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Children of Sarah Sephronia "Phronie" Allred Justesen
Sarah Grace, Ida Bell, Maude L. & Eva Nell (abt. 1880)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We expect 1994 to be a big year for the Allred Family Organization. We plan to expand our family information in both the ancestral base and in the living records. Many of our members have had access to the book, *The Allred Family In America*, published in 1965 by the late Rulon C. Allred. We are imputing this record into our genealogy computer program and want to update this record with all corrections and additional information on the family. In order to do this we will need the help and cooperation of all our family members.

The way we plan to do this is by asking for input on specific family lines in the various areas of the country where our Allred family migrated. If you have information, please send it to us.

We still feel that most, if not all, of the Allreds in America will be able to trace their ancestry to one of the Allred families of Orange County, North Carolina in the 1750's. These are, Thomas Allred, William Allred, John Allred, Solomon Allred and Isaac Allred and we want you to trace your records to one of these families, or as far back as you can and then let us help you create the link up.

We realize that many of you have already sent your records in to the roster program. The roster creates the link up but does not supply us with some of the genealogical information we need to have in our Family Records Program, such as location and date of event. We may need to contact some of you for additional information.

If you have your family records on a computer genealogy program, we would like you, if possible, to send us your family information on floppy disc in either IBM format or Macintosh format.

If you have a computer, but do not have a genealogy program, we would suggest the PAF 2.3 (Personal Ancestral File) program that is marketed through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. This program is used extensively across the U.S. and has a very modest cost of \$35. It is comparable to other programs costing several hundred dollars and can be acquired in either IBM or Macintosh versions. If you would like more information, just drop us a line and we will tell you how you can order this program.

We are also desirous of compiling family histories and other stories pertaining to the Allred family so if you have a family history story, please send them as well. Pictures of the family members with each identified are needed in the picture archive.

We have a Family Search column in the AFN entitled Notes & Queries, so if you want to find a lost member of your family, you could send in a request with as much information you have for a search. It is very possible that a member of the Allred Family Organization will have some information that can be returned to you. Send your request in to the editor of the AFN for the Family Search Column.

We will be looking for recommendations and suggestions for the AFN as well as help us with the AFO and if anyone would like to help on any of the committees, please fill out the form included in this issue of the AFN or write to us. We would especially like help on the Genealogy Committee.

Gary D. Allred

The January 1994 research report from Dawnell Griffin is available free to members of the AFO. Simply send a self addresses stamped envelope to Gary D. Allred and he will send the five and one half page report to you. This time it is on Elizabeth Allred, who married William Horner (B. 17 Aug 1747), daughter of John Allred.

The report is also available to those who are not members of the AFO. The cost to non-members of the AFO is \$5. Send your check to Allred Family Organization Inc. and send it to the home of our president, Gary D. Allred. We have decided to make the report separate from the AFN because the newsletter is just getting too big! In fact Gary asked me to please try and leave room for a stamp this time...

Pickey, Pickey, Pickey...

REUNION SOUVENIRS

We are looking into having some great souvenirs for our 1994 reunion.. Someone suggested an Allred Pin with a bar hanging down for each year attended from 1991. Also it was suggested we might have Allred Buttons this year. In the past the cups with our coat of arms were a great hit and also the T shirts and hats went over very well. If anyone has any great ideas for souvenirs please let us know. Time is going so fast it will be June before we even realize it. It's fun to have a souvenir and I wouldn't take anything for my 1992 Allred cup so or my 1993 Allred hat, so come on and help with some good ideas.

ALLRED PHOTO ARCHIVES

Our Photo Archive Chairman, Bob Blakely is still gathering ancestor photos. He still wants more and more. Please, just take your old photo album to the nearest Kinkos and have LASER COPIES made of the pages. It won't cost much and we need them so (Xerox copies do not work well). You may be the only person in your whole family who has that precious picture of Aunt Gerta or Grandpa John.

Bob has a great respect for old photos and if you decide to entrust them to us Bob will make a copy and return your original safely to you. He will then have a negative so that someday we will be able to answer queries for photos. There is something so wonderful about actually seeing what your great grandparents really looked like. Please help us to build up our Allred Family Photo Archives.

Bob is still working on the index of the photos he already has. He says it is taking him much longer that he expected but it should be ready for inclusion in AFN #19 (April 94).

Oh, and by the way, when you send those laser copies it would be very helpful if you will tell us as much as possible about each photo...name, date, relationship, location etc. Thanks cousins! I know you want to help..just take the time to do it!

GENEALOGICAL HELPER

We have now placed two advertisements in the world famous Genealogical Helper. We have had some good response and have decided at our last AFO meeting to place an ad in every other issue. The Helper comes out every two months so we will be published three times a year. The Helper is placed in genealogy libraries throughout the world so we as a board felt it was worth the price of the ad (\$70). There have been several people who have learned about our organization through the helper and have been excited to find out that the great Allred Family has now been officially organized and incorporated.

Once again we will be holding our annual ALL ALLRED reunion in Spring City, Utah. It is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 25th. We really would like to see you all there so mark that date down on your calendar.

As in years past we are planning on having a bonfire get-together on Friday night prior to the reunion and on Saturday night after the reunion. This gives everyone an opportunity to visit and enjoy each others company. In previous years we have had some really wonderful entertainment and would like to encourage any of you who desires to participate. If you would like to volunteer to participate please let us know. Also remember to bring some hot-dogs or marshmallows to toast on the fire, we will have willow sticks available for you to use.

The reunion this year will be held at the OLD SCHOOL not at the park by the church. We have enough vehicles and motor homes parked that it causes a problem for the church. They have informed us that overnight parking will not be allowed at the church. So please do not park at the church. There will be plenty of parking and overnight parking at the Old School.

Last year we had various organizations in Spring City put on a bake sale and cook hamburgers for lunch. The prices were reasonable and the food was outstanding. For this reason we will be working with them to try to have them do this again.

It seems that every year we have some things at the reunion that work very well and others that don't. One of the things which could stand some refining is the raffle. We were so overwhelmed with items donated to be raffled off that it almost turned out that we were putting on a raffle instead of a reunion. We really need some input from you on how you would like to see this handled, or maybe we should not have a raffle at all. For that matter we are real interested in hearing from you on any aspect of the reunion. If you have some ideas or can spare some time at the reunion to help PLEASE let us know.

The Cemetery Scramble we were treated to last year proved to be one of the things that really worked. The kids took little red or (all red) flags and went through the cemetery placing them on Allred graves. The kids had a great time. We will try to do this again this year.

Also at the reunion this year we will try to have a copy machine available. They come in real handy when you want a copy of something from one of your cousins.

We should have some games available for the kids or those of you who feel like kids. This is another area where we could really use some input from you. One suggestion has been to have a volleyball and net set up for those who want to play volleyball. Please let us know what you think.

We are pleased to announce that Larry Cook has volunteered to help with the reunion. If you need information, have a suggestion, or want to help with some part of the reunion, you can contact Larry or me at the numbers listed below. We look forward to seeing you all there. Bob Olson at 2796 W. 5300 S. - Roy, UT 84607 (801) 775-0540 or Larry Cook at 447 N. 200 S. - Farmington, UT 84025 (801) 451-2742

OPENING ON AFO BOARD

Due to the retirement Earlene Smart from the AFO Board of Directors, there is now an opening for a member of the Board.

When the members of the AFO meet for our business meeting in Spring City during the June 25 Reunion, a new position on the board could be selected. Now is the time for the various family groups to determine a candidate for a position on the Board of Directors. The requirements are that the member attend the quarterly AFO meeting in Salt Lake City. In an emergency, a proxy may be sent to represent a missing member.

The Board of Directors will elect a new Vice President over Genealogy to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

SPRING CITY'S NEW MAYOR

by Tessie J. Pyper

In November, the citizens of Spring City, Utah elected a new mayor and appropriately, his name is Robert S. Allred. As many of you know, Spring City was once called "Allred Settlement." Robert is an Allred descendant on both his mother's and father's sides. His mother is Lola Winona Justesen, (Lola Jane Allred, James Anderson Allred, William, William, Thomas). His father, Louis Samuel Allred, (Samuel Willis, Samuel, Isaac, James, William, Thomas).

Robert was born and raised in Spring City. he is married to the former Nedra Syme and they have seven children, five girls and two boys. He attended local schools, graduating from North Sanpete High School in 1964. After attending Snow College for a year, he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1966, sent to Fort Bliss, Texas for basic training and to Fort Polk, La. for advanced infantry training. He served a year in Vietnam with the First Infantry Division, then finished his enlistment at Fort Carson, Colorado.

Robert has worked for L & M Trailer in Spring City and the Sanpete County Sheriff's Office. He is currently employed by the Utah National Guard as a Readiness NCO and was activated in Jan. 1991 with the Unit during Desert Storm. He begins his mayoral term in January.

EARTHQUAKE

Many of our family members have been caught up in the recent disasters of storms, floods, fires and now the 1994 earthquake. Our hearts go out to them all. One that we know of is our own Don Allred, creator of the "Allred Family Roster." Don lives within a couple of miles of the epicenter and was awakened by being hurled about in the darkness. The sound of escaping gas caused him to run in the dark through layers of broken glass to turn of the broken gas pipe on the water heater. For four nights he slept in his van parked in his driveway while the earth continued to tremble with up to 5 point quakes. There was no heat, water phones or electricity during that time. He had some food stored but without water it was virtually useless. He said the only hot food he had for three days was twice eating at McDonalds.

Many of you saw on the news, one of the streets that erupted in fire due to broken gas lines. That was Don's street and there were 6 homes lost because without water there was no way to stop the advancing fires.

When the first daylight came and Don had a chance to evaluate the damage he discovered that he had fared better than most. The fireplace is separated from the house and daylight can be seen through the walls, everything was turned upside down or broken. The good news is that he thinks his computer is okay and thanks to wonderful foresight on Don's part, the Allred Family Roster is safe and intact. Don has been preparing for just such a disaster by backing up all his input with Tessie Pyper in Spring City. There is no possible way anyone could imagine the thousands of hours Don has spent for our family with his Roster. We are all so grateful he and Teresa came through it alive and that the Roster with the record of our 60,000 Allreds is safe as well.

ALLRED FAMILY ORGANIZATION MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the AFO will be held at 10 AM on April 16, 1994 at the home of Gary D. Allred.



Back: Gladys M. Allred, Kenneth F. Allred, Elza C. Allred,
Front: Louise J. Allred, Lillie M. Allred, Claud H. Allred

EARLENE RETIRES FROM AFO BOARD

Due to personal family reasons Earlene Smart will be retiring from the Board of Directors and as Vice President over Genealogy on Executive Committee in the AFO.

Earlene has spent countless hours working for the family and she will be sorely missed at our quarterly meetings. She will, however, continue to assist with research but a position on the Board of Directors is now open.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deep and lasting thanks to Earlene for all the hard work and dedication she has shown from the very beginning of the Allred Family Organization.

It is people like Earlene Smart that make our Allred Family so great. Please know Earlene, how very much we love and appreciate you and your dear husband Parley, who has been by your side through it all.

There ought to be a better word than Thank You to express how we feel.



Children & grandchildren of Ephraim L. Allred (Reuben Warren, James etc.) LtoR: Ray, Ora, Juston, Zella, Clemont, Clement, Luran, James, Zola, Kenneth, John, Verda.
(Justin, Clement & Clemont are sons of E. L. Allred)



Dear Pat,

The following is the result of about 20 years of research on the family of Andrew Allred who was the son of Thomas and Margaret Alldredge Allred. I believe it is correct and I am using it in my family line as the marriages of Andrew Allred Sr. and as to the last name of Lucinda that married James Graves.

ANDREW ALLRED

by Dewel C. Lott
Hartselle, Alabama

After searching for 30 years I think I have some corrections on information concerning Andrew Allred. The Allred book (Allred Family in America by R.C. Allred) lists that Andrew was married two times. One to Elizabeth Yielding and one to Anna Cox. I have tried for years to find who gave this information to R.C. Allred but have not found this out yet. According to Blount County, Alabama marriage records Andrew Allred married 30 Aug 1827 in Blount Co., AL to Letitia Yielding and then 21 Mar 1843 Andrew Allred married Delia Cox. In the 1850 Census of Blount Co., AL Andrew's wife was listed as Delia so I don't know why his wives names were given in the book as Elizabeth and Anna and not Letitia and Delila. In the book there are children listed to Andrew before his marriage in 1827. Delila was listed b. in 1819 and Saffronia in 1827. I believe this Saffronia should be 1857 to Andrew and Delilah. The children missed was Andrew Jr. b. ca 1817 and Lucinda b. 1821. There may have been more children by his first wife. Here is how I have determined the families of Andrew Allred Sr. He first married about 1816-17 possibly in Warren Co., TN to _____ Roden (her name could have been Elizabeth as to the name Elizabeth in the Allred book). They had at least three children and his first wife died and then in 1827 he married Letitia Yielding and had at least five children when Letitia died about 1838.

(The Allred book has a Mary b. in 1823 so the 1st marriage may have had four children) Then in 1843 Andrew married Delila Cox and had about nine children. After Andrew married to Letitia Yielding he may have left his first children in the (home) of the people that took them to raise after the death of his first wife. Thomas Allred does not appear in the 1830 census and in the family of Basil Roden there were some young children. This could have been the children of Basil or the children of his daughter that had married Andrew Allred.

The reasons why I say that the first wife of Andrew was a Roden: William Allred a grandson of Andrew Allred and his first wife. William's father was Andrew, Jr. William told that they were related or kin to the Rodens. This was told to me by his grandchildren Arthur Lott, Ethel Lott Calvert, Ulysses Lott and Chesley Chaney. I talked at length to these four about the Allred family and was told this by them. They said they did not know how it was but that a Roden was in the picture somewhere. Also I was told this by Otto and Annie Calvert Allred. They had been told this by a daughter of Lucinda Allred b. 1823 to Andrew and first wife.

The thing that makes this hard to understand is that when Lucinda married her name was given as Lucinda Roden. She must have been raised by the Rodens as I believe that her grandfather was Basil (Bassell, Bazzell, etc.) Roden.

Here is what I have come up with about the name for Lucinda. Her grandson, Otto Allred told me several times after I found that record in the Blount Co. marriage records that his grandmother was an Allred not a Roden. After he and Annie Calvert married they lived near Margaret Graves Allred who Annie said no, she was not a Roden that Otto's mother Margaret said that her mother was an Allred and that she was kin to the Allreds. Margaret Graves daughter of James and Lucinda Roden/Allred?? Graves married a William Allred a grandson of Nathan Allred a brother of Andrew. Annie said she heard Margaret say several times that she and William were second cousins.

Another grandson of James and Lucinda Ronmon Graves said his grandmother was not a Roden but an Allred. He said

that was what he had heard all his life that Lucinda was an Allred. He had never heard that she was a Roden and did not remember anyone even mentioning the Roden family. Otto Allred died in 1979 and Annie died in 1985. Ronmon Graves is still living and is 76 years old.

Some other information:

Arthur Lott, Ethel Lott Calvert, and Ulysses Lott told me that their grandfather William Allred told them many times that he and Lathem Graves were first cousins and that his father and Lath Graves mother were brother and sister. Lathem's mother was Lucinda who married James Graves in Blount Co., AL in 1837.

Also I talked to Chesley Chaney about 10 years ago before he died about this. In fact I visited him about six times and each time I brought this up and asked him what he could remember about the Allred-Graves connection. Chesley was b. in 1903 and his grandfather William Allred lived with the until he died in 1917/18. Chesley said that his grandfather talked a lot about his kinfolks and would often tell how that he and Lathem Graves were first cousins. That his father and Lath's mother were brother and sister.

As to why the name for Lucinda in her marriage record as being Roden I am not sure except that I believe that she was raised by the Rodens and she was only 16 when she married and had to be signed for as being a minor. John Roden signed that it was alright for her to marry. To keep problems down he simply gave her name as Lucinda Roden. If he had given Lucinda Allred there might have been questions. Also she may have taken the name Roden as she was probably raised by the Roden family. John Roden married Sally Newman in 1821 so it could have been that he and Sally raised Lucinda and give her the Roden name. *Lucinda named a son Basil is the reason for saying she was his granddaughter. Sally or (Sarah) Roden is buried in the Livingston Chapel Cemetery in Cullman Co., AL. I have not found any evidence in the records in the Blount Co. Courthouse yet to prove what I have put above but from the descendants of William Allred and Lucinda Allred Graves I believe this to be the right explanation as to the Roden connection and for the first wife of Andrew Allred, Sr. The Allreds and the Rodens both were in Warren Co., TN in 1816. How near they lived to each other I do not know but I believe that Andrew and a daughter of Basil Roden married about the time they left to move to Blount Co., AL

That was seven people that told me that Lucinda was a Roden and that she was a (*brother) of Andrew Allred and that would make them the children of Andrew Sr. and his first wife. Andrew Sr. and Andrew Jr. were both under 18 when they married. I did not have anyone that knew and talked to the descendants of Lucinda and William that even believed that Lucinda was a Roden but that she was an Allred.

Written by Dewel C. Lott 5 Nov 1993 from interviews with seven grandchildren of William Allred and Lucinda Graves.

*This is exactly as stated by Dewel..Pat

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State & Zip _____

I WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

Data Entry ___ Histories ___ Photos ___ Reunion ___

Newsletter Articles ___ Research ___ Data Collection ___

NOTES & QUERIES

My Great Great Grandmother, Sally Allred, born 13 April 1811, Randolph Co., N.C., died 2 Dec 1834, Salt River, Ralls Co., Mo., was the daughter of James Allred and Elizabeth Warren. Sally married John Newton Burton and they had Leoma Elizabeth Burton, born 3 Dec 1833, Monroe Co. Mo. I would like to contact someone of the James Allred line that would be able to help me find what caused Sally's death and where she was buried. Also what happened to Leoma immediately after her mother's death and with whom she lived until 1851 when she married William Jackson Allred, crossing the plains on their trek to The Great Salt Lake. William Jackson Allred was the son of Levi Allred (Moses, Thomas) and Abigail McMurtrey. Any help or clues I might get would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Clements
3781 Timberline Dr., San Jose, Ca. 95121



Dear Gary,

We have some exciting Allred news. We now belong to someone! We made the connection the first week of December, thanks to a query card in the library in Decanter, Alabama.

Bobby's grandfather, Alfred A. Allred was the third child of James Lafayette Allred and Hannah Murphree Allred. In a book on Allreds it only listed two children, Lucinda and William but there were ten or eleven children! We come from Blount Co. and Cullman Co. Alabama. Most Allreds in the late 1890's and 1900 went to Texas.

We have found two cousins, Dewel Lott in Hartselle, Alabama and Mrs. Lillie Tubbs in Hanceville, who will be 85 in February. Alfred had been lost to the family since 1895 when he came to Alcorn Co., MS and married Bobby's grandmother.

We had a big reunion with Dewel and Mrs. Tubbs and it was a good reunion. Thank goodness Dewel placed a query card in the library. No one in Alabama knew anything about us so we are the hidden Allreds in Mississippi. It was a nice holiday. Bobby and Dewel favor each other so much. Dewel has helped us so much. We have a lot of sorting and researching to do in Alabama and Texas.

I sent you last year what we had on Alfred A. Allred here in Alcorn Co., MS, but he had another life in Alabama before coming here to Mississippi.

We are now searching for descendants of Alfred A. Allred. We are looking for siblings and possibly his other children in Texas. Do you have any Allreds listed for Ellis Co., Lamb Co., Clay Co., and Plainview, Texas? They are not on the Allred Roster for Don sent me that, I just thought someone might have sent something in to the researchers. This will make a lovely story if we ever unravel it.

Thanks,
Your hidden cousins in Mississippi,
Bobby and Patricia Allred
21 County Road 225, Glen, MS. 38846

Dear Bobby & Patricia,

What a great letter. You are fortunate to tie in to Dewel Lott. He is really interested in family and has sent us much information. It is also very exciting to us when our cousins who have been unconnected for a hundred years find each other. That's what this is all about. I sure love this family and thanks Dewel for putting that query card in the library. Pat

Can anyone help to identify Adeline B. Allred? She was born about 1879/80 and died 10 Feb 1920. All we have to go on is a Mortuary card which was found among the photos belonging to Tessie J. Pyper and since Tessie is an Allred on all sides of her family she hasn't a clue as to which side of the family Adeline is from. Can you help?

I am trying to find information about William Allred, who married Rebecca Spina on 11 Sep 1828 in Wayne County, Indiana. Their daughter, Nancy Jane Allred (1834-1902) married Rev. John L. Leshner in 1852.

Jan Dickenson
863 S. Park St., Fairmont, MN 56031



Serilda Jane Allred Blaine b. 1852 d. 1936 (abt. 1880)

ROSTER REPORT by Tessie J. Pyper

Since Don's October report, the numbers for the Roster have really increased. We now have 37,403 direct descendants and 24,229 spouses and in-laws, for a total of 61,632. Don and I really appreciate the data that has been sent to us. Besides our Utah cousins, we have heard from Tennessee, Mississippi, Ohio and even England. When Don first started the Roster, I remember him saying that we might have as many as 5,000. Now, were getting close to 100,000, and hopefully, it will not stop there. Please keep sending data to us. Don't forget your grandchildren and great, grandchildren and their dates. We also need the birth and death dates of the in-laws. Help us link ALL the Allreds together.

Usually, for a SASE, (self addressed stamped envelope), we are able to send you a descendency chart from the Roster. Don't hesitate to write and ask! We will gladly send you several generations. You can check the chart and help us by adding or correcting anything.

WHO AM I!

by Justin "Jack" Fuell

Answers to the age-old questions: Who am I? Where did I come from? Why am I here? and Where do I go from here? can be partly answered by looking into our family roots. The search for self is known by a number of terms: Roots, Family Tree, Family History, Genealogy and Pedigree, being a few in common use. I use Family History.

There are few among us who have not at one time or another wondered whether perhaps we had famous leaders or outlaws lurking in the depths of the roots that eventually became us. The possibility of having someone famous among our forbearers is very good; so also is the probability that there are a few skeletons rattling around in our historical closets. We have a tendency to see our ancestors as candidates for canonization as saints. That with each generation removed they become more pure and perfect. This just isn't the way it happened in most cases. If we approach our Family History search from knowing that our ancestors were just plain people, we can get on with this quest.

We were pleased, even a little smug, when we learned that our children trace their lineage directly to Charlemagne by two different routes. Our feelings of superiority paled somewhat when we realized that mathematically speaking, at the 25th generation every person of European descent is inter-related. So we can lay odds that each of you is also descending from Charlemagne and from other famous and the infamous of European history. These odds apply equally to those descending from: Africa; Asia; India; North and South America.

Just how do we proceed to discover our Family History back to the 25th generation and beyond? Well, some of it is easy and some is very difficult. Chances are that someone in your family has already collected a respectable stack of relatives, or is one who enters each birth, marriage, and death in the Family Bible. If you have a few of those in the family you're well on your way. All you have to do is hone your letter writing skills, or go into hock to U.S. West for a few dozen phone calls, to enlist the help of those whom already have the information.

If no one has a collection of relatives, then begin your letter writing/phoning to older siblings, parents, aunts, uncles, and collect all the names, dates, places and circumstances. This initial phase is especially important because you find a framework developing that tells where to look when you begin research from public records. It is important also that you never discount any source. Those worthless tidbits dropped in conversation may one day prove to be the key that opens the way for you.

There are many groups that keep excellent records; state and federal; church records of births; baptism; marriage and death.

The descendants of Judah, Hispanic families, Oriental families, the Mormons, to name a few, keep excellent records.

There was a rekindling of interest in family trees following the publication and televising of Alex Haley's ROOTS, an interest that persists today.

Anything worth doing is worth doing well and this is especially important in keeping records of your family History work. Get yourself a log in which to keep a running account of the; whos, wheres, whens, whys and hows of your research efforts. It is especially important to record the source, whether from public records or from twice-told tales and family legends. All are important, but usually an entry taken from Vital Statistics sources overrides something remembered by Aunt Nell.

You'll find yourself suddenly being; absorbed by the history of the land; an expert in the migration routes of the 1700 and 1800's; somewhat of a buff on land records, deeds, mortgages and such other records as were kept in the land as your ancestors found their ways from there to here. Also you'll be prepared to accept what you learn to be true over what you thought was true.

Grandma Fuell told me that her mother was born in Australia. Well being an especially bright and observant lad I quickly set grandma straight by reminding her that America was populated from Europe and that Australia was, "...away down there in a place from whence no one came." Grandma insisted that Elizabeth Ann was born in Australia. I had my way of countering that ridiculous claim and quickly delivered the death blow, "Did she have a kangaroo?" I smugly asked. "Yes, she had a kangaroo," Grandma returned. "Aw, come on now, Grandma," I said, and shut her off as I went back to reading "The Grit". Well, twenty-odd-years later I discovered that Elizabeth Ann Porter was born 11 Dec 1847, at Hinton, N.S.W., Australia. What can I say? Listen, research and record.

For the computer user there are a number of excellent programs for gathering and recording Family History data. I use the L.D.S. PAF 2.2 program. One word of caution however; This search for family is one of, if not the worst diseases you can contract. It gets right into your blood. The further you go the more fun it becomes. More later..

NOTE: Hey Jack, you mean it isn't true when folks say that if you think genealogy is fun then you've either never done genealogy or you've never had fun? Pat

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MURDERER CAUGHT

The man who murdered Doris Poore as she lay sleeping in her bed has been caught and the people of Mt. Airy, North Carolina can rest again. Doris was apparently killed by a burglar who broke into her home in the middle of the night.

Doris was the 90 year old widow of Walter Allen Poore. She was born 15 Oct 1902 in Surry Co. to Samuel Nelson and Alice Patterson Allred. She was a member of the Central United Methodist Church in Mt. Airy. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jack (Virginia) Leach and Mrs. John (Lucy) Browne. She had 7 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

"She was a just a sweet old lady. She never had a bad word to say to anyone. This shouldn't happen to someone like her" a neighbor was quoted as saying.

A vast number of friends and family (over 700) attended her funeral which was conducted by the Rev. John Davis, who had this to say: "Soon after coming to Mt. Airy, I found out Doris was my kind of person. The first Sunday I was here I asked the congregation to tell me their names every time they saw me. After the service, a sweet little lady looked up at me and said, 'I'm one of your Poore members.' Each Sunday she would say. 'It's me - your Poore member.' Doris was one of our Poore members who made us all rich for having known her."

Doris also put her faith in action, visiting the sick in nursing homes, making regular calls to those who were ill and her smile and the twinkle in her eyes let everyone know of her great love for them. Doris will be greatly missed and we are sorry to have lost a great member of our Allred family.



Lanny Allred Lott (GM of Dewel C. Lott) abt. 1890
died in 1902 at age 32 in childbirth

ALLRED FEARS & PHOBIAS

by Justin "Jack" Fuell

At home we had Cow Killers. They were bigger than big red ants and had fur all over their bodies. Some were red, some orange and others orange and black. I guess those were just trying to make us think they were something else. In Biology they were called Velvet Ants. Whatever they were, their main job in Neola (Utah) was killing cows.

When first hatched they had wings and could fly right over to the nearest cow and WHAM! They weren't as bad as Blue Racers (AFN#15) and Hoop Snakes though: they didn't chase you, they just messed around waiting for you to get in their way.

We never knew why they were called Cow Killers until one day my cousin, Miles Allred and I were up in the fields by the Old Smithson place when here one came crawling out from under a cow it had killed. Boy, we knew then.

We noticed that they could run really fast. Some of the older kids said you couldn't catch one even if you tried. We never even tried. We thought of stepping on them, but then they could bite right through the soles of your shoes. We were always barefoot, so we left them alone.

I know of no one being bit by one, except Velma. She folded her apron, stooped down, and picked one up to sort of look it over. It let her have it! Velma screamed and threw it plumb out of the county.

Velma was lucky she had all that cloth between her and the Cow Killer. I guess it didn't do too much damage to her though: she is more than sixty-years old now and hasn't died from it yet.

Hoop Snakes were faster than Blue Racers. I guess they were faster than about anything and were afraid of nothing. None of us kids ever saw one but our grandmothers told us about them. They were awful! They never bit anyone, but hit them with their tail like a scorpion. Hoop Snakes put their tail in their mouth and went rolling across the fields like the very wind. Sometimes one made a mistake and hit a tree then you could go right up to it and kill it because it couldn't pull it's tail out.

I've always wondered how a Hoop Snake could see with it's mouth full of tail and it's eyes going round and round like that.

We used to whirl out on Grandma Fuell's lawn and I couldn't see very well. They must have figured out a way of doing it though; they were very smart.

Then there was probably the most fearsome animal of all: the dreaded Moose! None of ever saw a moose nor even a picture of one but they were terrible, we all knew that: Iona and LuElla told us all about mooses. They must have had some there in Neola, why else would the kids talk about them?

They were so big they had to hide up behind Pole Creek Mountain. We sort of kept glancing up that way when we played to be sure one didn't sneak down and get us.

I was nearly sixty-three years old before I saw a moose. It was about seven feet tall and had great big antlers. It must have been a tiny, tiny baby moose, I guess.

*The Allred Family Roster
now contains over 61,000
names...
thats 61 thousand folks!*

ALLRED FAMILY OF PICKENS CO. GA.

submitted by Robert S. Davis Jr.

My grandfather, John Richards Davis, in speaking about his ancestry, said that he knew little of the Allreds, except that their lineage had been traced many times. He was correct although with such a big far-flung family, much remains unknown about many branches. Some of what was in print is incorrect. One of the more colorful of the Allred lines, those of Hall and Pickens counties in Georgia, are one of the least well known. My grandfather Davis and my grandfather John Garland Holbert both descended from these Allreds, although they never met or knew that they were kin. Such a situation is not at all uncommon among the Georgia Allreds, a family that seems always more interested in the present than in keeping the past. However, their story can be found among the public records. One of the few collections of private papers relating to the Allreds are the genealogical files in the papers of Texas Governor James V. Allred in the University of Houston. Among the items found preserved there is the story (untrue) that the Allreds took their name from covering themselves in the blood of dead British soldiers during the American Revolution.

The North Georgia Allreds descend from Elias Allred (b. 1758 or 1768 in Orange, later Randolph, Co. NC d. 1843-1844 Hall Co. GA) a North Carolina Revolutionary War veteran who later drew a Federal pension. His descendants would learn of a Rigby estate in a book by London lawyer Robert Gun of American claims to English estates. In a properly unsuccessful attempt to claim the Rigby estate, Elias' daughter, Margaret Allred (b. 1791 Randolph Co., NC) made a deposition on 12 Aug 1875 about her mother's family. The deposition is among the loose superior court papers on microfilm at the Pickens County Library. Margaret testified that her grandfather John Rigby was the son of a William Rigby who died in England. She attended to John when he died at her father's house in North Carolina. John Rigby had two daughters, Polly who married Elias Allred and Sallie who married John Sitton. The Sittons, like the Allreds, moved to North Georgia. Elias served as a substitute for John Sitton in the Revolution.

Census records show that Elias and Polly Rigby Allred had several children, although most of them have not been identified. Their son, Elias Jr. (b. 1789 Randolph Co., NC d. 1870 Pickens Co., GA) served in the militia from Pendleton District, SC, during the War of 1812 for which his widow later drew a Federal pension. She was Mary Harrison (b. 1789, d. 1882 Pickens Co., GA). Her place of birth in the 1880 Federal census of Pickens Co. is given as England, although in other Federal censuses her birth place is stated as South Carolina. The claim of English birth most likely comes from some garbled account of the Allred claim to the Rigby estate. Earl Harrison Jr., 1420 Drexel Place, Charlotte, NC 28209 believes that she was the sister of Reuben Harrison, b. 1786 in Wilkes Co., GA.

Elias Jr. and Mary Allred moved to the part of Cherokee Co., GA that in Dec 1853 became Pickens Co.. They are buried in the old section of Cool Springs Cemetery in Tate. Among their several children was Martha "Patsy" Benice Allred (b. 1808 Pendleton District, SC, d. 1891 Hall Co., GA) who married Benjamin Faulkner (pronounced "Fortner") of Hall Co. Their son Thomas would be a wealthy planter whose record book is today in the Hargrett Library of the University of Georgia. My grandfather John R. Davis was Thomas' great grandson. Another daughter of Elias and Mary was Elizabeth Allred (b. 1800 Pendleton District, SC, d. in the Pickens Co. cyclone of 1884), who married John Nicholson Jr. of Pickens Co., the son of Revolutionary War pensioner John Nicholson. My grandfather John Garland Holbert was the great great grandson of John Jr. and Elizabeth. John Nicholson Sr.'s role in the border dispute between Georgia and North Carolina, "The Walton War," has been published. He had the dubious distinction of being the only man to ever represent a county in

the Georgia state senate that proved to be in another state. Other daughters of Elias and Mary Harrison Allred were Margaret (Mrs. William Peoples), Mary "Polly" (Mrs. Alfred Robinson), Nancy (Mrs. Jacob Robinson), Ferray or Terracy (Mrs. John C. Jones Jr.), and Rebecca (Mrs. Isaiah Robbins).

However, the more interesting of the children of Elias and Mary Harrison Allred were there three sons. They played an important although very complicated part in the history of Pickens Co. Their careers will be summarized in the next newsletter.



Allred brothers & sisters June 1943 Spring City, Utah. Warren England, William Lee, Herbert, Thomas Ephraim, Royal L., Lanora Ann, Iva V. Maud Eliza, Louie Elizabeth, Emeline Druzella & Zolema Hixie. photo taken day of their mother's (Clara Alice Robinson Allred) funeral

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You need to begin to take more advantage of our Search Column which is entitled "Notes & Queries". People have been getting good response from their queries and searches. Remember it is a free way to advertise for what you are looking for and now our AFN is going into every state in the US and several foreign countries. It is also being placed in various genealogy libraries throughout the country. We are growing folks, and we will continue to grow until we have reached every single Allred in America and guess what...we won't stop there. We have the vision of our great family being united and fully linked together. At first we thought a few thousand and now we are rapidly approaching 100,000. The Allred family is one of the greatest families in America and because most of them sprang from a relatively small group in America we will all get linked..I know it. Send in you family records to the roster, we need you!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Pat,

There is an Allred of whom we can well be proud and I would like him to be mentioned in our newsletter. Richard Allred (Elwood, Byron Harvey Jr., Byron H. Allred) and his wife Gay Allred of San Antonio, Texas were released as president and matron of the temple in Guatemala Sept. 1993. The following is from a letter received from Richard. Thanks, Viola Allred Stout

"We left Guatemala with mixed emotions as we said goodbye for the third time in 14 years. We miss the daily contacts with choice and dear friends whom we love; those who have had such a vital and active part of our lives during the nine years we lived and served in the land of "Eternal Springtime".

Yes, we departed the temple with a lump in our thoughts, leaving a large portion of our hearts in Guatemala. We will never forget the people in Central America nor cease to give thanks to the Father for how they have enriched and continue to bless our lives." Richard Allred



MYSTERY PERSON (Help!)
from album of Serilda Jane Allred Blain, Tessie's GGM

story by Marlin M. Allred
son of Reddin Alexander Allred
submitted by Glenn Johnson

Pleasanton, NM Summer of 1882

The report came in that the Apache Indians were on the War Path and coming in that direction. There were about a dozen families gathered in to the settlement from the outside, making about a hundred souls in all. Guards were set out on the hills and in the brush to spy. If they saw signs of Indians they were to fire their guns as signals to the men in the houses. After a couple of days two boys went out to hunt deer, unknown to anybody. Everyone was forbidden to leave the place except the Scouts.

There were three Scouts out on the Hills, my brother R.R.Allred was on the south of the hill. He saw two men moving in the brush about a half mile away and took them to be Indians. He fired two shots. This gave the alarm to the people in the houses, and they began to prepare for an attack. I, Marlin M. Allred, was building a rock wall around the porch with port holes in it. My father R.A.Allred started at once up the hill to warn my brothers wife, Mary Allred who was at the farthest house with her children. He took the children, Cora, Mable, and the twins Milford and Marlan and told her to follow as fast as she could, when he reached the settlement he found that she had not come at all, so he hurried back after her. He found her sitting calmly with her knitting.

"What in the world is the matter?" he asked. "Don't you know the Indians are coming?" She said she had some bread in the oven and couldn't go until it was done. And she didn't want it to burn.

The alarm turned out to be false as it was only the boys who went out to hunt. The Indians had turned and went over the mountain South East and attacked a family living there on a cow ranch.

There were two miners working a claim two miles from the ranch. When they heard the shooting they went investigate. When they arrived they found a man a women and three children all dead.

A gun rod had been driven through the womans body and pinned to the ground. They found a twelve year old girl still living but she was hung on a meat hook by the cords in the back of her neck. They took her to Silver City to the Hospital and she fully recovered.

Dr. DeWitt Allred

Note: The following is from an article sent to us by Grover C. Allred, Vancouver, Wash. There was a photo, however it had been recopied so many times it could not be used.

Article by Joe L. McDonald,
The News-Commercial, MS June 19, 1991

The article entitled "Dr. DeWitt Was A Nobel Physician" begins by describing the problems associated with the current health care, physicians and medical costs etc. Joe describes one encounter with a doctor as follows: "He looked at - not examined - my problem. Said it was nothing to worry about but that he himself would have it corrected. I said okay. He sprayed some stuff on the problem area. He seemed bored with the task. It took him not more than three minutes. It cost me \$45. That's \$15 bucks a minute.

And he didn't even have the courtesy to say "hello," when he entered the examining room. In fact, he didn't even ask me what was my problem. He just stood there in a presumed elitist posture, like I should express some appreciation gesture for the privilege of seeing him.

When I left the clinic I thought about Dr. DeWitt Allred. He doctored Collins and Williamsburg and the other Covington County communities for most of his life, devoting most of his energies and cares to people who needed his services but could in no way pay the value of their worth.

But he didn't care about payment. He cared only about his worth to his patient.

Dr. Allred would travel a muddy road during a storm to deliver a baby or lance an abscess or set a broken bone or treat a cut or give a shot of penicillin or prescribe a diet or write a prescription.

And if the family who needed his services had money enough to pay his fee, fine. If they didn't, fine.

I remember going into Collins with my daddy when he would stop by Dr. Allred's house to give him a mess of quail. Daddy would hand him the birds, Dr. Allred would take them, a smile, a handshake, perhaps a wink, would be passed, and that would be it. At that time I wasn't certain why daddy would give away the quails, but I knew it was for a good reason, that Dr. Allred was a special person, for quails were not such game that you would give away for no good reason.

Oh, sure, Dr. Allred never acquired much wealth from his medical practice which spanned half a century at least.

But he acquired public respect. He was Covington County's nobleman. When he walked the sidewalks of town, men tipped their hats at him. They respected him, they adored him, they loved him.

I dare say that most people in the County, if need be, would have laid down their lives for this man. He only would have had to ask.

Dr. Allred had shared the pains and tragedies of his patients. He had been in their homes when babies were born, when loved ones died, when the sick had recovered.

He was the finest, most respected, saintly man I ever knew. He was the Doctor.

When I think about national health insurance and all the medical problems that trouble people today, I can't help thinking that what we really need are more physicians like Dr. DeWitt Allred."

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