

# Allred Family Newsletter

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## Mission Statement

Identify and Unite the Allred Family Through Gathering, Storing and Sharing Information

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## 1695 Allred Letter Discovered

by Linda Allred Cooper

The East Coast Allreds sponsored a research trip to Pennsylvania the last week of January 2003. Aimed at genealogy researchers, this trip was planned in hopes of finding new clues and information about the Allred family prior to 1750. Our main goal was to learn more about the Solomon Allred who was listed on tax lists in Chester County, PA, in the 1720's.

Researchers and AFO members Linda Allred Cooper, Ruth Ann Jones, Nancy Judd Martin, Alice Allred Pottmyer, Dennis York and wife, Hilda Brown York, spent each day in various historical society and county archive libraries, uncovering some new clues including a letter written by John Allred in 1695. (see page 3)

### Letter to Brother-in-Law

John Allred, who was living in Manchester, England, at the time, was writing to his brother-in-law, Phineas Pemberton, who was living in Pennsylvania. John apologized to Phineas for not responding to earlier letters, but explained that he had been busy tending to his elderly mother who had since died.

John explained that his oldest son, Phineas, was now a soldier. He also said he was ready to come to America along with his wife and three sons: Owen (20), Theophilus (19) and Solomon (16). John asked that Phineas send enough

money to pay for their ship's passage.

This is exciting information! A few years ago, Dawnell Griffin uncovered British church records proving John Allred had married Ellen Pemberton and had several children including the four listed in the letter discovered in the Philadelphia Historical Society. The British church records proved that Ellen died in 1684 and was buried in Eccles Parish, Lancashire, England.

### Moved to Manchester

This letter continues the family story, telling us that they had moved to Manchester, that John had remarried, and the oldest son, Phineas, had joined the military. This letter also tells us that John was ready to move his family to America to join the Pemberton's in Pennsylvania.

This gives us more circumstantial proof that we are on the right track - that, just maybe, we descend from this family. More evidence that possibly the Solomon who was in Chester County, PA, in the 1720's was the father of the four men who came to North Carolina in the 1750's.

### More Research Information to Come

More information uncovered during the ECAFA research trip will be in the next issue of the newsletter and posted on the AFO web site. Stay tuned!

# 2003 Family Reunions

## **Alabama Reunion**

*Sunday, June 1*

*Moody Senior Citizens Center*

*Hanceville, AL*

Contact: Martha Jo Allred

341 County Road 91

Rogersville, AL 35662

256/247-0970

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Plan to arrive about 10 am. There is a covered dish lunch about 12:30 p.m.

## **Rocky Mountain Reunion**

*Friday, June 27 & Saturday, June 28*

*Old School*

*Spring City, UT*

Afternoon activities are planned on June 27. Activities on Saturday, June 28 begin at 10 a.m. There will be activities, food and lots of Allred history.

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

*Saturday, September 12 & Sunday, September 13*

*Grays Chapel School*

*Intersection of Highway 22 and Old Liberty*

*Road in Northeast Randolph County, NC*

Registration begins at 9 a.m. The family meeting begins at 10 a.m., with the latest genealogy and history research information. There is an opportunity for questions. There is a covered dish/pot luck lunch followed by musical entertainment, a raffle and auction.

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PO Box 415

Pittsboro, NC 27312

919/542-1950

lacooper@mindspring.com

## **Texas Reunion**

*October 2003*

*Keller, TX*

The Texas reunion is probably the second weekend of October. The Senior Center cannot be booked until six months in advance. Keller is in the Fort Worth Dallas area.

Contact: Miron Cloud

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Azle, TX 76020

817/444-4397

skipcloud@prodigy.net

If you have reunion information, please forward to Alice Allred Pottmyer at the address in the box on this page. The information will be printed in the newsletter and also posted on the AFO Web site.

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## **Newsletter CD Available**

A CD of Allred Family Newsletters Numbers 1 - 54 is now available for purchase. These are the years 1989 through the first issue of 2003. Several AFO member have requested this.

The price is \$22 and includes shipping and handling. Please send your check to the Allred Family Organization to: AFO, PO Box 1044, Pittsboro, NC 27312. Please list your shipping information.

# 1695 Letter

(Transcribed as written)

Manchester November 11  
Loving cossen my kind love to you I have  
been that you sent to Ralfe Ridgham and  
I refused to let any from you before  
and sent answers to them but you  
rescued them this is so for you understand  
if we are all in good health at this present  
writing thank be to god for it but my  
oldest son Phineas is gone for a soulder  
2 yrs ago and my neglecting coming  
was because my mother was alive then and  
I was not willing to leave her but now  
and my wife and my suns are all  
willing to cum to you asking god love  
and desire you to send an answer to  
Ralfe Ridgham with speed and just  
lot nice know home. I shall have your  
good assigns for I am not able to fund  
of my self my sun Owen is going of a  
20 yrs of age and Theophilus is 19 and  
Solomon is 16 yrs of age so no more at  
present I wess your loving cossen till done  
John Allred

Manchester, November 11,  
1695  
Loving cossen my kind love  
to you. I have \_\_\_ that  
you sent by Ralf Ridgham  
and sent answers by them but  
you \_\_\_ We are all in good  
health at this present writing  
thanks be to God for it but  
my oldest son Phineas is  
gone for a soulder is coming  
2 years ago and my neglect-  
ing cuming was because my  
mother was alive then and I  
was not willing to leave her  
but now me and my wife and  
my sons are all willing to  
cum to you asking God love  
and desire you to send an  
answer by Ralfe Ridgham  
with speed and just lot nice  
know home. I shall have  
yours good assigns for I am  
not able to fund of my self  
my sun Owenis going of a  
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Solomon is 16 years of age  
so no more at present I wess  
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done.  
John Allred

## Pennsylvania Tour

The ECA is hosting a bus tour to Pennsylvania to view the newly discovered family sites along with some national historic sites May 4 - 10, 2003. For more information or to reserve your seat, contact Linda Allred Cooper (address on page 19).

# Allred Theatre

by Linda Allred Cooper

Love going to the movies? Then you will really love the Allred Theatre in downtown Pryor, OK.

Last Fall, after attending the Allred Reunion in Keller, TX, several members of the East Coast Allreds traveled north to Oklahoma for some sight-seeing. One of those sights was the famous Allred Theatre in the middle of downtown Pryor, OK.

The Allred Theatre was built in 1917 by J. Fred Allred, a descendant of the “original”

Solomon. In 1917, movies were shown without sound and Fred’s wife, Lee, or a hired musician, would play an organ as the picture was shown. As the industry changed, so did the production equipment of the theatre so the Allred could always show the best and most popular movies.

The Allred was the center of the entertainment world in Pryor for many years. A few pennies could get you in to watch the movie and a few more pennies could get you a candy bar or

popcorn to enjoy.

When Fred died in 1949, Lee continued to run the theatre, but finally her age and health forced Lee to sell it in the early 1960’s. Thankfully, the Oliver family bought it and continued the tradition of good old fashioned movie entertainment.

The current owner, Gene Oliver, took over when his father died. The town of Pryor watched closely as Gene gutted the theatre and spent over one million dollars completely restoring the Allred back to it’s original glory.

The huge 600 seat auditorium was divided into three different theatres, allowing more movies to be shown for more people to enjoy.

Today, when you step into the front lobby of the Allred Theatre, you feel like you’ve stepped back in time. Good movies, good popcorn, and friendly, smiling employees welcoming you to an evening of laughs and entertainment.

Next time you’re in Pryor, call Gene Oliver. Tell him you’re an Allred and would love to see the theatre. He enjoys showing off his accomplishment and telling the history of the building and business. We



*Eddie Clay Allred, Franklin Allred and James Eugene Allred holding the entry rug in the outer lobby of the theatre.*

# Pryor, Oklahoma

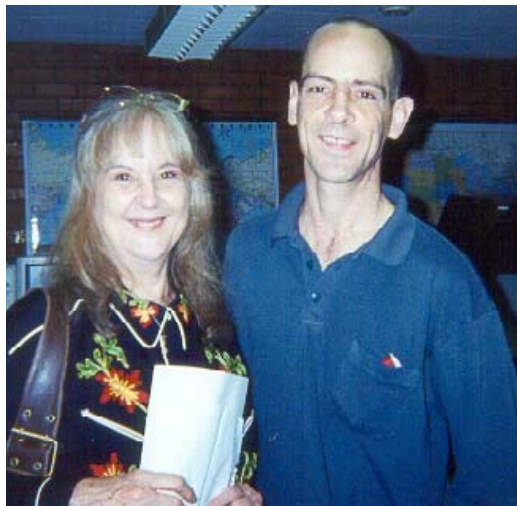
enjoyed his hospitality and efforts so much, that we “made” him an honorary Allred.

Many thanks to Allred descendant Betty Loper of Broken Arrow, OK, for first telling us about the Allred Theatre. Betty, her son Larry, and Allred cousin, Peggy Truesdale, Tulsa, OK, joined us for the tour of the theatre.

Pryor is located in northeastern Oklahoma on Highway 69.



*The historic Allred Theatre, 225 East Graham Street, Pryor, OK.*



*Betty Loper and her son, Larry, joined their North Carolina cousins for a tour of the Allred Theatre.*



*Enjoying the Allred Theatre are (back row from the left) Gene Oliver, theatre owner, Franklin Allred, James Eugene Allred and Blanche Allred. Front row are Betty Loper, Peggy Truesdale, Eddie Clay Allred, Carolyn Allred and Larry Loper.*

# Allred Points of Interest

Several places in the United States have the name Allred in their title. A few are listed below.

## Georgia

Allred Mill Road  
Cherokee County near Jasper.

## North Carolina

Allred Street  
Franklinville, Randolph County

Allred Street  
Asheboro, Randolph County

Carl Allred Road  
Randolph County

Allred Missionary Baptist Church  
Caswell County

## Oklahoma

Allred Theater  
Pryor (see article on pages 4-5)

## Tennessee

Town of Allred  
Overton County

## Utah

Allred Point  
Fremont (see article on this page)

Thatcher Allred Theater  
Weber State University Campus  
Ogden

## Wyoming

Initials of R. W. Allred inscribed on Independence Rock in eastern Wyoming in September 1849. See issue No.50, page 12.

If you know of any other Allred locations or points of history that contain Allred, please submit them to the newsletter: Alice Allred Pottmyer, 5540 North 32nd St., Arlington, VA 22207-1535 or PottmyerA@aol.com. Photos are welcome. Several Allreds settled in Alberta, Canada. Attention, Canadian members, are there any Allred historic locations you can list?

# History of Allred

*Application for marker to be erected at Allred Point by Camp Geysers, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Fremont, Utah, 1961*

April 19, 1876, Andrew Jackson Allred and family, his nephew Wilson Monroe Allred and wife and Hackley Allred (who had no wife), arrived from Spring City in what was then known as "Rabbit Valley". They were accompanied by W. W. Morrell, his son, Silas Morrell, Wm. Maxfield and Henry Maxfield who had attempted to go to Castle Valley in Emery County and could not get through because of snow. These men all eventually established a residence and took up claims on quarter sections of land in what later became known as Wayne County.

Andrew J. Allred built his home on the east side of the Fremont River and there on October 24, 1876, his wife, Elizabeth Ivy gave birth to a son, Francis Marion Allred, the first white child born in the valley.

The winter of 1876 proved very cold and the river froze over, flooding much of the valley and forcing the Allred's to move due west to the point of the hill, which even today (1961) is yet called "Jack's or Allred's Point".

The house with some additional cabins adjoining it not only was the forerunner of today's modern motels, but became the first store or trading post and the first post office.

Merchandise in the store consisted of a few bolts of calico, homemade shoes, nails. Ammunition and fish were kept salted in a barrel for the convenience of those who didn't want to catch their own from the nearby Spring Creek or the river. The most frequent customers were the Indians who traded with some little money, but mostly with buckskins and furs. The terminus of the railroad was at Juab and goods were shipped in via wagon from there.

# Point in Wayne County, Utah

September 25, 1879 Andrew J. Allred was appointed Valley Postmaster, a position he held until December 2, 1886. People came from all over the valley for their mail and to trade at the Post. The mail came three times a week and was packed by way of horseback. Over a year previous to Allred's appointment the valley people took turns going to Burrville or their mail.

Andrew J. Allred, along with John T Lazenby and Geo. W. Stringham were the first school trustees for Fremont Valley, which then comprised all of what is now Wayne County.

Half a mile south of this historic site is another, the site where the first burr grist mill in the valley was located. The people commenced by throwing a dam across Spring Creek, just north of the Allred Point, backing up the water about 3 or 10 feet, just enough to turn the water into the canal. In turning around the Point with the canal they encountered a solid ledge of rock and had to build a flume. From here it continued a half mile south to the mill sight, where John W. Young had built a house of logs, with several rooms, which he and his family moved into while building the mill, which was financed and owned by Isaac Riddle.

The mill was built of logs, uprights and lined with lumber, a two story building. The burr mill consisted of two large stones, the lower burr was a little bit oval, about 2 ½ feet in diameter, while the upper one cupped over the lower and had a hole in the top. The lower one was stationary and the top turned while the grain ran into a hopper and was then taken into sifts, fed through the hole in the top, bran and shorts and flour was separated.

Location of the first Fremont Town Cemetery, and all the old timers say there were four original graves, today there remains just the one containing the body of little Silas Warren Morrell,

born December 13, 1880. He fell into the sawmill pond near the present site of Mills Meadow and was drowned October 28, 1884. His lonely grave has kept a silent vigil over this valley and witnessed many changes during these 80 years.

NOTE: Camp Geysers, Daughters of Utah Pioneers of Fremont, Utah would like to make application for a marker to be placed at the Allred Point to commemorate this historic site, which still has a few of the black currant bushes, plum trees and an old apple tree planted by the original owner.

On the first Monday in May 1961 after first getting the consent of Glade Taylor, executor of the L. J. Taylor estate, daughters, VaNeil Taylor, Captain, Bell Taylor Vice Captain, (A granddaughter of Andrew J. Allred) and class leader Retta B. Tanner met with Wayne County commissioners, Vance Taylor, Chairman; Carlyle Baker and Worth Sorenson and told them of their desire to place an application for a marker and to make this a spot that would be beautiful to the eye as well as historically commemorative, since Spring Creek flows through the site and there and there are many outside as well as local visitors to see it.

They agreed to help us all they

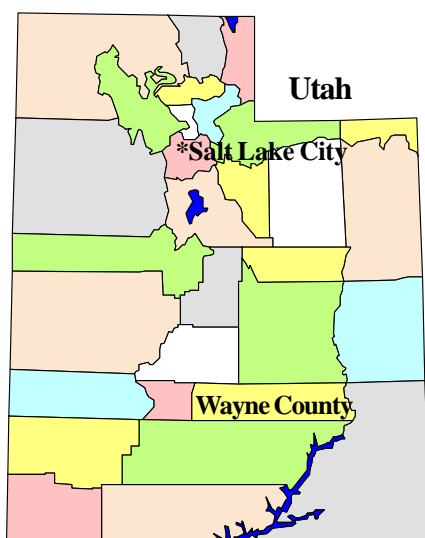
could and have gone to the extent of fencing an acre of land, cutting down old dead trees, leveling land and making a parking area, planning next year to use some of their funds to build a pit to hold campfires, etc. The Fremont Daughters have agreed to help keep rubbish and litter cleaned up and are holding their Pioneer Day celebration at this site.

Several prominent people have offered rock for the monument to be constructed. If the marker is approved and since the County Commissioners have been so cooperative, we contemplate having a dedication that will include all the Camps in Wayne County.

History was compiled by Retta B. Tanner, with contributions from the following: Wm. C. Jenson of Fremont who lived near the Allred Point as a boy and also Dan Brian, these men were kind enough to relate much interesting data and Mr. Brian and his wife let us have access to the history of Wayne County and the notes of their son, Donald Fount Brian who wrote the history as requirement for a thesis while a student at Utah State Agricultural College in Logan and contained descriptions from many of our Pioneers not now living including Dan Allred son of Andrew J. Allred. He died May 1935. Also records of Wayne County and from National Archives and Records Service, Washington D.C.

NOTE: Andrew J. Allred and wife Mattine A. recorded a warranty deed to Wm. J. Callahan 14 Jan 1892, they in turn to Wilford Pace, 21 March 1895, he to Wm. R. Taylor on 22 Mar 1898 and he to his son Lorenzo J. Taylor on 3 July 1911, and it is from this estate that we were granted permission to erect a marker.

Tessie J. Pyper authored a brief article on Allred Point in the July 1992, No. 12, issue of the Allred Family Newsletter, page 6.



# Azariah Allred

possible line, Azariah, Phineas, Solomon

*Information contributed by George Allred and notes compiled from e-mail conversations with Elwood Allred, Nancy Chisholm Benson and Jim Allred*

Solomon Allred is first listed in North Carolina land records in 1752 when he received a land grant for land located in today's Randolph County. He sold this land in 1771 and moved south to Richmond County. Per his estate records, he died there in 1782.

After his death, his sons, Phineas, Jonathan, Solomon, Francis and John, appear in land and tax records for Richmond County for a brief time. Phineas is listed in the 1790 Federal Census for Richmond County, NC (page 45, Fayette District) as:

Males over age 16: 1 (Phineas)

Males under age 16: 4 (sons Solomon, William, Robert and possibly Azariah)

Females: 1 (wife? daughter?)

(The 1790 census did not list the names of any of Phineas family members, so the names listed above come from other resources.)

On May 25, 1801, Jonathan and Phineas sold their land to Hubbard William and both moved to Barnwell County, SC. (Richmond County, NC, Deed book E, 1799 - 1801, pages 218 & 219). Both men are listed on the 1810 Federal Census for Barnwell County, SC.

In the early 1800's traveling west of Georgia meant traveling through dangerous Indian territories. Passports were required for travel, the government's way of trying to keep up with how many white settlers were traveling and the routes they were taking. Page 249 of the book, *Passports of Southeastern Pioneer 1770 - 1823*, lists the following information:

Georgia Passports

Executive Department

Friday, 10th November 1809

On recommendation ordered that

a passport be prepared for John Bolling and Azariah Alldred with their families to travel through the Creek Nation of Indians which was present and signed.

This is the first documented evidence we have for Azariah. John Bolling (Boling) was his father-in-law. Azariah was married to John's daughter, Celia. This family group had arrived in Amite County, MS, by 1813. Per notes from George Allred

"On a trip to Mississippi, I located a book titled, *Amite County, Mississippi 1699 - 1865, Volume II, The Churches*. This book contains the minutes from the original books of the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches in Amite County, MS. John Bowlin, father-in-law of Ezra/Azariah, and Ezra/Azariah Allred are identified in the minutes of the Zion Hill Baptist Church in October 1813 when Ezra was admitted to the church. January 1816 Brothers Bowlin and Allred had a charge brought against them for non-attendance. March 1816 Brother Bowlin reported that Brother Allred told him he did not intend to fill his seat in conference for which he was excommunicated."

Azariah and Celia had moved their family to Franklin County, MS, by 1816 when their twin sons, Ezekial and Ezra were born. Ezra died around 1839/1840. Two years before his death, Ezra married Ranah Elizabeth Wactor in Franklin County, MS.

Ezekial married Mary Ann Chisholm. His second wife was Louretta Wainwright (11/10/1841-5/16/1926). Ezekial and Mary Ann had seven children:

**Alice Elizabeth Allred** born 1836 in Amite County, MS. She died before 1910 and was married to John Bowlin (a cousin?)

**John Ezra Allred, Sr.** born January 26, 1838, in Amite County, MS, died November 25, 1909, in Franklin Co., MS. He married his first wife, Missouri Ann Bowlin (cousin?), October 7, 1869 in Amite Co. His second wife was Margaret A. Howell.

**William H. Allred** born March 4, 1840, died 1917. He was married twice, first wife was Martha/Sarah (last name unknown) and second wife was Maudy Boggs.

**Mary I. Allred** born 1843.

**Harriett Adeliza Allred** born March 4, 1847, died August 1, 1923. She married William Jack Lewis.

**Ezekiel E or Z Allred, II**, born 1849 or 1850. He married Martha A. Howell on November 25, 1869, in Amite County, MS.

**Sarah Adaline Allred** born October 12, 1852, and died sometime after 1900, was married to Thomas E. Miley.

Ezekial and his second wife,

Louretta, had the following children:

**Celia Bell Allred** (married a Davis)

**Carl Daniel Allred**

**Tom Dixon Allred**

**Martin Ezekiel Allred** was born November 1884, three months after his father, Ezekiel Allred, died.

*Research notes on Ezekiel Allred provided by George Allred*

**Ezekiel Allred** was born in July of 1816, Franklin County, MS, and died August 18, 1884. Marriages: (1) March 26, 1835, Amite Co., MS, to Mary Ann Chisholm daughter of John Chisholm and Elizabeth Burt; (2) November 10, 1859, Franklin Co., MS, to Louretta Wainwright daughter of Dixon Wainwright and Mary Nettles. Ezekiel and Louretta are buried in the Allred Family Cemetery in Lincoln Co., MS, about 13 miles southwest of Brookhaven, MS, off road at 1904 Gene Road SW. The burial place of Mary Ann Chisholm Allred unknown.

Ezekiel Allred and Mary Ann Chisholm had the following children:

**Alice Elizabeth Allred** born about 1836 in Amite Co., MS, and died before 1910 in Franklin Co., MS; Married March 21, 1853, in Amite Co., to John H. Bowlin son of Arthur Sylvester Bowlin and Mary Jane "Polly" Wactor. The burial place for Alice Elizabeth Allred and John Bowlin is unknown.

**John Ezra Allred, Sr.** born January 26, 1838, in Amite Co., MS, and died November 25, 1909, in Franklin Co., MS; Married: (1) August 7, 1865, to Missouri Jane Ann Bowlin daughter



of Arthur Sylvester Bowlin and Mary Jane "Polly" Wactor; (2) October 7, 1869, in Amite Co., MS, to Margaret A. Howell daughter of James Howell and Tempy Terrell. John Ezra Allred, Sr. and Margaret A. Howell Allred are buried at Mt. Gilead Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Franklin Co., MS; burial place of Missouri Jane Ann Bowlin is unknown.

**William H. Allred** born March 4, 1839, in Amite Co., MS, and died November 7, 1917, in Lincoln Co., MS; Married: (1) Sarah ? (listed on 1870 census for Amite Co., MS) (2) Martha A.? (believed to be the widow of Ezekiel E. Allred) daughter of James Howell and Tempy Terrell; (3) June 20, 1905, to Amanda D. "Mandy" Montgomery Boggs daughter of William Montgomery and Miranda Bowlin. William H. Allred is buried at the Laird-Redd Cemetery, Lincoln Co. MS; burial place for Amanda D. "Mandy" Montgomery Boggs is Bill Reeves Cemetery, Lincoln Co., MS; burial places for Sarah? and Martha A.? are unknown.

**Mary I. Allred** born about 1843 in Amite Co., MS. No other information is known.

**Harriett Adeliza "Ad" Allred** born March 4, 1847, in Amite Co., MS, and died August 1, 1923 in Franklin Co., MS; Married about 1872 to William Jackson "Jack" Lewis, Jr., son of William Jackson Lewis, Sr. and Margaret Byrd. Note: 1860 Amite Co. MS, census lists lists two daughters for Ezekiel both with the name of Adaline. It is doubtful that Ezekiel would have named two daughters by the same name. Genealogy for the Lewis family list Harriet's middle name as Adeliza. Harriett Adeliza "Ad" Allred Lewis is buried at Mt. Gilead Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Franklin Co.

**Ezekiel E. Allred** born 1849 in Amite Co., MS and died about 1878 in Lincoln Co., MS; Married November 25, 1869 in Amite Co., MS to Martha A. Howell daughter of James Howell and Tempy Terrell; burial place of Ezekiel E. Allred and Martha A. Howell Allred is unknown.

**Sarah Adaline Allred** born October 1851 and died before 1916; Married

August 31, 1871, to Thomas E. Miley. The place of burial of Sarah Adaline Allred Miley is unknown.

Children of Ezekiel Allred and Louretta Wainwright are:

**Celia Bell Davis** born November 05, 1860, in Amite Co., MS and died February 19, 1951, in Franklin Co., MS; Married about 1883 to James Asa Davis son of Isaac Davis and Louisa Moak. Celia Bell Allred and James Asa Davis are buried at Concord Baptist Church Cemetery, Franklin Co.

**Frances Eugenia Allred** born December 6, 1863, in Amite Co., MS and died December 26, 1907; Married December 1885 to Wyatt Corley Davis son of Isaac Davis and Louisa Moak; Frances Eugenia Allred and Wyatt Corley Davis are buried at Adams United Methodist Church Cemetery, Auburn, Lincoln Co., MS.

**Thomas "Tom" Dixon Allred** born March 19, 1866, in Amite Co., MS, and died December 7, 1936, in Lincoln Co.; Married in 1877 to Lenora "Nora" Elvira Wallace daughter of Zachariah Wallace and Matilda Moak; Thomas "Tom" Dixon Allred and Lenora "Nora" Elvira Wallace are buried at Montgomery Baptist Church Cemetery, Lincoln Co., MS.

**Robert Ray Allred** born March 18, 1868, and died June 4, 1952; Married (1) Hester Wallace daughter of Zachariah Wallace and Matilda Moak; (2) Anna "Dolly" Nettles Clark; Hester Wallace Allred is buried at the McComb Cemetery, McComb, Pike Co., MS; Robert Ray Allred and Anna "Dolly" Nettles Clark Allred are buried at Lakewood Cemetery, Jackson, Hinds Co., MS.

**Carl Daniel Allred** born September 9, 1873, in Amite Co., MS, died March 4, 1940, in Franklin Co., MS; Married (1) January 4, 1894, to Frances Susan Davis daughter of Isaac Davis and Louisa Moak; (2) January 13, 1926, to Sarah Ann "Sadie" Wilkinson in Franklin Co. Carl Daniel Allred and Frances Susan Davis Allred are buried at Concord Baptist Church Cemetery, Franklin Co. The burial place of Sarah Ann Wilkinson Allred is unknown.

**Richard Duncan Allred** born December 14, 1875, in Lincoln Co.,



*Ezekiel Allred, son of Azariah. Ezekiel is buried in the Allred Family Cemetery, Brookhaven, MS.*

MS, and died July 20, 1954, in Lincoln Co. Married December 16, 1897, to Laura Jane Smith daughter of Nathan Smith and Minerva Allen. Richard Duncan Allred and Laura Jane Smith are buried at New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery, Lincoln Co.

**James Washington "Wash" Allred** born January 15, 1880, in Lincoln Co., MS, and died August 25, 1930, in Lincoln Co. Married December 3, 1900, in Lincoln Co. to Frances B. "Fannie" Moak daughter of Zachariah Moak and Matilda Brown; James Washington "Wash" Allred and Frances B. Fannie Moak Allred are buried at Montgomery Baptist Church Cemetery, Lincoln Co.

**Lukie Lucretia Allred** born January 31, 1883, in Lincoln Co., MS, and died October 11, 1961, in Lincoln Co. Married December 23, 1908, in Lincoln Co. to Samuel Columbus Rushing; Lukie Lucretia Allred Rushing and Samuel Columbus Rushing are buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Brookhaven, Lincoln Co.

**Martin Ezekiel Allred** born November 11, 1884, in Lincoln Co., MS, and died February 25, 1955, in Lincoln Co. Married (1) December 18, 1904, in Lincoln Co. to Zula Bell Case, daughter of John Eldridge Case and Mary Jane Cannon Lofton; (2) December 24, 1928, to Iva Idell Lewis, daughter of George Washington Lewis and Mary Jane Coward. Martin Ezekiel Allred and Zula Bell Case Allred are buried at Gum Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Lincoln Co. Iva Idell Lewis Allred Murray is buried at Ramah Baptist Church Cemetery II, Franklin Co., MS.

# An Allred



*The Mississippi family of Thomas Daniel Allred (Thomas Daniel, John Ezra Sr., Ezekiel, Azariah). From row from left are James Rayford Allred, Kenneth Emery Allred, Irene Allred O'Brian, Margarette Allred Berry, Mary Bell Allred Scott and Larry Dewitt Allred. Middle row from left are John Lannice "Lannie" Allred and George Clifton Allred. The back row from left are Thomas Daniel Allred, Georgia Allred Allred, Troy Daniel Allred, Leroy Allred and Thomas Pearlie Allred. The photo was taken in 1952 by Welton Berry and was submitted by George Allred. The photo appeared in the Reflections Column of the Daily Leader newspaper, Brookhaven, MS. The Reflections Column prints photo that are more than 25 years old and people are often asked to help identify some of the very old photos. Submitted by George E. Allred.*



*Allred descendants Jan Marie Unzicker Kemp and Dana Rae Roster Waters (right) at the Cottonwood Cemetery, Wayland, IA. Dana has sent many family photos to the AFO for the newsletter and Web site. She sent the four photos on the bottom of pages 10-11. At right is Etta Grace Allred (1855-1956) daughter of Rev. Renne Julian Allred. Dana Waters is the great great grand daughter of Etta Grace Allred.*

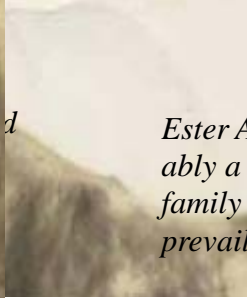


# Family Album

*The grandsons of Settle Allred are pictured. Settle was born about 1817 in Randolph County, NC. He died July 12, 1890, in Carroll County, VA. His name was sometimes spelled Suttle. His father was Jesse Allred.*

*Settle Allred moved from Mt. Airy, NC, to Coal Creek, Carroll County, sometime after the Civil War. The family lived on Coal Creek near Galax, VA. Information and photos submitted by Mike Marshall.*

*Carl Allred*



*Ester Allred. Ester is probably a derivative of the family name Easter that prevails in Carroll County.*

*Onnie Allred*

*Chap Allred*



*Rev. Renne Julian Allred (left) preached his last sermon at age 101 in 1955.*

*Renne, Mahlon, William, William and Renne, Mahlon, Patience, Catherine, John.*

*At right is his wife, Roxie Jane Rockwell Allred (1858-1927).*



# The DNA Project

**W**ere Thomas, John, William and Solomon brothers? There are many theories, but no proof although many have looked for it for many years. John and Thomas lived together for several years, but that doesn't prove they were brothers. Solomon and William lived nearby, but that doesn't prove they were brothers.

There are lots of Allreds who think they descend from one of more of these men but can't prove it. The paper documentation just doesn't exist. We call them the "mystery men." For example: the man we call Thomas Jr. He lived in Tennessee, moved to Blount County, AL, where many of his descendants live today, and moved back to Knox County, TN, where he is buried next to his daughter and son-in-law. We can prove all that - but no one can prove he was the son of Thomas. Yes, he was the right age to have been his son.

## **Who Was Thomas, Jr.?**

Yes, some of the other Allreds from Randolph County moved to Tennessee about the same time Thomas Jr. lived there. Yes, many family trees and many family histories say he was the son of Thomas, but no one can prove it. There are no court records, census records, tax lists, family Bible records, letters, estate documents, nothing to prove it. Who was Thomas Jr.?

Thomas mentions sons named Levi and James in his will, but no one knows where they went or if they had any children. Again, there are lots of theories and lots of family histories claiming to know - but there is no documentation proving anything.

Azariah Allred appears in Georgia and Mississippi records in the early 1800's. Who was he? A son or grandson of Solomon?

## **More Mysteries**

There is lots of circumstantial evidence leading us to believe William was really an Elrod. But, was he?

John Allred appears in Georgia records in the late 1700's. Who was he? A son or grandson of Thomas?

Jesse Allred appears in Randolph County, NC, records in the early 1800's. Who was he?

Solomon Allred is listed in Chester County, Pennsylvania in the 1720's. Who was he?

Are we related to the Elrod family? Are we related to the Allreds living in England? So many questions! And unfortunately, so little documentation exists now. But, science has given us DNA. By matching DNA markers, we can finally gain the answer to these questions and more.

We need your help! We need you to take the DNA test! It's a simple saliva test. The kit contains two large swabs that you simply "run around" inside your mouth. It's that easy.

## **Test for Male Descendants**

It's a Y Chromosome test, for male descendants of an all male line. You, your father, your grandfather, your great-grandfather, etc., must all be Allreds for you to qualify.

The 12 marker DNA test costs \$105 and the 25 marker test costs \$171. Yikes! Are you thinking that's too expensive? Wrong. Think about how much money you have spent going to the libraries and courthouses doing research. How much money have you spent on copies? How much money have you spent on phone calls to family members? How much money have you spent on motels, travel, postage stamps? \$105 sounds pretty cheap now - doesn't it? Volunteer to take the test - then get your siblings to contribute money to help pay for it. We already have a sister who paid for a test that her brother took. A daughter paid for a test that her father took.

Why do we need so many to take the test? Because the more DNA results we collect, the more we learn about the family tree. Let's answer those questions!

Join the project! To learn more, go to [www.allredfamily.org](http://www.allredfamily.org) and click on DNA Project or contact Linda Allred Cooper at (919) 542-1950 or [lacooper@mindspring.com](mailto:lacooper@mindspring.com).

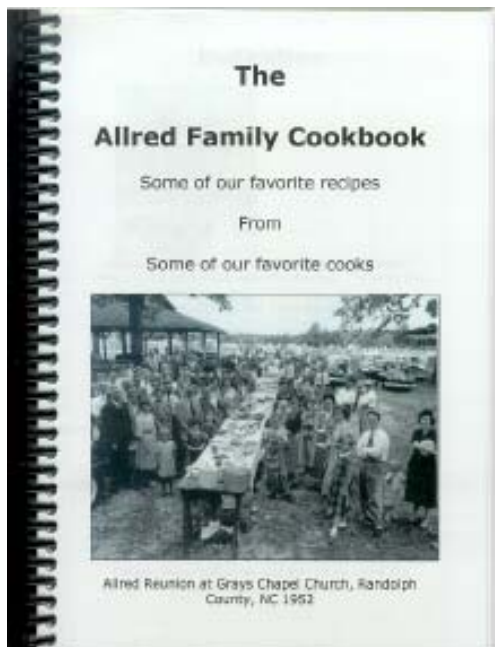
# Allred Family Cookbook

The *Allred Family Cookbook* is available. It is 133 pages and contains 200 delicious recipes. Family photos are scattered throughout the book.

Cost: \$15 if you pick it up, \$20 if we mail it to you. Ordering your copy is easy. Send a check or money order to:

Allred Family Cookbook  
c/o Sara Allred  
8906 Woods Dairy Road  
Denton, NC 27239

Make checks payable to Sara Allred.



All proceeds are evenly divided between the Allred Family Roster and the Allred Family Organization.

## Communications Difficulty

All winter, Linda Allred Cooper, AFO executive vice president, had e-mail problems. It began with the North Carolina ice storm and went downhill from there.

If you sent an e-mail to her and she did not respond, please do not be offended. Currently she is back on line at: [lacooper@mindspring.com](mailto:lacooper@mindspring.com). Also, during some of this period, her phone lines were also down and her home was without electricity for six days. The weather is warming and life is better for her and her family.

# Professor Allred Led Successful Agreement Effort

Keith G. Allred, assistant professor of public policy, Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, was one of two professors who led an effort that resulted in a precedent-setting agreement between a Native American tribe in northern Idaho and government agencies from the region.

A January 22, 2003, article by Alexander Blenkinsopp in the *Harvard Crimson*, reported that Keith Allred and Joseph P. Kalt, Ford Foundation professor of international political economy, drew up a "Memorandum of Understanding" last December that stresses the desire to settle jurisdictional conflicts between the Nez Perce tribe and local governments without resorting to litigation.

The memorandum also encourages collaboration between the two institutions on any projects that could be accomplished jointly.

Keith Allred is a fifth-generation Idahoan and Kalt is from Arizona. Keith, his wife, Christine, and an infant daughter now live in Stow, MA.

## The Allred Roster

The Allred Family Roster is a 15-year project of Don Allred. The roster containing more than 145,000 names has been on-line since 1997. Don needs financial assistance to help maintain the roster. If you can contribute, checks should be made to Don Allred, 9532 Ruffner Ave., North Hills, CA 91343.

From James Allred and wife to George W. Fine

The State of Alabama, Cullman County.

Know all Men by these Presents: That we James Allred and Hannah Allred his wife

for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty Dollars, to us in hand paid by George W. Fine the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we have this day by George W. Fine sold, and conveyed, and do by these presents bargain, sell and convey to the said George W. Fine his heirs, administrators and assigns, the following described tract or parcel of land, to wit:

One half acre of land described as follows:  
Beginning at the N.E. Corner of Miss Livingston's lot in the town of Brimley Cullman Co. Ala. on the East side of the Jasper and Cullman Road, running N.E. along said road one hundred and five feet and thence S.E. two hundred and three feet thence S.E. two hundred and three feet to the Miss Livingston lot thence back along said line to the beginning corner lying in the North East fourth of the North West fourth of Section 15 in Township 11 N. Range 4 W.

situated, lying and being in the County of Cullman, and State of Alabama. George W. Fine, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever, in Fee Simple, and we hereby covenant with the said George W. Fine that we do hereby warrant the title to the foregoing premises, and have the right to sell and convey the same, and we do hereby warrant the title to the foregoing premises, and agree forever to defend the same from the lawful claims of all persons to whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY OF ALL WHICH, we hereunto set our hand and seal this 15th day of September 1890.  
Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of  
James Childers [Seal]  
James Allred [Seal]  
Hannah Allred [Seal]

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Grant Allred discovered this land information in the Family History Center in Harlingen, Texas. He inquired as to the identity of this James Allred. From a quick look at the AFO Roster, this looks like James Lafayette "Babe" Allred and his wife, Hannah Murphy, who lived in Cullman, AL, during this time period. The lineage would be James

Lafayette, Nathan, Thomas Jr., Thomas.  
If you have any further information, please contact  
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Linda Allred Cooper

# Comments on the Renewal Forms

The last issue of the newsletter, #53, was a very good one. The articles were interesting and balanced. Keep up the good work!

*Lowell Wood  
Florence, KY*

Yes! I want to join the AFO! I just read a copy of issue #53 while visiting my father. I was impressed with what you are doing. I want to help!

*Kandace Prisbrey  
Moscow, ID*

Kandace is a new member of the AFO.

Thanks very much for all the good work you are doing!

*Allen Allred  
Redondo Beach, CA*

Each newsletter gets better! This one, #53, is really special! Thanks to all!

*Julie C. Hague  
Salt Lake City, UT*

I love seeing anything on the Allreds. Can you put in some helpful tips on where or how to get census, birth, marriage, or military information on the Internet?

*Barbara Blevins  
Middleburg, FL*

I love it all!

*Wilma L. Farnsworth  
McLean, VA*

I'd like to see more stories about James, Wiley Payne, Parley P., etc., which is my line. Of course, I enjoy the stories and histories about North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi too. I like what you are doing now. Keep up the good work!

*Perry Allred  
Round Rock, TX*

I love the newsletter and all you do!

*Joyce Packard  
Mesa, AZ*

I love all the news! Keep it coming!

*Martha Jo Allred  
Rogersville, AL*

Outstanding content and editing!

*Laurence E. Seits  
Benton, IL*

Laurence is a new member of the AFO

The newsletter, Winter 2002 (#53) is very good. I appreciate it.

*Juan Allred  
Kaysville, UT*

I would like to know if groups have been formed to try and connect their family lines, not already connected, to the founders in North Carolina.

*Debra Smith  
Marysville, CA*

I would like to read more about the Utah Allreds.

*Uarda Blackham  
Moroni, UT*



## 1860 Wedding Announcement

From the Wabash, IN newspaper: June 14, 1860:

MARRIED On the 10th in st., by Elder Freeman F. Taylor. Mr. Abner B. ALLRED to Miss Jane SPARKS, both of Wabash county. With the above notice we received a cake that lasted the boys in the office a whole week. Of course the young couple have our best wishes for their future happiness. With such a partner for life, it is not unreasonable to suppose that the husband will make the SPARKS fly, and we know that they will be ALL-RED.

Contributed by John M. Allred

Descended from William, Abner, Laban, Merritt

# Letters to the Editor

I would like to participate in the DNA research project. My family line is: Leron H. (me), Zenneth W., Edwin N., Medwin N., William Moore, Issac, William, Thomas.

The article in the last issue of the newsletter, *Allreds of England and North Carolina* by Michael Marshall was great. It explained so well the identity problems of the four original Carolina Allred men. I can see why DNA could help answer some big questions

Leron Allred  
Afton, Wyoming

To the descendants of Martin Carrell Allred and Mary or Polly Heskett

All of the records I have ever been able to find show that Martin Carrell Allred and his wife Mary or Polly Heskett, died and were buried in Pittsfield, IL. The well-documented record written by Linda Allred Steele in her book, *James and Elizabeth Allred*, corroborates this information.

However, on a recent trip to Nauvoo, IL, I found information showing that they died in Nauvoo, and are buried in the Old Nauvoo Cemetery. The names of both are listed on a plaque at the cemetery which shows all those buried in that cemetery. Specific gravesites have not been identified for Martin and Polly (few actual sites are known). This record shows the name 'Polly.' In most records, she is listed as Mary or Polly. However on the burial records she is listed as Polly. In the old cemetery in Spring City, UT, the gravestone of a daughter, Elvira Justesen, says she was the daughter of Martin and Mary.

At the cemetery, we noted that a family organization has erected memorial markers in honor of their ancestors listed as buried there but with no markers. Wouldn't it be a fitting tribute to Martin Carrell and Mary or Polly to have a similar memorial marker placed in the Old Nauvoo Cemetery in their honor? Along with me, I'm sure there would be others interested in such a project and who would contribute to the cost of such a memorial.

We were also interested at the Nauvoo Temple

to be told that in November, Joseph Smith's sword that was given to James Allred has been sent back to the Temple. The temple presidency is awaiting word from President Gordon B. Hinckley as to the place and manner to have the sword displayed. (Note: This sword has been displayed at Allred Family reunions in Spring City, Utah).

Arvel J. Allred  
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**Please call only between Noon and 8 p.m.,  
Mountain Time**

Arvel James, James Martin, Jr., James Martin, James Franklin, Martin Carrell, James, William, Thomas

My letter concerns the article on page 10 or issue No. 48 of the AFO Newsletter. The notation is that "This Tennessee map shows the land of William (William, Thomas) and two of his sons, James and Isaac." It further states that William died in 1824.

The information I have is that William, the son of Thomas, died in 1808. I could not find a William on the AFO Roster that had a death date of 1824. Is it possible the William on the map is the son of the William stated to have died in 1824? The last William was a brother of Isaac and James and is my ancestor. The daughter of William (1790-1841) was Mary Ann who married John Riley Fisher. I do not believe this is the John Fisher listed on the map as my John Riley was not born until 1812 and would only be 17 in 1829, the date of the map.

Any help or explanation that you can give me would be appreciated.

Ray Fisher  
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Editor's Note: The 1824 death date for William is on the family records passed onto me. Can anyone clarify this?

Alice Allred Pottmyer  
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# The Box

## Allred Family Board of Directors Elections

It is time for our first membership wide AFO Board of Directors Elections. This is your chance to get more involved with the AFO and how it is run. All current Executive Officer's positions are available. You can nominate yourself, nominate another AFO member or nominate the existing Officer for reelection.

The five Executive Officer positions are up for election according to the AFO Bylaws. These positions are: President, Vice President, Executive Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

This is the first AFO election held by mail ballot, therefore making it easier for all members to participate.

If you are interested in seeking office or want to nominate someone for these two-year positions, these are the specifics of each office:

### **President**

To oversee all board meetings in person or via Internet chat list. The president is ad hoc chairman of all committees. He/she insures that all officers and committees are doing their job. He/she is responsible for overseeing all activities of the AFO.

### **Vice President**

The vice president shall assist the president. If the president is unable or unwilling to preside over any AFO Board of Director's meetings, the vice president shall act in his/her stead.

### **Executive Vice President**

Manages and maintains the AFO membership database, receiving and posting all incoming memberships in the database and works with the treasurer to insure proper deposit of funds and provides a monthly report to the treasurer. He/she actively works with the vice president and research chair to recruit new members. Must have knowledge and Excel and Microsoft Word. Coordinates with the Web master.

### **Secretary**

The secretary shall maintain an accurate and complete record of all board of director's meetings. He/she keeps a printed copy of all messages sent to the

board of directors chat list. He/she takes minutes at all in-person board of director's meetings. He/she summarizes each meetings and provides a written summary of each meeting of the board of directors. A copy of this summary is sent to the newsletter editor for publication.

### **Treasurer**

The treasurer shall have charge of all monies collected by the Allred Family Organization, Inc., and shall disburse them as directed by the board of directors. The treasurer maintains proper books and provides a report to the board of directors at every meeting or whenever requested by the president. He/she is responsible for providing an independent audit of the books annually. He/she is responsible for filing all required tax forms. He/she ensures that all AFO bills are paid in a timely fashion upon approval of the board of directors. He/she is also responsible for remaining current on all investment trends and ensuring that all AFO funds are in secure, financially beneficial market(s).

**All nominations must be received by April 1, 2003.** The nominations committee will review them, contact the nominees to be certain they are qualified and willing to serve.

Nominations should be sent to:

Melvin Alred  
628 Cartersville Hwy SE  
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Nominating committee members Melvin Alred, Don Allred, North Hills, CA, and Miron Cloud, Azle, TX, will announce the nominees in the next issue of the newsletter. A ballot will be included with this issue. All members are encouraged to vote and return the ballot to Melvin Alred by July 15, 2003.

Melvin, Don and Miron will tally the results and publish the winners in the Fall issue of the AFO newsletter, No. 56.

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