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Allreds from 18 States Attend Randolph County Reunion



Dawnell Griffin giving her reunion report on John, Thomas and Solomon Allred from Randolph County, NC.

Tristen Routh, 13, played the bag pipes during the reunion. He descends from the "original" John and lives in Randolph County, NC, with his parents, Dan and Dedra Routh.



The Allred Reunion held in Randolph County, NC, September 9 and 10, was a huge success! A record 475 attended the day-long reunion on Saturday. Allreds came from Alaska, California, New Mexico, Utah, Iowa, Ohio, Texas, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, Indiana, West Virginia, Mississippi and, of course, North Carolina.

Linda Allred Cooper was master of ceremonies for the family meeting Saturday and Louise Allred took the minutes. Guest speakers were Allred Family Organization President Larry Allred, past Grays Chapel Reunion President James Eugene Allred and East Coast Allreds founding member Eddie Clay Allred.

A very popular addition to the reunion was the question and answer sessions hosted by Linda from Pittsboro, NC, Dawnell Griffin, Fairview, UT, and Michael Marshall, Caret, VA. An average of 100 people attended each session. Allred family genealogy information was given during these sessions.

Linda's session was on the first four Allred men (William, John, Solomon and Thomas) who settled in North Carolina in the 1750's. Michael's session was on his research on William Elrod/Allred who we know as the "original" William. Dawnell's session was on her newly released research on John, Thomas and Solomon, taking their branch of the Allred family back to England in the late 1600's.

AFO Newsletter Editor, Alice Allred Pottmyer, was there enjoying the day and encouraging everyone to send in their family stories and photos to be shared and published.

Sue Whitley Estep mingled and answered questions

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from Allreds who were just beginning to research their family roots. Mirion Cloud, Azle, TX, and several Texas cousins attended. They extended invitations to everyone to come to Texas next Fall for their next Allred reunion. All day long Allreds mingled and socialized, renewing old friendships and meeting new cousins. After lunch, while everyone was enjoying the beautiful weather or viewing displays, we enjoyed listening to the bagpipes played by Tristen Routh (descendant of the "original John") and to the Johnson Brother's Gospel Quartet of Franklinville, NC. One of their members is also an Allred. At one point, the quartet sang *Amazing Grace* as everyone within "earshot" joined in.

The oldest Allred in attendance was Thelma Whitley Robbins, 86, Wilmington, NC. Her mother was Emma Jean Allred who descends from the "original William." The youngest was Emma Mae Saunders, three months, Franklinville, NC. She is the granddaughter of Lonnie Allred who descends from the "original William."

On Sunday, 54 people participated in the Tour of Allred Sites in Randolph County. Everyone met at Grays Chapel School at 9 a.m. and created a caravan of 12 vehicles which played "follow the leader" as we visited a variety of Allred sites including the original Allred land dating back to 1753. Linda told stories and shared family information at each stop, helping to "bring to life" some of our ancestors. We visited the homes or graves of some of them. When we stopped for lunch at Captain Tom's Seafood Restaurant, several in our group took turns telling jokes as we enjoyed the fellowship and family bonding. More than \$1,200 was raised through donations, raffle ticket sales and the sale of Allred t-shirts, hats, visors, video tapes and other items. If you did not attend and are interested in these items, please see the order information on page 18.

This money will be used to support the 2001 reunion. Some money will also be used to support research expenses. Mark your calendars now for next year's reunion which is the second weekend in September. Each year this reunion grows and we have more and more fun.

Plan to join us September 9-10, 2001, in Randolph County, NC.

Allred Family Organization

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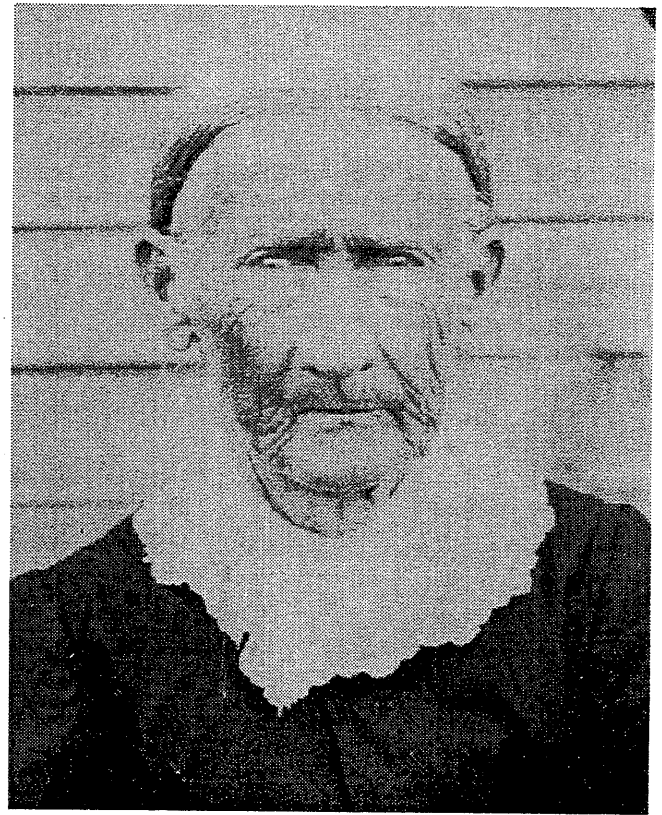
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Allred cousins in front of the old Cedar Falls Post Office, Cedar Falls, Randolph County, NC.

All reunion photos in this issue by Linda Allred Cooper.



Henry Branson Allred (photo about 1850 to 1860) was born in 1825 in Randolph County, NC, and his wife, Eunice Leonard Allred (photo about 1898), is great great granddaughter, Phyllis Allred Curt, Falls Church, VA, recently restored the photo of Henry Branson in time to display it at the Randolph County Reunion. She had copies made for his other great great grandchildren.



The Allred cousins at Patterson Grove Christian Church Cemetery look at many of the Allred graves located at this Randolph County, NC, cemetery.



Carl Allred, Arnold, MD, a descendant of the "original Thomas" was thrilled to find Carl Allred Road during the Randolph County reunion tours. His parents are Grant and Kathie Allred.

Carl Allred, for whom the road was named, was a descendant of the "original William." He and his wife raised 11 children in Randolph County. Many of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren attended the September reunion in Randolph County.

The intersection of Whites Memorial Road and Carl Allred Road is near the Cedar Falls area of Randolph County, NC.

Texas Soundex Available

Mirion Cloud, Azle, TX, has compiled the Allred, Alred and Allread names from the U. S. Census from 1900, 1910 and 1920 for Texas.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of this Soundex, please send her \$3 and your name and address and she will forward it to you.

Her address is: Mirion Cloud, 143 Cedar Creek Dr., Azle, TX 76020.

2001 Allred Reunions

Several Allred Reunions are planned for 2001. This is the information received to date.

Allred Family Reunion
Saturday, June 30, 2001
Spring City, UT
Contact: Bob Olson
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Allred Family Reunion
Saturday, September 8, and Sunday, September 9
Randolph County, NC
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Allred-Rowland Family Reunion
Fall 2001 - date to be determined
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If your family plans to hold an Allred Family Reunion during 2001 and would like the information listed in the next newsletter, please forward to AFO Newsletter Editor, Alice Allred Pottmyer, 5540 N. 32nd St., Arlington, VA 22207-1535 or pottmyera@aol.com.

Allred-Rowland Reunion 2000

Quanah, Hardeman County, Texas

by Mirion Cloud

Grandaughter of Ellena Allred Rowland

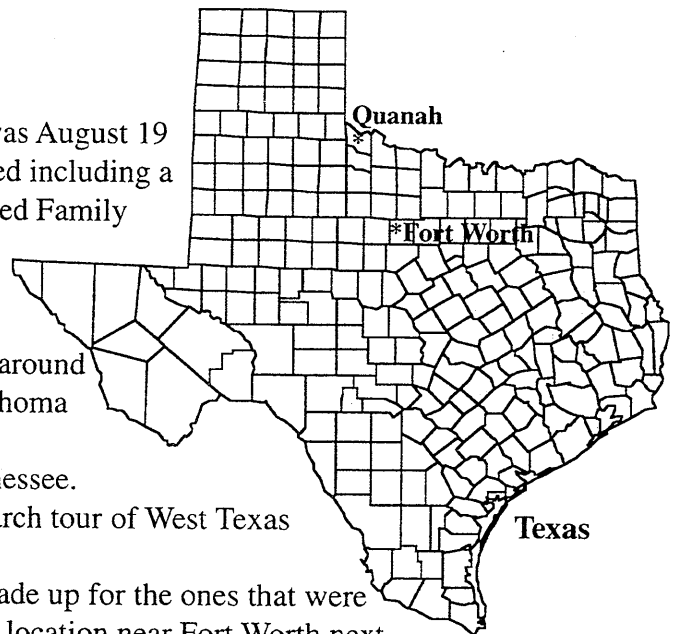
The Annual Allred-Rowland Family Reunion was August 19 and 20 in Quanah, TX. Thirty-five people attended including a group of seven Allreds from North Carolina. Allred Family Organization President Larry Allred came from Farmington, UT.

Eugene and Betty Rowland took the North Carolina and Utah Allreds on a tour of the farms around Quanah. They also drove over the border to Oklahoma so they could say they have been to Oklahoma.

Glenda Rowland was with us again from Tennessee. My sister, Cleta Kempe, and I took her on a research tour of West Texas after the reunion.

Our numbers were small, but the love there made up for the ones that were missing. We are looking to move the reunion to a location near Fort Worth next year. Future issues of the AFO Newsletter will keep you posted on these plans.

This branch of the Allred family descends from the "original Thomas."



Some of those attending the Quanah, TX, Reunion were (front row l-r) Wallace Allred, Blanche Allred, Eugene Allred, Margaret Bordofske (daughter of Ellena Allred and Calvin Rowland), Carolee Brodofske, Betty Rowland, Eugene Rowland (son of Ellena Allred and Calvin Rowland, Mirion Cloud and Belinda Alexander. Middle row are (l-r) Eddie Clay Allred, Sara Allred, Glenda Rowland, Judith Ball, Frank Brodofske, Franklin Allred, Linda Finch, Donnie Finch and Cleta Kempe. Back row are (l-r) Glenn Jones, Hollis Allred, Steve Ball, Authella Davis, Lonnie Davis, Willie Alexander, Larry Allred and Billy Kempe.

Dave Allred: Texas State Representative

William David 'Dave' Allred was a journalist, lawmaker, lawyer, and teacher. He was born in Austin, TX.

He was the son of Texas Governor James V. Allred (see Page 7, AFO Newsletter, No. 44, Fall 2000). Nevertheless, Dave was a self-made man. He started out a journalist and worked for several New York City publications before going to Washington, D. C., where he worked for a Houston newspaper and the Associated Press.

He obtained a bachelor's degree in journalism from Texas Christian University in 1955. He later received a master's degree from Columbia University in New York.

He was a working journalist when he went back to Texas where he worked for the Wichita Falls newspaper before he ran for 13th District Representative in 1966, a position he held for 14 consecutive years.

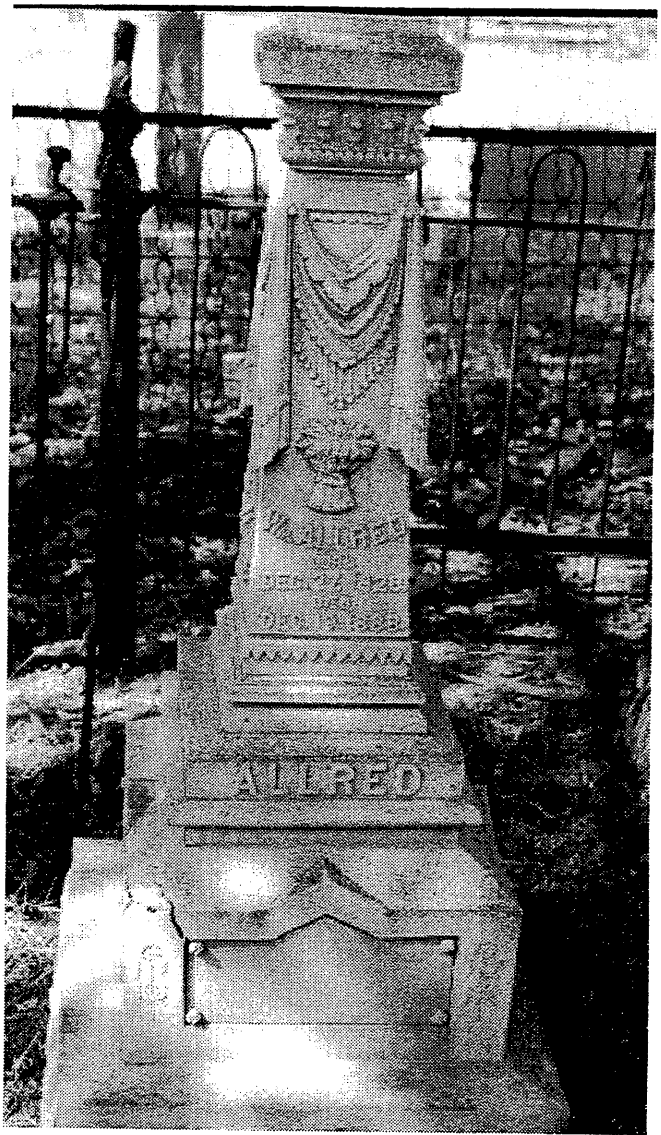
As a legislator, he took some law classes at Baylor university, but never graduated. Instead, he petitioned the state bar under Texas law and was certified as an attorney in 1978.

During his 14 years in the legislature, he was a member of the Health and Welfare Commission, the Committee on Business and Industry, the Committee on Social Services and the Committee on Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

A Texas representative's salary was about \$500 a month after taxes when he served. His son, James, said, "His constituents got every penny of that out of him." With a published home telephone number, people knew they could call him if they needed help and they did.

The only way the family could afford for him to be a legislator was for his wife, Patricia Lee, to work. She was a teacher.

According to his son, James, "He was very honest and very open....He never took lobbyist money....He came out of office like his father



Grave of William Allred, 1828-1888, in Cherry Mound Cemetery, north of Bells, Grayson County, TX, off Highway 69.

Photo by Mirion Cloud

came out of office: in debt."

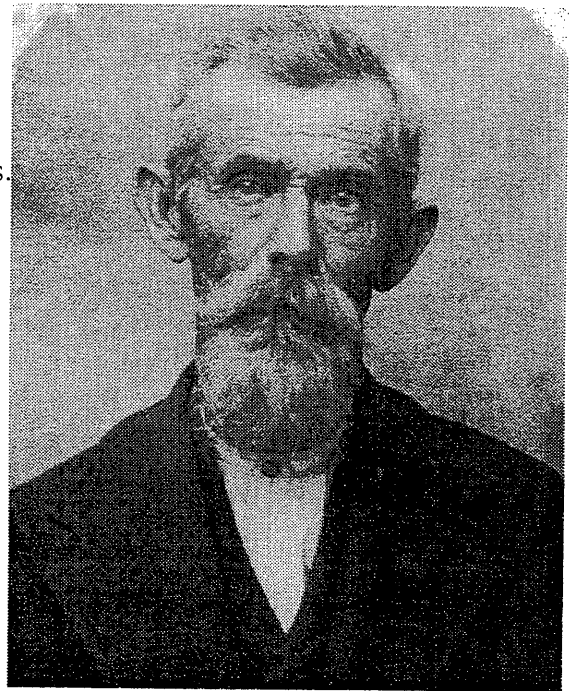
He later served four years as assistant attorney general under Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox.

After 25 years back in Texas, his wife, needed to return to Virginia and take care of her mother. Dave got a job as a journalism professor at Hampton University, Hampton, VA.

Dave Allred died September 15, 1996, at the age of 62. Survivors were his wife, a daughter, Rebecca Lee Allred Bartley, and two sons, Stephen David Allred and James Moyer Allred.

A Family Story

As I am sure that many of you have found, family histories come about through both research and memories. Oral history, the stories passed down from generation, is particularly interesting to me because it contains an element of "personal touch" that can extend across generations. When I was a child, my grandfather, John Cletus Allred, Sr. (1906-1982) told me a story about his grandfather, James Madison Allred (1842-1915). I was interested in the War Between the States and I asked "Papaw" if he knew of any of our ancestors who had fought in it. He did not know of any direct relatives who had served, but he did say that his "Grandpap," Jimmy, had been an "outlier." I had no idea what that meant, so Papaw substituted a term that was familiar: draft-dodger. Since the Vietnam War was going on at the time, I knew what that word signified, and I was saddened that one of our family members bore the label (Side lesson: it is pointless to be disappointed in your ancestors).



Randolph County, North Carolina, which contributed numerous companies to the 22nd and 26th North Carolina Infantry, apparently became something of a haven for outliers during the latter stages of the war. It was far removed from the front lines, and it contained highly productive farmland. This meant that the presence of military officials was limited while the food supply was not. In any event, Grandpap Jimmy was living with a group of outliers when conscription officers made a pass through the area. In order to avoid any chance confrontations, Jimmy and some of his compatriots hid out in a barn, beneath a sizable pile of hay. After an extended time in these unpleasant circumstances, one of the hiders observed "It sure is dark in here." Recognizing that an extended discussion was a good way to attract attention, Jimmy replied "Hell goddammit, don't you think I know that!" and, I presume, ended the conversation.

In 1990, shortly before she died, I visited with Florence Allred Leonard (1900 - 1990), my grandfather's first cousin. "Aunt" Florence, who had a particularly witty sense of humor, had entertained me with several stories about her father, uncles, and various other relatives. She then related the same "hiding-in-the-barn" story that my grandfather had told me many years before, even ending it with the "hell goddammit..." line that Papaw had used. Since neither Florence nor my grandfather would normally use a phrase like that, I assume that they had both heard Grandpap tell the story, probably as they sat together on his front porch after a family gathering.

Rehearing a story that was originally told 70+ years before somehow gave a personality to the face that I had seen in the old sepia colored portrait. Although he died nearly 50 years before I was born, I felt at that moment like I "knew" Grandpap Jimmy, at least a little bit, and I was grateful that Papaw and Florence had taken the time to share their memories with me.

I have a little boy of my own now. He is beginning to ask questions about family members who died before he was born, and I try to take the time to tell him what I know. Oral history, like memory, can be precious. As the pace of life gets ever more hectic, I hope that we will all take time to pass along the stories that we have heard or perhaps originated. That way, future generations can "know" us too, at least a little bit.

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Female Education

A speech by Relia or Patia Ann Allred
written in 1858 in North Carolina

Patia Ann Allred was an Allred Two Ways: Patia Ann (Relia), William, William, William and Patia Ann (Relia), William, Patience, Catherine, John

It is a good sign of the advancement of society whenever attention is paid to female education. No nation has ever been known to advance to [civilization] and improvement where the education of the ladies has been neglected. The state of society in every nation is easily determined by the attention that is paid to the cultivation of the female mind. In the dark ages of the world and in a great many; countries, and even in the United States at the present day a great many think it [unnecessary] to educate their daughters. It is said by some that ladies have no use for education and by others that they are incapable of acquiring it.

Minds Equally Susceptible in Acquiring Education

But we find where they have the same opportunities the [female] mind is equally as susceptible in acquiring education as that of the [rude sex]. I for one do believe that it is as highly [necessary] for ladies as it is for gentlemen not withstanding some will say that the female does not require education because they have nothing to do with political [affairs]. I do not think so far they have the first [training] of the son before he is yet qualified for political offices, merely all the great and eminent men both in ancient and modern times have [confessed] that they owed most of their greatness to the [influence] of their pious and well educated mothers among them of modern times I might mention George Washington. John {Quincey}, and Henry Clay, and many others. All persons carry some of their mother's teaching to the grave, for the words of a pious mother is [indelible] and her influence never forgotten. Take a son or a daughter who has

given heed to the influence of a pious and well educated mother and the largest [number] will follow the examples of their mothers.

Children as a general rule will follow the steps of their parents whether they be pious or impious, learned [or] unlearned; if the mother talks awkwardly and uses bad language, her children are sure to do so too. If the mother for the want of education fails to govern her [passions]; the children are certain to be bad tempered and ungovernable; impressions made in childhood are always most lasting; in fact they never can be entirely eradicated. We see that females occupy a very responsible station in society. We are too apt to overlook the end of female education, that it is the formation of character, what a lady knows is comparatively little to what a lady is.

When I speak of female education, I do not mean all that is sometimes taught in [some] of the fashionable boarding schools, where a lady is thought to be accomplished if she can [thrump] a little on the piano, do some fine-needlework and picture a rose, and at the same time know but little [If] any of the solid sciences. Music, needlework may be well enough in their proper places, but I think it is more important that her mind should be well stored with useful and solid information such as will enable her to perform the incumbent duties of life. It is conceded by some of the wisest men in this country that female teachers are better qualified by nature than males for teaching children in the first branches of education. So I would say let a lady if [possible] excel in all she does attempt and we would find no fault of her if her accomplishments [are] few. How delightful it is to meet

with a lady whose mind is stored with useful information: who is capable of lasting intellectual beauty and who is without destitute of pretension. On the other hand to see a young lady in company destitute of education without any knowledge of the grammar of her own language and full of pretension it is disgusting.

Educate All the Young Ladies

Let us therefore cherish our institutions of learning and educate all the young ladies.

The prevailing [manners] of any age, depend more than most people are aware, or willing to allow on the conduct of the ladies. This is one of the principle things on which the great machine of human society turns. Those who allow the influence with female graces have in polishing the manners of men would do well to reflect how great an influence female morals have over their conduct.

How much then it is to be regretted that ladies should ever sit down, contented to polish when they are so able to reform; they should not be satisfied merely to entertain when they are so able to instruct.

Nothing delights men more than the strength of their understanding when true gentleness of manners is its associate. United they become irresistible orators. Blessed with the power of persuasion. Fraught with the sweetness of instruction. Making the highest ornament of human nature.

Education not only enables a lady to be useful in society, but it gives great satisfaction to its [professor].

Richness of Their Mind's

One of the most agreeable consequences of education is the respect and importance [it] gives to old age: when beauty has faded away and all the outward charms have fled then they are only respected for the richness of their mind's.

Now I [don't] think a person should be treated with contempt because they are destitute of this great refiner of the human mind especially when they have not had the opportunity of acquiring it, but I wish to show the use of it.

No [creature] gives his admiration for nothing. Either the eye must [be] charmed to the understanding gratified; a lady must talk wisely or look well.

Every human being must expect to be treated with the coldest civility, who has neither the charms of youth nor the wisdom of age.

Neither is there the slightest commiseration for decayed accomplishments: No person mourns over the fragments of a dancer, or drops a tear on the [relics] musical skill.

They are flowers destined to perish: but the decay of great [talents] is always the subject of solemn [pity]: and even when the [their] last memorial is over their pious affection.

Education

by Relia (Patia) Ann Allred

It must indeed be gratifying not only to the pupils of this institution, but to their parents and preceptor to meet so many of the [enlightened] and [patriotic] citizens of the surrounding county coming together to participate in the ceremonies of this occasion and by their presence and attention, giving encouragement to their laudable [exertions].

Education Institutions Increasing

Not many years have elapsed since but few such [institutions] were to be found in our state. By degrees they are increasing in numbers and importance and wherever they appear society assumes a new garb. They infuse into the minds of the old and the young a love of learning and admiration for mental improvements and eagerness for the blessings of good education. [These] things begin at least to make their impressions upon all and everything around. They chasten and refined the hearts, curl the passions, elevate the moral tone, and enterprise to industry. [Sharpen] the inventive powers, expand the mental view, and display here and there instances of intellectual worth of which even aged ignorance itself is proud! This institution is destined to produce results like these. [None] can doubt who may have witnessed the efforts from such causes elsewhere. Cherish it then as a green [sprout] and refreshing spring in a weary land. It has already sent forth many a [draught] to gladden and cheer the heart' and if it [continues] to receive your care and patronage many a [rill] will issue from it to refresh [enliven] and invigorate [all] who dwell within it's reach' and [surely] the parents of those whose young minds have been here trained to thought and whose tender hearts have been directed to virtue can hardly be so regardless of their own interest. So callous to those of the rising generation around them as to [look] with cold indifference upon the

claims of such an Institution for support. Such a course would indeed be criminal.

It should rather awaken [a] lively emotion of gratitude for what has [been] done as well as a zealous determination to extend to it in every hour of [adversity] an encouraging word and a helping hand. If any other reasons than those which have been assigned are needed to induce them to do this let them cast their eye for a moment into many sections of state, where no such facilities for educating the young are afforded: Gloomy indeed is the prospect. The parents ignorant [,] the offspring [imbibing,] their [lost] and prejudices rejoicing if they know anything whatever of the discipline of a school room. That they are freed from a tyranny which they affect to dread because they had been first taught to despise the objects of which it was established. It is indeed true that under our system of Free Schools and free in many respects, they truly are--Some of the blessings of education may be theoretically scattered over the State; but as the system is now conducted, of what little practical advantage will it ever be to many section; The wisdom of our legislators may yet be able to perfect the plan now in operation, but until more, much more is done that has been done. What a melancholy, what a lamentable defect there will continue to be in the education of the destitute of our State.

Educate the Poor

And what more fit object for the bounty of government than the education of its poor.

From what [liberal] expenditure of its funds could it expect to read A higher reward? It must not be A reward in silver or gold to replenish its coffers: but it would be something yet more valuable: the rearing up A generation of intelligent men who looking to the government as its benefactor. Will be its [glory] in peace and its

best bulwark of [defense] in war: So strongly impressed were our forefathers with the importance of general education that they incorporated an injunction in the fundamental law of that which should be binding upon the conscientious of each [succeeding] legislature that schools [should] be established at the public expense and that all useful [learning] should be [duly] encouraged and promoted in one or more universities.

Education Only Half Fulfilled by Legislators

The [injunction] to plain and emphatic has never been more than half fulfilled by our Legislators. They seem never [fully] to [have] [realized] its [solemn] and binding force: That [heart] must be dead indeed to [every] heavenly impulse which can contemplate unmoved the host of children male and female throughout our State. Who are fast [hastening] to mature age without [a] Spark of [knowledge] to gladden their hearts or one ray from its precepts to brighten their paths: They may listen to others read of the great deed of the [illustration] [added] but their eyes are closed to the bright pages of such history: They can see nothing, they can feel nothing, they can know nothing of these bright and beautiful mysteries of science which are spread through the universe and to them those Sacred [oracles] of [Jehovah] are comparatively a Sealed volume: I appeal to you my friends: Whether as men, as North Carolinians having a [pride] in the honor and propriety of our [State] we should close our eyes any longer to these things: Can we reconcile to our minds and [concerns] to permit such badges

of disgrace and degradation longer to continue without [an] effort to remove them [forever]: We have [reason] and [inducement] which can be addressed to the [human] [heart] or the human understanding, appealing to us to rouse up at once to this patriotic and benevolent work. The history of the past with all its glorious [recollections]. And all its patriotic trials [appeals] to us in tones which should [awaken to life the energies of all: Educate your people. The present. Crowding in upon us the triumphs of the intellect from every quarter of the civilized world in [contract] with our won Sloth and ignorance cries out to us in [our loud land] and imploring ejaculation: Educate your people: the future watching our [approach] with vigilant and jealous eye eager that we should press forward [laden] with all that can adorn and dignify our nature sends back a warning noise and entreats us to heed it before it be too late: Educate your sons and daughters" The whole [country]--The whole civilized world from the rising to the setting sun: and from pole to pole: the earth beneath us filled with the graves of the great dead: the [heavens] above us ringing with the music of [innumerable] [intelligence] the whole universe recalling at the thought that any should remain under galling tyranny of ignorance: cry aloud to: Educate your people: And shall we suffer such appeals to pass unheralded: With such admonitions [come] but for a moment to excite our: special wonder: And then away like a dream of the Morning.

Both education articles were submitted by Debra Montei Dowling. Patia Ann Allred was born August 14, 1831. She was educated in North Carolina before joining other relatives in Indiana sometime between 1858 and 1865. She was the sister of Susan Caroline Lassiter who was featured in the Fall 2000 AFO Newsletter. Patia Ann married Nathan Hammond also from North Carolina. They had no children. Both are buried in Mt. Etna, IN. Patia and Nathan cared for her elderly parents, Rachel and William Allred until they died.

Birten Allred: Civic Leader, Businessman and Rancher

by Frieda Allred Hirst
Orem, UT

*Frieda, Birten, Wilson Monroe, William Hackley, James,
William, Thomas*

and

Alice Allred Pottmyer
Arlington, VA

*Alice, B.W., Birten, Wilson Monroe, William Hackley,
James, William, Thomas*

Birten Allred, a Moab, UT, civic leader, businessman and rancher, was born February 16, 1878, in Spring City, Sanpete County, UT. The town was established by his Great Grandfather, James Allred. Birt was the second child of Wilson Monroe Allred and Elizabeth Ann Ivie.

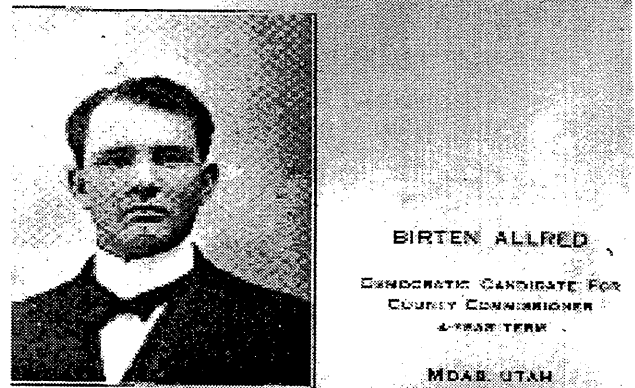
When he and his older brother, Wilson, were teenagers they left Spring City and went to Moab in southeastern Utah. They worked on ranches. They married two Johnson sisters, Wilson married Laura Johnson. Birt and Sara Anna Johnson were married October 9, 1900, in Salt Lake City.

The Allred brothers were awarded the mail contract from Thompson Springs on the Denver

and Rio Grande Railway to Moab, 32 miles away. Part of the road they used on these trips went through the Courthouse Wash area which is now part of Arches National Park.

Initially the Allred brothers carried the mail, passengers and freight using horses and wagons. In 1912 they purchased two Rambler automobiles to do the transportation. Eventually the Allred Transportation Company line was extended south to Monticello, UT.

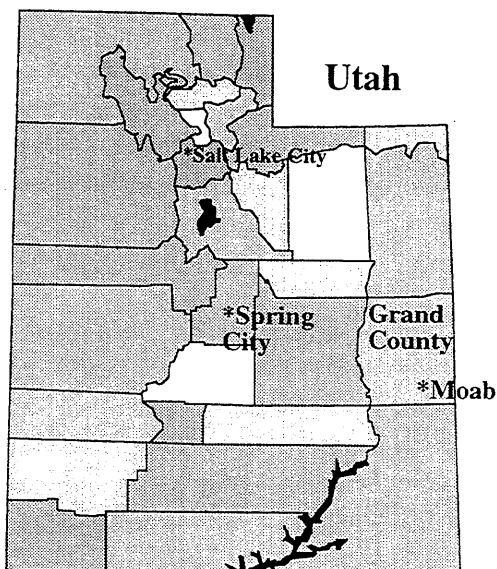
Birt Allred was a member of the board of trustees of the town of Moab. The September 6, 1912, issue of the *Grand Valley Times* reported that Birten Allred was a candidate for a four-year term as Grand County Commissioner.



The October 25 issue, in an article paid by the Democratic County Coalition said: "Some time before the convention the Democrats decided that there should be at least one young man on the board. No one else was so well fitted by temperament and training for the position.

"Mr. Allred believes that each part of the county is entitled to its proportionate share of road improvements and if elected will put his views into effect.

"He believed that Moab should have a public library. Consequently when the matter came before the board of town trustees of which he is a member he voted for it. When, on Election Day, it was feared that the library proposition would not carry he stopped his work and spent



the whole day in taking voters to the polls to cast their ballots for the library.” He had approximately an eighth grade education, but he saw the need for a public library in this small town.

The November 8, 1912, issue of the *Grand Valley Times*, reported that he won the election by 41 votes.

Birt also ranched in the Moab area. He had both sheep and cattle. Their summer range was the La Sal Mountains and their winter range was in some of the areas that is now Canyonlands National Park. His sons assisted their father in the ranching endeavors.

In addition to his ranching activities, he also raised crops. He won several prizes at the Utah State Fair for both corn and grapes.

For 16 years the family lived near Moab on what was known as the Huff Ranch. In 1927, Birt mortgaged the ranch and bought the South Mesa ranch in the La Sal Mountains.

When the stock market fell in 1929, Birt lost the Huff ranch, the South Mesa ranch and his herd of sheep. They moved from a nine-room home at the ranch to a two-room home with an attic in Moab. Six children were still at home. The bank offered him \$40 a month to herd the sheep he had once owned. Times were difficult for Birt and his family. However, during the Depression Years, Birt Allred was elected as a Democrat to the 21st Regular Session of the Utah House of Representatives for the 1935-



Birten Allred official photograph for the 1935-1936 state legislature.

1936 term. The pay was \$4 per day during the session. Because of the distance from Moab, he had to pay to live in Salt Lake City. He could not afford to continue in the legislature and he only served the 1935 portion of the term.

Also during the Great Depression, he served in the Civilian Conservation Corps. Two of his sons were supervisors of some of these CCC Camps. His son, J. Pratt Allred, supervised a camp in the Moab area and his son, Birten Wendell “Bill” Allred, supervised camps in western Colorado.

He and Anna Johnson were the parents of 13 children. Ten children lived to adulthood. Anna died in Salt Lake City May 5, 1948. Birt died November 1, 1955, in Orem, UT.

Part of the Birt and Anna Allred family on the front porch of Fay Chadwick's home in Salt Lake City in 1946. Top row (l-r) Elna Allred Hector, Anna Allred, Birten Allred, R. Clay Allred. Second row (l-r) Fay Allred Chadwick, Bertha Allred Oliver, Afton Allred. Bottom row are (l-r) Josephine Allred Prinster, Claron Allred and Frieda Allred.



From the Allred Family Roster

www.allredroster.com

“Guest Book & Queries”

- I am looking for a Daniel Allred. I was friends with his sister Gayelynn. I lost contact with her in 1982 when I moved to Turkey. Gayelynn graduated from Yokota High School Japan class of 1980. If anyone knows this family please pass my e-mail address on to them. Thank you for any help that can be given. Janine
Janine Pettit Evans jpettit@reno.quik.com
Sun Valley, NV
- I NEED HELP! My husband's g g g grandmother is Sarah Allred. Born the 31st of May, 1795, in Randolph County, NC. She married William Ferree in Randolph and had nine children. I found her as #CP0101040105 in the Allred roster. I found her the daughter of John Allred and Sarah Spencer. This summer we visited 2n cousins on this Ferree line and discovered the Free of Ferree family bible. A handwritten listing of the family of Sarah and William Ferree giving their birthdates and the names and birthdates of their children. They were living in Richland, Keokuk, Iowa, at the time of the writing and possession of the bible. Also found a photo album of their son Isaiah and wife Lucinda Willson's family. But sadly not names were given of the people in the photos. I'm needing help in furthering the search for Sarah Allred's progenitors and in finding more information on the Ferree and Willson lines. I would appreciate any help in Randolph County, NC research in the 1750 to 1850 period. Thank you, Glenda M. Orr
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Thatcher, AZ USA
- Enjoyed your web site. I am in search of my fathers relatives. He was a Baptist minister in the Winston Salem, NC, area. Have been trying to locate some of his relatives. He passed away in 1977 and still has family in the Winston Salem area. I was put up for adoption and am looking for family members that might be able to assist me in locating anyone related to this family. My understanding is that there were four children in the family. One son Tommy, who is a missionary, William, a minister in Iowa, another son, Keith, and a daughter, Ann, who is deceased. If anyone can help me please email me.
Judy Ray daddyo@mindspring.com
Prattville, AL
- I was born 3/11/45, was abandoned at the age of 2 in Boise, ID, was in several foster homes from ages 2-4, lived with a Wyoming couple, who eventually adopted me at around the age of 7. I have been told that my mother's name was Maryjo Allred, and my father's name was Robinson. I was visiting your website, looking for anyone who might be a relative, and saw the photo of Serilda Jane Allreds children. I was a body double of Jesse LeRoy Blain at the same age. Can anyone out there help me, as I desperately need roots in my life. Anyone with any information, please email me.
Leslie Norman Karlin karlinl@gte.net
Bentonville, AR USA
- I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed finding this site. My line goes back to Elizabeth Allred, d. of John Allred and Margaret Chaney, through the Horner and Lomax surnames. I haven't been working on this for very long and to find so much documented information without leaving my home has been a huge help. If anyone needs info on the Horner, Lomax or other descending lines from Elizabeth let me know. Thanks!!
Heather Smith heathers@midsouth.rr.com
MS USA

- I was skimming thru' the Allred website guestbook and found a couple of inquiries about a "Rachel Allred." Coincidentally, my mother, Gloria Miller, moved to Vernal, UT, six months ago and has since then made friends with a man that lives next door to her. His last name is Murray and he offered to let her read thru' his geneology. Here is what she read: "Rachel Allred Murray, wife of John Murray." A Ute Indian tribe sold a baby girl to a white man. The Ute tribe stole the papoose from another tribe, they didn't say which tribe. They were going to kill all the captives because they couldn't feed them thru' the winter. Grandfather Allred bought the baby. He also had a wife and eight children of his own as well as two motherless grandchildren. They named her 'Rachel' and said her birthday was Christmas. She later married a white man named John Murray. They raised a large family and taught them the gospel of Jesus Christ". Rachel was an Indian baby girl adopted and raised by Rueben Warren Allred, a blacksmith, and Lucy ann Butler Allred. Rueben was born 18 Nov 1815 in Bedford County, TN. Died 6 Oct. 1896 in Spring City, Sanpete County, Utah. Lucy Ann Butler was born 6 Aug 1814 in Simpson County, KY. Died 16 Dec 1884 in Deseret, Millard County, UT. Rachel adopted (no info) Born in 1847 in Springville, Utah County, UT. Died 5 May 1894. This might be helpful info for whomever is looking for it. I don't have an e-mail for my mother's neighbor but I might be able to get an address.

Neileen Miller Allred thayneallred@home.com
Murray, UT USA

- Those of you descended from Elizabeth Diffie and William Aldred/Allred might want to look at this site; I have already sent her a link to this site. <http://www.familytreemaker.com/users/b/u/r/Rhnea-Burcham/>, no I don't think she has posted correct data. No refs either.
Dianna Bourke Privette swtwinds@usa.net

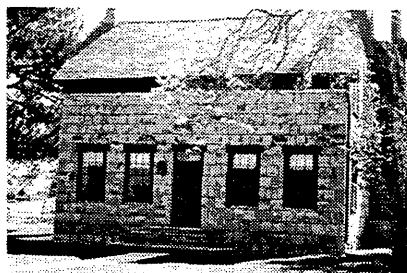
- Looking for "precise" directions to the original homestead of Renne Allred, 1804-1869, where he is reportedly buried in a family plot, in Grayson County Texas. Only have vague directions, 6-7 miles north of Bells, TX, but need more precise ones and, if known, if the tombstones are still there. My g-grand aunt, Eliza Isabella Goff was his daughter-in-law.
James Goff jgoff@viagrafix.net
Chouteau, OK USA

- Hey I just found your website. I knew some of the information listed from my limited research. My Grandfather was Edwin Dewitt Allred son of William Allred from Randolph County, NC. has sister Exeleen Allred Robinson. Grandfather was married to Hattie Frances Hall Allred. First cousin was Charlie Allred and had distant cousins related to the Cox family. Looking for more information on this side of the Allred family. Your website is great and am happy to be related to so many people.
Shirley F. Parrish shparrish@mindspring.com
Zebulon, NC

- Hello, I am looking for my father, Vance Dehlin Allred. He was married to my mother Davita Sue and lived in Mt. Vernon IL in 1971. I have not seen him since I was 5 years old. I am now 28 years old and working as a diesel mechanic. Please respond back if you have some information. Thank You. Vincent D. Allred
Vincent Dehlin Allred vince_allred@yahoo.com
St. Louis, MO USA

- SOLOMON R. ALLRED/MARY? Looking for a maiden name to Mary ? married to Solomon R. Allred. I also am looking for their Children's family. I am a descendent of their daughter Sarah N. Allred born 3-1833. The Roster shows two of her brothers had children, but I can't find anything on them. If anyone has any info, please email. There was a Hannah Brown living with them in Arkansas in the 1860 census.
Annette Visser tambt@hotmail.com
Preston, OK USA

Allred Tour Spring City, UT



Home built by Reddick Allred in Spring City, UT, in the early 1870s.

An Allred tour of Spring City, UT, was distributed during the 2000 Allred Reunion there. It contains photos and brief histories of the 28 Allred homes and buildings in this town. The booklet is free. If you did not attend the reunion and would like a copy, please send \$2 for postage and handling to: Alice A. Pottmyer, 5540 N. 32nd St., Arlington, VA 22207-1535.

James and Elizabeth Allred

Linda Allred Steele, Vernal, UT, the author of *James and Elizabeth Allred* published in 1995, is in the process of doing additional research for a second edition of the book. The first edition books were all sold by 1997.

She had hoped to complete the research by the end of 2000. However, she teaches school and was invited to be a teacher advisor in the People's Republic of China for four months. She left in August of 2000.

James Allred, the son of William, son of the "original Thomas" left Randolph County, NC, at age three. He and his family began a journey in 1787 that finally ended in 1852 when James founded the town known as Spring City, UT.

As soon as the second edition book is available, the information will be published in the AFO Newsletter.

Letter to the Editor

In Tessie Pyper's history of our Ivie cousins (AFO Newsletter, #30, 1997), she wrote that James Russell Ivie served in the Mormon Battalion under the name of his son, Richard Anderson Ivie. After extensive research, I found that this was not correct. In fact, another son of James Russell by the name of James Alexander Ivie, enlisted with the battalion, but his father refused to allow him to go because of his age.

A letter written by James Alexander in 1896, stated that he wanted to go and thought he could have passed as 21 years old because of his size. However, his father sent his elder brother, Richard, in his place.

Richard Anderson Ivie was 21 at the time of his enlistment. He had been married only one month to Elizabeth Dobson. They were married in June 1846 by Reddick Allred. He served under Captain Hunt in Company "A." His uncle, Thomas Kettlton Ivie, a brother to James Russell, served in Company "C." Richard was a butcher and teamster for the battalion. He served honorably and

was released in Los Angeles, CA, July 1847. The discharged battalion members had to make their own way back to Salt Lake City without the aid of the battalion. He arrived in Salt Lake after a long journey to discover his family had not arrived. Food supplies were low and Brigham Young advised them to rejoin their families. Tired, worn out and discouraged, he and 29 other battalion members went to join their families in Council Bluffs, IA.

In July 1848, the family of James Russell Ivie, including Richard and his bride, made ready to travel west with Brigham Young's Company.

In September, they arrived in Salt Lake City, UT. Richard and Elizabeth's first child was born in Salt Lake City in February 1849.

Richard drew a pension from the government for his service time. He died in 1892 in Idaho at the age of 67. He suffered with poor health throughout his life as a result of his time spent in the battalion, from malnutrition, bad water and little medical attention. After his death, two of his

plural wives, filed to receive his pension. Elizabeth Dobson, his second wife, and Hannah Marie Smith, his fourth wife, both were denied pensions, because the federal government did not consider plural marriage legal. In their investigation to establish which one was eligible, they discovered Richard had another wife, in fact his first.

She was Jane Allred, daughter of John and Nancy Warren Allred. Richard and Jane were married in 1844 by a Justice of the Peace. She was the only legal wife. They had a son by the name of John W. Ivie. Jane did not go west with Richard. Her parents wanted her to remain in Iowa with the rest of her family. She apparently died before 1892. Therefore, no one benefited from the meager pension.

The third wife of Richard Anderson Ivie, was Mary Eveline Young, daughter of Alfred Douglas Young and Anna Mundine Chappell. She was my great grandmother. She died in Scipio, UT, in 1879 or 1880. Carol Ivie Rice

President's Message

Dear Family and Friends:

A computer virus attacked my computer again and I was unable to send a column for the last issue. I am back on line and hope to remain that way. I want to be available to each of you--especially with e-mail.

While my computer was in the shop, I learned much about viruses. Many viruses travel and enter computers when unsuspecting people--like me open e-mail attachments. Many times the person sending the attachment doesn't even realize they are spreading the virus. I've made a decision to never open another attachment, no matter whom it is from.

This is a firm decision made to protect my computer from future virus attacks. When sending me an e-mail, please cut and paste your message and information to me. Don C. Allred has told me this for six years and I am finally taking his advice for my own protection.

After 10 years as editor, Pat Allred Scheib, Hyrum, UT, has stepped down. A big thanks to Pat for her dedication to the AFO. Alice Allred Pottmyer, Arlington, VA, is our new editor. She descends from the "original Thomas."

Some very exciting and interesting things are happening in Allred research. Dawnell Griffin, our researcher, spent a month in England and Ireland this past summer. She found some great information on Allred lines that gets us much closer to proving a link between England and the appearance of the four Allreds in the 1750's in Orange County (now Randolph County), NC. I am asking all of you to open your hearts and pocket books and send what ever you can to assist her in that research effort. A month's time in England for one person is nearly \$4,000. Please send your checks to the Allred Family Organization. These funds will go into a special research fund account. I will send a receipt and acknowledgement of your donation.

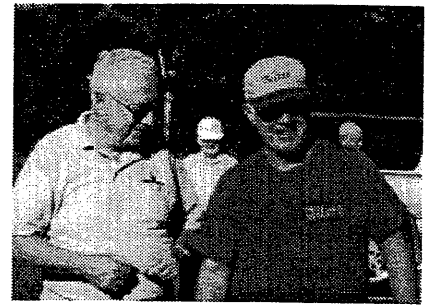
Also dear family, please don't forget the Allred Roster. Don Allred has done wonderful work with the Roster. He has built the Roster database entirely himself on his own time and expense. Look at the wonderful genealogy research tool it has become for each of you. It is unique to our family. The Roster needs your support. Please send contributions to the Allred Roster, directly to Don C. Allred, 9532 Ruffner Ave., Northridge, CA 91343.

It is the gift-giving season. A membership in the Allred Family Organization includes the subscription to the newsletter. I was very impressed during the Randolph County Reunion, when James V. Allred, Reston, VA, asked to make a statement. He came to the podium and told the Allred cousins how wonderful it is to have a family organization that has information available through a newsletter and website. He said that visitors to him home, who are interested in tracing their family, are always impressed when he shows them how much is available to the Allreds.

Every family member that I have had the opportunity to meet in person has become a big part of my life. This is one of the reasons I feel so strongly about our great family. There are many more people that I have only met by e-mail or snail mail that mean just as much to me. God bless you. Please see page 2 for the contact information for Alice and me.

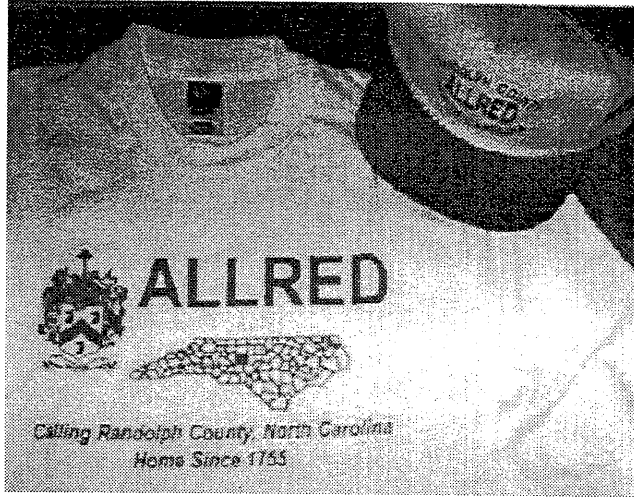
Your cousin,

Larry



*Larry Allred (right) with Glen Livingston from New Mexico at the Randolph County, NC, Reunion.
Photo by Mirion Cloud*

Wear Your Family Name Proudly!



The East Coast Allreds have several items for sale. All proceeds from these products go into the ECA Reunion Fund. The fund is for future reunions and support of Allred family research.

Shirts, Hats and Golf Visors

These t-shirts show off the Allred family crest and proclaim Randolph County, NC, the American ancestral home of the Allred family. The shirts are made from 50/50 cotton/polyester, white with red print. The hats are white with a red bill. Also available are women's white golf visors printed just like the hats. Tshirt sizes: M, L, XL, XXL and are \$10 each. Hats and visors are \$9 each. Shipping and handling is included in these prices.

Video Tour of Randolph County

A 30-Minute Video Tour of Allred Sites in Randolph County, is \$12.50 which includes shipping and handling. The video includes a look at the original Allred lands dating back to 1752. The video is narrated by Linda Allred Cooper.

Allred/Elrod Report

After many years of research, Michael Marshall has compiled his findings into a fully detailed and easy to read report explaining his careful study of Johan Dider Elrod and his family. The report is 55 pages in a hardback binder. Ship passenger lists, church records, land records, family letters and excerpts from other reports are listed as Marshall proves that William Alred (Allred) of Randolph County, NC, (1753) was actually named William Elrod. A "must have" research report for anyone researching genealogy on the East Coast in the early 1700's. The \$20 costs includes shipping and handling.

Sounds of Joy

Dave Allred, Fancy Gap, NC, has donated copies of his recording of favorite hymns to the ECA. He sings and plays the guitar. Such hymns as *Rock of Ages*, *The Old Rugged Cross*, *Down By the Riverside* and *Kum Ba Ya* are included. He also sings the hymn he composed, *Joseph's Song*. The cost is \$6 per tape. Shipping and handling is included.

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For more information, contact Linda at lacooper@mindspring.com or 919/542-3077

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Yes, I want to join the AFO.

Membership in the AFO includes the following:

- One year subscription to the Allred Family Newsletter
- A Membership Certificate suitable for framing
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Please list your Allred line for the family data input

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

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Grandparent _____

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Dues are \$20 per year

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Allred Family Organization

P.O. Box 1044

Pittsboro, NC 27312

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

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