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British Allred DNA Match Confirmed

by Linda Allred Cooper

Linda, Jack, Jesse Booker, George Scotton, Emsley, Jessee

James D. Aldred is a match to the Allreds in America. Our new British cousin is the newest member of the Allred DNA Project. See page 12 for more information.

Allreds in Military Service

by Alice Allred Pottmyer

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

Research has proven that since the late 1660s, Allreds have served in the military. From the 1695 letter from John Allred, Manchester, England, to his cousin, Phineas Pemberton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, we learned from John that "my oldest son Phineas is gone for a soulder." See AFO Newsletter #54, page 3, and AFO Newsletter, #55, page 12. We have no more details of the service of Phineas Allred in the British Army.

The Allred Family Newsletter is beginning an ambitious project to honor Allred family members who served in the military from 1771, War of the Regulation, through today's Operation Enduring Freedom. Those who served will be listed in the newsletter.

We need your help with this project. We want to collect some stories and photos to publish in the newsletter and on the AFO Web site. Using the Internet, we have been able to compile a list of the Allred men who served in the Civil War. However, we need your help tracing the men who are Allred descendants, but who have a different surname. We also need your help making sure we have a complete list and no one is left out. If you know of an Allred

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AFO member Mark Lazarre, Baton Rouge, LA, a descendant of the "original Solomon," has been in contact with Aldred and suggested he take the DNA test.

James Aldred lives in Frome, Somerset, in southwestern England, but has traced his family back to the early 1800s in Pendleton, England. The following is a description of Pendleton taken from the GENUKI Web site www.genuki.org.uk/eng/LAN/Gazetteer/PQ.htm.

"Pendleton, two miles W.N.W. of Manchester, is a large populous and thriving village, containing many capital houses and continually increasing; the whole forming a large suburb to the towns of Manchester and Salford, to which it is almost joined, by the continuance of the building, though in the year 1780, it was a small rural village, having a maypole, round which the lads and lasses danced after bedecking it with garlands. The pole still remains, but the rural fete has no longer its innocent attractions."

"Pendleton boasts a handsome square, recently built, and some good streets. **It is in the parish of Eccles**, under which it has a chapel of ease, dedicated to St. Thomas; the living is a perpetual curacy; patron, the vicar of Eccles."

Note that all important phrase: It is in the parish of Eccles." This is exactly where John Allred and his wife, Ellen Pemberton Allred, lived and where the Allred family had lived for at least four generations prior to them. Their births, marriages and births of their children are all recorded in the Eccles Parish records. This is very exciting news.

The AFO Web site has more information on the DNA matches. Visit www.allredfamily.org for more information.

All of you serious researchers take note, a research trip to England for the Spring 2005 is in the planning stage. This is for research only. No sightseeing. A sightseeing trip is planned for another time. If you are interested in hanging out in libraries and courthouses and gathering Allred/Aldred information, contact us. See page 19 for the contact information for Linda Allred Cooper.

New Zealand

See page 3 for an article about John Allred from New Zealand. His family also has ties to the Manchester area of England.

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2004 Allred Family Reunions

Alabama Reunion

Sunday, June 6, 2004

Moody Senior Citizens Center

Hanceville, Alabama

For further information, contact Martha Jo Allred

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Rocky Mountain Reunion

Saturday, June 19, 2004

Murray Park

495 East 5300 South

Murray, Utah

There is a new date and location for the 2004 Rocky Mountain Allred Reunion. The reunion is Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Murray Park, 495 East 5300 South, Murray, Utah, in the Salt Lake Valley. The reunion will not be held in Spring City, Utah, this year. Murray Park was not available the last weekend in June. June 19 was available.

The family business meeting begins promptly at 10 a.m. in the large pavilion. A review of last year's events and a discussion of coming year's needs is planned. An election for the third position of leadership for our great organization is scheduled. Be prepared to share your genealogy, histories, photos and any other family information.

A copy machine is available at a small charge to cover paper and toner. There will be a sales booth. An agenda will be printed in the next issue of the newsletter. If you need it sooner, call Larry Allred.

Three pavilions that include barbeque grills and tables are available. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own food for the afternoon meal. However, for those who RSVP by June 4, a meal is available for \$2.50 a plate including chicken, salad and rolls. If you wish, there are numerous fast food places within a mile or two of the park.

Snack food will be sold all day long until 7 p.m. at an a-la-cart booth including popsicles, sodas, lemonade, cake, cookies, pies and chips.

In the park for our use are swings, slides, large grass hills, setup for volleyball, baseball and soccer. A stream is there for tubing and a sandy beach for wading. The park has a swimming pool. They cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Children under three are free. Seniors are \$1.50. A

dunking booth, bouncy house, and trampoline are reunion features. Balloons available at 25 cents or one ticket.

Hotel rooms are reserved for the reunion at the Reston Hotel, just six blocks west of the park at the I-15 and 5300 South freeway exit #303. The Reston Hotel address is 5335 College Drive. Each room has an iron, ironing board and hair dryer. There is a free breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Among the breakfast items are Belgium waffles. The hotel has an indoor pool and spa. The flat rate is \$59 per room. This rate is the same whether for a single, double, or a family. At present, 10 rooms are reserved for June 18 and 19. You may request additional nights at the same rate.

To take advantage of this rate, you must call before June 4. Please have your credit card information available. If you are calling long distance, the toll free number is 1-800-231-9710. The local number is 801/264-1054. Ask for the reservation line and Allred Reunion Group Rate.

There is no availability to park RVs and trailers, etc. over night near the park. In the Salt Lake Valley, there are numerous RV parks. Call Larry Allred for more information.

The reunion is scheduled the weekend of Father's Day. Plan to attend and honor your Allred forefathers and then honor your own father the next day on Father's Day. Contact Larry Allred at 801/451-2743 or allred2742@msn.com for further information.

See Page 12 for information on the stained glass Allred Crest available for all to bid on prior to the reunion.

Michigan Reunion

August 14, 2004

Baroda, Michigan

The children of Norman Allred, son of William Issac Allred of Pickens County, Georgia, hold a reunion on the second Saturday in August in Baroda, Michigan. They invite anyone to attend. For further information, Ron Allred, 616/457-3436 or ronallred@creativetransportation.com.

Randolph County Reunion

Gray's Chapel School

Randolph County, North Carolina

September 11 and 12, 2004

Mark these dates and plan to attend. More information in the next newsletter or contact, Linda Allred Cooper, 919/642-0422 or lacooper@mindspring.com.

Texas Reunion

October TBD

Keller, Texas

The Texas reunion in Keller near Fort Worth and Dallas is either the first or second weekend in October. The Keller Senior Citizens hall only books six months before an event. More information in the next issue or contact Mirion Cloud, 817/444-4397 or scmc@highstream.net.

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Meet John Allred: Chef of the Nation of New Zealand

by Jim Allred, AFO Research Director
Jim, Edward, Samuel, Masten, John, ?

On our recent trip to New Zealand and Australia, to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary, an amazing genealogical discovery was made. While in Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, we were searching for a nice restaurant to have dinner. Joyce picked up the local *Visitor's Guide* in our hotel room and exclaimed, "Jim, look at this!" Much to my surprise it was an advertisement for the Boulcott Street Bistro featuring "award-winning food prepared by Chef of the Nation, John Allred."

I called the restaurant and asked to speak with John, explaining that I was an Allred visiting from the States. John immediately came on the line and after a short chat invited us to come to the restaurant in mid-afternoon when crowds tapered down between lunch and dinner. Upon arriving at the restaurant, John Allred came out of the kitchen to greet us. We sat in a charming dining area, elegantly appointed with linen table cloths, fine china, crystal and silver.

John, 32, is a very fit, charming young man whose family is primarily from the Christ Church area where they were farmers. His grandparents, who farmed on the south island of New Zealand, had seven children who are now scattered around the world. Their ancestors immigrated to New Zealand from York, England. (York is approximately 55 miles from the Manchester area of England where John and Ellen Pemberton Allred were known to be in the late 1600s.) Despite his intensive schedule at the restaurant John enjoys being in the outdoors, cycling, reading and studying wines.

John started his academics in commerce but found it not to his liking. He spent two years in culinary school in Wellington and one year in Auckland. He took a job as a cook's helper at the Huka Lodge, a five-star resort catering to the likes of Bill Gates and the Queen of England. The Huka Lodge was owned by a Dutch man who wanted to give something back to New Zealand because of his

Cousins Down Under

by Jim Allred, Research Director

Allreds in other parts of the world may hold important clues to our English ancestry.

During my recent visit to New Zealand and Australia I was quite surprised to find Allreds in nearly every city I visited. As a result I collected many names and have sent letters to check on their interest in receiving a complimentary copy of the *Allred Family Newsletter* with the hope of expanding the membership in the AFO.

The close relationship that families in New Zealand and Australia, still part of the British Commonwealth, have with their ancestors may provide valuable research clues to gather, share and pass on the Allred Family Heritage.

Chef John Allred outside the Boulcott Street Bistro in Wellington.



personal success so he established a scholarship for a promising young chef. John, recognized for his enthusiasm for the culinary art, was awarded the scholarship and trained at the famous Ritz Hotel in Paris. After continuing his training at the Le Gavroche in London (an establishment highly rated by Michelin), he returned to the Huka Lodge where he met and married, Noriko, who was a pastry chef. They returned to Wellington where they reside with their son, two-year-old son, Michael.

To earn the title Chef of the Nation, one must apply and be accepted to participate in the national, three-day head-to-head competition with other accomplished chefs. Day 1 of the competition is "chocolate artistry" (can't we all drool over that thought); Day 2 focuses on a luncheon, and Day 3 involves a 90-minute competition to prepare a four course dinner and four desserts. John was somewhat surprised when he won first place in 2002, the first year he entered. He entered again in 2003, was accepted and topped the 13 other entrants for the 2nd consecutive year.

The Boulcott Street Bistro, has been serving Wellington since 1991. It is located in a charming, historic Victorian gabled cottage in the Central Business District of Wellington. It was built in 1876 by John Plimmer, reported to be the founder of Wellington. Their philosophy is to treat guests as if they were coming into their home. The innovative menu, offers healthy and satisfying meals complimented by a comprehensive wine list.

That evening we returned to the Bistro for a sumptuous dinner that John prepared for us. We dined on a pork and pistachio terrine starter, mesclun salad with sherry vinaigrette, main dishes of confit of duck with roast parsnip, lentils and red wine sauce (Jim), braised lamb shank, pomme puree and minted peas (Joyce). Of course we finished our meals with a scrumptious chocolate and mandarin delice for dessert, accompanied with cappuccinos. It was one of the most memorable dinners we have ever enjoyed.

A cousin of John's, who is a missionary, has done a lot of genealogical research on their family lineage. We hope to contact him soon and share information. We are also working with John to see if we descend from the same English ancestors that we believe are the genesis of the Allreds in America.

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ancestor who served, if you have a story or photo you would like to share, please contact us.

The lists and stories will be published in chronological order in the quarterly newsletter. We realize when we come to World War II, for instance, there will be a great many names and stories. More than one issue may be devoted to this and later wars. The wars and major conflicts we are working on are:

War of the Regulation

The War of the Regulation was the beginning of the American Revolution in North Carolina. In the 1750s and 1760s, taxes were high and central North Carolina's tax collectors and sheriffs were often corrupt. This eventually led to a revolt and the Battle of Alamance in 1771.

The American Revolution

From 1775 until 1783, the Americans faced off against the largest empire in the world. Led by General George Washington, the Americans won their freedom from Great Britain.

The War of 1812

Some call it the Second War of Independence, for when it ended and the United States had fought Great Britain to a stalemate, American independence was assured. The American success at the Battle at Fort McHenry in Baltimore in 1814, motivated Francis Scott Key, who was detained with companions aboard a flag of truce ship eight miles away, to compose the poem, the *Star-Spangled Banner*.

Mexican-American War

The dispute over Texas joining the Union resulted in U.S. conquest of California and the balance of the Southwest. The Mormon Battalion participated in this war. Several Allreds from the western Allreds were in this battalion. Roger Pugmire, St. Charles, Idaho, has prepared this article.

The Civil War

It was America's bloodiest war as brother fought brother. Allreds fought on both sides of this war. Records available

through the Federal Government indicate 141 Allred men served as Confederate Soldiers and 31 Allred men served as Union Soldiers. In addition, 70 Alred men served as Confederate Soldiers and 17 Alred men served as Union Soldiers.

The Spanish-American War

America became a world power with its victory over the Spanish in this war.

World War I

Millions died in the fields of Europe in the first major war of the 20th Century.

World War II

It was a war like no other, and covered all corners of the globe.

The Korean War

Some call it the forgotten war, but for two years America fought a full fledged war to keep South Korea free.

Vietnam War

It was the longest war that the United States fought and the only one that the United States lost.

Desert Storm

This war took place in the early 1990s when Kuwait was invaded by Iraq.

Operation Enduring Freedom

War came to America on September 11, 2001, with terrorist attacks on New York City and The Pentagon in Arlington, VA., across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. These events caused America to begin to destroy terrorist strongholds in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Also, there were Indian Wars such as the Black Hawk War where Allreds served. If you have any information on any other Indian Wars, please send the information.

Because of the early Quaker roots of the Allred family in England, there may be some pacifists who did not go to war, but when drafted served their country through other means. We are interested in those stories also.

The AFO has a few members outside the United States. We would also like to receive this information and their stories.

We begin this project with the War of the Regulation and the American Revolution. See pages 5 through 9

Allreds in the War of 1812 and the Mexican-War will be featured in the next issue. If you have any information, please send it by April 1, 2004.

Please send your Allred Family Military Information

Names with service listings plus any stories and photos should be sent to Alice Allred Pottmyer, 5540 North 32nd Street, Arlington, VA 22207 or email PottmyerA@aol.com.

Allreds in the American Revolution

by Linda Allred Cooper

North Carolina was a British Colony in the mid-1740s when the first Allreds arrived. County lines were quickly changing and white settlers were flooding into the central part of the colony when the Allred men received their land grants in the 1750s. The FREE LAND offer was so popular that by the mid 1760s, most of the land in the area now known as Randolph County, North Carolina, had been claimed. However, the Free Land offer had a “catch” attached to it. Yes, you could claim the free land and receive a grant from Lord Granville, but you had to agree to live on the land, farm it or “improve” it in some way, and you had to pay taxes to the Crown. These taxes were the equivalent of, or, in some cases, even higher, than taxes we are paying today.

Imagine how hard it was to pay those taxes! These were farmers, making their living off the land. They depended on their farming and hunting skills to survive and their land virtually furnished everything they needed. They grew their own fruit and vegetables, raised or hunted for their meat, chopped down trees and used the lumber to build their houses, furniture and barns, grew cotton and raised sheep for wool which was spun into thread used to make their clothes. They had very little need for money - and where would they spend it anyway? There were no stores or supermarkets. So, when the tax collectors came around to collect the taxes, these same ancestors had to scrape together the payment.

Now add the problem of crooked tax collectors and

sheriffs who came around two, three or four or more times each year to collect those taxes. Yes, the taxes were only due once per year, but the tax collectors and sheriffs were putting the money in their own pockets and only turning taxes in to the Crown once per year as required. They were getting rich the easy way - stealing from the settlers. And who would stop them? They were the law. Who could you complain to? Could you complain to the same sheriff who had just cheated you? By the mid-1760s, the settlers had organized under a soft-spoken Quaker named Herman Husband who began sending a series of petitions and letters to the Royal Governor, William Tryon, in hope of finding justice. However, Governor Tryon ignored the petitions and everything “came to a head” on May 16, 1771, with the first Battle of the American Revolution – the Battle of Alamance. The men organized by Husband were called The Regulators because they wanted to change the tax regulations.

Yes, your Allred ancestors were involved! The “original” John and Thomas were close neighbors of Herman Husband. Their land bordered Husband’s land. The “original” William and his son, William, signed several petitions and were very vocal in their outrage over the taxes and their treatment. William and his sons are mentioned in Colonel David Fanning’s journal and in the North Carolina Colonial Records as being very active in the Regulator Movement.

Notice I did not mention the “original” Solomon. No one

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Tyron Palace, New Bern, NC, was home to the British Governor. The palace has been reconstructed and it available for tours. Taxes from the Colonists, including the Allreds, helped maintain this facility.

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has been able to find any documentation that Solomon was ever involved in any Regulator activities - either for or against the Crown. But, even if Solomon had chosen to stay at home and ignore everything happening around him, he would have been seriously affected by everything happening around him. After the Battle of Alamance, Governor Tryon was determined to find Husband and the most vocal (active) Regulators and remove them (kill them). Governor Tryon wanted to make sure that no one ever raised their voice or weapon against the Crown ever again. To punish the Regulators, during the month directly after the Battle, Tryon and his men swept through Randolph County, burning and destroying everything in their path. By they time they finished, the eastern section of Randolph County where the majority of Regulators lived, including the Allreds, was leveled and burned to the ground. Everything was destroyed. The Regulators who could be found were forced to take an oath to the Crown. Those who refused were killed. Those who could, hid or left the area for good. It was a nightmarish time.

But, the spirit within our ancestors did not die. In fact, it was renewed and reinforced by each act of the Crown. With the Proclamation of 1763, King George prohibited any colonists from crossing the Appalachians and moving to new land, restricting the colonists' desire to spread out and find new land of their own. In 1764, King George issued an order (The Currency Act) denying the Colonial Government the right to produce their own paper

money. In 1765, King George's Stamp Act ordered that all taxes be paid directly to England. No tax money would be used for the Colonial Government or to help the colonists. In 1765, the Quartering Act ordered that all colonists feed and clothe all British soldiers. They could literally put you out of your house and home if the soldiers decided they wanted to stay there.

As you know, all of this, and other outrageous acts of the Crown, led to the American Revolution which officially began in 1776, but really began in 1771 with the Battle of Alamance. Our Allred ancestors were involved from the very beginning!

How do we know they were involved? How did we document this? The following information will answer those questions.

The "original" Solomon sold his land in August 1771 and moved south to Richmond County, NC. Why did he move? Remember, Governor Tryon and his men had destroyed the section of Randolph County where Solomon had lived after the Battle of Alamance (May 1771). Maybe Solomon was hoping to find a more peaceful place and safer place to live and raise his family. We have not been able to find any records proving Solomon or his sons participated in any way as Regulators or in the American Revolution. However, when Solomon died (October 1783), his horses and rifles were claimed by American soldiers who served under General H. W. Harrington. General Harrington lived in Richmond County where Solomon was



Eight North Carolina Allreds visited Tyron Palace in December 2003. The East Coast Allred Family Association sponsored the trip to show Allred family members how the palace operated during the colonial period. Ninety years later during the Civil War, Confederate troops camped out to protect the palace and town from Union Forces. Shown here are (l-r) W. Darrell Allred, Marion Allred, Harlan Sexton, Becky Allred Sexton, Sara Allred, Jesse Allred, Lawrence Allen and Dot Allred Allen. Linda Allred Cooper took the photo.



You are looking at the land the “original” John and Thomas Allred lived on. This is the land Governor William Tryon and his troops pillaged, ransacked and burned as they searched for Herman Husband and the Regulators after the Battle of Alamance May 1771. Land borders were not respected during this “time of war” and many of Randolph County’s residents, including the Allred families, suffered personal injury and lost homes, crops and livestock during this time.

living. This leaves lots of questions. Did Solomon die as the result of a war related skirmish? Was he an American soldier or militia? Were the American soldiers who claimed his rifles and horses fighting beside him? Comrades? Or, did they kill him because he was a British Tory? Did they take his rifles and horses because he fought against them?

We may never know the answers to these questions, but we continue the search for documentation and answers. Until then, Solomon’s service and activities (and his sons’ service) during the American Revolution remain a mystery.

The rest of our Allred ancestors have been documented as having served as American Patriots. First, let me give you a list of the Allred men/boys who were “of age” and documented living in the area. Note: yes, there were other Allred men/boys who may have also served, but these are the ones we have documented using a variety of records found in the North Carolina State Archives and in the National Archives in Washington, D. C.

As stated earlier, William and his son, William, both are documented as having signed Regulator Petitions in the 1760s and very early 1770s. Family stories handed down say they were at the Battle of Alamance and were present in Hillsboro, NC, during the Regulator trials and hangings.

Per the 1779 Randolph County, NC, Tax List, and other records, the following Allred men were “of age” to serve in the American Revolution:

Thomas Allred - the “original,”

Elias Allred - son of the “original” Thomas, estimated to be about 21-years-old,

William Allred - son of the “original” Thomas, estimated to be about 29-years-old,

James Allred - son of the “original” Thomas, estimated to be about 34-years-old,

Thomas Allred, Jr. - son of the “original” Thomas, born 1771,

John Allred - the “original,”

John Allred - son of the “original” John, 30-years-old,

William Allred - the “original,”

William Allred - son of the “original” William, 15-years-old, and

John Allred - son of the “original” William, 14-years-old.

A William Aldred is listed in a document dated October 1781 titled “Men Over Age in Dobbs County, NC” on file in the NC Archives. This caught our eye and needs to be mentioned here. On a 1762 land grant for the “original” William, there is a notation that a “cc” or copy of the grant is to be given to William Alred Sr. This notation leads us to believe that the father of the “original” William was in North Carolina at that time. We estimate that the “original” William was born about 1735, making him about 46 years old in 1781. If his father was about 20 years old or older when William was born, the father would be 66 or older in 1781, too old to serve in the Continental Army, and the right age to be listed on this document. More research will have to be done on this to prove the connection, but it was a very interesting find!

John, son of William, and Elias, son of Thomas, both filed Pension Applications which document their service during the American Revolution. The original documents are on file in the National Archives.

There is also a Pension Application on file for William Aldridge. William Aldridge has been confused with William Allred for many years, but documentation has proven he was a completely different man, apparently unrelated and completely separate from the “original” William or any of the Allred men living in Randolph County, NC.

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Carolina Military Accounts Books (Treasurer and Comptroller's papers). Original documents are on file in the North Carolina State Archives.

John Allred, Thomas Allred and two William Allreds are listed in Book C. This book details the payments for militia supplies and services from 1779-1787. Unfortunately, it does not tell us which campaign or battle the claim (payment) arose from.

Three John Allreds and one William Allred are listed in Volume XII. This book reports the Special Certificates that were used by the holders to pay state fees for land entries made during 1783-1784 in what later became Tennessee. These certificates could be (and often were) sold for cash. Special Certificates were given in exchange for services provided to the Continental Army and/or American Cause. Services could include providing supplies, food, shelter, ammunition, information, etc. These men may not have been actual soldiers or members of the militia, but did provide support to the American effort in some way, qualifying them as American Patriots.

Two Thomas Allreds and one John Allred are listed in Volume VI. This book lists the payments made to soldiers of the Third Chickamauga Expedition (Cherokee Indian Wars) 1776-1790. *Note:* Could this be our first documentation that Thomas Allred, Jr., son of the "original" Thomas, was in North Carolina? Until now, no documentation has been found linking Thomas Allred, Jr. to the rest of the Allred family although DNA tests have proven he was related. Have we finally found our proof? Are all those modern-day Alabama and Texas Allreds standing up and cheering right now?

Per his tombstone, Thomas, Jr., was born in 1771, making him a teenager and the right age to have participated in the latter portion of the War.

Elias Allred is listed in Volume I. This book is similar to Volume XII mentioned above and reports Special Certificates received for services provided to the American cause.

Copies of all of the documents listed above are available. See the AFO Web site (www.allredfamily.com) or contact Linda Allred Cooper for more information.



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Revolutionary War Activity in Randolph County, North Carolina

No actual battles were fought in Randolph County. However, Bell's Mill, home of Martha McFarland McGee Bell, has significance. Martha and her first husband, John McGee, ran a gristmill until John's death in 1773. In 1799, Martha, a smart, beautiful and wealthy widow married William Bell who joined her in operating the mill. As Lord Cornwallis traveled through Randolph County during the war, he spent several nights at Bell's Mill. When Martha first learned that Lord Cornwallis intended to make her home his sanctuary during his stay in the county, she confronted him, demanding to know if he intended to burn it down when he left. Lord Cornwallis answered, "No. Why do you ask?" Martha answered, "If you said yes, I was going to set fire to it myself to keep you from staying here." This won his appreciation and respect. Apparently it also won his trust. Martha welcomed Lord Cornwallis into her home, then listened carefully to conversations with his advisors and officers as she served meals and tended to their needs. The information she learned was quickly passed along to American Patriots hiding in the woods who used it to their advantage. Martha is celebrated today as one of Randolph County's Revolutionary Heroines. In 1929 a marker honoring her was placed at the site of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. The mill in northwestern Randolph County was demolished in 1967 to build the Randleman dam and reservoir. Nothing remains today of this historic site.

Previous AFO Newsletter American Revolution References

Revolutionary War Allreds

Submitted by Dawnell Griffin, Issue No. 30, page 17.

John Allred's Revolutionary War Pension Application

Submitted by Linda Allred Cooper, Issue No. 41, page

Elias Allred, Sr.: Son of Thomas, Revolutionary War

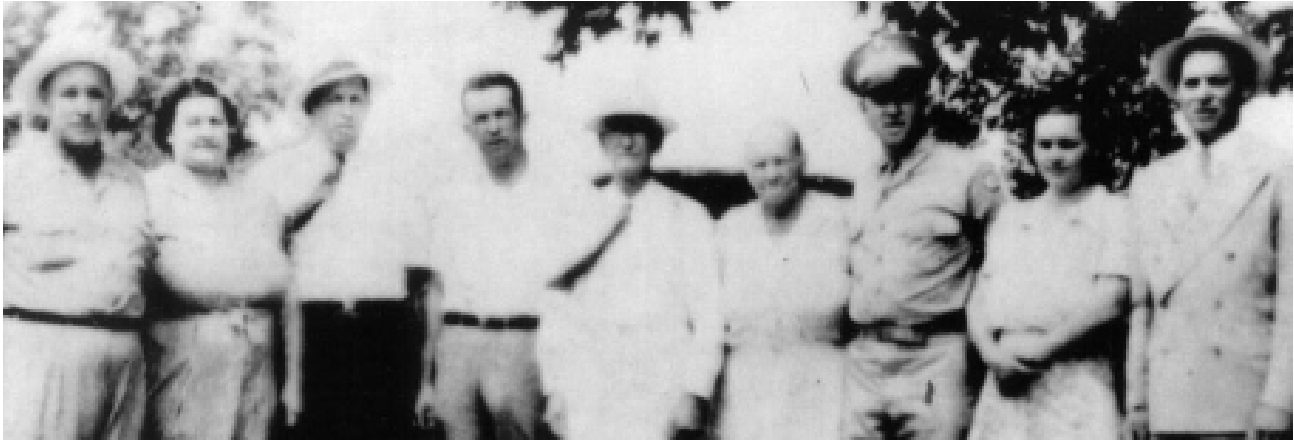
Soldier and Georgia Settler by Daniel Forbes-Forysthe.

Issue No. 46, page 4-5

Clues from a Neighbor's Pension Application

Submitted by Teri Cochran Allred, Issue No. 48, page 11.

An Allred



This photo of the Franklin Eugene Allred family was taken about 1943 in Mississippi. From the left are Leroy, Lottie May, Otis, Benton Morris, Franklin Eugene, Arcola Mariah Keen, Houston Harvey, Renodell "Dee," James Trog. *Franklin Eugene, Ezekiel, Azariah, Phineas, Solomon*. Photo contributed by George E. Allred, Idaho Falls, Idaho.



A day in Raleigh, North Carolina's state capital, was on the agenda for several East Coast Allreds, February 3, 2004. The group visited the North Carolina State Legislature, the Museum of Life and Science, the Museum of History, and a tour of the State Capitol building where Governor Mike Easley's offices are located. The day concluded with a riding tour of the historic Oakwood Section of Raleigh. Pictured from left are Terry Routh, Ruby Routh, Wayne Ward, Becky Allred Sexton, Alice Allred Pottmyer, Blanche Allred, Sue Estep and Bob Bryan. The North Carolina State Capitol is behind the group.



Orson Pratt Allred.
Orson Pratt, William Moore, Isaac, William, Thomas



Owen Allred celebrated his 90th birthday, January 15, 2004. He is pictured with his wife, Elsie. *Owen, Byron Harvey Jr., Byron Harvey Sr., William Moore, Isaac, William, Thomas*
The AFO newsletter would like to honor all AFO members turning 90 or more. Please submit your photos and write ups to the newsletter.

Family Album



This Christmas photograph was taken in 1951, Denton, Texas, of the Clifton Ross Allred family. Shown here are (l-r) Clifton David Allred (3), Ilma Deola Thompson Allred (37), Clifton Ross "Tip" Allred (38), Gary Lea Allred (5), John Carrol Allred (8) and Cherrisue Allred (15). Photo submitted by Gary Lea Allred. He said, "Dad worked for the City of Denton as a Power Plant Operator and my mother was a homemaker. That year, the boys received cowboy boots and we did our best to wear them out on the same day. Although our income was modest, we were showered with love from both parents. *Gary Lea, Clifton Ross, Charles Patterson, John Buchanan, Francis Marion, Francis, Solomon.*



The Reddick Allred family, June 1913. Rear from left Sam and Druzilla Love, Vern Allred, Reddick Allred, Ervin and Ethel Allred. Middle row from left Sam and Della Hunter, Ben and Clara Johnson, P.M. and Lucinda Peterson, Dave and Evinda Madsen. Front from left Teressa Allred, Bertell Allred and Viella Allred. *Reddick, Isaac, William, Thomas.*



Martha "Ruth" Allred, born 1860, Cedar Falls, Randolph County, North Carolina. *Martha "Ruth," Elisha, "Tennessee" John, John, William.* Photo contributed by Donna Sue Allred, Franklinville, North Carolina.

Allred Stained Glass Crest Available for Bid

The Allred family crest has been produced in Stained Glass Overlay by Jonathan Goodrich, a



descendant of the “original Thomas.” It is being offered by the Rocky Mountain Allreds. The approximate finished framed size is 30 by 40 inches. It looks like cut glass, only lighter and stronger. It does not crack, chip, fade or peel over time. It also absorbs ultraviolet light.

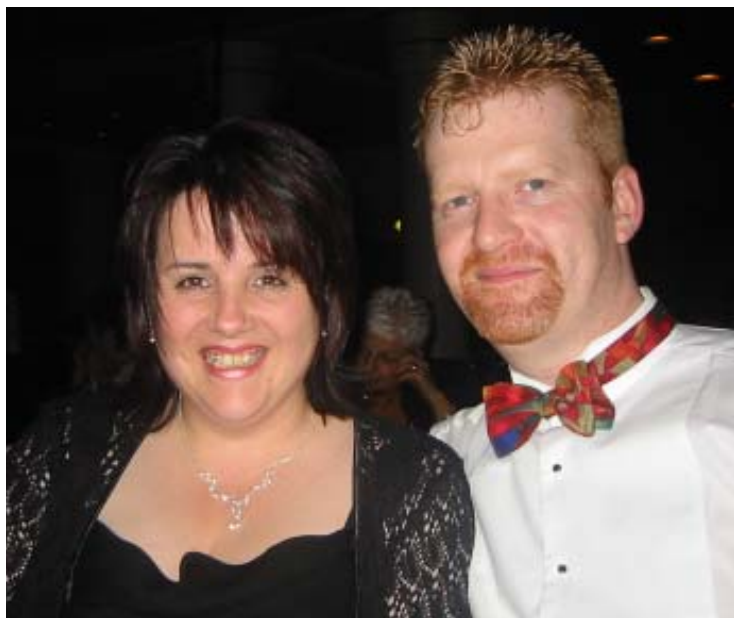
Goodrich has been involved with this process for 15 years. The crest will be placed in a custom made wooden shipping box that can be opened with a screwdriver.

The bidding process is now on-line. Go to www.allredfamily.org. Then click on the Rocky Mountain Allreds page. On-line bids are accepted until Midnight (MT), June 18, 2004. Bidding will close and the auction will end during the Allred Family Reunion in Murray, Utah, June 19, 2004. The window will be displayed at the reunion.

Also the crest is displayed in color on the Web site. This crest is a wonderful addition to any home or office. Most pieces of this size and quality sell for \$700 to \$800. Some families might want to consider bidding together and giving this as a present to Dad for Father’s Day or to their parents for an anniversary, etc.

This auction is the major fund raiser for the Rocky Mountains Allreds. It will support administrative costs and then research.

Meet James and Sarah Aldred



Recent DNA test results prove James Aldred of England is related to the American Allreds. He also is a new AFO member. See page 1. He is pictured with his wife, Sarah. They are the parents of two sons ages 9 and 5.

James has two sisters, Lesley and Vivienne, and a brother, Andrew. He was from Flixton, Manchester, England. He went to primary and secondary school in that area. At age 13, his family moved from the Manchester area to Somerset.

He has had a varied and interesting schooling and career. He has worked backstage in London in the theater. He worked as a free-lance sound and lights rigger around England and Europe. He worked for awhile on the *Queen Elizabeth II* and *Sagafjord* cruise ships as a stage manager. He is a qualified electrician and is an Information Technologist and has done IT support. He is currently enjoying being a house-husband to their sons.

Elmina Allred Spainhower: My Great Grandmother

by Jerrold V. Spainhower

*Jerrold, Verald, Belle, Elmina, Joseph Anderson, Isaac,
William, Thomas*

Elmina was born a twin in Spring City, Sanpete County, Utah, August 23, 1865, to Joseph Anderson Allred and Rhoda Ann Palmer. Her twin sister was Elzina Allred (Blain). She had 12 brothers and sisters.

The only thing I know about her early years were verbal memories she passed on to us. She recalled she was living in Lewiston, Utah, at approximately 11 years of age. Her older brother, George Riley Allred, was about to move to eastern Utah to the Unitah Basin that had just been opened for settlement. It was part of the Ute Indian Reservation. She went with him and got a job working for a family named Ashley who lived at Ashley Fork, near or at present day Vernal, Utah.

She helped with the housekeeping and took care of the children. She said that she took care of the first white child born on the reservation. His name was Howard Ashley Snyder. She also milked cows every night and morning. She was paid \$1.00 per month.

They were in that area for two years when George Riley decided to return to Lewiston.

They arrived in Lehi, Utah, in central Utah, and found work helping with fall harvest. They then returned to Lewiston and found their mother very ill. Elmina's twin sister had stayed to help care for their mother and the younger brother. I assume that was Edsel.

Elmina's mother passed away in Lewiston, Utah, December 27, 1879. She is buried in that area but the location is unknown. Her son, George Riley, his wife, and some of their children are buried there as well as some of her other grandchildren.

Grandma Miney, as we called her, worked here and there,

milking cows night and morning and taking care of children for \$1.00 per month until she was 18-years-old. About that time, she was working in Payson, Utah, she met John Wesley Spainhower from Spring Lake, Utah, a town three miles south of Payson. When she was 20-years-old they were married February 25, 1884. They lived in Spring Lake. All their children were born and raised there.

In 1886 John Wesley went to Lewiston, Utah, to work in the lumbering business. While working there a log fell on him injuring him so badly that he was never able to work again. Later he developed kidney disease. After being ill for some time he passed away at the age of 32. Elmina was left a widow with six little children. The oldest was 11 and the youngest was seven weeks old.

She took in washing and ironing to pay the medical bills and support her family. The following spring, one of her brothers was going to Thatcher, Arizona, where many of her family had settled. The trip was made in a covered wagon. They had to cross the Virgin River several times and crossed the Colorado River on a ferry boat manned by Native Americans. Elmina missed her little boy, who was two and a half years old. They found him running back up the river very much afraid of the river and the ferry. They had to camp for two weeks along the river before the high water went down enough so it was safe to cross. Grandma said that the others kids teased her children because of their dark skin and black hair and eyes saying they were Indians.

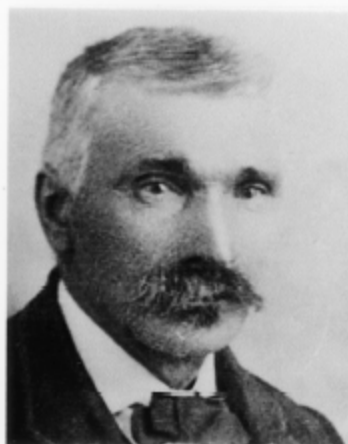
When they finally arrived in Thatcher, it was very warm and the glare of the sunlight on the light ground caused them to have sore eyes for about six weeks until they adjusted to the glare.

Elmina was not happy in Arizona and decided to return to Utah. She began working in a creamery to earn money

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John Wesley Spainhower



Joseph Anderson Allred



Rhoda Ann Palmer Allred

Elmina Allred Spainhower: My Great Grandmother

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for the return trip. The family was able to return home by railroad. The trip was long and tiresome because of the many stops. They sometimes had to wait overnight with no place to sleep. They finally arrived home tired but happy to be in their own home.

Elmina's life from then on was one of hard work, hard work and more hard work. She took in washing and ironing, most of the time scrubbing on the board then wringing the clothes out by hand or with a wringer attached to the side of the tub. In the summer, she would do the washing out of doors under the trees. Her house was not far from the foothills so in the late afternoon she would go there and gather sagebrush and other dry wood to make a quick fire to heat the water that she had carried from a ditch that ran through her yard. She would lay the fire at night and fill her tubs from the ditch so that she could get an early start in the morning. She would arise at five every morning and would have clothes hanging on the line before starting her other work for the day.

She ironed on an ironing board without legs set between two chair backs. The irons were the old fashioned ones that she heated on a coal stove. They had a handle that detached when they were heating. She would use a finger moistened with a little spit to see if they were hot enough to iron. It wasn't the heat you checked for but the sound of the sizzle. It sounded like a cat when it spits at you. The sound of the sizzle told if the temperature was right. This was an everyday routine well into her 70s.

When her daughters, Annie Laurie and Pearl Elmina, were old enough to help with the housework and the other children, she added house cleaning to her washing chores. She cleaned houses for people in Payson. Because she had no transportation, she walked the two and a half miles to Payson. After a days work, she would walk home again and iron the clothes and bedding she had washed that morning. She told us that she worried all day about the children. Often when she returned home, they would all be in bed.

She would go into the fields in the fall to pick enough potatoes for their winter use. She picked apples to get enough to feed her family. She dried apples and apricots in racks on top of her corn crib. She sold some of her dried fruit to buy her winter's coat and other necessities that she could not either raise or make.

She did all the sewing for her children such as shirts, pants, underwear and dresses. She also made lye soap for her washing. It was a very hard life raising her children until they were able to support themselves. Eventually all the children were married and had families of their own.

When her daughter, Rhode Belle, died Elmina took Belle's son Verald, my father, and raised him. He was 11 at the time. When he was 13, he quit school and went to work in a rock quarry near Eureka, Utah, to help support himself

and his grandmother. He later worked in the mines in and around Eureka. He lived with Elmina until he married.

Elmina's son, Wesley, was injured in a mining accident in Carbon County, Utah. It left him a paraplegic. This led to problems with his wife, Drucilla, and they later separated. Uncle Wes came home and lived with Elmina until she could no longer take care of him. He later lived in a home in Provo, Utah, until he died.

Grandma's life was full of hard times. She was involved in church activities until she became deaf and from then on she rarely went to church although she remained a devout member. I do remember her at a dance in Spring Lake. She told me that one of her favorite dances when she was a girl was the schottische. When the orchestra played a schottische I asked my great grandmother to dance. She had to teach me the steps and I still remember how much she enjoyed it. I was about 11 or 12 at the time and I still remember how to schottische.

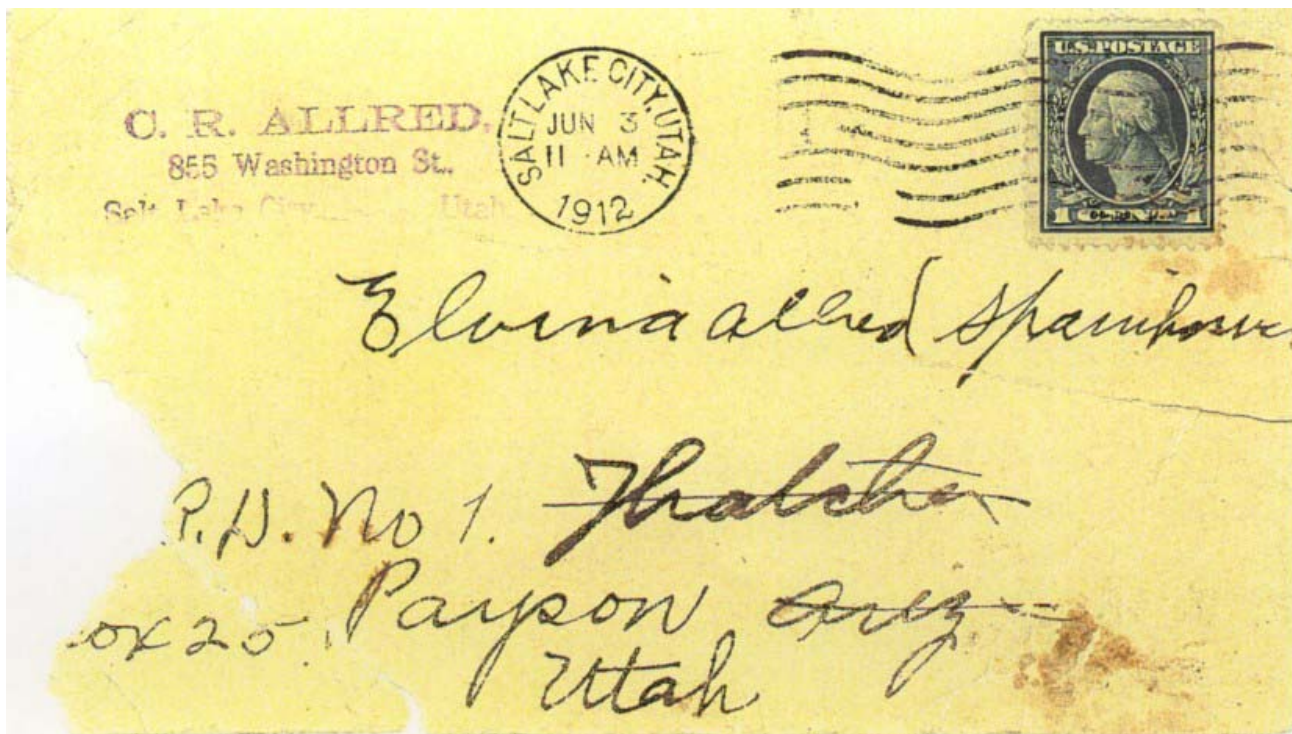
Grandma loved ice cream and Hires Root Beer in a mug. She'd talk Dad into driving us to Spanish Fork about 13 miles away. We all enjoyed the treat, but not nearly as much as she did. We often made ice cream and Grandma always said "just a little dish." If you asked her if she wanted more, she always said that she could not eat anymore, but always managed a dish or two more.

If Grandma talked about her twin sister and I'm sure that she did, I only recall one story. She always wore her hair in a bun on the top of her head. I asked her if she had ever had it curled. She said that she and Elzina had it curled once and they didn't like it so they always wore a bun instead. One time I went to her house because she had hurt her shoulder. When I got there, she had her hair down hanging way below her waist. I remember how shiny it was. She asked me if I could put it in a bun for her. I tried three or four times, but every time it would slide down off the top of her head. We both laughed so hard that we had to quit for a time. I finally got a thing on top of her head that looked like a cow plop.

Grandma lived in a two-room house with only a kitchen range for heat. She carried her water from a standpipe about a half a block from her house. She had no conveniences, not even an ice box. Her outside toilet was down a path across the creek and into a clearing in her orchard.

She worked harder than anyone I ever knew. She died December 14, 1958, at the age of 93. Her life had been one of hardship and sorrow. I stayed with her a lot when I was growing up, but I didn't realize what a strong wonderful woman she was.

This article was prepared from information from three of her great grandchildren: Jerrold Spainhower, Afton Spainhower Kesler and Alan Rassmussen.



Salt Lake City, Utah, June 1, 1912

Isaac Allred, born Jan. 27th, 1788, Pendleton County, S. C.
Mary Calvert, born March 19th, 1793, Elbert County, Georgia.
Married Feb. 14th, 1811, Bedford County, Tenn.
Moved to Utah with the Pioneers.
Raised thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters. There is but one—Isaac Allred—living at this date. Eleven of them raised large families, that will now number 2,000, and all are requested to attend the reunion that will be held at Spring City, Utah, July 15th, 1912.

With kind regards to all.

We are members of the largest family in Utah.
All meet at the reunion July 15th.

ALLRED CALVERT GEN. ASSN.
ISAAC ALLRED, President. C. R. ALLRED, Secy.

Postcard sent to Elmina Allred Spainhower announcing the July 15, 1912, Allred Calvert Gen. Assn. Reunion in Spring City, Utah. Note that in 1912, the descendants of Isaac Allred and Mary Calvert Allred, numbered 2,000. Isaac was the son of William and Elizabeth Thrasher Allred.

The Box

Currently the Allred Family Organization has 481 members, representing 41 states, Canada, Mexico and England. Allreds everywhere you look! The named is spelled a variety of ways: Allred, Allread, Alred and Aldred.

Twenty-one of our members, including our six new British AFO members, are participating in our new AFO Research Project. Fourteen members are working on research assignments using LDS Family History Center microfilm records. Our British cousins are sending information on their families and tips on British research and the rest are on our Research Committee coordinating the efforts and analyzing the results. If you would like to be involved, please contact, Linda Allred Cooper. See page 19 for the contact information.

Linda Allred Cooper

AFO Year End Financial Report from Joyce Allred, Treasurer

Total Income for 2003 was \$9699.93

Memberships = \$9120 (456 memberships)

Interest = \$23.81

Donations = \$25 (if designated passed to named recipient, if not to research)

Fundraising = \$286 (Newsletter CDs)

Sales = \$245.12 (AFO cookbooks)

Total Expenses for 2003 were \$9507.06

Archive Activities

\$2995 for Allred Family Roster (Don Allred/SCVNET)

\$40 membership in National Genealogical Society

Communications

\$2875.91 to produce AFO Newsletter

\$656.33 for AFO Newsletter postage

\$412.85 AFO Website (Linda Cooper/Earthlink)

Operations

\$362.51 in postage

\$3.24 in supplies

Research

\$1232.00 for one research trip to Pennsylvania

\$513.00 for DNA Project

Other Expenses

\$293.66 for scanning newsletter/producing CDs

\$122.56 (1/2 cookbook sales to Don Allred for the AFO Family Roster)

Net Income for 2003 was \$192.87 - not bad considering we were able to absorb the \$105 monthly increase for the Allred Family Roster Web site, fund the research trip to Pennsylvania and paid for DNA test kits for two British Allreds and one Elrod.

Notes and Comments on Renewal Forms

I enjoy the old history and also seeing the research results. You do a wonderful job! It is always first class.

*Joyce Packard
Mesa, AZ*

I enjoy reading the newsletter very much, but sometimes I get lost knowing who is who and where they fit into the family.

*Ray Howell
Orem, UT*

I'd like to read more about the Revolutionary War and the Civil War and the Allreds who moved to Indiana. Seems there are Allreds scattered all over!

*William Robert Allred
Franklinville, IN*

I am real happy with the wonderful work that all of you have done.

*Alta Warnick
Delta, UT*

I love everything!

*Michael Olson
Carson City, NV*

I would like to read more about the Utah Allreds.

*Uarda Blackham
Moroni, UT*

You are doing a great job with the newsletter. We have really enjoyed them.

*Ray & Ruth Allred Dipoma
Ogden, UT*

You are doing great!

*Maurine Murphy
Roosevelt, UT*

Keep up the good work!

*Don and Patti Johnson
Grantsville, UT*

Always a great job! Fascinating!

*Evan LaDell Allred
Carson City, NV*

I would suggest a separation in the newsletter of East Coast and West Coast Allred news and under the articles and pictures a bold print listing of lineage.

*Patricia L. Morrill
Fresno, CA*

President's Message

Exciting things are happening with our AFO DNA project. Mark Lazare worked tirelessly to encourage two gentlemen from England to take the test. James D. ALDRED's results are in and the results are covered in Linda's report.

Our own family researchers have spent HOURS these past years in libraries and archives to find Allreds in Eccles Parish "water damaged" records. Much of this was covered in Dawnell Griffin's report in Newsletter #57. Now we know that we connect to Eccles Parish, outside Manchester, England, with the name Aldred. If there are things you would like to know about your line, contact Linda Allred Cooper for a DNA test kit.

Once again I send out a beckon call for you to encourage others of your family to become members of the Allred Family Organization, so we can all know the exciting things happening in your various families.



I read it from "Kiver to Kiver!"

*Martha Jo Allred
Rogersville, AL*

Thanks for all you do. Keep up the good work. We really appreciate it."

*Clarence & Maralyn Allred
Salt Lake City, UT*

Keep up the good work! I am sincere even if it sounds like a cliché!

*Lowell Wood
Florence, KY*

I'd like to read about the Allreds who left Overton County, Tennessee, to move to Arkansas. How many? Who? When? and who traveled with them?

*Vicki C. Marsh
Newport News, VA*

In future newsletters, I'd love to see any and all information about the "original" Thomas and his son, William. Thank you for including everyone's line in the stories. That way we can see what our distant cousins are doing as well as which cousins are not so distant. I am curious about Randolph County, NC. Those of us who live in the west do not know anything about it. Thanks again for your great work!

*Kandace Olson Prisbey
Moscow, ID*

Letter to the Editor

I am Bill and Linda Allred Bronsons' youngest son. I am the in the military in Tacoma, Washington. I wrote a letter a while back explaining to my family about all our loved ones that are serving in the military in Iraq. I ask that everyone remember them in their prayers and also to forward the letter on to all that they knew. That way it would be spread though out the country and the prayers would be with our friends and loved ones overseas.

These are my family members and friends who are currently serving, please remember them in your prayers: Brandon Allred, Russell Allred, Jeremy Norman, William Lucus, Jeff Gibson and Justin Lynn.

If you could please pass this letter on to all you know, and ask them to pray for them. It would be great. Also if any one knows of any others serving please let me know their names, branch of service and location in the world. Thank you so much.

Sterling Bronson

Editor's Note: Sterling sent this letter to Linda Allred Cooper.

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