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The Latest on the Allred Family British Research

The Allred Family Organization has many requests for updates on Dawnell Griffin's research efforts to find parents for John, Thomas and Solomon Allred. We hope this will answer some of your questions.

As you know, in the 1750's, four Allred men received land grants in North Carolina. For many years, these four men - William, John, Thomas and Solomon - were believed to be brothers, sons of the Aldridge family of Northumberland County, Virginia, descendants of Rev.



Dawnell Griffin at the Spring City Reunion.

Henry Alred of England. Research in the mid 1990's proved that information was in-accurate, leaving us with the big question: Who Were They?

Last year at the 2000 Allred Reunion in Randolph County, NC, Michael Marshall released his 51-page research report on Johan Dider Elrod, Probable Progenitor of William Alred Sr. of Randolph County, NC. This report details and documents Michael's research and conclusion that the William Allred who received a land grant in North Carolina in 1753 was most likely an Elrod. For some unknown reason, shortly after arriving in central North Carolina in 1753, he changed the spelling of his name from Elrod to Allred. The report takes this family line back to the area around Nueremberg, Germany, in 1709. (For more information on this research report, contact Linda A. Cooper at lacooper@mindspring.com or P.O. Box 1044, Pittsboro, NC 27312).

But, who were John, Thomas and Solomon? Many researchers have tried to answer that question, including Dawnell, who may have come across the answer. After

long hours of searching, she came across a notation in paper found in the Newberry Library in Chicago, which stated, that in Eccles Parish, Lancashire, England, there was a family, in the 1600's whose children had the unusual names of Mary, William, Phineas, Theophilus, Ellin and Solomon. Knowing family naming patterns can be significant clues in genealogy research, and these are unusual names that appear in the North Carolina Allred's family time and again, Dawnell began a tireless effort to find more on this family.

Using church records for Eccles Parish, on file in the County Record Office in Lancashire, England (1653 - 1665), Dawnell was able to document that this family did exist. John and Ellen (Pemberton) Allred lived in Eccles Parish and between 1660 and 1680, church records show they christened nine children: John, Mary, William, Aaron (sometime listed as Owen), Alice, Phineas, Enoch, Theophilus and Solomon. They were Quaker. The East Hardshaw Meeting (Quaker church) records document Ellen Pemberton Allred's death December 21, 1684, and that she was "buried at our burying place." Marriage, Christening and Death records were available for most of the family in the church records, but the youngest child, Solomon, seems to disappear from sight - in England, that is. Where did he go?

After further research, Dawnell found a Solomon Allred living in West Nottingham, Chester County, Pennsylvania, in the 1720's. (Chester County, PA, tax list, 1724, 1726, and 1730). This Solomon Allred was living in close proximity to Jeremiah York and others who eventually migrated to Orange County, NC. (York and most of his neighbors were Quaker.) This Solomon also disappears from Chester County records at about the same time Jeremiah York and the others began their trek to

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2001 Allred Reunions

North Carolina Reunion

September 8 and 9, 2001
Randolph County, North Carolina
Grays Chapel School
Located at the intersection of Old Liberty Road and Hwy 22 in northeast Randolph County

Pre-Reunion Activities

Wednesday, September 5: A Visit to the Randolph Room - Randolph County's Genealogy Library

Thursday, September 6: A trip to the world famous Seagrove Potteries

Friday, September 7: A trip to the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh where you can see and hold some of the original documents your ancestors wrote including the wills and estate records of Thomas, William, John and Solomon!

The Reunion!

Saturday, September 8

10am: Reunion Begins - the doors open and the fun begins

11am: Family Meeting: your chance to see who's there and hear the latest family news

12 noon: Covered Dish / Pot Luck Lunch

1:30 pm: Research News Update - hosted by Linda Allred Cooper.

2:30 pm: Story Teller Melvin Alred will entertain us with his funny family stories

3:30 pm: Raffle - what will you win?

Sunday, September 9

8am: We'll leave from Grays Chapel School parking lot for our annual all day Tour of Allred Sites in the county.

1pm: Lunch at Captain Tom's Seafood Restaurant

2pm: Resume Tour

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Allred Reunion in Keller, Texas

October 6 and 7, 2001
Keller, Texas, is located about 30 miles north of Ft. Worth on Hwy. 377. DFW International Airport is about a 20 minute drive from the reunion site. This makes travel easier for our out-of-state cousins.

Saturday, October 6

1pm: Everyone will begin gathering at the Reunion Site for a relaxing social "meet and greet" afternoon. Bring your family photos and family history information to show off to everyone!

5pm: Sandwich and Hot Dog Supper

6pm - Midnight: We have use of the Senior Center until Midnight, so everyone can stay as long as they like, visiting, viewing displays and swapping family stories.

Sunday, October 7

8am: Everyone begins gathering again for another day of socializing and getting to know your new cousins. Again, bring those family photos and family history information to show off!

1pm: Covered Dish / Pot Luck Lunch. Paper plates, cups and napkins will be supplied.

2pm - Midnight: Again we have use of the Senior Center until Midnight, so everyone can stay as long as they like.

For more information, go to <http://www.allredfamily.org>

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Report on Alabama Reunion

The annual June Allred reunion was held at the Moody Center in Hanceville, Alabama, June 3, 2001.

Thomas Allred, Jr., the progenitor of our family, was represented by family members of three of his six children: Lemuel, Andrew and Nathan.

Thomas, Jr. was born in Randolph County, North Carolina. He married Margret Alldridge and moved to Knox County, Tennessee. All six children were born in Knox County. Lemuel, the oldest, was born in 1795, the year before Tennessee became a state.

Thomas migrated to Blount County, Alabama, with his sons or either they soon followed him to Alabama. He last appeared in the Blount County census in 1850. He returned to Knox County, Tennessee, and died there in 1858. He is buried in the Glenwood cemetery in North Knoxville. A picture of his headstone appeared in a previous edition of the AFN.

Submitted by Woody R. Jackson, 320 Hicks Drive, Sevierville, TN 37862.



Larry Allred holds a poster for Alice Allred Pottmyer during her reunion presentation of the Allred journey from North Carolina to Spring City. The Olson family handled the barbecue for the reunion festivities.

2001 AFO Allred Reunion in Spring City, Utah

by Linda Allred Cooper

The 2001 AFO Allred Reunion in Spring City, Utah, was a huge success! Approximately 200 attended representing a wide variety of states including Utah, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia.

Friday night about 100 gathered at the fire pit where we had a great visit while listening to Martin Allred play his guitar and sing. Several others joined in on occasion and Jim Pottmyer surprised everyone when he grabbed the microphone and began singing! What Fun!!

Saturday morning the AFO Board of Directors meet briefly at 9 a.m. and the General Family Meeting began at 10 a.m. with a standing room only crowd gathering to hear the latest family news. Bob Olson told everyone that Larry Allred had resigned as AFO President and has been elected as President of the newly formed Rocky Mountain Allreds (RMA). Larry took center stage as he described this newly formed organization, under the umbrella of the AFO, and their goals. A page containing information about RMA meetings and projects will be placed on the AFO Web site soon.

Dawnell Griffin then took the stage as she told everyone about her research efforts over the past year. She also told everyone about her brand new web site (www.rusurching.com) that will give everyone access to her massive Allred genealogy database. Portions of this web site will be available by subscription only (\$50 per year). For more info, please click on the site address.

Alice Allred Pottmyer took over as she presented posters and maps telling the story of how members of the Allred family traveled from North Carolina in 1787 and finally to Spring City, Utah, in 1852. This 65-year journey is a fabulous story containing every imaginable experience including births, deaths, incredible hard ships and fantastic success. Alice and Linda Allred Cooper ended the presentation by telling everyone that they are working on a bus tour for the 2002 Randolph County reunion that will re-trace the family's foot-steps from North Carolina to Utah. Information about this bus tour will be posted on this web site and in the AFO Newsletter as soon as it is available.

After a great barbecue lunch provided by the Olson brothers (Bob & Bill), Kaye Watson presented a slide show as she told the story of how Spring City, in Sanpete County, Utah, was settled by the James Allred family.

The reunion ended with the auction which brought in approximately \$1,500 for the Rocky Mountain Allred reunion and project fund. Carl Allred did a fantastic job getting everyone excited and kept the bids going higher and higher.

Everyone had a good laugh when Bill Olson began bidding against his own mother! Bill won and bought the item, a beautiful wooden wall clock with the family crest carved into it. He gave the clock to his mother. That brought a round of applause from everyone. You have to keep Mama happy!

The 2002 AFO Allred Reunion will be held in Spring City the last Saturday of June next year. As plans for this June 29 reunion are finalized, they will be published in the AFO newsletter. For more information, please contact

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Bob Olson thanked Larry Allred for his service as Allred Family Organization president during the Spring City Reunion. Larry Allred is the new President of the newly formed Rocky Mountain Allreds which is part of the AFO.

Research Update

www.rusurching.com

As you already know, Dawnell Griffin is the lead researcher for the AFO. As a professional genealogist and Allred descendant, she has been collecting Allred genealogy information for more than 20 years and has managed to compile an incredible database - possibly the largest and best organized Allred genealogy database in the world.

However, a problem has developed over the past few years that has grown with each passing month. As more and more people have found out about Dawnell's database and Allred genealogy knowledge, more and more folks are contacting her asking for information. She receives an incredible number of requests for research information each week - many more requests than she can possibly handle. Simply answering all of her e-mail would take virtually all of her time - time she would rather spend doing research - not to mention tending to her large family.

So, Dawnell has come up with a solution that she thinks will solve this problem. She has been working for the past year to create a brand new Web site that will give everyone access to her massive data base. But, this gave rise to another problem. Creating and maintaining Web sites costs money. Add this to the countless hours and dollars spent creating the database in the first place, not to mention the un-told hours and dollars that will be spent in the future as she adds more and more information to it. As you know, her current focus is on figuring out and documenting who the parents of John, Thomas and

Solomon were - and where they were from. This research has required several trips to England - and will possibly require more trips before it's all figured out. Yes, the AFO has supported Dawnell's research efforts in the past, but the small amounts of money the AFO has been able to give her have not come close to covering what she has actually spent.

The solution to the money problem is to charge an annual subscription fee for the Web site. For a \$50 annual fee, subscribers will be allowed access to documents, census records, family photos, family histories, land records, etc. - all sorts of genealogical information on Allreds all across the USA - including her new research report, written July 2001, on John and Ellen Pemberton Allred of Eccles, Lancashire, England, the possible grandparents of John, Thomas and Solomon of North Carolina.

We want to caution you - this is a brand new site. It contains a lot of information, but everything is not on there just yet. Dawnell is working as quickly as possible to post new information as fast as possible - planning to have the Web site complete within the year. So, subscribe now, use the information that's available now - and be among the very first to have access the new information as it is posted.

This new Web site's address is www.rusurching.com. Subscription information is available on the site. Questions? You can contact Dawnell thru the Web site link or directly at griffin@cut.net.

Many Thanks to Sherry Allred

Sherry Allred, San Antonio, Texas, is one of the most generous Allred genealogists that I've come in contact with. She has been busy researching her husband's (Billy Rex Allred) family tree for several years. She has collected family photos, tombstone photos, and put it all together into a wonderful family file. Through her hard work, Billy Rex now knows he descends from the "original" Solomon Allred.

Sherry contacted me by e-mail several months ago. The Internet is a wonderful tool and allowed us to share and swap information. She is in Texas and I am in North Carolina and electronic technology in a easy and inexpensive way to exchange information. When she discovered that I am collecting Allred tombstone photos (among other genealogy items), she quickly offered to send copies of the photos that she had. The next thing I knew, a packet was in my mail box and inside I found the most wonderful present. Family photos, tombstone

photos from several different grave yards, maps showing where the family had lived in Arkansas, and a wonderful, detailed family tree showing Billy Rex's family tree - hand drawn and highlighted so it would be easy to read.

Everything in this packet is now arranged in a brand new file in my office. One photo from the file is on page 8 of this newsletter and more will appear in future issues. The tombstone photos will be posted on the AFO Web site and also listed in future newsletters so everyone can obtain copies for their documentation and records. Eventually the entire file will be copied and sent to our Research Committee Chair, Jim Allred, who will arrange for it to be placed in various libraries so many more can benefit from Sherry's hard work.

Many, many thanks to Sherry! May her generosity be contagious. The more we share, the more we all learn!!

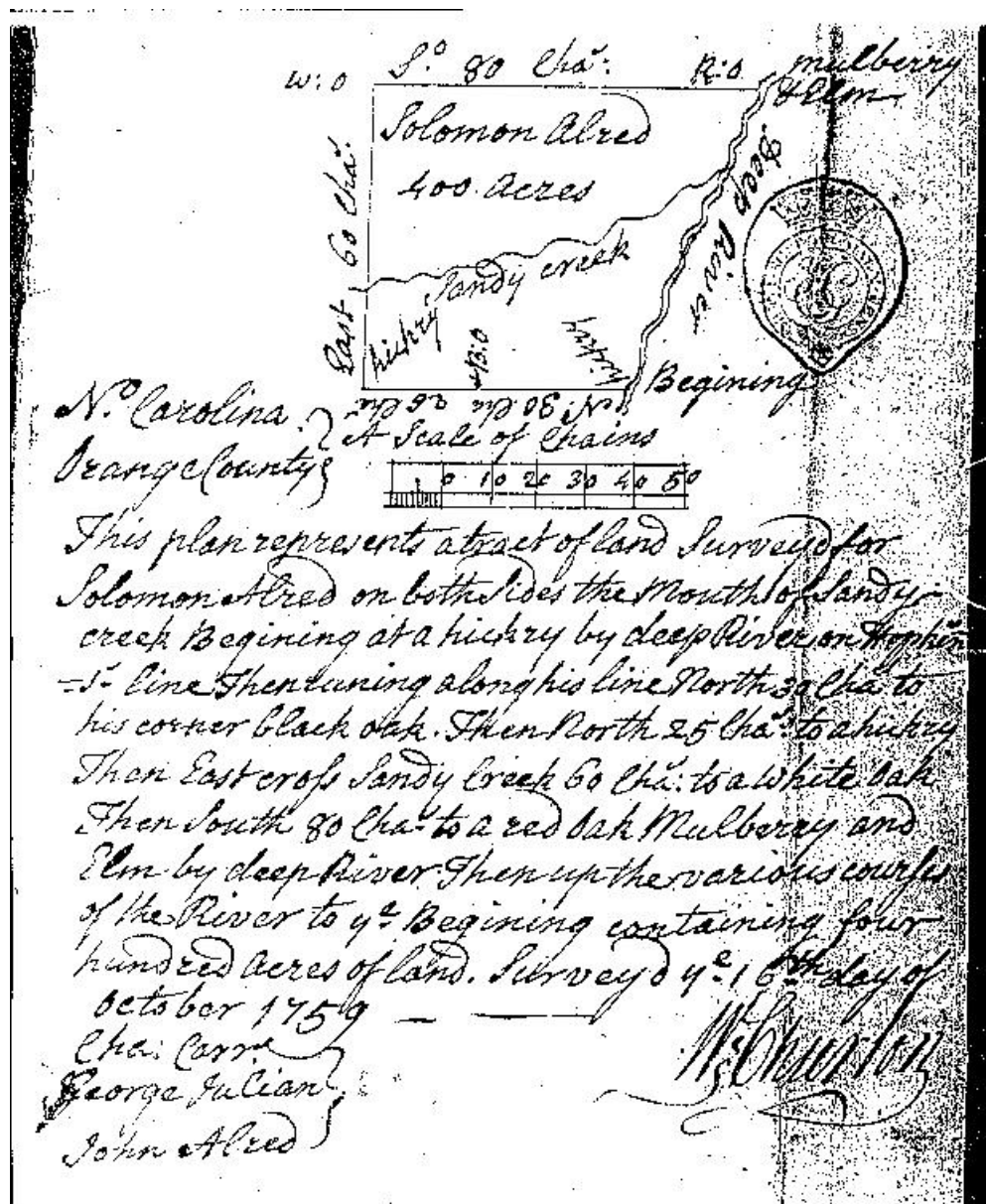
Linda Allred Cooper

Survey of Solomon Allred's Land

This is the hand-written copy of the survey of Solomon Allred's land, dated October 16, 1759. The original survey, if there was one with the original grant in 1752, has been long lost. This is the oldest known survey for his original land. This is the same land that Ralph Allred created the plat map for. Note the Royal seal in the upper right hand corner. Solomon was a British subject living in a British colony in 1759 when his land was surveyed.

Also note that George Julian and John Allred signed as chain carriers.

To celebrate the Allred family living in North Carolina for 250 years, a huge anniversary reunion will be held in Randolph County in 2002. Make your plans to be there the weekend after Labor Day 2002.



British Allred Family Research

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North Carolina. North Carolina land records show Jeremiah York and the others received land grants and lived on land located in today's Randolph County. The predominant religion in central North Carolina at that time was Quaker.

Is it just a coincidence that a Solomon Allred was born in England, then disappeared - as another Solomon Allred appeared in Pennsylvania tax records? Is it just a coincidence that Jeremiah York was a neighbor of a Solomon Allred in Pennsylvania - and later a neighbor of another Solomon Allred in North Carolina? Or are we looking at the same Allred family?

That's the big question now. We know by further study

that the Solomon Allred in Pennsylvania was much older than the Solomon Allred who lived in North Carolina. Could they have been father and son? Another big question.

Much more research needs to be done and documentation needs to be found before we can say definitely that we have solved the big mystery about who John, Thomas and Solomon's parents were and where they were from. This is the information that has been uncovered to date - and this is the theory that is being worked on.

A complete detailed research report on Dawnell's findings, including her documentation, is available on her new web site at www.rusurching.com.

The Allreds from the North Country

by Juan Joseph Allred

Juan Joseph, Arlin Richard, Medwin Newton, William Moore, Isaac, William, Thomas

Arlin Richard Allred was the son of Medwin Newton Allred and Maria Josephine Stock. He was from a large family of boys and one girl (but she died at age 5). They include Medwin Alvin, Edith Marie, Asa Newton, Seymour Bert, Edwin Nelson, William Lyle, John Edgar, Rollan Leslie, Arlin Richard, Darrel Stock.

Arlin was born July 15 1891, in the hill country of St. Charles, Bear Lake, Idaho,

He remembers the old one room dirt roofed house in Fairview, Wyoming, where the family lived for a short time while father and the boys were building a two- room log house.

He recalled when uncle Orson Allred run to his house. Father was suddenly stricken very ill with a heart attack. He left a widow and nine boys.

They had nothing but a team of horses, a few cows and 10 acres of almost dry land on the Salt River bed.

He said, "As I grew older I went to the canyon to help haul wood to burn. We piled up wood in the canyon in the fall and haul it down in the winter. The snow was 6 to 8 feet deep in the canyon."

When he was about 16, he had his own canyon outfit and sold wood by the cord for \$5 or \$6 per cord. He could haul about 2 ½ cords a day.

Often there were snow slides in the canyon. Twice men were caught in the slide. He relates two different accidents where he helped dig to find men that were killed in the snow slides and the sad experiences it was.

In the winter of 1908 he attended auto mechanics and black smithing school in Logan Utah. In the spring he went to Afton, Wyoming, and started a business for himself as a blacksmith.

He ran his own business for about 1 ½ years then he ask Irene Call to marry him. She said, "I'll have to ask mom." Her mom said O.K. He said, "Then I got scared and was afraid I would not be able to take good care of her. I did not have any money and no place to live. I told her we had

better wait for a while. But that didn't seem to work out."

"We decided to be married in December in Salt Lake City, Utah. We (Irene, her mother Sarah Isabel Barlow Call, and I) started to Montpelier, Idaho, by team and sleigh about December 18, 1910. It took nearly 2 days to get to Montpelier. We had to transfer from a sleigh to a buckboard and then to a Ludlow."

"The road was cut into deep ruts so the hubs of the wheels would drag on the ground then the wheels would come up on more solid ground then drop down again. Needless to say, the trip was very rough and tiresome. At Montpelier, we boarded a train to Salt Lake City."

"We arrived in Salt Lake City and went to the courthouse to obtain a marriage license. I was informed that I could not have one without a written consent from my mother. I phoned her and ask her to send her consent. The consent came so we could get our license and we were married on December 22, 1910."

"Irene was suffering from a sore on her right hip bone which was very painful because of the bouncing of the Ludlow. It hurt her a great deal. Irene went to a doctor about the pain in her hip. She had to be operated on. This turned out to be a decayed bone which took a long time to heal.

"While in Salt Lake, waiting for Irene to heal, I received a letter from home asking me to come home to help replay a drama which our group had previously played, "Under the American Flag". Which of course I did, leaving Irene at Aunt Jane Call's place. Her mother came to be with her. She remained there in Salt Lake most of the winter and I was in Afton, which turned out to be a fine romance without kisses and a great honeymoon without the honey."

"Because I did not have any money I wanted to put off the marriage. But had we postponed the marriage then the operation would have been put off, and the results might have been disastrous. The bone decay was creeping slowly into the hip

joint and could have been the means of crippling Irene for life. So we thanked God and still do thank Him for His help in our behalf.”

“After our marriage, I had a blacksmith shop for a few years. Then I tried farming on 40 acres of land. We built a small 1 room house, a cow stable and a barn.”

“We also tried to homestead in Salt Canyon which turned out to be a poverty adventure but a lot of fun. We did build a one room log house which we were very proud of.”

“While there on the homestead we ran out of food except for some sour cheese and we began to wonder what we would eat. Only this once in my life have I been so broke for money that I did not have a penny and only this once have I been so out of food.”

Their homestead area is now a state campground called Allred Flat on Wyoming highway 89 just east of the Utah-Wyoming border.

Arlin said. “After these past experiences I wanted to do bigger and better things. So we decided I should go to Logan, Utah, and see if I could find a job. Automobiles were beginning to come on to the scene. I found a job. So in the Spring of 1919, we packed all our belongings, including our four children, in a 1917 Ford and moved to Logan, Utah, and worked in the Cache Auto Company for \$150.00 per month, which was a good wage at that time.”



“We were very happy for about five years, but then business slowed to where I was not needed. So on the day before New Years day I was let go.”

“We moved to Wellsville where I worked for a time then I was hired again by N. W. Merkley.”

“While living in Wellsville and working in Logan, I was on my way home after 6 O’clock. I met Irene with Dr. Christensen from Wellsville, bringing Norma, our daughter, to the hospital. She had fallen from a poplar tree. She lit on the top of a forked post and hung there until her mother lifted her off. We went to the hospital in Logan and watched the doctors operate. The post had pierced her stomach and had torn it beyond repair. She died very soon after being removed from the operating table. This was the hardest blow we had ever had, but we had to thank the Lord we still had 3 other fine girls and 1 boy.”

“I decided to go to work for myself. I found a place in Smithfield, Utah, to start in the auto repair business. In September 1927, we moved to Smithfield. We rented a home and afterward purchased the home.”

Arlin remained an auto mechanic until he retired. Arlin was also a good builder. He built two different trailer houses so he could travel and see the country.

He built a home in Logan, Utah, in 1960. He did most all of the work himself.

Arlin loved to travel and totally enjoyed the wonderful creations of God.

In the later years of his life, he was very ill with cancer. He died August 16, 1976, at the age of 85 leaving six living children. Four daughters and two sons. His wife preceded him in death. She died April 28, 1972.

If any descendants from these siblings read this, please contact me. I would like to check in and see how all the family is doing. I lost contact some time back.

We have been doing a lot of traveling and at the present time only have a cell phone, 1-801-540-7607. So please use the snail mail:

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An Allred Family



This photograph was taken about 1900 in front of a one-room school in the Lineberry Community of northeast Randolph County. The woman on the far right (dark dress) is Dora Allred Elder, (1880-1984). She died just before her 104th birthday. The woman on the second row, second woman in the white dress is Dora's sister, Della Allred Kirkman (1885-1970). *Dora and Della, George Scotton, Emsley, Jesse.* The short girl in the center of the photo with a lace collar is Ollie Redding (1888-1977). She married Della and Dora's brother, Charlie. She was also an Allred descendant: *Ollie, Monroe, Jonathan, Joseph, John.*



Sherry Allred submitted this photo of her husband, Billy Rex Allred's grandparents. In the photo are John Wesley Allred (1864-1916), wife, Nancy Lucinda Allred (1876-1967) and their children from left, Neubern (spelling correct) Clyde and Edna. John and Nancy are buried at Liberty United Baptist Church located between Osage and Marble in Carroll County, Arkansas. *Johathan Wesley, Jonathan, John, Solomon.*

Photo Album



Dora Kinney Allred, wife of Mike Lewis Allred (1893-1988). Mike and Dora lived in Franklinville, Randolph County, North Carolina. *Mike, Peter, Maloy, Jessee*

George Henry Allred (1895-1987) was a brother of Della and Dora from the school photo on page 8. This photo, in his World War I uniform, was taken about 1918 in Silver City, North Carolina.

Mary Catherine Allred (1842-1934) lived in Franklinville, North Carolina. She married Montiville Jones. Montiville and Mary Catherine's son, Wesley, married Ida Rodemia Allred, making all of their descendants double Allreds. Several still live in the Franklinville area of Randolph County. This photograph, taken about 1910, was submitted by Rick Ford, Mary Catherine's great grandson, *Rick, Virginia, Dora, Mary Catherine.*



2002 North Carolina to Utah Anniversary Tour

Solomon Allred received his first land grant in North Carolina in 1752. In 1787, his nephew, William, son of his brother, Thomas, took his family and left North Carolina on an adventure that lasted 65 years and ended with some of his family settling in Spring City, Utah, in 1852.

These dates, 1752 and 1852 mean we have two very important anniversaries to celebrate next year! The 250th Anniversary of the Allred family living in North Carolina and the 150th Anniversary of the Allred family settling Spring City!

To help celebrate these two historic events, Alice Allred Pottmyer and Linda Allred Cooper are exploring the option of a bus trip from North Carolina to Utah that would visit Allred sites along the way. William and his family lived for a while in South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, and

finally crossing the Rocky Mountains into Utah. These are the states and sites we are studying and planning to visit!

This bus tour is just in the beginning stages of planning. We have many details to figure out and a lot of work ahead of us before it is complete. We want you to begin your plans to join us! Currently, we are planning for the tour to begin at the 250th Anniversary Allred Reunion in Randolph County, NC, September 6 and 7, 2002. From there, we'll re-trace William's steps, and those of his children who moved to Missouri in 1830 after their father died in 1824 in Tennessee. We will stop along the way to view the places they lived and the land he passed through. With the help of Teri Cochran Allred, Dawnell Griffin and others, we are working to locate and pin-point all of the land this branch of the Allred family owned or lived on along the way, any family graves, and important sites.

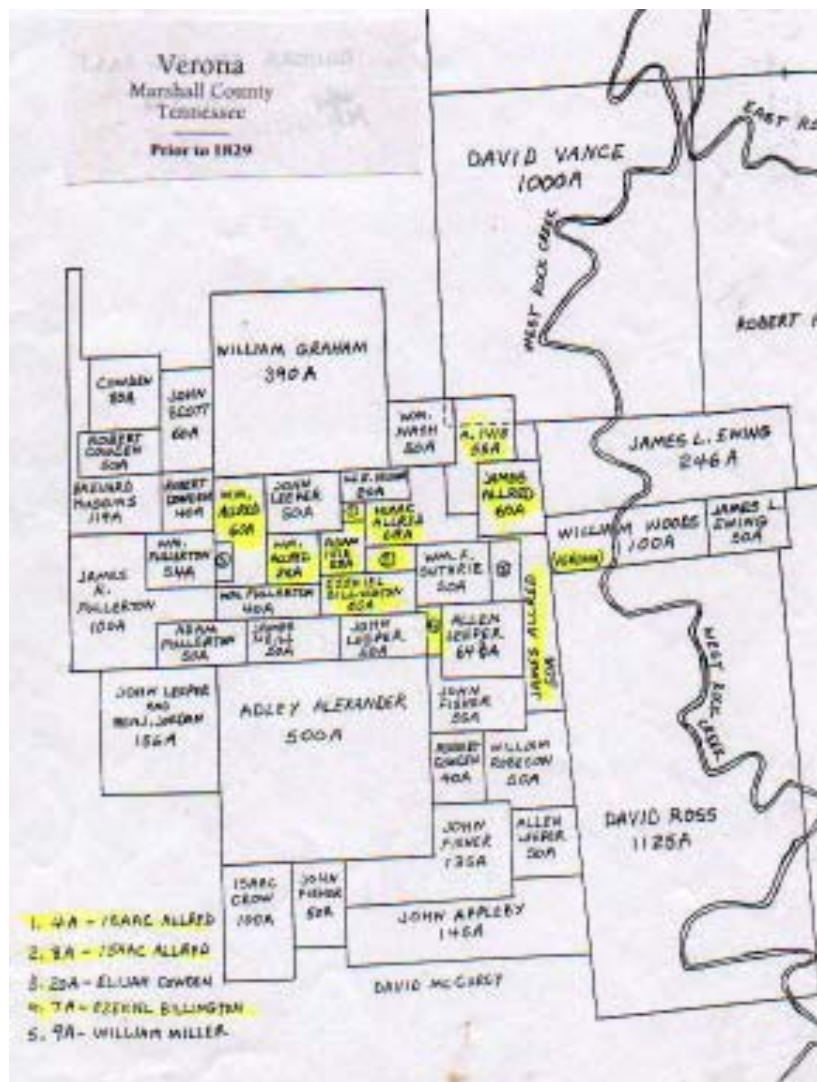
This tour will take at least two weeks and estimated costs should be between \$1,500 - \$1,800. Expensive,

YES! But, this is a once in a life-time trip. We are trying to cut costs as much as possible while maintaining comfortable and safe travel. Most important, you have a year to save and plan to join us!

For more information about this tour, or if you would like to help plan it, please contact Alice or Linda at the addresses below.

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This map shows the land of William (*William, Thomas*) and two of his sons, James and Isaac, in what is now Marshall County, Tennessee. When they lived there it was Bedford County. The county was divided in 1836. This branch of the family lived there from approximately 1804 to 1830. William died in 1824. In 1830, James, Isaac and several other family members moved north and west 550 miles to Ralls County, Missouri. The Tennessee and Missouri sites will be on the tour.

Clues from a Neighbor's Pension Application

Submitted by Teri Cochran Allred, AG, CGRS

When a Revolutionary War veteran and his widow died before the Pension Law Act was passed by the U. S. Congress on June 7, 1831, it is difficult to find documents to verify Revolutionary War service. Quite by chance, I found Allred clues to the Revolutionary War service of William Allred in the application of Abraham Elliott.

There were two interesting affidavits in Abraham Elliott's file [North Carolina Service of Abraham Elliott of No R 3289. The application was made in Randolph County, North Carolina, May 2, 1854, applied under Act June 7, 1832, by Garret Lane stating he is administrator of Abraham Elliott who was a soldier in the Revolution and served about 12 months. It said that said Abraham Elliott died about April 17, 1843, and left no widow but that he left four children, Joseph, Jeremiah, Mary Allred and Elizabeth Gray, all of whom have since died except Elizabeth Gray, who is still living]. In 1854, when Garret Lane administered Abraham Elliott's estate, John and Eli Allred were both deceased. In the pension file at the National Archives, affidavits from both John Allred and Eli Allred were found.

Affidavit of Eli Allred, dated 26 July 1846 – Eli Allred in Randolph Co NC July 1846 26th day. Eli was age 76 states he was well acquainted with Abraham Elliott and that he saw him in the service of the Revolution and that Elliott was at his father's different times while in the service with Capt. Hines under Col. Litteral – as to the time he, Eliot, served, he cannot relate precise but he the said Eli Allred recollects it was six months or more and Elliott was married to a woman named Ruth Fields and the said Eli Allred recollects his brother William Allred was in the service with Abraham Elliott in a little skirmish near Salisbury at one time and that he and Elliot came home and went to the barracks. (Eli Allred was able to sign his name).

Affidavit of John Allred, dated 22 July 1846 – John Allred was acquainted with Abraham Elliott his neighbor and frequently heard him say that he was in the Revolution under Col. Lutteral in a skirmish near Salisbury and at another time went on a trip to South Carolina. (He is not able to sign his name and his mark looks like a fancy "Z").

I believe this pension file may be the best clue, at the present time, that William Allred, son of Thomas, Sr. and Elizabeth Allred, did indeed serve in the Revolutionary War.

Editor's Note: William Allred, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Allred, was born about 1756. He would have been approximately 20 when the colonists declared their independence from England. After his marriage to Elizabeth Thrasher, they moved from Randolph County with their first four children. They first moved to Pendleton, Anderson County, South Carolina, and then a few more miles to Franklin County, Georgia. Franklin County was one of the areas where bounty grants were given to Revolutionary War veterans. Four more children were born in South Carolina and Georgia. The family then moved to south central Tennessee to Rutherford County, which was divided into Bedford County. Today their land is now part of Marshall County. William died there in 1824. See the map on page 10.

The image shows a handwritten affidavit on aged, yellowed paper. The text is written in cursive and is somewhat faded. At the top, it says "State of North Carolina" and "Randolph County". The main body of the text is an affidavit sworn to by John Allred, dated July 22, 1846. He states that he is well acquainted with Abraham Elliott, his neighbor, and that he frequently heard him say that he was in the Revolution under Colonel Lutteral in a skirmish near Salisbury. He also mentions that Elliott was married to a woman named Ruth Fields and that he and Elliott came home and went to the barracks. The affidavit is signed by John Allred, and there is a mark that looks like a fancy "Z" below the signature. The text is written in cursive and is somewhat faded.

John Allred's Affidavit of 22 July 1846.

The Box

In response to requests for information about our Allred Family Organization Board meetings, budget and membership drive, we have created The Box. This Box will be in each newsletter and will contain brief updates on what's going on with our organization. Have a question or don't see the information you would like to have? Please let us know!

Sue's Secretary's Notes: The Board "meetings" are held via a private e-mail chat list, making it easy for each Board member to stay in touch and participate in conversations - no matter where he/she lives. Current topics "on the table" for Board discussion are:

1. Teri Cochran Allred's offer to put together a committee which will create a special anniversary quilt that will be auctioned as an AFO fund raiser at one of the Anniversary Reunions in 2002.

2. Linda Allred Cooper and Don C. Allred are leading a discussion on ways of advertising the AFO, hopefully promoting new members and increased revenue.

3. Mirion Cloud is answering questions concerning the upcoming Texas Allred Reunion (October 6 and 7, 2001).

4. Jim V. Allred is updating everyone on his Research Committee's efforts to place Allred research copies in a variety of libraries across the USA. A complete update on his efforts will be in the next newsletter.

Joyce Allred's Treasurer's Notes: Our 2001 Budget was based on the AFO having 406 paying members. As of July 20, we have 473 paying members, giving us more dollars than expected. This isn't a great deal of money - but we'll take it! Budgeted AFO income is based on

expected donations, interest (bank), membership dues, and sales of fund raising items. Budgeted expenses are: Archive Activities, Communications (the newsletter), Contingencies, Miscellaneous Expenses, Operations, and Research. As you probably guessed, the majority of AFO money (\$4,035 budgeted this year) goes toward funding the newsletter: printing and postage. We budgeted \$1,100 for research this year. These are our two biggest budget items.

Linda's Membership Notes: When I "took over" the AFO membership database in January 2001, we had 392 paying members and were mailing 15 complimentary copies of the newsletter each publication. As you read in Joyce's notes, currently we have 473 paying members and are sending out 10 complimentary copies of the newsletter. These complimentary copies are going to various libraries such as the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh, NC, and the Randolph Room located in Asheboro, NC. My goal is to have 500 paying members "on the roll" by the end of this year. This is where you come in! Get out there and help us recruit new members! Talk to Uncle Joe and Aunt Bessie to see if they would be interested in joining the AFO and receiving a newsletter! Go!! Get Busy!!

For more information about the AFO and/or AFO Board activities, contact Linda at:

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Cook Book Update

Some of you must think the Allred Family Cook Book progress is slow. But, it's slow for a reason. We have decided to take our time putting it together and have it ready for sale beginning with the 150th Anniversary Allred Reunion in Spring City, Utah, next June 29, 2002, as part of that big celebration. This will also give all you procrastinators one last chance to send your recipes in. Final deadline is Christmas.

Information about the cookbook sale will be published in this newsletter and posted on the AFO Web site (www.allredfamily.org). So, stay tuned!

Please submit your recipes to Linda A. Cooper at the above address or:

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Squawbronson@hotmail.com
Star Route 700
Trout Creek, UT 84083.

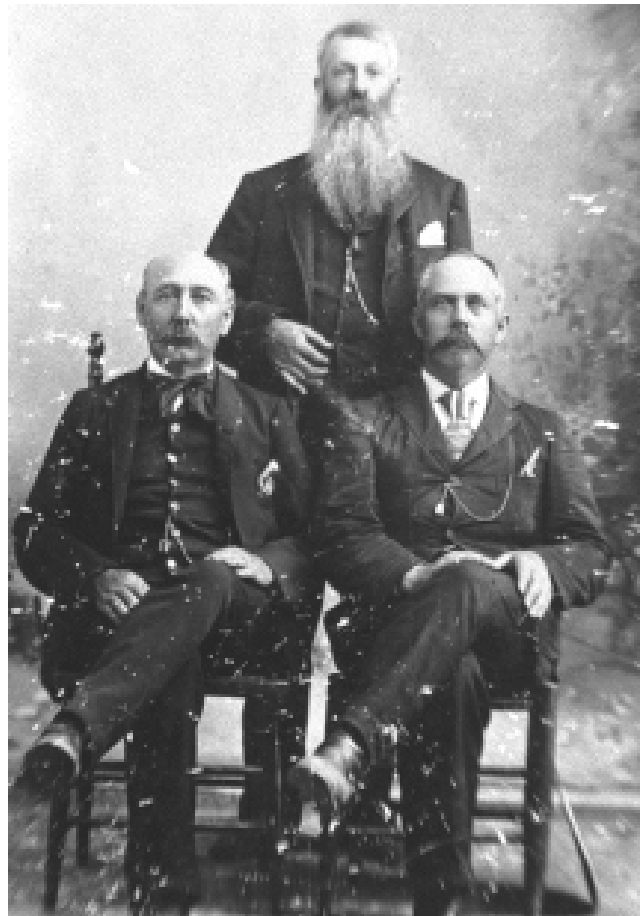
Photo Archives

Alan and Kathy Allred, Kaysville, Utah, have worked for several years creating the Allred Photo Archives, a collection of several hundred Allred family photos. An example of the collection is the photo on the right taken about 1900 of three of the sons of William Hackley Allred, 1804-1890. Shown here are Hyrum, Lewis (standing) and Enoch.

Cataloged and easily available, these photos are available for sale: \$3.00 for 3x5, \$4.00 for 4x6, and \$5.00 for 5x7. To find out if a photo of your ancestor is in the collection, or to order a copy, contact:

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The archive's complete, alphabetical index is posted on the AFO Web site at:
http://www.allredfamily.org/utah_photo_archives.htm.



Allreds in the News

Allred Research Coordinator, Jim Allred, was in Pensacola, Florida, in early June. He noted in the local newspaper that Glen Allred had been inducted into the Gospel Hall of Fame. He sings with the Florida Boys, a southern gospel group.

Does anyone have more information about this? Please send your articles to: Alice Allred Pottmyer, 5540 N. 32nd Street, Arlington, VA 22207 or pottmyera@aol.com.

Planning to Move?

If you plan to move, please notify the AFO. Notifying the AFO means you will not miss an issue of the newsletter. We have several returned newsletters with no forwarding address. As soon as you know your new address, please send it to:

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Don't Mail to Pacific Fulfillment

If you are still holding any old invoices from Pacific Fulfillment in California, please do not send them to that address. The AFO is now handling all membership business at the North Carolina address above.

James T. S. Allred Biography

A biography of James Tillman Sanford Allred was mentioned in the last newsletter. However, the book is not yet available. The authors have received new information and it will be published soon. If you are interested in the book about James T. S. Allred, who was a very early settler of Manti, Utah, and a son of James and Elizabeth Allred, please contact:

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Copies are \$20 if picked up or \$25 if mailed.

Correction

The Wilson Allred article on pages 8 and 9 of issue No. 47 failed to mention the youngest son of Wilson and Laura Allred. Waldo was born in Monticello, Utah.

Kaye Allred Nielson

Allred Family Roster Update

by Donald Clement Allred (01020306091203)
My progenitors:(Clement TWIN, Ephraim Lafayette,
Reuben Warren, James,William, Thomas, Mr.)

What's New At www.AllredRoster.com

Every Name Index

The Every Name Index at www.AllredRoster.com contains 143,432 Allred descendants, spouses and in-laws. Since July 1997, it's been used 561,000 times! During June 2001, we've averaged over 1,000 searches per day.

Added links from the Every Name Index to Histories, Obituaries and the Document Archive.

A search for my father Clement ALLRED TWIN (010203060912) will show his children plus:

History - Clement Allred

History - Bertha Ella Ray (my maternal grandmother)

Obituary - Clement Allred

Obituary - Mary Emily MacDonald (my mother)

Document Archive - All the descendants of my father Clement Allred

You can check out the example above at <http://AllredRoster.com/eni2.asp?010203060912>

Stats

The descendants count for the four supposed Allred brothers (largest of the 102 family lines)

Thomas 56,657

William 4,047

Solomon 4,446

John 12,525
77,675

Histories

A full text search engine has been added at: <http://www.allredroster.com/textsearch.asp>
Eleven histories have been added since the last report.

Obituaries

164 obituaries have been added since my last report bringing the total to 2,690.

Document Archive

This new addition is a repository for research reports, documents and photos and other categories.
<http://www.allredroster.com/docs.asp>

Top 10 Stats

New - Top 10 Birth States, Marriage States, Death States and Most Prolific

<http://www.allredroster.com/famstat.asp>

Family Business List

New - Got a family owned business? Let us know about it and we'll include it in our new Family Business List.

Don't have a Web site...no problem. The physical address of your business will be okay.

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

Allred Family In America CD-ROM

The one and only edition of the Allred Family In America was published in 1965. About 1,500 copies were printed. I recently had my pristine copy professionally scanned, OCR'd and stored in PDF format on CD-ROM - all 1,332 pages.

You can see a sample at: <http://www.allredroster.com/redbook.asp>

If there is enough interest I may offer it on CD-ROM as a fund raiser for the Roster. It has full text search, print and cut-and-paste capabilities.

Let me know.

Don@AllredRoster.com

Don Allred's Resume

http://www.allredroster.com/don_allred.htm

What's that shameless plug got to do with the Roster? Plenty. 93% of the costs of doing the Roster over the last 14 years has been paid by ME. I've been out of work for several months now and must cut back expenses. In April we almost had to shut the Web site down. Fortunately the East Coast Allreds and a few family members (you know who you are) came to the rescue. Thanks!

The AFO has budgeted \$800.00 per year for the Roster. That's \$67.66 per month. It costs a minimum of \$300.00 per month for ISP (Internet service provider) charges, connection fees for dial-up and high speed DSL connections and office supplies to keep the Roster going. Add another \$200.00 per month for computer hardware and software and it's easy to see how I cannot pay for this without a job.

Bottom Line: H - E - L - P

The AFO has pledged to pay the ISP fee for this year which will keep the Roster online, BUT I need about \$400.00 a month to maintain it.

So I need money to keep going. Your donations and/or contributions are badly needed. The recommended donation is \$15.00 but any amount will be appreciated.

To support the Allred Family Roster please send your donation:

Don Allred

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To learn more about the Allred Family Roster please visit us at: <http://www.AllredRoster.com>

Till next time I remain one of your zillion cousins,

Don

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The Rape of Lydia Allred

A Research Report

by Linda Allred Cooper

As many of you already know, I've traced my family tree back to Jesse Allred (1783-1844) of Randolph County, North Carolina. Jesse was illegitimate and told his children and grandchildren that he didn't have any parents. I've had a very hard time proving him wrong, but this story may explain where Jesse "came from." I think it's very possible that Lydia was Jesse's mother.

Whenever we think of the "good ole days" we tend to forget that some of the horrors we associate with today's world sometimes happened back then too. The story of Lydia Allred is one such case.

Lydia was born in Orange County, North Carolina, in 1770. She was one of the younger children of John Allred who settled in North Carolina in the 1750's. Lydia was raised on the family farm located near today's Patterson Grove community just north of Franklinville. In 1779, this same land became part of the newly formed Randolph County.

Most of the time Lydia's neighbors were law abiding. Court documents from that time period show that there were occasional visits to court to complain about a missing cow or hog and a few accusations of theft of farm equipment, but for the most part, life was peaceful. One important exception to that rule was the Lewis family.

John and Priscilla Lewis raised a large family on their land located just north of today's Franklinville. This family, especially the boys and men, were well known as mean, tough, belligerent bullies. They made their own rules, followed no laws but their own and beat or killed anyone who made them mad. One account taken from the book "The Randolph Story" on file in the Randolph Room, Asheboro Public Library states:

The Lewises were tall, broad, muscular and very powerful men. The family were the lions of the country. Their character was eminently pugnacious. Nearly all of them drank to intoxication; aware of power, they insulted whom they listed; they sought occasions of quarrel as a Yankee does gold in California. They rode through plantations; killed their neighbor's cattle; took fish from other men's traps; said what they pleased; all more for contention than gain. Though the opposed had power, they were afraid to prosecute them, they knew these human hydras had no mercy; they dreaded their retaliating vengeance. Anything, man or beast, that crossed their path periled it's life. They neither sheltered themselves under the strong arm of the law nor permitted others to do so, they neither gave nor asked mercy. Their pledge was sure as anything human could be. If they threatened death or torture, those threatened always thought it prudent to retire to the very uttermost part of the earth.

Stephen Lewis, the fifth child of John and Priscilla,

was born June 4, 1757. Per Lewis family documents, he fought and bullied his way into adulthood. In the 1770's he began appearing in court, charged with a variety of theft, assaults and battery. More times, than not, the court found him not guilty, no doubt fearing retaliation from him or his family. On the few occasions he was found guilty, he was usually fined some small amount that was never collected.

This pattern continued into the mid 1780's. Between March and October 1786, Stephen and his brother, John, had been in court 11 different times answering a variety of charges. One of those charges was brought by Lydia's father, John, who accused John Lewis of assault in June 1786. John Lewis was found innocent and John Allred became the target of some vicious retaliation.

The Allred family found themselves confronted many times by the Lewis family over the next few months. Farm equipment disappeared. Farm animals were slaughtered. When the family members went to visit neighbors, they were followed and taunted. Finally, on a sunny afternoon in October, it all came "to a head".

October 30 no doubt began as a normal day on the farm. Chores were performed, meals were cooked and served by the women while the men worked in the fields. The colorful fall leaves were falling and the weather had a slight "nip in the air." When her chores were finished, Lydia decided to walk the well worn wagon path to her sister and brother-in-law's home, Barbara and William York. Barbara was 17, only one year older than Lydia and a newly wed. The sisters were close and no doubt missing each other's daily company. A visit would be welcome.

The court document filed November 6, 1778, tells the story in chilling detail. Lydia was walking along the path when Stephen Lewis rode up on his horse. He, no doubt, recognized her as one of John Allred's daughters. Lewis got off of his horse and grabbed Lydia, pulling her to him roughly and forcing her onto his lap as he sat down on a log. Holding her tightly, he asked her to have "carnal knowledge" with him. She refused, telling him she would rather die and tried to fight her way free of his clutches. Angered, he forced his hand under her skirt and "placed his hand on her privates and forced his fingers into her body." She fought valiantly, but he was bigger and stronger than the frightened 16-year-year-old girl. He pushed her to the ground and violently beat and raped her.

When finished, Lewis left Lydia lying on the path and rode off. She pulled herself together and somehow managed to get to her sister's home. As you can imagine, the family reacted in horror and demanded justice. On November 6, Lydia's father, brothers and brother-in-laws came to court to file charges against Stephen Lewis.

Unfortunately, as in the past, the court continued to be

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Lydia Allred

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reluctant to indict or convict anyone in the Lewis family of anything - even something as horrible as rape. Court records show that although the Allred family presented overwhelming evidence and Lydia herself was forced to testify in detail about the rape, little was done to Stephen Lewis. Finally, in December, the court agreed to indict Lewis and hold a trial. However, the intimidated jurors and court officials, fearing reprisals from the Lewis family, vote to postpone the trial until Spring 1787. They were probably hoping that, with the new court session, they would not be chosen as jurors and would escape the Lewis family wrath.

On February 1, 1787, Stephen Lewis was back in court accused of threatening the life of Lydia's father, John. He had already beat John, breaking his nose, and continued to harass the family every chance he got. John asked the court for protection. It wasn't awarded until another week passed. In response, Stephen and his family increased their campaign of harassment and terror.

Finally, in March 1787, the court imposed a 10- pound bond on Lewis to guarantee his appearance in court for

the rape trial. William York, Lydia's brother-in-law, is named as the prosecuting witness. But, the trial is postponed once again as the Lewis family's threats scare the jurors. By June, Lydia's father had reached his limit and begins fighting back. However, he accomplishes nothing except getting himself arrested for "profane swearing in public." The humiliation must have been unbearable as John is arrested for "swearing" while his daughter's rapist still roamed free. While in court facing the original "swearing" charge, John loses his temper again and swears at the court officials. Again he is charged and fined.

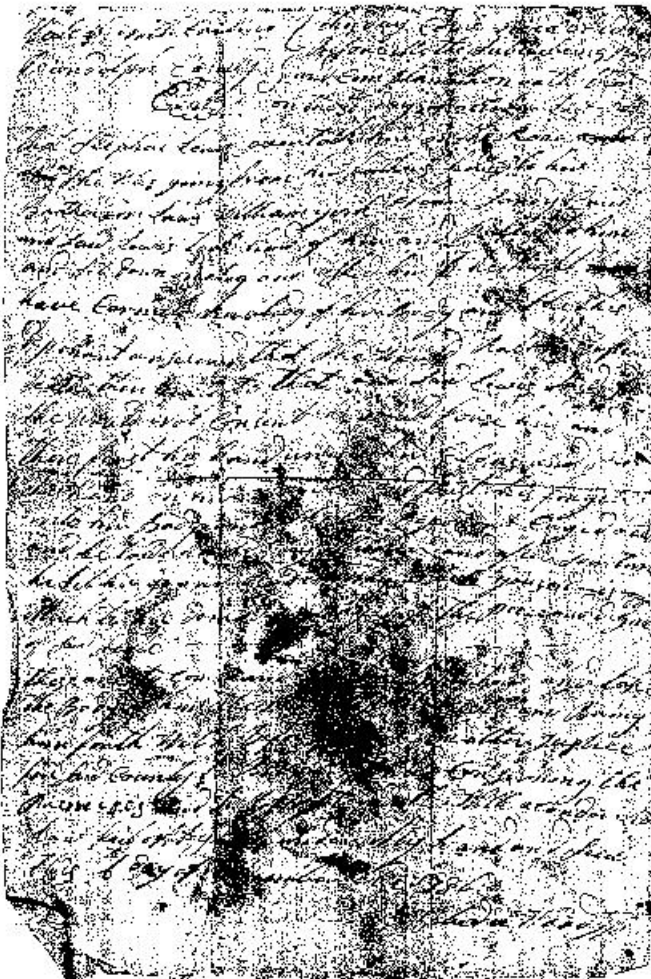
The rape trial is postponed again and again as the jurors and court officials were harassed by the Lewis family. Court documents also show that the Lewis brothers were in court many times over the next four years as they continued to wreak havoc in Randolph County. But, as we've all heard, "you reap what you sow" and eventually everyone pays for the evil they do.

When Stephen raped Lydia, he was married. Lewis family records show that he beat his wife on a regular basis, treating her no better than he did his neighbors. Finally, in 1791, Stephen's brother, Richard, helped Stephen's wife escape and hid her outside of the county at the home of a friend. Richard was no better than Stephen, so this unusual act of kindness was rare. Stephen and Richard argued violently about the beatings, and finally Richard agreed to return Stephen's wife if he would promise to quit beating her. Stephen refused. Eventually Stephen found his wife and dragged her back home, beating her severally. Stephen then went to his brother's home intending to kill him. Richard, seeing Stephen approach, grabbed his shot gun and ran upstairs. As Stephen climbed the stairs looking for Richard, Richard shot and wounded him. The family gathered around and soon Stephen was sent back home patched up, but very angry.

As Stephen laid at home recovering from the gun-shot wound, he swore to everyone in hearing distance that he would kill his brother as soon as he was healed. Richard, knowing Stephen fully intended to carry out this threat, finally decided to end the feud once and for all. He rode to Stephen's house, crept quietly to the back of the house where he knew Stephen was recovering. As he looked through a crack in the wall, he could see Stephen sitting up in bed having his wound dressed. Richard stuck the barrel of the gun through the crack in the wall and shot his brother through the heart, killing him instantly.

Lydia, in the meantime, never recovered emotionally from the rape. She became a recluse, painfully shy, never wanting to go out in public or leave the confines of home. Her father, John, died in 1792 knowing that his daughter's rapist had never been imprisoned, but had finally paid for his crimes with his death. After John died, Lydia moved in with her sister, Barbara, and her family where she lived until her death.

Original document of Lydia Allred case. See top of page 17 for transcription.



Transcribed as written

State of North Carolina
Randolph County

This day cause Lydia Allred before me the ____ being just and complaining on oath that on the 30th day of October just past that Stephen Lewis accosted her on the road as she was going from her father's house to her brother-in-law's William York of Sandy Creek and said Lewis took hold of her and pulled her to him and sat down on a log and asked her if he might have carnal knowledge of her body and she the deponent answered that she would rather suffer death than yield to that and said Lewis said if she would not consent he would force her and then forst his hand under her clothes and put his hand on her privates and forst his finger into her body and she this depondant cryed out and he told her to cry louder and after sometime he let her go and then he rode away. _____ and is much to her injury and against the peace and dignity of said state.

These are to command you to apprehend and take the body of him the said Stephen Lewis and bring him forth with _____ me the justice for said county to be _____ and concerning the premises and to _____ with a _____ to law fail not _____ under my hand and seal this 6th day of November AD 1786.

Zebedee Wood, JP

State of North Carolina
Randolph County

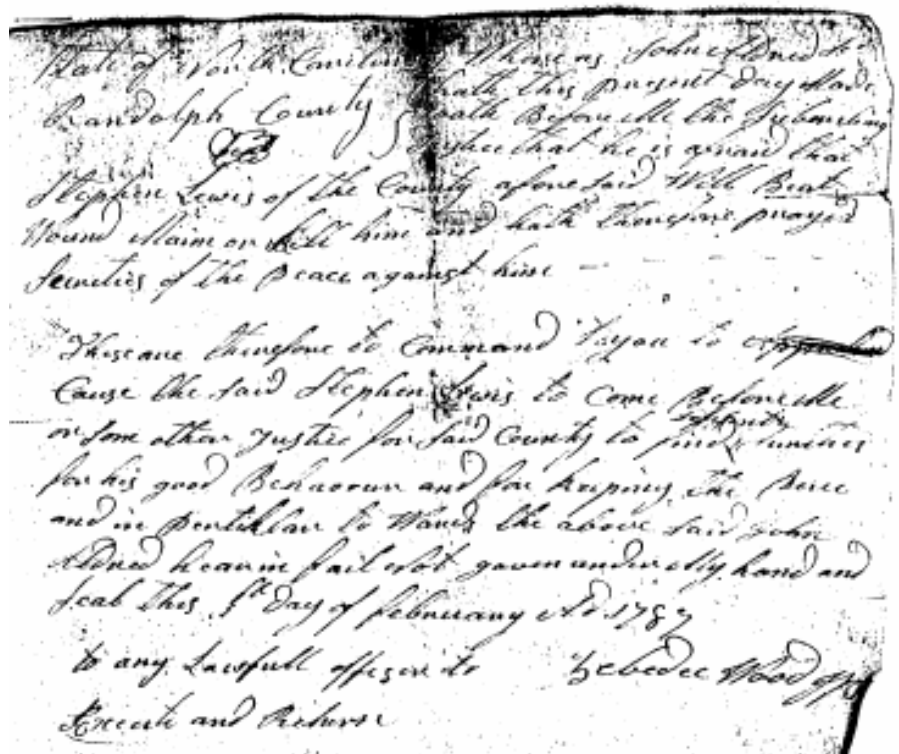
Where as John Allred hath this present day made oath before me the presiding Justice that he is afraid that Stephen Lewis of the county aforesaid will beat, wound, maim or kill him and hath therefore prayed _____ of the peace against him.

These are therefore to command to you to cause the said Stephen Lewis to come before me or some other justice for said county to find profess causes for this good behavior and for keeping the peace and in Person to witness the above said John Allred. Here in fail not given under my hand and seal this 1 day of February AD 1787.

To all Lawfull officer to Execute and Deliver

Zebedee Wood, JP

Note: The John Lewis who bought Solomon Allred's original land in 1771 was Stephen Lewis' father. So, the Lewis family lived on the original Solomon's land (see plat map on page 5) when this rape occurred.



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Yes I want to join the AFO!

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