wyoming.



Charlotte Allred and her husband, Parry Ashdown.

**The following was taken from the
Kemmerer Republican**

**ASHDOWN, Charlotte | ASHDOWN,
child**

Saturday the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ashdown of Big Piney was reported to have died then, on Monday, the little one's mother Charlotte Ashdown, died at 2 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Ashdown was the wife of Perry Ashdown, forest ranger, recently transferred to the Big Piney district from Afton. The body was brought to Kemmerer Tuesday and prepared for shipment at the City Undertaking parlors, after which it was sent to deceased's former home at Afton. *[Kemmerer Republican Friday, January 3, 1919]*

ALLRED, Jennie — Yesterday the Republican was informed by wire from Afton that a sister of Mrs. Ashdown, Miss Jennie Allred, passed away the evening before from influenza. Both were daughters of former State Representative and Mrs. N. C. Allred of Afton. Miss Jennie Allred is well known in Kemmerer and was a very talented young woman, having considerable fame as a singer. She appeared in the local theatre early last summer with the Rathburn players. *[Kemmerer Republican Friday, January 3, 1919]*

Much grieved by the losses in her life, Sarah Miranda Nelson Allred penned this poem originally on Allred Hotel stationery:

Poem by Sarah Miranda Nelson Allred
I stood beside my loved ones,
Sad tears dimmed my eyes

As I thought of those who'd left me
Light in all had died.
First was my dear baby
Bardella was her name.
With eyes so black and face so fine
So welcome when she came.

In 1908 **George** was called to go
To join the Heavenly throng.
My day was dark, long shadows lay
Across my heart, along my way.
Dawns light was lost,
Faith's head was bowed,
My soul seemed trapped
Within a shroud.

Then **Viva** just within her teens
The sweetest girl we've ever seen
Hopes radiant was rimmed and pale
I questioned how God's promise failed
And yet I felt within that hour
I had forgotten God's great power.
I humbly bowed unto His will
And bade my aching heart be still.

When **Calvert** was the next to go
I thought my heart had broken sure.
His life had been so clean, so pure,
I felt was more than I could endure.
Oh yes my world was grey with gloom
And then I saw a new life bloom.
For through Grace of God I saw
The blessing of eternity.

Jennie with bright eyes of blue
Charlotte with velvet brown
Were the next to go away
And leave this world's dark frown.
Beautiful in grace and mind,
Loved by all from far and near
Lowered the same day into their graves
With **Charlotte's baby dear**.

Archie in his glorious manhood
Was the next to be called home.
His work on earth was ended,
He was called to Gods great throne.
Left his wife and daughters

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To battle life's stormy way.
They know they will be reunited
On the great resurrection day.

Last but not least to go was
My companion tried and true.
Forty years of constant toil
Sharing troubles old and new.
Somewhere we will meet again
Never more to part.
We will meet beyond Death's river
With undaunted hearts.
While traveling through life alone
Without my companion dear.
I pray that God's great blessing
Will ever hover near
And at last when I am called
To join them over there,
I pray that I will ever be
Worthy of His loving care.

Sarah Miranda Allred



Jennie and Charlotte Allred



Jennie Allred about 1918.



Charlotte, Jennie, Viva and Hortense Allred, daughters of Nelson Calvert and Sarah Miranda Allred.

Two Deaths Result From Pneumonia

Two Oldest Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Allred Died Within Two Days—Both are Victims of Pneumonia.

During the past week the Grim Reaper has entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson C. Allred and called Home their two oldest daughters, Mrs. Charlotte Ashdown and Miss Jennie Allred. No sadder affair has taken place in the annals of Star Valley than the death of these two young ladies.

Mrs. Perry Ashdown died at her home in Big Piney, Monday, December 30th, from pneumonia. Shortly before her death a babe was born which lived only three hours. The bodies of both mother and child have been brought to Star Valley for burial. She had but recently moved there with her husband who was to have taken charge of the Snider Basin Ranger station for the Wyoming National Forest. Mrs. Ashdown had had been married less than a year and was 20 years of age on the 11th of December. She was married on the 8th of last February to Perry Ashdown, an enterprising young man of Brigham City, Utah.

She was of an affectionate disposition, bright and winning in her ways, so that friendship's circle to her was a large one. Indeed, it may be said that "no one knew her but to love her."

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The second death to take place at the Allred home came New Year's day, when pneumonia claimed Miss Jennie Allred. She was ill but a few days with Spanish Influenza, when pneumonia developed, death ending her sufferings New Year's morning. She was 21 years of age last March.

In the death of Miss Allred Star Valley fully and keenly realizes its loss. She was a true friend, and her devotion to those she loved would make a bright chapter in any life. Nothing but the thought of the loving hand that has removed her can reconcile us to her absence. While she has gone from the senses, the conflicts, the sorrows and pleasures of life, she will still live in the hearts of those who knew her best. Her retiring nature led her to hide her best qualities from public gaze, but they were revealed to those who enjoyed her acquaintance, yet it was in her home that her true worth was most conspicuous. She was a kind, loving daughter, and her devotion to the family circle had no limit.

Both Mrs. Ashdown and Miss Allred were born in Fairview. Here they played, developed into beautiful womanhood, here their busy life was spent, their battles fought and their faithful service rendered to the world.

Owing to Spanish Influenza being prevalent no funeral services will be held and burial of the three bodies will take place in the Fairview cemetery at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

To the broken-hearted father, mother, husband, brothers and sisters, who sit in sorrow where their footsteps shall never again find echo, we extend sympathy. When they have drained the cup may the peace that passeth all understanding come to them from One who cares for each little sparrow that falls.

New Editor for the Allred Family Organization

The AFO Board of Directors has announced that Alice Allred Pottmyer, who has served as editor since 2000, has resigned. She has recently had health challenges and even though her health has improved, she wants to concentrate on the book on her great great grandparents, William Hackley and Elizabeth Ivie Allred.

She took over as newsletter editor from Patricia Allred Scheib with issue No. 44, the Fall 2000 issue. Pat was the first editor and began producing the newsletter in 1989.

Alice joined the AFO in 1996 and has been actively involved since that time. In addition, to the newsletter, she has been AFO Secretary, and regularly attends the Rocky Mountain Allred reunion in Spring City, Utah, and the East Coast Allred Reunion in Randolph County, North Carolina.

After her graduation from BYU, she returned to her home in Washington, D.C. She worked for four different trade/professional organizations in the DC area as an editor and later as a conference manager prior to her retirement.

She and her husband, James Pottmyer, live in Arlington, Virginia. Thave two children and three grandchildren.

She is an Allred/Ivie three ways: Alice, Berten Wendell, Birten, Wilson Monroe, William Hackley, James, William, Thomas, Solomon *and* Alice, Berten Wendell, Birten, Wilson Monroe, Elizabeth Ivie, Sarah Allred Ivie, William, Thomas, Solomon *and* Alice, Berten Wendell, Birten, Elizabeth Ann Ivie, Richard Anderson Ivie, James Russell Ivie, Sarah Allred Ivie, William, Thomas, Solomon.

The AFO Board of Directors has also announced that Maryellen West, Las Vegas, Nevada, as the new editor.

She is a graduate of the University of Utah with a Masters Degree in Learning Disabilities and Special Education. She taught special education in Utah and Oregon where she obtained certification in school administration and educational psychology from Portland State University. She has taught in special education, regular education (specializing in middle level education: geography, history and English). At the university level, she specialized in teacher education and school administration. She was a school administrator at middle level and elementary level in Las Vegas and was the Education College Chair at the University of Phoenix before retiring. She is also experienced in desktop publishing.

She is an AFO member and has served as chair for the Rocky Mountain Allred Reunion in Spring City, Utah.

She loves to travel, volunteer and turn wood.

This is her Allred lineage: Maryellen, Joyce Allred and Willard Joseph West, Archie Darrell Allred and Ellen Smith, Nelson Calvert Allred and Sarah Miranda Nelson Allred, William Moore Allred and Orissa Angelia Bates, Isaac Allred and Mary Calvert, William and Elizabeth Thrasher Allred, Thomas, Solomon.

Please send your articles, family information, photos, reunion information, etc. to:

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Note from Alice

Every second as editor of the Allred Family Organization Newsletter has been wonderful. I have been thrilled to learn more about our Allred family and their travels from England to North Carolina. Of course, many did not remain in North Carolina and there are great Allred stories all across America. The DNA information has been thrilling.

Look forward to seeing you at the Allred reunions.

Alice Allred Pottmyer

Rocky Mountain Allred Reunion July 7 and 8, 2017, Spring City, Utah

The Rocky Mountain Allred Reunion is scheduled for July 7 and 8, 2017. Our focus will be learning about our Allred ancestors through family story telling and by making stronger connections with our cousins.

If you have family lore or stories to share please blow the dust of those memories and bring them to the reunion. We will have scanners and printers ready for sharing family information!

We will again be rewarded with a dutch oven lunch provided by Cowboy Cooking- a great grandson of Isaac Allred himself owns the company. There will be activities and crafts for kids of all ages and we would love to hear from you if you have teens or young adults who would like to teach a project or craft or be involved in story telling.

Please be sure to reserve your accommodations early so you don't miss out on any of the fun. For information on hotels and camping facilities in Spring City or Sanpete County, check this Website: <http://sanpetecounty.org/pages/lodging>. More details will appear in the next newsletter, No. 110, the AFO website and the AFO Facebook pages.

Send Information for 2017 Allred Reunions

If you plan an Allred reunion in your area, please send the information to Maryellen West.

Her contact information is on pages 2 and 19.

Reunion information is printed in the newsletter and posted on the AFO web site:

www.allredfamily.com.

Oops! I Made a Mistake!

by Linda Allred Cooper

Many thanks to AFO member Sharon W. Allred who caught a mistake I made in the article about Dr. Calvin J. Allred of Ocala, Florida (Issue No. 108). Seems my math was off a little when I calculated the birth of Calvin's youngest son, Neil. In the article I stated:

"I found the Marriage License for Calvin and Mary McPherson who married in Cumberland County, North Carolina, February 18, 1869. The 1870 census in which Calvin and family were enumerated was dated July 8, 1870. Note the youngest child, Neil, was 6 months old per the census, meaning he was born in February, about the same time Calvin and Mary were married. So – who was Neil's real mother? Was Neil's mother the first wife, Julia, who possibly died during the child birth and Calvin immediately – within days of her death – remarried? Or was Neil's mother Mary who was pregnant and possibly had already given birth prior to marrying?"

But Sharon caught the mistake. Calvin and Mary were married February 18, 1869, and Neil was born about a year or so AFTER their marriage, negating the possibility of an illegitimate birth or any question about who Neil's mother might have been. I apologize for that mistake. Thanks again to Sharon for catching it and contacting me so it could be corrected.

Articles and Photographs are Welcome for the Newsletter

Information, articles, and photographs are needed for the Allred Family Organization Newsletter.

Information may be submitted online or via mail.

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AFO T-SHIRTS

Are you looking for unusual gifts for yourself the kids and grandkids this year? Well, we have our own unique Allred Family Organization T-shirts available. For a \$20 dollar donation to the AFO research fund you or your loved one will receive a t-shirt designed just for AFO *and* help fund our research teams as they go out and search for our elusive ancestors.



Shirts are available in size S, M, L, XL, XXL & XXXL, either white or light grey (silver). Some sizes are limited so order early. For example, we only have 1 - XXXL, 2 - XXL and 2 - S in white; 1 - XXXL, 0 - XXL and 1 - S in grey available. But take heart, the shirts do run large and we have a good selection of M and L available. Each shirt comes with a paper tracing our family origins back to Eccles Parish, England, in 1625.

The Request Form is below. Mail it with your \$20 donation, (the extra \$5 will help defray cost of packaging and mailing). ***Make your check payable to Allred Family Organization and mail to Joyce Allred, 11707 Indian Ridge Rd, Reston, VA 20191.*** Your request will be fulfilled according to earliest postmark.

The shirts were designed by Robert Allen, son of Dot Allred Allen, and Linda Allred Cooper.

Allred Family Organization T-Shirt Request Form

	White	Light Grey	Total
SMALL	_____	_____	_____
MEDIUM	_____	_____	_____
LARGE	_____	_____	_____
XLARGE	_____	_____	_____
XX LARGE	_____	_____	_____
XXX LARGE	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL SHIRTS	_____	X \$20	= \$ _____

Make check payable to Allred Family Organization

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE(S) _____

Mail to: Joyce Allred, 11707 Indian Ridge Rd., Reston, VA 20191

Analysis to Find Relatives

Getting the Most Out of Autosomal DNA

by John Allred

Dublin, Ohio

Autosomal DNA analysis has become very popular during the last few years, thanks in large measure to marketing by the three firms who do almost all of that type of test. Those three companies are Family Tree DNA (“Family Finder”), AncestryDNA, and 23&Me. These companies give you all kinds of reasons to have your autosomal DNA tested but, for genealogists, there is only one reason: find family! You can increase your success rate by a very simple act: **Share your information online about your family’s ancestral paper trail connected to your autosomal DNA results, and hope that others share their information with you.**

Members of our Allred family have had remarkable success using Y-chromosome DNA to confirm kinships and solve mysteries. But Y-chromosome data are relatively easily interpreted. It helps that the Y-chromosome, like the family surname, is passed from father to son, so the Allred name is itself a major clue. Interpretation of Y-chromosome results is simple: If you have enough markers analyzed (at least 25), you can compare your numbers with other Allred men and if they match or almost match, you have a relatively recent common ancestor and if they are not a close match, you don’t. Autosomal DNA is not like that – there are numerous false positives (in which you think you are related but you are not) and false negatives (in which you think you are not related but you are). While connecting information from Y-chromosome analysis to a paper trail is helpful to establishing a relationship, **in the case of autosomal DNA, it is absolutely essential.** My purpose here is to help you connect your autosomal DNA to your pedigree so others with whom you *may* be related can find you. It is also the purpose to show how you can use the information available to find real matches and rule out “false positives” or “false negatives”.

First, let me explain the difference between Y-chromosome DNA and autosomal DNA. Humans have 23 pair of chromosomes located in the nucleus of each cell. One pair is called the “sex chromosomes”, labelled XY in males and XX in females. The other 22 pair is called “autosomes” and

the DNA in them is called “autosomal DNA”. In these 22 pairs of autosomal chromosomes, half of the DNA came from the father and the other half came from the mother. In theory, 25% of the DNA came from each of the four grandparents, 12.5% from each great-grandparent, etc. However, in practice, as you go back through the generations, the actual amount inherited from each ancestor can be quite variable due to a complication of the process known as “recombinant” DNA. That is one reason that autosomal DNA is almost impossible to interpret without additional genealogical information.

It is clear that autosomal DNA analysis works best by *confirming* a relationship instead of *finding* one. This is stated by ISOGG (International Society of Genetic Genealogy), “*Autosomal DNA tests can be used to confirm relationships with a high level of accuracy for parent/child relationships and all relationships up to the second cousin level. For all relationships other than parent/child relationships additional contextual and genealogical information is required to confirm the nature of the relationship.*” (see http://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA). Suppose a body was found and police suspected that he is a very close relative (child, sibling or first cousin) of Jane Doe. An autosomal DNA test would quickly confirm or refute the relationship with very close to 100% accuracy. But if the police had no idea of the identity of the dead person, using DNA to find out who he is would be an almost impossible task in the absence of any other information about the victim’s family.

Most of us most of the time are looking to *find* relatives, not just to *confirm* what we already know or think we know. For those of us using autosomal DNA to find relatives, there are ways to maximize our chances of locating someone related to us. Notice that the statement above from ISOGG emphasizes the importance of additional genealogical information for autosomal DNA analysis to be effective in finding relatives. The key is this: Put your genealogical pedigree connected to your autosomal DNA online where others who have had the autosomal DNA

Autosomal DNA

tested can find you. If we all do that, it will be a lot easier to find each other.

One way you can link your genealogy data to your autosomal DNA results is through a free web site called GEDMatch, regardless of which company you used for your autosomal DNA analysis. [How to do that is described in the **TEXT BOX**.] In fact, GEDMatch is the only way for those who used AncestryDNA or 23&Me to do autosomal analysis and connect their results with their family's genealogy tree. Those who used Family Tree DNA should load their family history (GEDCOM file) into GEDMatch but they should also use the Family Tree DNA website to connect their DNA results with their family tree as described below.

After you have loaded your DNA data and your GEDCOM into the GEDMatch system, go to GEDMatch site (<https://www.gedmatch.com>) and log in. On the home page that pops up, go the section "Analyze your data" and click on "One-to-many-matches". Click on your name or enter GEDMatch kit number, select "Autosomal" and then "Display results". After a short wait, you are confronted with an incomprehensible table with 2000 names and email addresses. Look specifically at the heading "Autosomal" in the center of the page and then to the column marked "Total cM". These cM¹ values decrease as you move down the page. If the first few rows have cM values in the 1000s, you should know the persons because he/she is your parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt/uncle or double first cousin! If the cM value is in the hundreds, the person is very likely your first or second cousin. If the cM value is below 100, as most of them are, they may or may not be related to you. Back to the GEDMatch home page, you will find "One-to-one compare". With it, you can compare your kit with that of others to see a graphic depiction of which chromosomes, if any, you match with segments longer than 7 cM. Note however, knowing which chromosome your match occurs has no meaning of whether or not you are related.

More information can be obtained from clicking on "GEDCOM + DNA matches" under the heading of "Genealogy" on the GEDMatch home page. Put in your GEDMatch kit number and click "search". A very large table pops up, organized with the largest cM at the top with shared cM from 10 to 2000. Click on the number under the heading "GEDCOM ID" and you can see the person's pedigree or descendants. You

can search their pedigree for one of your ancestral names or use the "search" function to type in information on one of your ancestral names. As you can see, this is a long, laborious task because there are a lot of names and GEDCOM ID in this table. If you do this, start at the top because the probability of a relationship with you decreases as you go down the list.

If you are using Family Tree DNA ("Family Finder"), you are given the opportunity to upload your paper trail (GEDCOM file) under the heading "Family Tree" as shown in **TEXT BOX**. It is also very important to list your family surnames under your profile. If you go to your results page on Family Tree DNA, you will see why both of these are important. Click on "Matches" under "Family Finder" and a table of information comes up. On the left are names of possible matches. On the far right, you will find "ancestral surnames". If you find one or more of your ancestral names there, this may be a clue that you are related by way of one or more of these families. To check further, click on the small blue icon that looks like a pedigree chart next to the person's name to see their paper trail. Can you find a common ancestor with them? If so, you are related and you should be able to quickly find how you are related (1st cousin? 2nd cousin? 3rd or 4th cousin?). If you do not find a common ancestor, does this mean that you are not related? Not necessarily because they may not have shared all of their information or you may be dealing with a very common name. (e.g. such common names as Smith or Jones may come from many different DNA families and are not related within genealogical time frame). You can also find other potential relatives by typing in a family name in the search engine, labelled "Search name or ancestral surname". This will bring all of the people on the list with that surname somewhere in their pedigree to the top of the "ancestral surname" column.

You may find it most frustrating if the "ancestral name" column is blank, which means they did not share their ancestral list on their profile. Equally frustrating is when the small "pedigree icon" next to their name is grey, not blue. This means that they did not include their family tree. In either case, no ancestral surname list or family tree pedigree, you cannot be sure you are related, much less figure out how.

How many 1st through 5th cousins do you have? How many of those cousins can you expect to find with autosomal DNA analysis? Since autosomal

DNA is diluted by half each generation, the furthest back you can hope to find relationships is 5th cousin. If you had all of the information on your relatives, you could count how many cousins that would be but for almost all of us, we must rely on estimates. Simple calculations (<https://www.quora.com/What-is-the-average-number-of-DNA-relatives-for-a-23andMe-customer>) would show you have 729 relatives back to your 5th cousin if you assume that 3 children reproduce each generation. That number jumps to

4096 if you assume 4 children reproduce each generation. The real number is likely less than 4096 because families have gotten smaller during last century. Before that, families were larger but fewer children survived long enough to reproduce.

The International Society of Genetic Genealogists (see http://isogg.org/wiki/Cousin_statistics) used an even higher number of total 1st through 5th cousins but found far fewer than that could actually be detected with the methods that the three major testing firms

How to upload your autosomal DNA results connected to your genealogy family tree

Using GEDMatch with data from either Family Tree DNA, AncestryDNA or 23&Me

- Register for free GEDMatch by visiting their site: <https://www.gedmatch.com/>
- Sign in to your account and upload your “Raw DNA file” by clicking on the company who did your analysis. (See <https://www.yourdnaguide.com/upload-to-gedmatch/> if you need assistance.) **You will be given a GEDMatch kit number – write it down because you will need it later.**
- Next, upload your GEDCOM file by using “GEDCOM genealogy Upload Fast Beta version.” [GEDCOM file can be prepared from whatever software you are using for your genealogy files. You usually have the option of selecting people to include (or exclude, e.g. living persons) but remember the more open you are, the better chance that others can find you.]
- **When you load your GEDCOM file, you will be given a GEDCOM number – write that number down, you will need it again.**

For those using Family Tree DNA “Family Finder”

- Sign in to your Family Tree DNA account using your DNA kit number and password.
- Click on “myFamilyTree”
- Select “Upload GEDCOM” [See GEDCOM above]
- Click on “Dashboard” to return to your home file
- Put the cursor over your name and kit number (upper right) and select “My Profile”
- Under “Surnames” click Edit Surname.
- Click Edit and add Allred under “Surname” and add all the states where your Allred ancestors lived under “Location”. Click “save”.
- Continue to add family names (Surnames) of those who are a part of your ancestry, on both the maternal and paternal side, one at a time and, for each, add the states where they lived under “Location”. Click save after adding each one.
- Fill in information on “Most Distant Ancestor” by clicking Edit Most Distant Ancestor on your profile page

Autosomal DNA

use. The second column in **Table 1** shows the chances of detecting² a cousin from autosomal analysis. Note that the chance of detection diminishes substantially by the 5th cousin. This table means that if you had 100 *actual* fifth cousins standing in front of you, your autosomal DNA would match only 15 of them! Thus, even if you have 4,700 5th cousins, the analysis would detect only 700 of them.

(Endnotes)

¹ cM is an abbreviation for centiMorgan which is a measure of length of shared DNA segments

²The estimate of “Chance of detecting” percentages shown in the Table are very close to the percentage claimed by 23&Me, slightly lower than the values claimed by AncestryDNA and slightly higher than the estimate by Family Tree DNA.

AFO Needs a New Webmaster

by Linda Allred Cooper

Its time to step down from this job and let someone who is much more tech-savvy take over the position. When I took the job and created the website. www.AllredFamily.com, about 20 years ago, the internet was new. The software I used was very easy to use (MS Frontpage). Basically if you could use Microsoft Word, you could easily create a website. There were no video chats, live links, fancy graphics and other technology available now.

Today, there are so many applications and technology is so advanced, the AFO Website is a dinosaur. Today's web sites need to be mobile friendly so you can access it using your computer, iPad, smart phone, etc. It would be wonderful to post videos, have online chats and conferences, live stream reunions, and have all the bells and whistles available. For example, wouldn't it be fantastic to watch a video of the Tour of Allred Sites in Randolph County, North Carolina, while sitting at home in your pajamas. Or Live Chat with one of our researchers. Or attend a Video Conference or Workshop on Allred Genealogy from your living room. Attend a Reunion without traveling across the country.

All of this technology is more than I can do. We need someone who understands the new internet world and who is also - and this is VERY IMPORTANT - knows and understands Allred genealogy and history. Anyone with website design knowledge can set up the website with all the bells and whistles - but it will take someone with a strong interest in Allred genealogy to know

which Allred family histories or stories or genealogies are correct and should be posted. After all, the AFO has always prided itself on posting accurate information that can be backed up with documentation.

Maybe it could be a team effort with a web tech setting up the website while one or more Allred genealogists oversee the content.

If you or someone you know is interested in the job, please contact me. I am ready to “turn over the reins”. It is time for a new approach and new outlook!

If interested, please contact Linda Allred Cooper at 919-548-7099 or lacooper@mindspring.com.

Information on James Allred Patriarchal Blessings Book

James Allred (1784-1876) was an ordained “patriarch” in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As a patriarch, he gave “patriarchal blessings to people throughout Sanpete County, Utah. These were placed in a book that should have been returned to the church at his death, so that these people or their descendants could obtain replacement copies. This includes the blessings of many Allreds. His book was never returned to the church. It is very likely it is in the possession of one of his descendants. For the benefit of many of us and others, if you have any information about who has the book, please encourage them to contact the Church History Library, the Church of Jesus of Latter-day Saints, 15 E N Temple St, Salt Lake City, UT 84150 or 1-801-240-3310.

Allred Obituaries

Octavia Pauline Allred Comstock

1932—2016

Allred Family Organization member Octavia Pauline Allred Comstock, 84, Benning, California, died December 5, 2016, in Fontana, California. She was born March 12, 1932, in San Bernardino, California, to Virgil Raymond/Ray and Mary Adell Jones Allred. Pauline married Archillo L. Ferraro and they divorced. She then married Gerald Francis Comstock. Pauline was employed as a meat wrapper/butcher for 30 years. She like to bowl and cook. She meticulously did counted cross stitch. Her needle works were beautiful treasures. Pauline was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter, Michelle Darcy Comstock, her brother Charles Ray Allred and her son-in-law George Stanley Neely. She is survived by her husband, son Curtis Ray (Stacy) Ferraro, daughter, Sandra Sue Ferraro Neely, son, Merle Edward Constock, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Memorial services were December 17, 2016, at the Weaver Mortuary in Beaumont, California.

Arvel James Allred

1915—2016

Arvel James Allred, age 100, passed away in Orem, Utah, September 16, 2016, of causes incident to age. Arvel was born to James and Edith Hunting Allred on their homestead in Bennett, Utah, December 31, 1915. After his father died in the flu epidemic of 1918, Arvel's family continued living on the homestead until moving to Vernal in 1937. Arvel was a heavy equipment operator for Uintah county and other road and construction jobs until opening a service station business in Vernal with his brother Charley. He married Elva Atwood in 1941 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. The family lived four years in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and another ten years in Manti, Utah, where Arvel continued in the service station and tire recapping business and again worked in road construction. He and his family returned to Vernal in 1963 where they owned and operated Chuck's Drive-In until retiring in 1978. After serving with his wife in the Kentucky Louisville Mission, he was an ordinance worker in the Provo Utah Temple for nine years. He served in the Vernal Temple from its opening in 1997 until 2012, and then continued attending every day until September last year when he moved to Orem. Arvel is survived by his wife of more than 75 years, Elva, and four of their five children—Peggy Strate (Lindon), Kenneth and Dixie Allred (Mt. Pleasant), Ann Hunger (West Valley City), and Ellen Allred (Orem); 21 grandchildren, 69 great and 17 great-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings—Claud, Jennie Haslem, Afton, and Charley; son Roger Allred, son-in-law Kenneth Strate and daughter-in-law Joan Allred, one grandson, one great-grandson, and one great-great-grandson. Funeral services were September 24, 2016, in the Vernal 9th Ward, Vernal. Interment was in the Rock

Point Cemetery under the direction of Ashley Valley Funeral Home.

Robert Nathaniel Allred

1931—2016

Robert Nathaniel Allred, born May 6, 1931, died November 20, 2016, in Pasadena Texas. Robert was born and raised in Jasper, Alabama, where he met and married his love and constant companion Rachel. They moved to Chicago where they raised their family until moving to Houston in 1975. Robert worked in the oil industry for Lubrizol until he retired. He is best known and loved for his gift of laughter and ability to find humor in any situation. He loved his family dearly. Robert is preceded in death by his parents Ruben and Blanche (Todd) Allred of Jasper, Alabama. His Sister Juanita Cavazos of Richmond Virginia. His brother Ray Allred of Jasper Alabama. His daughter Brenda Allred of Baytown Texas. His granddaughter Stephanie Keese of Webster Texas. Survivors are his wife of 63 years Rachel (Jenkins) Allred of Pasadena Texas. His brother James (Ruby) Allred of Chicago, Ill. His daughters Joleen (Rich) Kassman of Baytown Texas and Melissa (Steven) Keese of Webster Texas. His son Jason (Alicia) Allred of Pasadena Texas. Grandchildren Drew Kassman, Jeremy (Sharon) Kassman, Phillip (Jenny) Keese, Patrick Keese, Leslie (Matthew) Lenio, Anthony Colaceci and Madison Allred. Great Grandchildren Charles Fowler, Aaron Villagomez, Elora Villagomez and Nathaniel Keese.

Loa Allred Burgon

1933—2016

Loa Allred Burgon died November 16, 2016, due to complications with cancer. Loa was born on October 16, 1933, to Elden Pratt and Amy Leola White Allred at their home in Fairview, Wyoming. She was the youngest of seven children and the only daughter. Her siblings include Morrell, Enid, Bryce, Garth, Val Dee, and Kaye. She lived a life full of joy and love. She cherished her family and taught many through her exemplary life of service, love, and devotion. Loa was raised in Fairview and later moved to Salt Lake City to seek employment. She was sealed to Horace Lynn Burgon in the Logan Temple on June 3, 1958, and has four children – Kirk Burgon, Bret (Marilee) Burgon, Cherilyn (Gordon) Bramall, and Cindy (Paul) Nielson. Loa blessed many lives with her musical talents. In 1979 she was called as the ward organist. She worked hard and taught herself how to use the organ and became a master at the foot pedals. She played the organ for many congregations from 1979-2015. Loa is survived by her brother, Val Dee, four children, 11 grandchildren – Sarah, Kevin, Jeff (Carah), Rebecca, Kelly, Greg, Mindy, Whitney, Emily, Zach, Holly, and a great grandson, Ryker. On November 25, 2016, funeral services were held at the Marcrest 1st LDS Church, West Valley City, Utah. On November 26, 2016 funeral services were held at Schwab Mortuary, Afton, Wyoming. Interment was in the Fairview Cemetery.

2016 Financial Health of the AFO

from Joyce Allred, Treasurer

The Allred Family Organization ended the year in the black despite another reduction in income from membership. Glancing at the 2016 Year End Financial Report below you can see that our income was primarily derived from memberships (\$3060). We received \$205 in voluntary donations (which automatically go to research unless otherwise specified), \$8.75 in interest and \$60 from sales of newsletter CDs.

Our primary expense is in communication. We financially support the AFO website managed by Linda Cooper (\$299.40) and the AFO Newsletter produced by Alice Pottmyer (\$1624; printing, mail prep, bulk shipping to officers, postage to members).

We all need to keep our AFO membership current, eliminating the need for our Treasurer to send out renewal reminders. Multiple year renewals also help eliminate the number of annual reminder mailings. It is important to keep your email and mailing address up to date allowing our Treasurer to accurately send reminders to you if/when necessary. Please, let Joyce know your new addresses (snail & email) at 11707 Indian Ridge Rd, Reston VA 20191 or jagentree@aol.com.

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*How do I know if my AFO membership has expired or is about to expire? **Check the mailing label on this newsletter for your expiration date.** Don't miss a single issue of the AFO newsletter. New findings are reported in the newsletter that just might apply to you in the next issue. **Send in your \$20 renewal today!***

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AFO Year End Financial Report

from Joyce Allred, Treasurer

Total Income for 2016 was \$3333.75

Memberships = \$3060 (down \$620 since 2015; that's 31 members we've lost through death or failure to renew)

Interest = \$8.75

Donations = \$205

Sales = \$60 (newsletter CDs)

Total Expenses for 2016 were \$2187.40

Archive Activities

\$ 50 membership in National Genealogical Society

Communications

\$1624 to produce & mail AFO Newsletter

\$ 299.40 AFO Website (Linda Cooper/Earthlink)

Operations

\$ 98 postage/printing/copying

\$ 96 supplies

\$ 20 renewal fee for Return Req'd Acct with USPS

In 2016 our income from memberships was below the budgeted amount of \$4400. To date, all members are current.

At the close of 2016 had just under \$17,000 in savings/research escrow and a little more than \$3400 in checking.

Interesting facts: 30.5 % of our current members have surname of *Allred* (or some derivative)
16.8 % of our current members have *Allred* as their middle name (male & female)
3.0 % of our current female members have "A" as their middle initial (could it be for Allred?)

Allred Family Organization 2017 Operating Budget

INCOME

• Memberships (200 @ \$20)	\$4,000.00
• Donations (to research unless otherwise noted)	100.00
• Interest	10.00
• Sales (Newsletter CDs)	40.00
• Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,150.00

EXPENSES

• Archive Activities	
Contributions of documents to libraries	50.00
• Communications	
Newsletter (4 issues/year)	2,250.00
Newsletter Postage	500.00
AFO Website – Earthlink	300.00
• Operations -	
Postage (membership kits & treasurer)	100.00
Printing/copying (new member pkts, etc)	100.00
Supplies (checks, paper, toner cartridges, etc)	50.00
• Research – escrow fund	700.00
• Contingencies	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,150.00

AFO Member Major Wedding and Birthday Announcements

Significant wedding and birthday announcements will be published in the Allred Family Newsletter. This is limited to dues paying AFO members only. **Wedding anniversaries for AFO members celebrating a 25th, 50th, 75th only will be announced in the newsletter. Also birthday announcements for 80th, 85th, 90th, through 100th and more will be announced.**

Photos and information should be sent to the editor, Maryellen West, 8574 Waterford Bend, Las Vegas NV 89123 or mewnv1@gmail.com.

Join the Allred Family Organization or Give an AFO Membership Gift



- ☐ Yes, I want to join the AFO! ☐ Gift Membership
- ☐ Renewal (check expiration date on mailing label)

Membership in the AFO includes the following:

- ❖ One-year subscription to the Allred Family Newsletter
- ❖ A Membership Certificate suitable for framing
- ❖ A New Member Kit
- ❖ Voting privileges for the Board of Directors
- ❖ Special notice of letters and reports when they become available

Please type or print clearly:

Name _____

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Please list your Allred line for the family data input as far as you know it.

For example: My Allred line is Clement, Ephraim L., Reuben W., James, William, Thomas

Parent _____

Grandparent _____

Great Grandparent _____

Dues are \$20 per year

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The AFO publishes a quarterly newsletter containing the latest family research news, family stories, photos and reunion information. It is a great way to keep up with your Allred family.

President's Column

The AFO election is this year. Some of the officers have indicated that they don't plan to seek re-election because of health or age, so it time for some of the younger members get involved.

We want the Allred Family Org. to continue to do research and promote the family unity. Also, we need you as members to send stories about your family for publication in the newsletter. Encourage other members of you family to join the Allred Family Organization. The twenty dollar annual fee is used to pay for the newsletter, the Website, Allredfamily.com, research and administrative expenses.



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