

# ALLRED FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Official Publication of the "Allred Family Organization, Inc."

*Our Mission is to identify and unite the Allred family through gathering, storing and sharing information*

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I would like to welcome MaryEllen West as the editor for the ALLRED FAMILY ORGANIZATION. This will be her first newsletter for the AFO, and I'm sure she will do a great job. MaryEllen will need your support, so send those stories about the Allred family so that we all can enjoy them. Encourage your families to join the AFO because this is where we get our funds for research.

The AFO elections are this year. We need younger Allred's to participate as the average age on the present board is about seventy, I have to confess that I celebrated my eighty-first birthday a few months ago. So, you can blame me for that!

*It has been an honor to serve as President of the AFO for the past nine years but I will not seek re-election. Many thanks to everyone for their support.*

### **We need your help!**

#### **ARTICLES AND PHOTOGRAPHS ARE WELCOME FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

Information, articles, and photographs are needed for the Allred Family Newsletter. Information may be submitted to MaryEllen West, Editor, AFO Newsletter, 8574 Waterford Bend Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89123 or [mewnv1@gmail.com](mailto:mewnv1@gmail.com).

Sharing your memories will help keep our ancestors alive in the minds and hearts of our younger generation. (and in ours)

**Visit us at [www. Allredfamily.org](http://www.Allredfamily.org)**

**2017 AFO ELECTIONS**  
**Watch for ballots in the next edition of the newsletter**

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. This AFO election will be held by mail ballot, therefore making it easier for all members to participate. Please take the time to read the bios included in this newsletter and vote for the person you feel represents you the best in your family organization.

**PRESIDENT:** The president shall oversee all board meetings in person or via the Internet. The president is an 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 meeting. 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 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; and insures proper deposit of funds.

**SUBMIT ADDRESS CHANGE OR  
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ADDRESS**

If you are moving, please forward a change of address to the Allred Family Organization, 11707 Indian Ridge Road, Reston, Virginia, 20191. Also, if you have a new phone or email, please let Joyce Allred know at the above address or via email:  
[jagentree@aol.com](mailto:jagentree@aol.com)

## **CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF AFO**

### **Introducing Mark Lazarre:**

I am the son of Helen Allred, and a member of the Allred organization for over 15 years. I have researched Allred genealogy for 40 years. I descend from Phineas, son of Soloman.

I am an attorney, and live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I am married, two children, two grandchildren.

I led the successful effort to enlist volunteers in England to take the DNA test many years ago.

My platform is as follows:

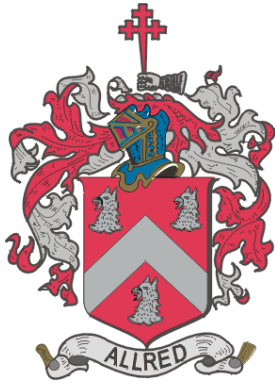
1. Continue the good work of the organization.
2. Expand the proposed membership to include Allreds from the rest of the English-speaking world, and especially in and around Manchester England. Strive to have an article per issue that comes out of one of those foreign countries.
3. Expand the qualification for membership to include not only Allreds, but Alreds, Aldreds, and various offshoots.
4. Have more regional events, and include those in England. Have one meeting in Manchester/Eccles area on a yearly or every other year basis.

5. Update the website.

6. Bring the entire operation up to 21st century standards.
7. Reincorporate the organization, which has lapsed. We have continued to use the "INC" in our name which is not proper.
8. Allow payments of dues online.
9. Make the next great leap on genealogy in the Manchester, England area. Publish more articles on the history and culture of the region.
10. Enforce ethical standards on all board members.
11. Have subgroups of organization based on children of the original Soloman or on regions of US or UK. Make it easier to contact others within your subgroup to concentrate research efforts and social events.
12. Reach out to find other descendants of John Allred of Eccles besides our Soloman.

As you can see my platform emphasizes two things: Updating the organization and expanding it into the United Kingdom. An unspoken third thing is actually the most important-keeping it alive so that it can still be viable 25 years from now.

Mark Lazarre  
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**CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT  
OF AFO:**

*Lawrence Lewis*

**CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF  
AFO**

*Vacant*

**CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER OF  
AFO:**

*Joyce Allred*

*Since becoming your Treasurer in 2001, I have steadfastly managed your money in a responsible, ethical and professional manner. I have kept your donations to the research fund in escrow using them solely to fund numerous trips by several AFO genealogists to trace our family lines. These trips have been very beneficial. If re-elected to the position of treasurer, I will continue to serve you in the same fashion.*

*Have you missed reading old issues of the newsletter?*

*Would you like to catch up on what was happening to the Allred's during the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> centuries?*

*Want to know who attended the past reunions?*

*We have a solution for you.*

**The Allred Family Organization began publishing the newsletter in the Fall of 1989. Since that time, 110 issues or four per year have been published.**

**The newsletters contain family histories, research, photos, plus news of Allred reunions around the country. They are available in an attractive thumb drive or CD-ROM in PDF format. An index is included.**

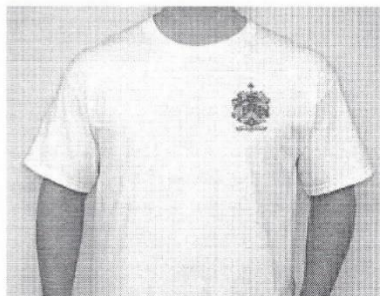
**The cost is \$25 for members of the Allred Family Organization and \$35 for nonmembers. The charges include postage and handling.**

**To order a flash drive or CD, please send a check for \$25 (AFO member) or \$35 (nonmember) to**

**The Allred Family Organization  
11707 Indian Ridge Rd.  
Reston VA 20191**

### 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

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## ORSON PRATT ALLRED AND SARAH JANE RICH



### **Stories from the Family of Orson Pratt Allred and Sarah Jane Rich**

*By Harvey Rich Allred and other family members and condensed by MaryEllen West*

*Orson Pratt Allred (1867-1910) was the son of William Moore Allred who was the son of Isaac Allred and Mary Calvert.*

“Father and Mother were both born and raised in the Bear Lake area (Idaho) and spent most of their younger lives in St Charles, Idaho. When Father was courting Mother, she was so shy that she would cross the street to keep from meeting him if she saw him coming in time. The first-time Father went to see her he went without an appointment and just as a casual visitor. He sat there visiting with the family in general for a while, then Mother went to bed. She said later that she thought he just came in to see Hyrum.”

“They had a lovely courtship during which they attended many dances. It was the custom to dance the plain quadrille. In those days, it was considered immodest to dance as partners close together; however, the pressure was finally brought to bear regarding dance rules and they started allowing one or two waltzes during the evening. This practice was carried on for many years but in time the plain quadrille was almost a forgotten art.”

“They married in 1887...they set up housekeeping in a little log cabin where Father was born almost exactly 20 years before and their first child, Theras Olson, was born in 1888. Soon after, Father built a small log cabin about one mile south of St. Charles where their next two children were born. In the spring of 1893 they sold their property and moved to Star Valley where they spent the remainder of their lives. Father’s dad, William Moore, lived very close to Father, he being the youngest of the family. There was plenty of good land to be had by the homestead act and come to be bought at a cheap price. There was lots of wild game to attract the daring hunter and plenty of good fishing so all in all it looked very attractive. They forgot to consider that they would face many tough winters. Nevertheless, they were a very hardy bunch and were not afraid to face the hardships.”

Over the course of the next several years, Orson Pratt built and made improvements on a simple wood cabin where two more children were born. The author continues: "I remember when Father started finishing the west room, the first thing he had to do was to saw the logs through to make a doorway into the new room. I remember he sawed the two top logs out with a one-man saw. Then Theras crawled through and handled the other end of the two-man log saw to cut the rest of the way down. I remember watching Father hew the logs on the inside of this room making them level. This was done with a broad axe. This made quite a nice wall which they covered with factory, then wall paper. Our home was a happy place for all of us to remember. Mother (Sarah Jane Rich) was such a good homemaker and always was so concerned about our welfare. Each of us boys in the family was taught to play in the old Fairview brass band and we had many happy experiences doing that. At that time it was not customary for girls to play in the band so they missed that opportunity."

"We had many good time in the old Fairview ward. The baseball games were always a highlight. Competition was keen between Fairview and Afton. In fact, it was so keen that sometimes fights would develop. Nevertheless, they were usually settled peacefully. Father was a good baseball player and he always arranged the work so that all the boys had at least one-half day per week for ball playing.

Father always played catch. He used to catch without a mask with only a pair of his gloves. He thought a mask was too much in the way until someone hit a foul tick and hit him in the nose. They thought he was going to bleed to death. After that he always wore a mask."

"We always used to have a lot of good dramas at the church. Father and Mother took part in many of these plays. I remember when they played the one entitled "the White Lie." Mother played the lead in that one. There wasn't much else for people to do in those days for entertainment, so they made their own. I remember anxiously waiting for the curtain to raise and the big play to begin."

"My parents were very poor when they were establishing their new home in Star Valley. I remember seeing some rawhide on some posts in the field and asked Father what it was for. He told me they were so poor they could not afford to buy wire to fasten the posts and poles together so they tied them with rawhide (rawhide is made by cutting deer skins in strips, this was applied while green and then as it dried it became very tight and strong). The field was first fenced in this manner."

"In those days when a part was played on the stage representing a Dutchman, it was usually a comedy part and they always seemed to think a Dutchman had to be fat, so he was always made up that way. One day Father was fitting some wood together and



as it didn't fit just right, he put in what is usually called a shim. Elden said," What's that?" Father said, "A Dutchman!" Elden said, "An honest Dutchman?" He meant, was it a real Dutchman."

"Father was quite fleshy in his later years and at one time he drove into the yard of some friends in the valley. Their little girl saw him get out of the buggy and she ran into the house and told her mother there was a Dutchman out in the yard!"

"One time Father and Theras were riding the old gray mare to band practice. Father had the bass horn and Theras the baritone. The old mare must have had a heart attack or something worse. Anyway, she dropped dead right under them. She lit on the baritone horn and mashed it flat. They straightened it somewhat, but it was not much good after that."

"The farm did not supply enough income for the family so Father used to sell different kinds of things. He once tried the nursery business, but that did not work very well. He tried selling Bliss Native Herbs which were supposed to cure everything from gout to headache. Then he got into the selling business with the W.T. Raleigh Company. They had all kinds of household needs such as extracts and spices and may home remedies. Father was a good salesman and everyone liked to see him come. He carried a case with all kinds of samples so neatly arranged that they were very attractive. One product he sold was Golden Cough Syrup.

He had a little poem that he would challenge each child to learn. If they learned it when he came next time, he promised them a package of gum. The poem ran like this:

Little Willie Wiggle had a case of  
croup

He whooped and coughed so very  
hard he fell into the soup

But now little Willie coughs no more,  
his face you see is jolly

Why? He took some golden cough  
syrup and now he praises Raleigh!"

"The worst of all hardships came when Father was taken from us. He was 38 years old when he was taken with appendicitis. He had several attacks of this, then decided to take the doctor's advice and have the appendix removed. The medical facilities in Star Valley were very inadequate so he decided to go to Ogden, (Utah) and have it done. The operation was a success but he still had some problems with distress in his side. This seemed to bother him off and on the rest of his life though he never seriously was sick with the problem.

"At the commencement of his final sickness, he was playing for a dance...he was taken with severe pains in the abdomen so was taken across the street to Aunt Maria's home and the doctor was called there. There seemed to be a stoppage in the bowels and they could not get a bowel movement.

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The doctor decided that they should do an exploratory operation. We didn't know anything else but to take the doctor's advice...the operation was done in a room of Aunt Maranda's hotel in Afton with very poor facilities. They handled his intestines looking for the trouble and I am sure this caused him to go into shock. Anyway, he never fully regained consciousness. When we were permitted to see him before he passed away, he was rolling and raving in agony and did not seem to recognize us." He died soon after.

Orson Pratt Allred left eight children, the oldest 21 and the youngest was only three. He was a leader of his community and church and his passing was a terrible blow to his family and friends. END

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The East Coast Allreds have announced they will hold a reunion September 9, 2017, in Randolph County, NC.

### **Randolph County, NC Allred Reunion**

*The 2017 Randolph County, NC Allred Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 9 at Central Falls Baptist Church beginning at 11:00 AM. The church is located at 1332 Old Liberty Rd., Asheboro, NC 27203.*

*Activities for this year's reunion include a meal at noon, a raffle and an auction. Please bring a covered dish and join us for fun, food, and fellowship. Linda Allred Cooper will give a presentation on Allred Genealogy. Terry Routh will have his collection of Civil War memorabilia displayed and will discuss some of the items in his collection. He will be joined by some other members from SCV Camp #92 and they may plan some other activities.*

*The ECAFA is doing another historical Randolph County, NC calendar for 2018 as a fundraiser for cemetery preservation at the historical Billy Trogon Cemetery which is owned by the ECAFA. We have not done a calendar since 2014. All calendar sales will be pre-order so there will be no extras for purchase. The cost of the calendars will be \$15.00 each plus shipping. Order forms will be available at the reunion. If you cannot attend the reunion, but would like to help out our fundraiser by purchasing one, please send an email to Gina Morton Smith at the email address listed below and she will email you an order form. All orders must be received no later than October 31, 2017. Please help us spread the word about our fundraiser.*

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*The Billy Trogdon Cemetery is at least 227 years old based on the death date of the oldest readable tombstone. It could be much older than this considering that many of the graves are only marked by fieldstones with no inscriptions if they are marked at all. This cemetery is the final resting place for many Allreds including the “original” William Allred and his wife, Elizabeth Diffy (Diffie). It is the final resting place of many Allred related ancestors with the surnames Trogdon, Julian, Hammer and Free (Ferree) just to name a few.*

*For information on where to stay in Randolph County, please visit [www.chamber.asheboro.com](http://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](mailto:ginamortonsmith@yahoo.com).*

**Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in Randolph County on September 9, 2017.**

### **A note from a new editor:**

I face this new challenge with excitement and a little trepidation as I attempt to fill the “big shoes” of the previous editor, Alice Pottmyer. I’m not saying she has big feet but that she has left a big footprint in the newsletters of the Allred Family Organization. As a relative newcomer of two years, I have to rely on the expertise and knowledge of the board and of you, our members, to provide the fodder for future newsletters. My aunt and mother have accumulated information for my lineage: Isaac and Mary Calvert Allred and I am happy to share that with members but I know there are stories, photos and memorabilia out there about which we would all like to learn. Please share your stories and memories with us so that we can flesh out the lives of our ancestors. Not to be melodramatic but their blood runs through our veins and their genes are shared by all of us. Let’s share their stories. Please send them to me via email or snail mail.

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# 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

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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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Send your check or money order made payable to the Allred Family Organization:

Allred Family Organization 11707 Indian Ridge Road Reston VA 20191

*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.*

## ***JIM ALLRED, AFO DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, TURNS 80***

James Vernon > Edward Jackson > Samuel Jackson > Mastin M > John > Eli ? > Thomas ? >

James V Allred, born June 4, 1937 in Canton, Ohio, was the last of 4 children born to Nannie Erma (Wright) and Edward Jackson Allred. From a very early age he exhibited an entrepreneurial approach to life beginning as a newspaper carrier, then at 16 stocking shelves in grocery stores. He graduated high school in 1955 just 2 weeks after the sudden death of his father. Jim was thrust into the role of “man of the house” since his 3 siblings were 10-15 years older than him, married and raising families of their own.

By continuing to work at grocery stores and gasoline stations Jim was able to put himself through a 5-year architectural program at Kent State University, graduating in 1961. During this time, he enrolled in ROTC and ultimately served 5 years in the US Army.

In 1963 Jim married Joyce Cozette Selby (current AFO Treasurer) and moved to Dayton, Ohio where he worked in the Base Civil Engineering Office at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. In 1967 their son, Jay Scott, was born.

That same year the young family moved to Reston, VA and Jim took a job with the Army Surgeon General’s Office in Washington, DC. During the 1970s, he was instrumental in developing a new living environment for the Corps of Engineers when the US made a move to an all-volunteer army.

While working full time Jim earned his Masters of Architecture degree from Catholic University in two years, graduating in 1971, the same year their daughter Joy Michelle was born.

Jim was promoted to Chief Architect, Army Corps of Engineers and his career as an architect soared ultimately being appointed by Congress in 1979 to establish the Medical Facilities Design Office. Jim oversaw design and construction of medical facilities worldwide for the Armed Services. He retired in 1997.

Since retiring he has enjoyed researching his family line, traveling, model trains (for the grandchildren of course), photography, doing volunteer work and spending time with their 2 grandchildren, Samuel Joshua and Madelyn Cozette. Jim currently serves as AFO Director of Research.



# RETURN TO YOUR SPRING CITY ROOTS AT THE ALLRED REUNION

FRIDAY EVENING July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**After 6 pm:** hot dogs, music and conversation at the pavilion near the church parking lot. Cemetery scramble with docents available. 2 cemeteries in town



SATURDAY JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

Free registration begins at **8 am**

Sharing stories and memories from the family, period crafts and activities for all ages and lunch provided by the Rocky Mountain Allred Reunion.

FIND US AT THE HISTORIC LDS MEETING HOUSE, 164 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SPRING CITY. UTAH

**9:30 a.m.** Business meeting and cemetery flag scramble (supervised activity for children).

**10:00 a.m.** Break into family groups for sharing family histories: Basic groups will be divided into the children of **William Allred and Elizabeth Thresher**: James Allred and Elizabeth Warren; Isaac Allred and Mary Calvert; William Allred and Sarah Ann Warren; Sarah Allred and Anderson Ivie and Mary Allred and David Sanders. These stories and histories will be made available for digital sharing during the day. Scanners and printers will also be available. Bring thumb drives to transfer data if you wish. All attendees are encouraged to bring family stories and/or histories & memorabilia to share.

**Noon:** Cowboy Cooking will cater a delicious Dutch oven lunch. This year your lunch is **FREE!** **But reservations are required by June 30<sup>th</sup>** so we can tell our wonderful cook (a direct descendent of Isaac Allred) how many lunches to prepare. Please contact Joe West at [pelikan@xmission.com](mailto:pelikan@xmission.com) or 801-292-3807. Participants are asked to bring a salad or dessert to augment the lunch. Water will be provided.

After lunch we will have more exciting activities TBA

For places to stay in Spring City go to <http://sanpetecounty.org/pages/lodging>. For information on Spring City: <http://springcitycorp.com>

## Rocky Mountain Allred Books

The popular second edition biography of *Isaac Allred, Son of James and Elizabeth Allred, 1813-1859*, is reprinted. The price is \$57 plus \$5 shipping and handling.

This volume is basically the same as the first edition published in 2009 but contains fewer pages. The family group sheets have been eliminated from this printed version. However, there is a pocket in the cover of the second edition that contains a CD.

This saved printing costs as well as mailing for the book. The book weighs less and is easier to handle than the volume published in 2009.

The book has the history of Isaac Allred, his family and his children. There are photos of various family members. Isaac Allred played the violin and his violin has been passed to various family members over the years and is now in the possession of Linda Isom.

## Missionary Diary

There is also a missionary diary of Isaac Allred's three missions in the United States. He served a fourth mission to England, but no diary has been found. Each page of the diary was photographed and digitally enhanced. There is a transcription of what he wrote. Period maps of Missouri and Kentucky are highlighted in this volume. The book is \$22.00 plus \$5 shipping and handling.

For further information on either the reunion or the books, contact Larry Allred at [larrycallred@msn.com](mailto:larrycallred@msn.com), 801-558-6753 or 801-451-2742.

Also, Larry can update you on other Allred books in progress. *The children of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred*

1. Isaac and Mary Calvert Allred
2. William Hackley Allred
3. Martin Carrol Allred
4. Hannah Caroline Allred
5. Reuben Warren Allred
6. James Tillman Sanford Allred
7. Andrew Jackson Allred
8. John Franklin Lafayette Allred

**Bring your younger  
family members and  
introduce them to  
Spring City: home of  
the Allreds since 1852**

*Biographies Available for Sale at the Reunion*

Isaac Allred, son of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred.

Reddick Newton Allred, son of Isaac and Mary Calvert Allred



## OBITUARIES

### **Imogene Johnson Thorn**

**1923—2017**

Imogene Johnson Thorn, a member of the Allred Family Organization, died March 20, 2017, in Gilbert, Arizona, at the age of 93, following a brief battle with pneumonia. She was born July 3, 1923, to Ralph McClellan Johnson and Ruby Jensen Johnson in Barnwell, Alberta, Canada, the third of eight children: Rula Hope, Mills McClellan, Imogene, Stewart Kent, Gladys Winona, Glen J., Raymond Drew, and Sylvia Ann. Despite the Great Depression, she spent a happy childhood working on their family farm on the Canadian prairie, listening to meadow larks and enjoying the clouds and sunsets. She loved learning, attended secretarial school in Calgary and studied English at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where she met Scott Lee Thorn. They were married on July 10, 1946, and became the parents of five daughters. She was a loving mother and grandmother, and found great joy in her family. She and her husband sang in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. She valued great art, music and literature. She was honored with a community award for her service in tutoring schoolchildren to read. She had a tremendous capacity for enjoyment and lived life with vigor. She learned to swim in her fifties, skiing in her sixties, and began learning Spanish in her seventies. She did

funny tap dances to entertain children, which became even funnier when she did them holding on to her walker. Despite her severely limited vision, she was reading new books until the week of her death. Imogene was preceded in death by her husband, Scott Lee Thorn.







**Bob Harold Allred**, 78, a resident of Ponchatoula, La, passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at North Oaks Medical Center in Hammond, La. He was born February 14, 1939 in Brookhaven, Ms and at an early age his family moved to Slidell, La. He was preceded in death by his father, Benton Morris Allred and his mother, Ruth Fauver Allred of Slidell, La. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Peggy Blount Allred; his sister Hilda Allred and her husband Roy Ageloff of Scottsdale, Az, his niece Shana Allred Ageloff Kupetz and her husband Joshua, their children, Edith and Oscar of Ann Arbor, Mi; his aunt and uncle Ruby Fauver Henderson and Dennis Fauver of Slidell, La; his sister-in-law Mary Lou Blount Harrington of Georgetown, Tx, her children Jason Harrington of Lago Vista, Tx,

Janna Harrington Turner and husband Sean of Pflugerville, Tx, great-nieces Sophia and Olivia Harrington, great-nephew Jaxson Harrington; sister-in-law Ginny Blount Fern and her husband Gene of Georgetown, Tx and niece Ashley Fern of Dallas, Tx; and numerous cousins in Lincoln County, Ms. Bob earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees and Master's plus 30 hours at Southeastern Louisiana University. He taught at the Junior High level in St. Tammany Parish for 7 years before moving to the now-closed Perrin Junior High in Ponchatoula, La. At Perrin Junior High he taught social studies and science for 10 years. He was Assistant Principal for 10 years and retired in 1995 after serving 8 years as principal.

He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa International Education Partnership, Louisiana Teachers Retirement Association and past member of the Strawberry Festival Board and the Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce.

**Rocky Mountain Allreds have a private Face book page but you can join it! Come on in and see what your cousins are sharing**



**Arva Madsen Allred**, age 92, passed away on April 30, 2017 in Cedar City, Utah. She was born to Alonzo Franklin Madsen and Leona Gertrude Ferrell on November 27, 1924 in Magna, Utah. Arva graduated from Pocatello High School and attended one semester at the University of Utah. She worked at Hill Air Force Base, Utah and at Gowan Field, Idaho in the machine shop during World War II. She served as a missionary in the Southern States Mission in 1946. Arva married Harvey Bland Allred on March 8, 1951 in Manti, Utah. They were sealed one year later in 1952 in the Manti Temple. She served in many callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Her callings as a teacher to the youth and children were her favorite. Her testimony of the Book of Mormon and Jesus Christ was her most prized possession.

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**Raymond S. Allred, Jr.** was born December 27, 1931 in Pampa, Texas, son of Raymond S. Allred and Clara Mae Thompson Allred. He died on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas. His father was District Attorney when he was born. Raymond was the nephew of former Governor of Texas, James V. Allred.

Raymond really began his military career at San Marcos Academy and later transferred to Allen Military Academy where he graduated in 1951. He immediately enlisted to participate in the Korean War. That was the beginning of his thirty-seven-year military career. He received AA, BS, MBA and MMAS degrees. In addition to attending Allen Military Academy, he also attended the University of Texas, University of Nevada, Indiana University and the University of Kansas.

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Ray also attended many military schools, which culminated with the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks. During his career, he had combat tours in both Korea and Viet Nam. His many decorations reflected that participation. He was also awarded the Master Parachute, Master Free Fall Parachute, and Vietnamese Parachute badges. These military memorabilia are showcased at the Fort Belknap Museum, which is located near Graham, Texas. Ray spent much of his active military career with elite airborne units. He was most active in the sport of parachuting, competing and/or representing the U.S. Army and this country in many International Parachute Competitions. The 1973 World Relative Work Championship and the 1976 World Championship CISM Competition was the most noteworthy.

Ray had a zest for life and enjoyed playing golf and hunting with family, friends, and his dog. He actively trained dogs and hunted until his death. Upon retiring as Colonel in 1988, he became a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU). He also participated in local civilian clubs and organizations such as The American Red Cross, Lions Club, United Way, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Republic of Texas and others. He was also an Honorary Texas Ranger.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Mary Virginia Allred Stacey. Ray is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Lenore Fischer Allred; sons, Raymond S. Allred III and Edward W. Allred (Rachel); daughters Elizabeth Ann Allred Redmond (Lawrence), Elaine Mary Allred Mayberry (Michael); and 12 grandchildren.

### **SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS FOR AFO MEMBERS**

**Wedding anniversaries for AFO members celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup> only will be announced in the newsletter. Also, birthday announcements for 80<sup>th</sup>, 85<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup> and every year thereafter will be announced.**

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