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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello every one, it's another fine day, isn't it? A friend asked me the other day, "how far along are you on the Ark"? I sat in puzzlement for a few seconds before I realized that he meant, "Noah's Ark". Well, It's been raining here so much the last three weeks that we'll be lucky if we don't drown or start growing fins between our toes. The grass on my lawn is about a foot high and I still can't get out to mow it. It's really not that bad, but you know how things are, when you want something else other than what is. It's never as bad as we think it is. Now isn't that the truth?

Our membership seems to be growing folks, at this count, we are nearing the 450 mark. The great thing about that is that we haven't lost those that we would have normally lost over the year. It has always been a matter of losing about as many as we gain.

The reunion is fast approaching us and I for one am getting more and more excited all the time. We have quite a number of our members from North Carolina that are coming this year. And I am aware of quite a number of new members from other areas as well that are coming. I still have three rooms available, two at the Horse Shoe Mountain Inn. And I have one more at the Skyline Motel in Fairview. The room cost at the Skyline is \$59 and the cost at The Horse Shoe Mountain Inn is \$65.95. So if there are any of you that still need a room, please let me know.

The way things are turning out, we are going to have our own tour of the Allred Family homes in Spring City, this year. Rather than the DUP providing it as we thought last year. We will have each home marked well. We will also try to have a good starting point so that every one can get into the tour and out of it, close to the Park.

Linda Allred Cooper, from N. Carolina is putting together a Cook book of all the great recipes that we can find. So if you have any good ones, favorites etc. then please get them to us as soon as you can. If you have any that you know are handed down from our ancestors please indicate so. But please send in your favorite recipes to:

Linda A. Cooper, PO Box 415, Pittsboro, NC 27312. Or call it in at 919-542-3077. Or you can e-mail it to LACooper@compuserve.com. We are going to try to use this as a fund raiser for the AFO and to help those outlying areas of our organization that need the help. We will do our very best to keep the cost down to a reasonable price so that it can be beneficial to every one.

I am planning on attending the Reunion in Quanah, Texas in August. Bob Olson and a few others are also planning on attending the Reunion in N. Carolina. If there are any others of you that are not from the area that are planning on attending, could you let me know? I would like to make certain that I am able to meet each of you in person. And of course I am excited to be able to go there and meet all the family from that area. This will be the first of my trips like this where I will be bringing my Wife with me. I am looking forward for her to participate in the excitement and the love that our family has given to me in all the places I have been.

Our Researcher, Dawnell Griffin, has put out a great research article on Jonathan Allred, 1774 - 1826. Father: John Allred. Spouse: Nancy Lewis. This report is available to you at a cost of \$14.60. This includes the cost of shipping. If we have any left over at the time of these reunions, they will be available at all three reunions for \$12.00. Before the reunion comes in June, we will have a second Report available on Jonathan Allred and Nancy Walker. This report, like the first, will include the documentation, a pedigree, family group sheets and all the photographs that we can find on his family. It will probably run over 100 pages and the cost will probably be just a little more than the first one, due to the increase in pages. The Jonathan and Nancy Lewis report has 97 pages. They are very professionally done and I am certain you will enjoy them. They will give you a great deal of history on your family lines.

For those of you that have a desire to have a copy of all the newsletters, we now have copies of volume 1 through 20 bound in one book. We also have volumes 21 through 34 also bound in one book. The cost for each book is \$20 plus \$5 for postage. These books will also be available at the Spring City, N. Carolina and Texas reunions.

Folks, I am certain that there are many more family reunions throughout the year, going on around that we as an organization are not aware of. We would like to publish your family reunion in our newsletter and make other families and possibly members of your own family aware of it. There might also be other families who may want to attend your reunion. Please send this information to, the Allred Family Organization, Inc. PO Box 559, Farmington, Ut 84025-0559.

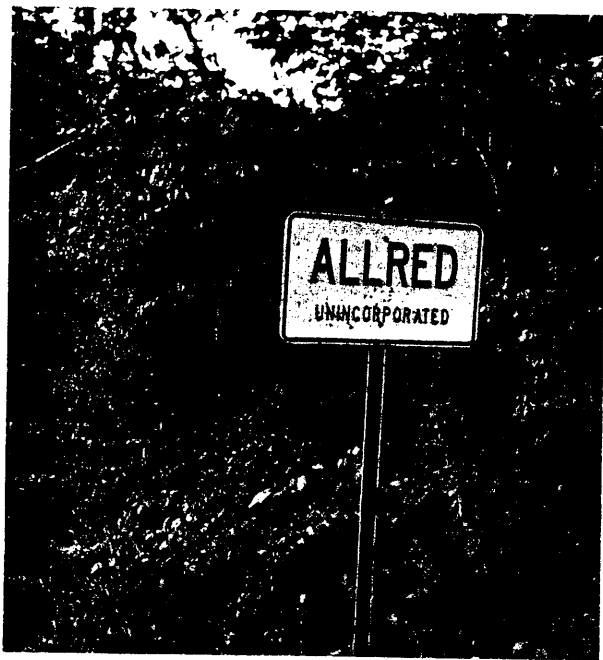
Also our new Web site is up and running good. Please visit it at, www.allredfamily.org. Those of you that prefer not to use snail mail may want to e-mail the information to us there.

All our love to each of you,

Cousin, Larry C. Allred, AFO President.

ALLRED TENNESSEE

by: Linda Allred Cooper



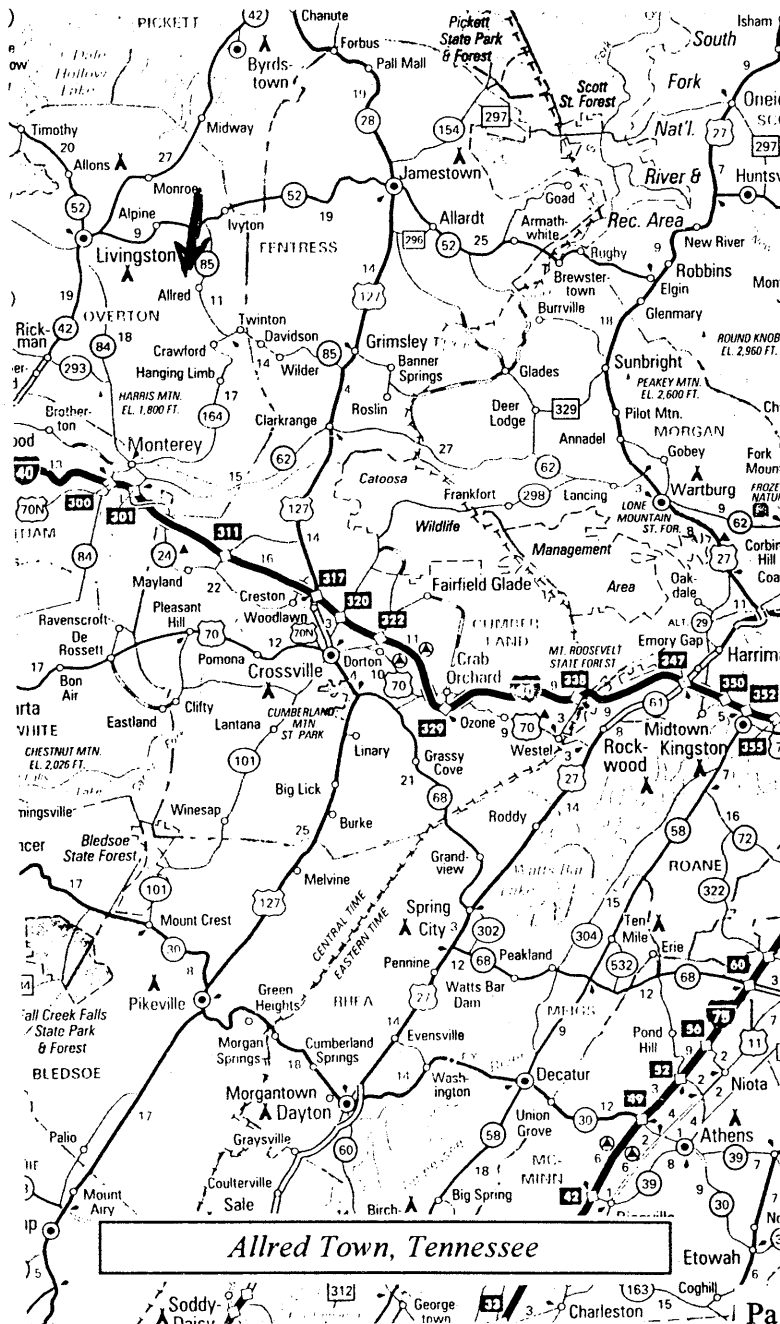
I belong to several genealogical e-mail chat lists and occasionally someone contacts me with a piece of information that is just so interesting that I "sit up and pay close attention". This happened in early February 1999 when I found out that one of my fellow chat-listers lived near the small town of Allred, Tennessee. Located in Overton County, the town of Allred is really just a Post Office on a winding country road, but lots of our Allred cousins lived and still live in the area. Before you could blink, Sue Estep and I were in my van driving to Tennessee for a 5 day visit. Eleanor Marshall, my chat-list contact, met us in Crossville, TN and graciously showed us around Allred and the surrounding area of Overton County. She had done a lot of research on that section of Overton County and located several graveyards where Allreds were buried. (She's not an Allred descendant, but did a lot of work finding all the sites and showing us around. Many, Many Thanks to Eleanor! She said she felt like an Allred by the end of the day.) Believe me, without her help, we couldn't have found any of the sites she showed us. Sue and I were very lost on those winding mountain roads, but Eleanor kept us going in the right direction.

We visited several graveyards including the Coonie Allred Family Cemetery on Puncheon Camp Creek, Falling Springs Cemetery, a family graveyard located about 1 mile from Allred on Shiloh Road. We also spent some time in the Overton County Public Library in Livingston copying everything we saw with Allred information on it. (We highly recommend the Apple Dish Cafe for lunch!!!! Fabulous food - the apple dumplings were "Heaven"!)

After spending a day in Nashville at the TN State Archives, we returned to Allred, TN to meet some new cousins: Dr. Michael Allred of Jamestown and his first cousin Charlotte Allred Walker of Cookeville. They guided us to some more family graveyards including the Cub Mountain Cemetery, the Bowman/Looper Family Graveyard near Hickory Flat and the Allred Family Cemetery located directly across the street from the Post Office in Allred. Michael and Charlotte told us some great family stories and were able to identify most of the graves we found. While sitting around the kitchen table in Michael's family home in Allred, Michael and Charlotte explained many of the family relationships and told several interesting family stories.

Taking the information we gathered while in Allred and with help from Dawnell Griffin, we have been able to document the Allreds in this section of Tennessee descend from the original Solomon who first showed up in orange County (later Randolph) in the mid 1700's. Solomon's grandchild, Jonathan, is the oldest known member of the family to be in the area and is buried in the family cemetery located across the street from the Allred, TN Post Office. Another grandchild of Solomon, Jonathan's brother who was also named Solomon, is believed to be buried in "Solomon's Hollow" just east of Allred. The family relationships are too large to tell you about in this article, but if you would like more information about this branch of the family, please let me know. I'll be glad to share what we collected.

Again, many thanks to Eleanor Marshall!!! Many thanks to Michael and Charlotte who not only told stories about their family and showed us around, but fed us a great lunch of soup and fruit while we sat around Michael's kitchen table. They made us feel right at home!!



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FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

Submitted by Linda Allred Cooper

The message below came to me from one of the genealogy chat lists that I monitor. It contains such valuable information about new and already available resources anyone can access through their local LDS Family History Center, I thought we should place it in our newsletter. Many people aren't aware that they can access genealogical research materials through the Family History Center (library) located in their local Church of the Latter Day Saints (LDS). Anyone can go there and use the materials-you don't have to be a member of the LDS and no pressure will be put on you to join. I've been to my local LDS Family History Center many times and have really enjoyed all the available resources.

From: Virginia Ewing [mailto:vewing@ctesc.net]
Sent: Monday, March 01, 1999 5:00 PM
Subject: LDS FAMILY SEARCH COMING SOON

As the director of a LDS Family History Center, I have received a notice from Salt Lake LDS FHL, announcing the Beta testing of Family Search on line. It is not yet up, a problem with a piece of equipment, but will be starting sometimes this month and will be up only a few weeks as a test run.

If there is not a lot of interest it will be taken off and not put back on. So spread the word and keep trying to get through. When it comes on line the URL will be: www.familysearch.org

I have not been told exactly what will be available but know at least the Ancestral File and Family History Library Catalog will be included.

Family Search is the name of the program we have on CDs in all LDS FHCs. Some public libraries also have this program. FS includes the IGI, Ancestral File, Family History Library Catalog, Social Security Death Records, Koran and Vietnam war death records, and Scottish Church Records.

For those of you not familiar with the various searches, the IGI is the International Genealogical Index. It includes, in alphabetical order, all of the names that have been sent to the Temples to have ordinances performed in their name.

Names in the IGI are usually submitted by members, but not always. Non-members also submit their family names to get them into the IGI. Some of the marriages may have been part of extraction programs. The names were taken from courthouse records and checked and rechecked by several volunteers before being accepted as correct.

Most people do try to send in accurate information but there are many mistakes. My advice is, always check the original source. Use the IGI to find where people with your surname would have lived and order the census and court records from that area.

Ancestral File is Gedcoms of group and pedigree sheets sent in by members and non-members. The name and address of the submitter is included and hopefully will allow you to contact others working on your line. If the address is out of date sometimes a letter to the Membership dept. in Salt Lake will get you a correct address if the person was a member of the LDS church.

Once again, the material is only as good as the research that went into it and some of it is pretty bad. Check it out before you 'adopt' it.

If you find a mistake on Ancestral File, you can send in your

corrections, along with your sources of proof, and it will be noted in the next update. The first submitter does not have to provide proof, but you do, if you are making a correction. You can add additions to a file, or submit a new file. You do not have to be a member to submit material.

The Family History Library Catalog is a listing of every book, film and fiche available at the Salt Lake City LDS Family History Library. This allows us to find what is available for each locality, world-wide. It includes the FHL call numbers and a description of what is included in the film/fiche or book.

The material from the books and film/fiche will not be on line. That is not something they can do, at this time. Hopefully it will be a possibility some time in the distant future.

The film and fiche will still have to be ordered through FHC. Microfilm and microfiche are the property of the FHL and are sent into the care of the LDS FHC director and must remain under her/his care until returned. For this reason they are never allowed to be taken from the LDS FHC.

Almost all of the microfilm and microfiche at the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City can be ordered into any LDS FHL, anywhere in the world, but there are a few exceptions. Copyright laws prevent them from using material without the written consent of the owner. Some of the film and fiche were filmed by companies other than the LDS Church and permission to circulate these film to LDS FHCs has been denied. There will be a notice included in the description, saying it can not be circulated. Many of the SC microfilm were made by a company who has refused permission to allow the film to be circulated, but there are many microfilm available for SC, some covering the same material that is on the restricted film.

The LDS FHL is a non-profit organization, and that is why it still cost only 15 cents a sheet for a microfiche, \$3.25 plus tax to rent a microfilm for a month [may be more in other countries] and the Source guide and other home use programs are sold at such a reasonable price. We aren't allowed to make a profit, even in the FHCs.

The books that are listed are not loaned out but can sometimes be obtained through an Inter-library loan through your public library.

You can request copies of pages and if a book is indexed, by ordering the index you can see if your people would have been listed. In cases where the copyright has expired the book may have been filmed or can be filmed upon request. Never hurts to ask.



Agness Allred in Wilder Tenn.

ALLRED REUNION MEMORABILIA

Submitted by Larry C. Allred

We will feature for the 1999 reunion 4 color allred crests on white or red t shirts and on white or red caps we will feature both large and small crests on t shirts. This years reunion will also have on hand a limited number of white 11 oz mugs and 16 oz steins which will contain a 4 color crest. Other items featured this year will be red or white satin baseball jackets red & white nylon wind breakers and baseball caps with the name allred embroidered on them in old english. Other lettering styles available.

There will be a limited amount of embroidery and silkscreening available on Friday and Saturday of the reunion, But we suggest you plan ahead to ensure that your order will be ready and waiting when you arrive at the reunion. You can do this by mailing your order to VIP Enterprises, PO box 118, Spring City Utah 84662 faxing it to 435-462-3651 or e mailing it to psycoeden @ cut net . com.

If you act now there is plenty of time to call and receive more details and a better description of what is available we can also fax pictures of these items to you. The phone number you call for information and or call in orders and prices of same is 435-462-2560.

If enough interest is shown between now and May 20th in red mugs with a 2 color crest on one side and ushering in a new allred millennium 1999 printed on the other side we can possibly put an order together.

We welcome any and all suggestions of items you would like to see at the reunion just call us or fax us at the numbers listed. The earlier the suggestion the better chance we have of putting it together for this year.

We would like to entertain the idea of a custom allred calendar for the year 2000 that can be mailed out in dec. of this year. It could contain pictures of early ancestors with historical facts under each picture. It could be designed by an appointed committee and we would be available to help put it together. this would indeed be a collectors item. if this interests you please let Larry know and we can help get the project rolling.

Thank you for your support.

The management.

SPRING CITY REUNION AGENDA

Friday June 25th 1999.

Many family members will be arriving on Fri. You will find us at the old School by the fire pit. Hot dogs and marshmallows will be provided along with willow branches for roasting them. If there are any of you that are interested in displaying your talents this will be a great place and time to do so.

Saturday June 26th 1999.

9:00 to 10:00

Set up and sign in Old School Bowery

10:00 to 10:30 -

Welcome and state of the Organization. Old School Gym.

10:30 to All day -

Visiting and sharing information. Walking tour available. Tee shirts, hats, mugs, shirts and jackets will be available at VIP Enterprises on Main Street. Old School Gymnasium.

10:30 to 11:30 am -

Cemetery Scramble. Spring City Cemetery.

11:30 to ??? -

Sidewalk art, dunking machine, sports equipment available, kids games, photos, balloon tying and face painting. Old School Grounds.

12:30 to 2:00 pm-

Lunch. BBQ chicken breasts, or hamburgers, hotdogs, corn on the cob, beans, chips and soft drink. All you can eat \$3.75 Extra drinks, 25 cents. Old School Bowery.

2:00 pm -

Tessie Pyper Plaque Dedication Old School Fire Pit.

5:00 pm -

Through the evening. Good old fashioned family visiting. Hot dogs and marshmallows will be supplied. Our talented cousins are encouraged to show off their talents. Old School Fire Pit.



Grace Brough & Cyrus Edward
AllredMarried Manti Temple 27 Jan 1904



Allred Post Office .. Tennessee

EAST COAST ALLRED UPDATE

by: Linda Allred Cooper

We've been busy planning the **Allred Reunion** scheduled for **September 11th at Gray's Chapel UMC in Randolph County**. The Reunion will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church and the agenda will be:

10:00am Arrivals, greetings, socializing

10:30am Business Meeting - an chance to catch up on the latest Allred family and research news

12:00 noon Lunch-Pot Luck/Covered Dish/Bring Your Own

All Afternoon: Spend the whole afternoon visiting cousins and viewing displays

Sunday we will be offering "tours" of Randolph County and some of the Allred sites in the area. Maps will be available for folks who want to "tour" on their own or at another time.

We are planning some great displays for you to view while at the reunion. Family trees, family photos, Minutes from the Allred Reunion held at Gray's Chapel 1931-1971, copies of original Allred documents such as wills, estate records, bastardy bonds, and pictures of Allred sites around Randolph County. Gray's Chapel is also the site of the oldest known Allred graves. Plan to take a walk through this large grave yard and "visit" some of your ancestors while you're here!

If you need information on local motels or camp sites, please let me know. Several of our cousins have volunteered their yards for parking campers also.

Several of us have also been getting our suitcases packed and preparing to attend the **Allred Reunion in Spring City, Utah** June 26th. 13 of us will be travelling from Randolph County to Utah!! Look Out!! Here We Come!! This will be the first trip for everyone except me (I attended the reunion last year) and we're all excited!! We plan to attend the reunion activities Friday night and Saturday, then return to Salt Lake City and spend a couple of days sight-seeing before returning to North Carolina on Tuesday. I hope we'll see you there!!



*Five Generations of Lucy Hoyt Allred
Dau. Avelia Emogene Allred Mills her daughter
etc., Other names are not available*

*Annie Eliza Robinson Allred home built in 1900
by Sanford Allred .. Reverl Edward, Edward,
Grace, Duretha Grandmother, Annie Eliza Allred*



ALLRED COOKBOOK

Submitted by Linda Allred Cooper

Carol Allred Rook came up with a great idea. She suggested we collect recipes and put them together in an "Allred Family Cook Book". So, I've decided to begin collecting recipes from all of ya'll.

Send me your favorite recipes!! I'll be collecting the recipes all summer long, that will give you plenty of time to send me all your favorites.

New recipes or old - just so they're yummy!!! And they don't have to be just "Allred" family recipes. If you've been to a friend's house or church social and eaten something wonderful and have the recipe, send it along.

Be sure to include all ingredients, measurements, cooking temperatures, etc. I'll divide the recipes into categories such as desserts, appetizers, vegetable or side dishes, main course, etc.

Remember this cookbook will be made available to Allreds all over the USA, so if your recipe includes an ingredient that's only available in your corner of the world, include a substitute that any of us can easily find.

Also, if your recipe is an old one, handed down from Grandma Sally May or Great Aunt Suzy Lou, and you have a favorite memory or story to go along with it, please send that along too and I'll include that in the book. For example:

"Grandma Lucy Lynn didn't have a cook stove in her house. She did all the cooking in the large fireplace located in the center of her house. I still remember seeing her bent over the pan of biscuits, watching as they cooked in a black iron pan sitting on the brick hearth near the fire in that fireplace. Those were some of the best biscuits you could ever eat!"

And you men out there - send in your recipes too!!! I know some of you can cook too!!! Probably better than me!!

Recipes for the out-door grill and/or camp fire are welcome also. Punch or favorite drinks should be sent too. Finally, if you have food/cooking stories that don't necessarily have a recipe to go with them - send them to me anyway. If we get some good stories without recipes, I can just include the stories in between the recipes. For example:

"Great Grandpa Billy Bob was a farmer and raised all the food for the family. He had a great garden with corn, peas, most everything you could want. He also raised pigs, cows and chickens. I remember one particularly mean big ole red hog. She was lots bigger than me and used to just walk right through the fence around her lot. Whenever she got loose she'd head right to the corn and eat and eat until we caught her. She'd hollar and hollar while we tried to herd her back to her lot. Chased me all the way out of the corn patch one time. The only way I could get away from her was to climb a tree. When she was finally loaded onto the truck to go to the slaughter house, I cheered. She was the some of the best sausage I ever ate! Mean ole hog!!!"

And, Carol also suggested adding information on cooking and medicinal herbs. So, if you have some info to share, send that along too. (I remember my Grandma Hallie's favorite cold recipe: lemon, honey, sassafrass and her secret ingredient - home

made moonshine. If you "took" enough cold recipe - you didn't care if you had a cold!)

This cookbook will be sold as a fund raiser for the AFO. So, send those recipes and stories in!!!

You can send them to me via e-mail or at: P.O. Box 415
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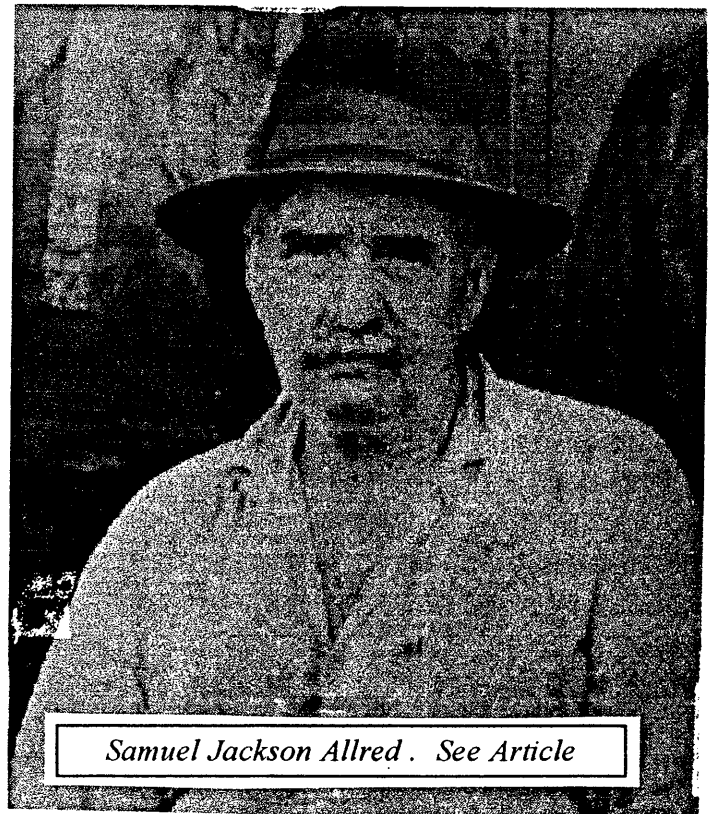
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There are two motels: **Casa Royale & the Quannah Parker**. There are also **campgrounds** at Copper Breaks State Park and a few campsites in Quanah.

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Samuel Jackson Allred . See Article

WHITE'S MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Randolph County, NC

submitted by: Linda Allred Cooper

This article is part of the ongoing series of articles about the histories of Randolph County churches. As before, I've chosen a church that has lots of Allred graves in its cemetery. It seems that no matter where you may live today, all Allreds seem to be able to trace their family back to Randolph County, NC. My hope is that these church histories will give those of you who don't live here a picture of what Randolph County and the church where your ancestors may be buried are like. The following is an excerpt from the church history written for Cedar Falls' Bicentennial Day, May 22, 1976. Author unknown

In the early 1900's, Mr. George Richardson hauled cordwood to sell. During this time, he met and became acquainted with Reverend Joe Dan Hackney, an enthusiastic young preacher who wanted a place to preach very badly. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson opened the doors of their home for Rev. Hackney to preach in and a small group of people began coming to hear this young preacher.

During this same time, Mrs. George Cagle was going to a large flat rock near her home to pray that someday a church would be established there. This land was owned by her husband and before long he gave the land for a church to be built on. A brush arbor was built near the rock and Rev. Hackney began holding services there. After the services, folks would sit around the rock and talk about establishing a church. Before long, a Revival Meeting was held under the arbor, and at the conclusion of the Meeting, the people decide to build a church.

The temporary first name of this new church was Mission Point of Moor's Chapel Church, a branch of the Moor's Chapel Church located in nearby Ramseur. The Presbytry consisted of Elder James Jordan, J. D. Hackney, Thomas C. Keaton and W. R. White. Messengers were present from Moor's Chapel in Ramseur and Cedar Falls Baptist Church. Brethren Milton Allred and Len Walker were elected as the first deacons. Mrs. E. C. Allred was elected as the first organist and Mr. E. W. Allred was elected as the first Sexton.

A vote by ballot was held to select a permanent name for the new church. White's Memorial, in remembrance of Rev. W. R. White, received a large majority of votes and it was agreed that the church should be known by this name although many folks thought the name should have been Hackney's Grove in remembrance of Rev. Joe Dan Hackney.

The first church building was a one room wood structure. There were two doors in the front with steps leading up to them. A large wood stove sat up front. The classrooms were divided by curtains. Facing the pulpit, the choir was on the right hand side of the church.

Today, White's Memorial Baptist Church is a brick structure with a large sanctuary seating approximately 350 people. It contains 12 classrooms and two offices. The parking area is paved with the large flat rock where Mrs. Cagle used to pray still in plain view in the middle of the lot.



Landon Allred, Mary Cathrine Allred
& William Anderson Allred

ALLRED FAMILY ROSTER UPDATE

By Donald Clemont Allred

My progenitors: (Clement TWIN, Ephraim Lafayette,
Reuben Warren, James, William, Thomas, Mr....)
My Roster ID: (01020306091203)

1/8 Million Names

Since the last newsletter we've added 5,933 names to the Allred Family Roster database which brings the total to (drum roll) **126,588** names and 10,917 unique surnames.

The descendants count for the four supposed Allred brothers is as follows:

Thomas 53,384 (1,790 added)
William 2,825 (972 added)
Solomon 3,374 (172 added)
John 11,019 (783 added)

There are also about 3,700 descendants in 86 families (a.k.a. "mystery families") not linked to the four families above.

Roster Online

The Allred Family Roster Web site has a new address:
<http://www.AllredRoster.com>

The name AllredRoster.com was registered about a week ago. All of the Web site is now on a single NT server which makes maintenance easier. Due to server "differences" our "Guest Book and Queries" didn't make the transition. The "Donations/Sponsorship" page was dropped due to lack of support. Donations so far this year wouldn't buy a roll of stamps.

Online Databases:

"Every Name Index"

Since July 1997 we've had 113,000 "Every Name Index" searches by over 10,000 unique visitors.

"Obituaries"

We're just about caught up "pasting" Gail and Larry Joseph Allred's obituaries into our online database. (Gail did most of the work) To date we have 2,282 obits!

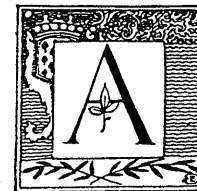
"Histories"

About 40 family histories have been added since the last newsletter bringing the total to 59.

Here are the titles:

Allred, Martin Mathews
Allred (Aldridge) Family of England and North Carolina, The
Allred Family In America by Athlene M. Allred
Allred, Alvin Erin
Allred, Brazilla Caswell
Allred, Calvert Lorenzo
Allred, Don Thurber

Allred, Edsil Myron and Alice Choules
Allred, Ellen Aurelia
Allred, Ellen Aurelia
Allred, Hulda Deseret
Allred, Isaac
Allred, Isaac
Allred, Isaac - Autobiography
Allred, Isaac - by E. Morrell Allred
Allred, Isaac - by Rulon C. Allred
Allred, Isaac Morley
Allred, Isaac Newton
Allred, Isaac Willard TWIN
Allred, James
Allred, James - by Eliza M. A. Munson
Allred, James - by J. Terry Walker
Allred, James - Early Pioneer History
Allred, James - by Elizabeth Elmire Allred Aiken
Allred, James Anderson
Allred, James Biography
Allred, James Christopher
Allred, James Franklin
Allred, James Henry
Allred, James Martin
Allred, James Martin Sr. - Autobiography
Allred, James Riley
Allred, James Tillman Sanford
Allred, James Tillman Sanford
Allred, James Urban and Edna Bingham
Allred, James and Elizabeth Warren - by Loa Allred Aiken
Allred, John Jones
Allred, Lucy Ann
Allred, Ralph Howard
Allred, Redick Newton TWIN
Allred, Redick Newton TWIN - Autobiography
Allred, Reuben Warren
Allred, Sidney Rigdon
Anderson, Elizabeth
Butler, John Lowe
Butler, Lucy Ann
History of James, William & Isaac Allred, A
Ivie, John Lehi
Ivie, Joseph Johnston
Ivie, Richard Anderson
Jensen, Andrea
Jensen, Niels Christen
Jensen, Sine Olene
Jones, Kate Markland
Life and Times of Byron Harvey Allred, The
Miles, Nancy Susan
Mormon Battalion by Daniel Tyler
Munson, James Willard
Pugh, Maxine



In some cases there are multiple histories for a given person. The histories may be sorted by submission date which makes it easier to see what's been added recently.

Thanks to Sharon Allred Jessop, Cheryl Allred and Holli Bierer for typing them up! If you have any histories, biographies, journals etc. please send them to me and I'll put them online for all to enjoy.

Roster update Cont:

Other New Stuff Online

Newsletter Submissions:

Newsletter articles may be submitted electronically at the Allred Roster Web site. The submissions get sent via e-mail to the editor (Pat) AND saved into a database which will allow us to easily reprint or publish them online. Lots of possibilities.

Research Report:

Most of Dawnell's January 1996 research report and supporting documents are available at:

<http://www.AllredRoster.com/research.htm>

Another rendering is at the AFO Web site at:

<http://www.AllredFamily.org>

A complete printed version is available from the AFO for about 15 bucks. Support Dawnell's efforts and buy a copy or two. Contact AFO president Larry Allred for details.

Allred Reunions:

Having a reunion? Let me know and I'll place it on our Reunion Announcement page at:

<http://www.AllredRoster.com/reunion.htm>

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Till next time I remain one of your zillion cousins, Don
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Reddick Newton & Lucy Hoyt Allred

A TO Z of FRIENDSHIP

Submitted by Larry C. Allred
from M. Cloud of Quinah, Texas.

A Friend....

- (A)ccepts you as you are
- (B)elieves in "you"
- (c)alls you just to say "HI"
- (D)oesn't give up on you
- (E)nvisions the whole of you (even the unfinished parts)
- (F)orgives your mistakes
- (G)ives unconditionally
- (H)elps you
- (I)nvites you over
- (J)ust "be" with you
- (K)eeps you close at heart
- (L)oves you for who you are
- (M)akes a difference in your life
- (N)ever Judges
- (O)ffers support
- (P)icks you up
- (Q)uiets your fears
- (r)aises your spirits
- (S)ays nice things about you
- (T)ells you the truth when you need to hear it
- (U)nderstands you
- (V)alues you
- (W)alks beside you
- (X)-plain things you don't understand
- (Y)ells when you won't listen and
- (Z)aps you back to reality

A friend is someone we turn to
When our spirits need a lift,
A friend is someone we treasure
For our friendship is a gift,

A friend is someone who fills our lives
With Beauty, Joy, and Grace
And makes the world we live in
A Better and Happier Place.



Jas. & P. Peterson,

FAIRVIEW,
UTAH

ALBERT ALLRED (1830-1904)

Submitted by: Linda Allred Cooper

The following are excerpts of Albert's family history from "The Heritage of Surry County" (NC) book. Albert's family history was written by his Great Grand Daughter, Jane Ellen Allred Hawks.

Albert Allred was born April 15, 1830 in Randolph County, NC. His parents were John and Mary Spoon Allred. His son, William Sam, wrote this sketch of Albert's working life: "Born 15th April, 1830. Worked at Cedar Falls 1841 - 1852, at Elkin, NC, 1852-1861, at Buck Shoals 1861-1864 at Turnersburg 1864-1867, at Hamburg 1867-1869 and at Green Hill 1869-1880."

In 1852, Albert married Sarah Gordon (born April 15, 1835). Albert worked in grist and woolen mills all his life. After working for others and buying land on Lovill's Creek (Surry County, NC), he built his own grist and woolen mill which he operated after 1880. His son, W. Sam, worked with him in both operations. He built a house on a hill overlooking Lovill's Creek that stood until 1976 when it burned. The house had remained "in the family" until 1962.

Albert bought land for his house from Robert Hines. He also bought land from Elizabeth Roberts. All of this land was on Lovill's Creek. Part of the land is now developed as Pine Creek Trail. The place where the old grist mill stood was purchased by the City of Mt. Airy in 1955 for a pump station for the city water system. They built a small concrete dam where the old wooden mill dam had been. The old grist mill washed away in a flood in the 1920's.

Murphy Allred, the cabinet maker, was a relative. There is a paper for a right-of-way allowing Albert to build a road to his property from "Pipers Gap" (probably HW52). The right-of-way is signed by Murphy Allred, Robert Hines and Hugh Gwyn who must have all owned land nearby.

There were barns, a garden enclosed with a fence to keep wild animals and strays out and an orchard was planted. Their daughter, Dollie, married John Martin in the family home on Thursday, October 20, 1892. This wedding was covered by the "Yadkin Valley News", the local newspaper.

Albert's oldest son, William Sam, was born October 29, 1863 while Albert was working at the mill at Buck Shoals. The family lived in nearby Hamburg at the time. On January 7, 1891, William Sam married Emma V. Sparger and they built a house below Albert's on Lovill's Creek. The house burned in 1969, but the long flight of granite steps is still there.

It was a two-story house with two big rooms upstairs, four rooms downstairs and a large central hall. It had larger proportions than Albert's house and lots of Victorian trimming. The front door was double and had glass in the top half of each door. The front porch was large with turned posts and Victorian wood trim at the top of each post. There was a swing on each end of the porch and porches on each side of the kitchen and dining rooms at the back of the house. There was a cellar with steps going down to it from the back porch. There were barns, an apple orchard, strawberry patch and root cellar where they would store hunks of ice packed in straw when the mill pond froze.

William Sam's wife, Emma, died of pneumonia on March 10, 1905. Emma and William Sam had eight children. All lived to adult-hood except Inez E. Allred who was born April 24, 1900 and died September 3, 1901. William Sam married again on

March 18, 1908. His new wife was named Minnie Demaris Stimpson. Minnie had come to Mt. Airy to get a job teaching school. She worked at Jackson Brothers and boarded in town until she could get a position. William Sam was working as the Superintendent of Green Hill School and met Minnie when he interviewed her for a job. He told someone he not only decided to hire her, but he planned to marry her also. And, so he did, one year later, making her the instant mother of seven. The oldest two girls did not take to her immediately. The youngest boy always called her "Mama" since he was so young when his own mother died. He was just glad to have someone to be his mother. After her first baby was born, the girls began to accept Minnie. Minnie and William Sam had nine children.

Albert, Sarah, William Sam, Emma, Inez and Minnie are all buried at Salem Methodist Church in Mt. Airy, Surry County, NC.



NOTES & QUERIES

My name is Jim Allred and I am part of one of the "mystery" families that Don Allred refers to that have not been linked to the original 4 families.

I began my Allred research just over a year ago and have had great success finding information and exploring the old courthouses of the South, the Nat'l Archives, DAR, Library of Congress and LDS records. I now have a database of over 200 Allreds in my line and am making great progress in discovering my roots.

I was delighted to see in your Winter Edition of AFN a query by a man related to my great-grandfather's brother. We have exchanged information.

I was ecstatic to read the article in the Spring 1999 edition by Glen E. Allred in which he relayed Redick Allred's mission experiences in 1886. What was so exciting is he visited Seburn (my ggrandfather's brother), **George Allred** (my ggrandfather's son), and **Maston Allred**, who is my great-grandfather. Information about Maston has been very hard to come by.

Keep up the good work! The newsletter is an important part toward achieving our mission.

Jim

NOTES & QUERIES

Ann Eliza Howland - Cook & Allred lineage
From AllredTC@aol.com

For those of you who are descended from **Phoebe Irene Cook**, the daughter of **Phineas Wolcott Cook** and **Ann Eliza Howland**, please contact me if you have worked on the genealogy of this family. Phoebe Irene Cook married **Byron Harvey Allred, Sr.**

In the process of teaching my husband how to do basic research as it related to gathering documents to prove his ancestry, I discovered that an article written in 1986 on his Howland line was incorrect as it related to the family of Knowlton Howland, grandfather of Ann Eliza Howland. I have been doing research on this for about 5 years and submitted an article to the New England Historical and Genealogical Register in July, 1996. The editing of my article is underway and it is expected to be published in the October issue.

I will continue to collect material from primary sources and may publish a book on the descendants of Edward Howland and Susannah Knowlton. For now this is for the information of those who may have primary sources to share with me.

Needless to say, I am very excited about having this article published. Who would have guessed it was even possible!

Teri Cochran Allred, A.G.

Manette Allred's School Class

Reverl Edward Allred .. Last child in first row

Photo Submitted by Beaula A. Whiting



DEAR ANCESTOR

submitted by: Linda Allred Cooper

Your tombstone stands among the rest,
Neglected and alone.
The name and date are chiseled out
On polished, marbled stone.

It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn.
You did not know that I exist
You died before I was born.

Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.

I wonder if you lived and loved,
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot,
And come to visit you.

Author unknown

HAROLD E. REID ALLRED

Submitted by Larry C. Allred

For 33 years now, we have worried and wondered what really happened to our Son, Brother and Friend. Harold was four years younger than I was and a ball of fun to be around. He was always happy and always had a smile on his face when I seen him. I always felt he was happy to become a part of our family. We were always friends and I felt we were very close friends.

I remember many times visiting at his home on 8th south in Salt Lake City. And on a few occasions we would trip on up to Liberty Park and goof around. Running and climbing and visiting the bird house. I had a big fondness in my heart for Harold.

When I came home from Viet Nam, in December of 1966, Harold had already joined the Marines and was stationed at the Presidio, in San Francisco. I understood he was being shipped out to Viet Nam soon and I wanted to see him before he left.

Linda and I decided we were going to take a little trip to California and try to get re-acquainted after being separated for thirteen months. We decided to stop in San Francisco on the way and see Harold. Even now I have trouble calling him Harold, I always called him by his nickname, Ari. In fact, it is his name and his Mothers name that I have named my youngest Daughter after, (Ariana).

Linda and I made the trip to San Francisco and we did spend the day with Ari. We went to a show and then out to dinner. Ari was on duty at the time and struggled with his commander to allow him to find some one else to fill his duty so he could spend the day with us. He was able to do that and we did have a great time together.

I remember another time Ari came to visit us. We tramped all over the foothills of Farmington having a great time. I had taken my rifle with us and we were shooting at rocks and cans. Ari had become an expert marksman. The area is now full of big expensive homes.

When the Government sent us word of Ari's disappearance, obviously we worried and fretted that he was a prisoner of war. We consoled ourselves over the fact that most of the Viet Cong wouldn't take lower enlisted men as prisoners. Never the less, it certainly was a possibility and we couldn't rule it out. After the war ended and still no definite word of his whereabouts, left us still worried much more that he was one of those Americans reported still captive and doing slave labor some where in south east Asia under some cruel and in-humane dictator.

For nearly twenty years the US Government and the Marines couldn't tell us much about what happened to Ari. Nothing more than we already knew. Finally about ten years ago, may be twelve, The Government finally declared him DEAD. It really didn't make any difference in our feelings. We still didn't know where he was or what had become of him. Many of us still harbored thoughts about whether or not he was still alive in some concentration camp or slave labor camp by some cruel and in human slave driver.

A little over a month ago, my brother Clark, called me to tell me that He and his Mother had sent a blood sample to the government for DNA testing on some bone fragments found in the locality of Viet Nam where Ari was last seen. The DNA testing turned out Positive.

Wednesday morning I met Clark at the Salt lake International

Airport. The Government had sent him to Hawaii to escort Ari's bones home. Ari's Mother and brothers and sisters were there as well as an Honor Guard from the Marines. The Airport Security had things all tied up so that no one was there that shouldn't be there.

When the plane arrived and started unloading baggage, Clark had come down off the plane and came to me with tears in his eyes and gave me the biggest hug I have had in a long time.

The casket was unloaded and the Marines were preparing to take it to the Hurst. The First Sergeant of the Marine Honor Guard asked me to follow the Casket and the Honor Guard in the procession to the Hurst. It was a great honor to me to be able to do so. I was the only person in Air Force Blues there.

As the honor Guard passed by, the Airport Security were all lined up and saluting. It so moved me that I could barley contain my self. My Brother has finally come home. We know now that he wasn't a prisoner of War. We know where he has been all these long years. He has been in the hands of our Dear Savior.

This morning at 1100 o'clock, we will lay his remains in the grave with full honors. The Marine honor Guard will be there to do the proceedings, to do a 21 - gun salute. There will be many of my friends from the Air National Guard Base there in uniform to pay their last respects to a fallen comrade. And of course, as many of my family that can be there, will also be there. Harold was loved by all of us.

Clark told me last night that some one from the Air Force, a very high ranking officer, called him and asked if it would be alright if he arranged a "Fly By", Clark told him yes. I hope he is able to do it.

When he and his family joined our family so many years ago, to me, then, it was as if my brother had finally come home. And now again, He has finally come home.

There are so many people with no possible connection to him or the family, other than the fact that they feel like paying respect to some one who has paid the ultimate price for our freedom and the freedom of others around the world. Thank you every one.

Thank you.

I love you Ari. We will meet again dear brother.

Larry C. Allred

REMEMBER THE GREAT RAFFLE WE HAD LAST YEAR AT THE JUNE REUNION???

Well we want each year to be better than the last! It will be on June 26 in Spring City. So please come, have fun, and support the Allred Family Organization.

Tickets will be \$1 each. A quilt is being done for this year's raffle by the Goodyear family. Our many thanks go out to them for thrie hard work and time!

We are also going to have many other items: Glass cookie jar tole painted lids, tole painted items, pioneer bonnets, candy jar, hand stiched items etc.

We will also have a "Kids Corner", where we will have some jars filled with candies and the kids will have to guess how many are in the jar to win!

DON THURBER ALLRED

Submitted by Beulah A. Whiting

Don Thurber Allred was born on the 24th of May 1883 in Spring City, Sanpete County, Utah to Sanford Allred and Annie Eliza Robinson. He was their second child having a brother, Cyrus Edward Allred. He married Annie Pearl Madsen on 30 of Dec 1911. They were unable to have children of their own and so Don loved and helped care for his brothers five children and they all have memories of their special times spent with their Uncle Don.

We often hear of snow slides in Provo Canyon and Don Thurber Allred was the victim of a slide threat at Bridle Veil Falls.

From the Salt Lake Tribune dated march 30, 1924: Provo, March 29: More than 100 men worked incessantly all day in Provo Canyon in an effort to find the bodies of Don Allred a resident of Lakeview, and Mark Hyslop of Grandview, north of Provo who were caught in one of the heaviest snowslide known in the history of the canyon at 9:37 this morning. The bodies had not been found when darkness stopped work.

In addition to the missing men, Leonard Sutherland 19, and Ben Carter, 60 years of age and Spencer Madsen 28 years of age a brother-in-law of Don Allred were badly bruised by the flying chunks of hardened snow which knocked them down in their race for life.

The slide occurred at Bridle Veil Falls, being the second one to have dropped over the great mountain within twenty-four hours. The first one occurred Friday morning burying the Heber branch of the Denver and Rio Grand railroad with more than fifty feet of snow.

It was the snow from this first slide that fifty men from Provo was attempting to clear from the railroad tracks when the second one roared down through the canyon over the falls, carrying with it mammoth pine trees and huge boulders and even the body of a large mountain Wolf was found in the outer edge of the mountain of snow this afternoon. A watchman with a shotgun was stationed on the opposite side of the mountain to watch for any movement of snow. A terrific wind was blowing snow in all directions prior to the roar of the avalanche. The report of his gun, however, was heard and almost simultaneously the blinding snow was covering the workmen.

As soon as the report reached Provo rescuing crews were formed and more than 300 volunteers were carried in automobiles to the scene of the disaster. Throughout the day they worked with probes and shovels in an effort to locate the missing men and giant powder was used in an effort to cut a channel along the course of the river which found its way under the fifty feet of snow. This continued until dark when watchmen were left to watch the river for the bodies.

APRIL 2, 1924 Salt Lake Tribune: Slide Gives up Hislop's body. Found on North side of Provo River; Neck and jawbone both broken. Four days of constant work on the part of a large crew of men at Bridle Veil Falls in Provo Canyon resulted today, April 1st, in the finding of the body of Mark Hislop, 22 years of age who with Don Allred was buried in the most terrific snowslide in the history of the canyon Saturday morning. The body was recovered at 5:20 this morning on the North side of the river at the extreme northeast corner of the slide, covered by six

feet of snow with the feet projecting into the stream. Work will continue tomorrow in an effort to recover Allred's body.

SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, SAT. APRIL 5, 1924 Untiring efforts for seven days on the part of scores of volunteer workmen and railroad employees so far have failed to bring to light the body of Don Allred, Killed in the snowslide at the Bridle Veil Falls in Provo Canyon last Saturday morning. It appears possible that Allred's body will be recovered either today or tomorrow as the work has resulted in much of Saturdays slide being removed through blasting, hydraulic action and the increased flow of the Provo River.

SALT LAKE TRIBUNE SUNDAY APRIL 6, 1924. Second victim of slide found. Body of Don Allred, who lost his life in canyon disaster, finally located. April 5th at 10:10 o'clock this morning the body of Don Allred one of the victims of the Bridle Veil Falls snowslide was found by workman after an incessant effort of seven days.

The body of Allred was found on the Southeast end of the slide. The head and upper body were crushed probably from a tree on which the body was found lying. Twenty feet of snow covered the body and it appears probable that Allred was caught in one of the holes in the previous snow slide to that in which he lost his life.

Upon being taken to the Hatch Funeral Home it was ascertained that the head, left arm, shoulder and chest had been crushed, practically every bone having been broken. Death was undoubtedly instantaneous. With great care it was uncovered. It was immediately brought to Provo in charge of an only brother Edward Allred of Spring City and a half-brother Bert Allred also of Spring City. Allred is survived by his wife, Mrs. Pearl Madsen Allred, his mother Mrs. Annie E. Allred of Spring City, one brother Edward Allred, Spring City, Three half-brothers Eugene, Myron and Bert Allred and two half-sisters Mrs. Nina Mickle and Mrs. Mary Ellen Acord.

The body will be taken to Spring City tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock where funeral services and internment will take place.

Dear Family Members;

Dawnell Griffin has produced her latest research report on Jonathan Allred, son of John Allred. His spouse is Nancy Lewis. This report is 98 pages long, is bound with a plastic cover on front and back. It contains the report and the supporting documents as well as the family group sheets to cover the family. WE tried to gather photographs of the grave markers for these families, but couldn't get them in time. this could be added to the document at a later time, if you so desire.

The cost of the Report plus postage will be \$14.62. Please send this notice out to all the rest of the family each of you know. I am hoping we have printed enough copies. but if we have to go back to the printer again, we will. It's a wonderful document, folks. I know you will enjoy it. Dawnell has put a great deal of time and effort into it.

For those who would like to purchase a copy, please send your name and address and a check for \$14.62, to Allred Family Organization, Inc., PO Box 559, Farmington, Utah 84025-0559. For a preview of the Report, see the AFO web page under "Research".

If you have any questions or comments, please email me at lcallred@utahlinx.com or President@allredfamily.org.

GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPA IS LOST IN GEORGIA !

By James Vernon Allred

About 18 months ago I got a phone call from a distant cousin, John, with whom I had not spoken for over 20 years. He said he was starting to do some research on our family tree. I told him that my parents had passed and had left no information on our family. As I recall they never talked about our ancestors. He told me my grandfather was Samuel Jackson Allred, born in Cedartown, Georgia.

Since I live close to Washington, DC I decided to go to the National Archives to see what I could find. Some very nice volunteers there instructed me on how to go about searching the census records and within an hour I had found my father, Edward Jackson Allred, grandfather Samuel and - Eureka! - my great-grandfather Masten Allred, all in census records of Georgia and Alabama. I was so excited that I immediately became a genealogy enthusiast.

I thought this genealogy stuff was not only fun, but it was really easy. I was able to link great-grandfather Masten, to his father John Allred, in Gwinnett County, Georgia, in the 1840s and 1850s. But, then the trail became difficult to follow.

I decided to go to Georgia for an on-the-ground search. I visited Lawrenceville and Cedartown, only to be told the courthouses had been burned during the Civil War. In fact one young lady told me that General Sherman had burned their courthouse in 1917. He must have had a very long career in the Union Army.

The discoveries came slow for the next year and then things started to accelerate. First I saw a query in the great Allred Family Newsletter from a descendent of Noah Allred, who was my great-grandfather's brother. I quickly contacted my new cousin, Steven, and within a day I had an electronic photograph of Noah, Jr.

Then I found tax records in the Library of Congress that located great-grandfather Masten in Forsyth County, Georgia in 1845. With new enthusiasm I made a second trip to Georgia where I found extensive information. For example, in the vault at Cumming, Georgia I found a Criminal Docket from 1849 which gave the court record of Masten Allred, who had been arrested for "playing poker." At the Gwinnett County Historical Society I discovered some research done 20 years ago by an Allred descendent of my great-grandfather's brother, Henry. I contacted my newly discovered cousin, Sue, who filled me in on her conversations with friends who knew our family in Cedartown. In the record room in the Cedartown Courthouse I found numerous property transactions, birth and marriage records of Masten Allred's family members. I even talked to the Probate Judge who had dated an Allred while in high school. Is this a small world or what?

Later I was researching the Family Tree Maker CDs and discovered another new cousin, Laquida, on the West coast, who had submitted her family tree. It included extensive information on great-grandfather Masten and his siblings, Pinkney, Charity, Melia, Jessie, Jimmy, Seaborn, John, Mary Ann, Solatia, and of course Henry and Noah.

It also had great-great-grandfather John Allred married to Martha Conaway. John was listed as being from Scotland and they had been married in North Carolina. This information is

somewhat different from I had found in that the John Allred I have been tracing was married to a Mary who was born in South Carolina. Laquida had interviewed her mother and an aunt who had provided all this information from memory. As I have done additional research on this part of the family at the National Archives I have found it to be very accurate.

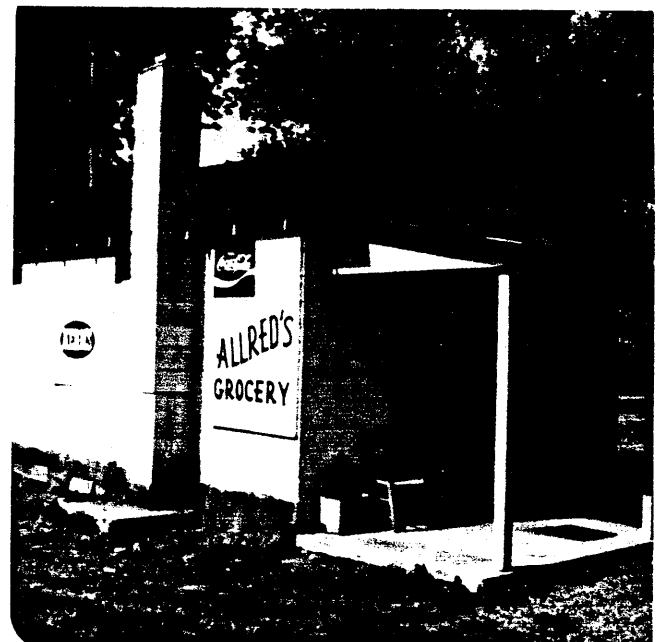
The latest discovery of family information was found in an Allred Family Newsletter article written by Glen E. Allred. It recounted the visitations of missionary Reddick R. Allred in his diary of visits of Allred families in Alabama and Georgia in the 1880s. Reddick visited Seaborn Allred in Talledago County, Alabama in 1886, Masten's son George and two extensive visits with Masten which gave me a great deal on insight on how they lived.

This truly is the age of information transfer. To think that in 1999 an Allred in Virginia, researching his family roots back 150 years, is provided information from a man in Bountiful, Utah whose great-grandfather visited his great-grandfather 120 years ago in the back hills of Georgia, is almost beyond imagination. Great-grandfathers Masten and Reddick would be astounded.

I have not been able to find out where my great-grandfather Masten was buried, but I know he died after 1900 and I believe either in Cedartown, Georgia or eastern Alabama. I have not been able to find information pertaining to great-great-grandfather John Allred (of Gwinnett County, Georgia) and would appreciate hearing from anyone. Was great-great-grandfather from Scotland? This new information contradicts everything I have heard about the original family coming from England, settling in North Carolina.

This wasn't as easy as I had first thought. But it has been twice as much fun. I have met scores of wonderful researchers, genealogists, archivists and lots of new "cousins." Everyone has been so kind, gracious and helpful that it has become a very rewarding hobby.

James V. Allred Reston, Virginia jarsa@aol.com



Allred Grocery .. Tennessee

AN ALLRED FAMILY HISTORY

written by: James V. Allred

(William, William, Renne, William, Renne, James V.)

submitted by: Linda Allred Cooper

James V. Allred was one of our Texas cousins who researched his branch of the family and wrote a wonderful journal on the family in 1957. Later, in 1961, Renne Allred, Jr. added to this journal and allowed the North Randolph Historical Society Quarterly to publish it in 1969-70. The following are excerpts from this journal which I'm sure you'll enjoy.

First, Governor Allred's listing from

"Who's Who In America - Volume 23 - 1944-45, page 32:

"Allred, James V., Judge: Born in Bowie, Texas, March 29, 1899, son of Renne and Mary (Hinson) Allred; L. L. B. Cumberland University, 1921; Married Jo Betsy Hiller, June 20, 1927; Children: James V., David, Saïm Houston. Admitted to Texas Bar, 1921, began practice at Wichita Falls; District Attorney same, 1923-25; Governor of State of Texas, 1935-39; U.S. District Judge, Southern District of Texas, 1939-42; practicing attorney 1942. Served U. S. Navy, WW I, Member American Legion. Democrat, Member Disciples of Christ Church. Mason (32 degree Shriner, K. C. C. H. Elk Club; Optimist Wichita Falls. Re-appointed U. S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, October 1949. Died September 27, 1959 at Laredo, Texas and buried in Wichita Falls, Texas."

The Journal:

"Last summer Jo Betsy and I visited a friend near Williamsburg, VA and decided to return home by way of Randolph County, NC, where after considerable difficulty, we located the graves of William and Patience Julian Allred (my great, great Grandparents) and found some wonderful folks to whom we are related. I have been telling all of you that I was going to write you about our trip and what we learned, since none of us had been there before and really knew very little about the family. Naturally, I had to do a bit of checking since, and to tell the story from William Allred of Randolph County is such a titantic task that I just couldn't bring myself around to the attempt until this day of Independence, 1957.

From the headstone on the grave of William Allred I learned that he was born in 1765. Lying abed this morning reflecting on the signing of the Declaration, I thought, why "great grandpaw William was just a lad of 11 years old when that happened". Without doubt his father must have fought in the Revolution just as the family tradition claimed by the Iowa and Utah branches (with whom we had corresponded in recent years). For years JoBetsy had modestly mentioned her descent "Havilands of Kentucky", and traced her family back to the Revolution. Always she had been good enough sport to laugh when I tried to deflate it with "Us Allreds come from po white trash".

Anyway I resolved that this day I would make a start on that report to you. We boys and Maurine will recall that coming up and until recent years, about all we knew was the story Dad told on so many occasions, in substance that: His grandfather, Renne Allred, was born in North Carolina; his daddy whipped or threatened to whip him when he was about 14 years old and he ran away, joining up with a wagon train to Tennessee, where he

married and had two children, William, Dad's father, and Elizabeth whom we older boys will remember as Aunt Betty Washburn, old and using a ear trumpet when we visited Graham, Young County, about 1910.

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Dad in 1942 and 1945:

Renne lost his wife in Tennessee, sold out all he had, and took a steamboat from Memphis to New Orleans, accompanied by William (8 or 9) and Betty (5). Upon arrival at New Orleans he bought a wagon and team of oxen and started west with an immigrant train bound for Texas. He left the train and struck out north, heading for "Dugan's Fort" in Fannin County (later Grayson County) from which a friend had written him that "all you need is salt, seed, powder and lead". It took him a week to cross the Sabine River - he had to cut a way down the banks and back up, and at times, through trackless forests, that each night he pointed the "waggin tongue" toward the North Star.

Renne arrived in the Dugan Fort country in 1837, where he took up a league and a labor (about 4400 acres) of land. The Indians killed a man in bed with William one night when, as a boy, he was visiting the Dugan family.

Briefly, the story was that the log cabin had two rooms, separated by a through porch - the type we saw as boys. The Older Dugan boys had gone to sleep int he barn since it was moonlight and horse stealing time for the Comanches. The older folks were sleeping in one room and had the door barred while William, 14, and another boy of his age and a man named Fry were to sleep in the other room. The boys were scuffling and arguing about who would sleep on the outside and who would sleep next to the wall and Fry, who had already gone to bed, said "Boys, stop it. I'll sleep on the outside" and moved over. Carelessly, the boys forgot to bar the door and a few minutes later an Indian pushed the door open, fired and ran, killing Fry. William jumped up and dashed a bucket of water on the fire and they heard gun shots at the corral and the next morning found a dead Indian there. Years later I found this same story appearing in the bound volume of Frontier Times, Vol. 3, as recounted by Miss Kate Dugan, who, with her father, mother and sister, were in the other room.

Dad was born near Cherry Mound, north of Bells, In Grayson County (carved out of Fannin County in 1848). He and Mamma were married in 1890. They went to Childress County where he took up a claim and they lived in a "dug-out". He worked as a cowboy on the OX Ranch, where Oran was born.

The drought got 'em, and they started back to Grayson County, stopping at Bowie where the stand-pipe (water tower) was being built, and he got a job at "six-bits" a day for himself and his team, hauling rock, gravel and sand. He stayed on at Bowie where the rest of us were born and that's about that.

Later in the late '20s, Dad heard of an old letter in the possession of some of his kin in Wise county, purportedly written by his great grandfather in North Carolina to one of his sons in Texas. He secured the original of this from Mrs. S. L. Atkins, a descendant of Elijah Allred.

The original was faded but remarkable well preserved. Written in a fine Spencerian hand, it is dated July 14, 1843 and signed William and Patience Allred. It is addressed to Elijah Allred. In this letter he gives Elijah an account, so far as he knows, of his brothers and says: "I should be glad, heartily glad to see all of my sons that has gone far to the west; but I very little

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expect ever to see any of them again during my stay in this world. My son Renee is gone far away from all his connections and I have not had a scrape of pen from him since he left Tennessee, nor any word or any account of him anyway." This definitely ties in with Dad's story of the lad who ran away.

The following is an account published in the "Biographical Souvenir of Texas" published in 1899:

"William Allred, a resident of Grayson County, was born in Henderson County, TN, December 27, 1828 and is the son of Renne and Margaret Ward Allred. His father, a son of William Allred of NC, was born in the latter state but re-moved to Tennessee and thence in the fall of 1837, to Texas, settling in Grayson County where he died in 1869. During his life he was a farmer and stock-raiser. His wife, who was a daughter of Thomas Ward, was born in North Carolina and died in 1833. William is the elder of two living children of his parents, the other being his sister Elizabeth.

William settled in Grayson County with his parents in 1837 and has since resided there. He owns 231 acres near Norton with substantial commodious buildings and other improvements.

In the summer of 1862, Mr. Allred inlisted in Company A, Martin's Regiment, Conferate States Army and served in the trans-Mississippi department until the close of the war. His record as a soldier, like that of his life in peace, is an honorable one, for his did his duty in all things to the best of his ability."

William and "Granny" are buried at Cherry Mound, Grayson County, where Mama and Dad went to school. In one of my campaigns for Attorney General, I stopped at the little town of Bells and was shaking hands with everyone in the store on Main Street. A young fellow said "Allred? We live out on the old Allred place and there are some old tombstones out there but most of 'em has fallen down." I learned the old place was about 7 miles north of Bells and drove out. There they were, just a few stones in an old orchard.

But one of them was still half-standing, that is, the slab was in two pieces and the top part had fallen to the ground and the foundation up on which it rested was still there. The part on the ground was marble, bearing the Masonic square and compass, and clearly carved upon it "Renne Allred" with the date of his birth and death. Raymond went up there leased for 99 years a sufficient plot to embrace the several graves and had the Masonic headstone restored.

Later at a picnic at Cherry Mound during the time I served as Governor, a man came up to me and said "We live out on the old Allred place and there is an old ox yoke out there in the barn. It belongs to the Allred family and you can have it." Dad was with me at the time. We went by and he said "Jimmy, that's the yoke my grandfather used coming from New Orleans to Texas. I saw it many times when I was a boy." The old yoke is on display in the museum at Ft. Belknap, Young County, where William served for a short time during the War Between the States.

From the time I was elected Attorney General in 1930, I have been receiving occasional letters from Allreds all over the United States inquiring as to my background. Most of them mentioned that their family originated in North Carolina. The earliest letter of which I have a record, dated August 15, 1931 was from H. C. Allred inviting me to attend an Allred Family Reunion in September at Gray's Chapel, Randolph County, which was to be

held on the third Sunday in September. The following year he wrote to inform me that "there will be no Reunion of the Allred families this year on account of the terrible depression which exists in this part of the country as the farmers are almost destitute of crops owing to the severe drought and public work is not fifty percent normal, but God willing it will be held at or near the old homestead of William Allred, Millboro, Randolph County, NC, next year in September, third Sunday."

Another letter later on came from James M. Allred, Franklinville, which shows the formation of an "Allred Reunion Association" with a letterhead that read "Meets Annually on First Sunday in September, Gray's Chapel Methodist Church, Randolph County, North Carolina". On our trip last summer we learned that James M. Allred, who had so faithfully invited me to come up there year after year, had died and his nephew, C. H. Allred, of Cedar Falls, is now President.

In August 1956, I stood beside the grave of our great, great grandfather, William Allred and his wife, Patience Julian Allred, at Gray's Chapel, a charming country churchyard, about ten miles northeast of Asheboro, Randolph County, NC. Jo Betsy and I searched through a number of graveyards and found more tombstones with "Allred" chiseled on them then we knew existed. We located some wonderful kinspeople and were directed the following day to two dark brown native stones, the one with "William Allred, Esq., Born August 8, 1765, Died January 24, 1849" and the other with "Patience Allred, Born September 15, 1772, Died February 26, 1856".

The letters were fading but still readable. In between these old monuments, a new marble monument was placed in 1957 with the aid of our kinsman, Colon T. Redding. Colon, like us, is a great great grandson of William and Patience, being descended from Susan Allred, their only daughter. It was he who led me to the graves.

One of the great regrets of my life is that I did not accept repeated invitations to attend the Allred Family Reunion at Gray's Chapel while I was Governor. It would have meant so much to all of us, but, of course, I was so terrible pressed all the time.

I'll have more from James' journal in our next newsletter.



L to R Front Row.. John Allred, Agnes Allred
Back Row.. Landon Allred, Nina Jane Allred
Nance, Sumler Allred, Annie Allred,
McCormick K., Adkins

LIFE IN THE 1500'S

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Anne Hathaway was the wife of William Shakespeare. She married at the age of 26. This is really unusual for the time. Most people married young, like at the age of 11 or 12. Life was not as romantic as we may picture it. Here are some examples:

Anne Hathaway's home was a 3 bedroom house with a small parlor, which was seldom used (only for company), kitchen, and no bathroom.

Mother and Father shared a bedroom. Anne had a queen sized bed, but did not sleep alone. She also had 2 other sisters and they shared the bed also with 6 servant girls. (this is before she married) They didn't sleep like we do lengthwise but all laid on the bed crosswise.

At least they had a bed. The other bedroom was shared by her 6 brothers and 30 field workers. They didn't have a bed. Everyone just wrapped up in their blanket and slept on the floor. They had no indoor heating so all the extra bodies kept them warm.

They were also small people, the men only grew to be about 5'6" and the women were 4'8". SO in their house they had 27 people living.

Most people got married in June. Why? They took their yearly bath in May, so they were still smelling pretty good by June, although they were starting to smell, so the brides would carry a bouquet of flowers to hide their b.o.

Like I said, they took their yearly bath in May, but it was just a big tub that they would fill with hot water. The man of the house would get the privilege of the nice clean water. Then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was pretty thick. Thus, the saying, "**don't throw the baby out with the bath water,**" it was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it.

I'll describe their houses a little. You've heard of thatch roofs, well that's all they were. Thick straw, piled high, with no wood underneath. They were the only place for the little animals to get warm. So all the pets; dogs, cats and other small animals, mice, rats, bugs, all lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery so sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Thus the saying, "**it's raining cats and dogs.**" Since there was nothing to stop things from falling into the house they would just try to clean up a lot. But this posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings from animals could really mess up your nice clean bed, so they found if they would make beds with big posts and hang a sheet over the top it would prevent that problem. That's where those beautiful big 4 poster beds with canopies came from.

When you came into the house you would notice most times that the floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, that's where the saying "**dirt poor**" came from. The wealthy would have slate floors. That was fine but in the winter they would get slippery when they got wet.

So they started to spread thresh on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on they would just keep adding it and adding it until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. SO they put a piece of wood at the entry way,

a "**thresh hold**".

In the kitchen they would cook over the fire, they had a fireplace in the kitchen/parlor, that was seldom used and sometimes in the master bedroom.

They had a big kettle that always hung over the fire and every day they would light the fire and start adding things to the pot. Mostly they ate vegetables, they didn't get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner then leave the leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew would have food in it that had been in there for a month! Thus the rhyme "**peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old.**":

Sometimes they could get a hold of some pork. They really felt special when that happened and when company came over they even had a rack in the parlor where they would bring out some bacon and hang it to show it off.

That was a sign of wealth and that a man "**could really bring home the bacon.**" They would cut off a little to share with guests and they would all sit around and "**chew the fat.**"

If you had money your plates were made out of pewter. Sometimes some of their food had a high acid content and some of the lead would leach out into the food. They really noticed it happened with tomatoes. So they stopped eating tomatoes, for 400 years.

Most people didn't have pewter plates though, they all had trenchers, that was a piece of wood with the middle scooped out like a bowl. They never washed their boards and a lot of times worms would get into the wood.

After eating off the trencher with worms they would get "**trench mouth.**"

If you were going traveling and wanted to stay at an Inn they usually provided the bed but not the board.

The bread was divided according to status. The workers would get the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family would get the middle and guests would get the top, or the "**upper crust**".

They also had lead cups and when they would drink their ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days.

They would be walking along the road and here would be someone knocked out and they thought they were dead. So they would pick them up and take them home and get them ready to bury. They realized if they were too slow about it, the person would wake up. Also, maybe not all of the people they were burying were dead. So they would lay them out on the kitchen table for a couple of days, the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. That's where the custom of holding a "**wake**" came from.

Since England is so old and small they started running out of places to bury people. So they started digging up some coffins and would take their bones to a house and re-use the grave. They started opening these coffins and found some had scratch marks on the inside.

One out of 25 coffins were that way and they realized they had still been burying people alive. So they thought they would tie a string on their wrist and lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night to listen for the bell. That is how the saying "**graveyard shift**" was made.

If the bell would ring they would know that someone was "**saved by the bell**" or he was a "**dead ringer**"

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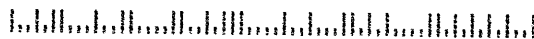
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