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## **How Many Allreds Really Lived in Central North Carolina in the Mid-1700s?**

*Presented by Linda Allred Cooper at the Allred Family Reunion in Randolph County, North Carolina, September 11, 2004.*

Ask an Allred researcher how many Allred ancestors were living in central North Carolina in the 1750s and the answer you'll probably get is: "**Four: William, Solomon, Thomas and John**"

Most research reports and family histories tell us these four men were probably brothers. They all arrived in North Carolina at the same time, received land grants and lived very close to each other and their families remained close. Copies of the original land grants document where they lived, but give us no information about who lived with them: wives, children, siblings, and parents. We have to piece together the families by looking at estate records, wills, land sales, etc.

A wide variety of researchers have tried to document who these four men were, how they were related to each other, and where they came from. DNA test results prove they were related – lending credence to the theory that they were brothers. Current research leads us to believe a man named Solomon Allred, born about 1680 in Eccles Parish, Lancashire, England, may have been their father. A combination of paper documentation and circumstantial evidence continues to make this Solomon Allred a very interesting suspect.

In the 17<sup>th</sup> Century England, all births, deaths and marriages had to be registered with the Church of England for government tax purposes. Although John and Ellen Pemberton Allred were arrested several times for attending Quaker and/or Presbyterian Meetings (religious services) and Ellen was documented as a member of the Quaker Faith, or Society of Friends, they still had to list their children's birth and/or baptism with the Church of England. Thus, we have a documented record of their family:

John – born November 1, 1660  
Mary – born August 9, 1661  
William – baptized February 3, 1664/65  
Alice – born circa 1668  
Owen – born circa 1670  
Phineas – baptized November 7, 1672  
Enoch – baptized June 16, 1675  
Theophilus – baptized October 4, 1677  
Ellen – baptized June 15, 1679  
Solomon – baptized November 12, 1680

Ellen's death is recorded in the meeting minutes of the Quaker East Hardshaw Monthly Meeting, Manchester. John wrote a letter on November 11, 1695, that tells us he had re-married. Living with him were his sons Owen (who was 20 years old), Theophilus (who was 18) and Solomon (who was 16). John's letter

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also mentions Phineas who had “gone for a soldier.” None of the other children are mentioned, leaving us wondering about their fate.

The letter also tells us that John was very interested in bringing his family to America. In the letter, he requests financial help from Ellen’s wealthy cousin, Phineas Pemberton, who was living in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. John seems to disappear (died?) from records after writing this letter. We are left with the question: did his children come to America?

A Solomon Allred does show up in the tax lists of Chester County, Pennsylvania, for 1724 and 1730. The listings only give us his name, no other information. We have no way of knowing if he was living by himself, married, or had children. If this is the same Solomon who was born in 1680, son of John and Ellen, he would have been 44 years old in 1724. Where was he between 1695 when John wrote that letter and 1724 when he is listed on the Tax List?

## **Possible Scenario**

From the 1695 letter, we know John was poor – or at least did not have the money necessary to bring his family to America. Another indication that John was not very well off is in 1680/81, he petitioned the Eccles Parish Church Wardens for relief. In other words, he asked them for assistance for his family. Records of the relief petitions for the year 1686 also list John. If John died before bringing his family to America, his sons were old enough to travel on their own after his death. With no money, they could have paid for their passage by becoming an apprentice or indentured servant. Both were very common practices. Under the apprenticeship system, the

young man would not become free until age 28. (Seven years as apprentice, seven years as a journeyman.) For Solomon, this would have been the year 1708. It is quite possible that he needed extra years to pay his passage, or to pay for other members of his family’s passage. Two more terms of seven years may seem a bit extreme, but could have happened. Thus, his first opportunity to marry and father children might have been at age 42 in 1722. This corresponds with his appearance on the West Nottingham, Chester County, Pennsylvania, tax list in 1724.

This also corresponds with the estimated ages of those four men who appeared in North Carolina in the mid-1700s. To own land or receive a land grant in the 1700s, a man had to be at least 21-years-old. Using this information, the known or estimated ages of their children and other clues, we can guess their ages:

John – born on or before 1725. John’s first land grant was dated 1755, but his oldest child, Elizabeth, was born 1745 per her tombstone. If you figure he was at least 20-years-old when she was born, that puts his birth on or before 1725.

Solomon – born on or before 1730. Solomon’s first land grant is dated March 10, 1752. His sons, land owners, were at least 21 years old in the mid-1780s, putting their births circa early 1760.

William – born on or before 1731. William’s first land grant is dated 1753. His oldest son, John, was born 1764 (per his Revolutionary War pension application), so we need to use the land grant as our gage – which puts his birth on or before 1731.

Thomas – born on or before 1735. Per John’s land grant (1755) we know Thomas was living with him and acted as chain carrier, making him at least 16-years-old in 1755. However, most family histories list his oldest son, James, being born about 1755. If you figure Thomas was at last 20 years old when James was born, that puts his birth on or before 1735.

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Another indication of their ages is the 1755 Orange County, North Carolina, tax list. All four men are listed, telling us they were at least 16 years old or older in 1755.

If the Solomon Allred who lived in Chester County, Pennsylvania, completed his indentured service at age 42, then married, his first child could have been born around 1725. Of course, this is just a theory at present. Much more research needs to be done and documentation found before we can state this as fact.

**But, what happened to the elder Solomon?**

**Did he come to North Carolina?**

**The answer is most likely “Yes.”**

On June 30, 1762, Hercules Ogle registered a land grant in Orange County, North Carolina. This land was located on the south side of Deep River opposite Sandy Creek – land that is now located in Randolph County, North Carolina. The land was surveyed on November 30, 1761. The two chain carriers were Solomon Allred, Jr., and Samuel Ghislin. The terms “Junior” and “Senior” did not mean the same as they mean today. The terms would be applied anytime there were two men, over the age of 21, who had the same name. These two men may or may not have been related. Ogle’s land grant tells us there were two men named Solomon Allred, both over the age of 21, living in Orange County (central North Carolina) in 1761. As you saw earlier, the Solomon Allred who received a land grant in 1752 was most likely born about 1730. His sons were at least 21 years old in the mid-1780s, putting their births circa early 1760. This leads me to believe the “Solomon Allred, Jr.” listed on Ogle’s land grant was this same man. If the Solomon Allred of Chester County, Pennsylvania, was his father, this land grant may be proof that the elder Solomon did travel to North Carolina and was living with or near his sons in what was then Orange County, North Carolina. Although possible – it’s very unlikely that there was a completely unrelated man, also named Solomon Allred, also living in Orange County in 1761, but who never shows up in any other records.

However, the elder Solomon is not listed on the 1755 Orange County, North Carolina, tax list.

Why? The reason is his age. If this is the same Solomon who was born in Eccles Parish, Lancashire, England, in 1680, he would have been 75 years old in 1755. Although, in 1755, there was no specific law exempting men because of age, traditionally anyone over the age of 50 was not listed. Therefore, the elder Solomon would not have been listed.

**Another William Allred?**

Looking back at that 1755 Orange County, North Carolina, tax list, you’ll find five Allred men listed:

William  
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Solomon  
John  
Thomas

When I first saw this, my curiosity was tweaked, but I also had to take into account a notation at the end of the list. The Tax Clerk had written:

*I am of opinion, that there may be to the number of thirty who have concealed themselves and about twenty who have enlisted themselves twice*

I concluded that William might have been one of the men who were listed twice. However, a careful study of one of the land grants for William, dated 1762, tweaked my interest again. William’s signature clearly says “William Allred, Junior”. This tells us that there were two men named William Allred, both over the age of 21, both living in Orange County, North Carolina. As you saw earlier, we have estimated the birth year of William to be on or before 1731 based on the age necessary to own land and the age of his oldest son.

This William had a son, also named William, but he wasn’t born until 1765. Thomas had a son named William who was born about 1756. The younger Solomon and John did not have sons named William. So, who was this older William living in Orange County, North Carolina, in 1762?

The younger William was about 31 years old in 1762. Since he is listed as “William Allred, Jr.” on the land grant, this tells us the “William Allred,

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Sr.” was older than 31 years. The titles “Junior” and “Senior” were used to distinguish the two men. Could he have been the younger William’s father?

One thing that has puzzled me over the years was the naming patterns of the Allred family. The children and descendants of John, William and Thomas seem to be fond of using the same names over and over throughout the generations: John, William, and Thomas. But, Solomon’s family tended to use different names: Theophilus, Phineas, Solomon, and Francis. If these men were brothers and the sons of the Solomon who was born in 1680 England, why would only one of them use family names – and the rest used other names? Remember, the Solomon born 1680 had siblings named Francis, Theophilus, and Phineas. Did the younger Solomon name his children to honor his father’s siblings? But, why didn’t John, Thomas and William do the same?

## **Possible Theory**

The naming pattern along with the documented proof that there were at least SIX Allred men living in central North Carolina in the 1750s leads me to wonder. As stated earlier, DNA test results prove that those four “original” men were related. Many have speculated they were brothers. But, I think the naming patterns and additional two older men are clues that this was a family group – but not necessarily a father and sons.

Remember, Solomon had an older brother named William, born 1664. This would have made him 98 years old in 1762. It’s unlikely he was the “William Allred, Sr.” in 1762. I think we can safely rule him out. But, did he have a son named William?

Is it possible that the Solomon born 1680 came to America, bringing a nephew or a son named William? Did Solomon have to pay for more than one ship’s passage, therefore had to work two or even three terms as an apprentice or indentured servant? As Solomon completed his indenture, was the nephew/son named William, growing up and getting married? When the family arrived in central North Carolina, did it consist of:

The elder Solomon – born 1680

His sons:

John – born 1725

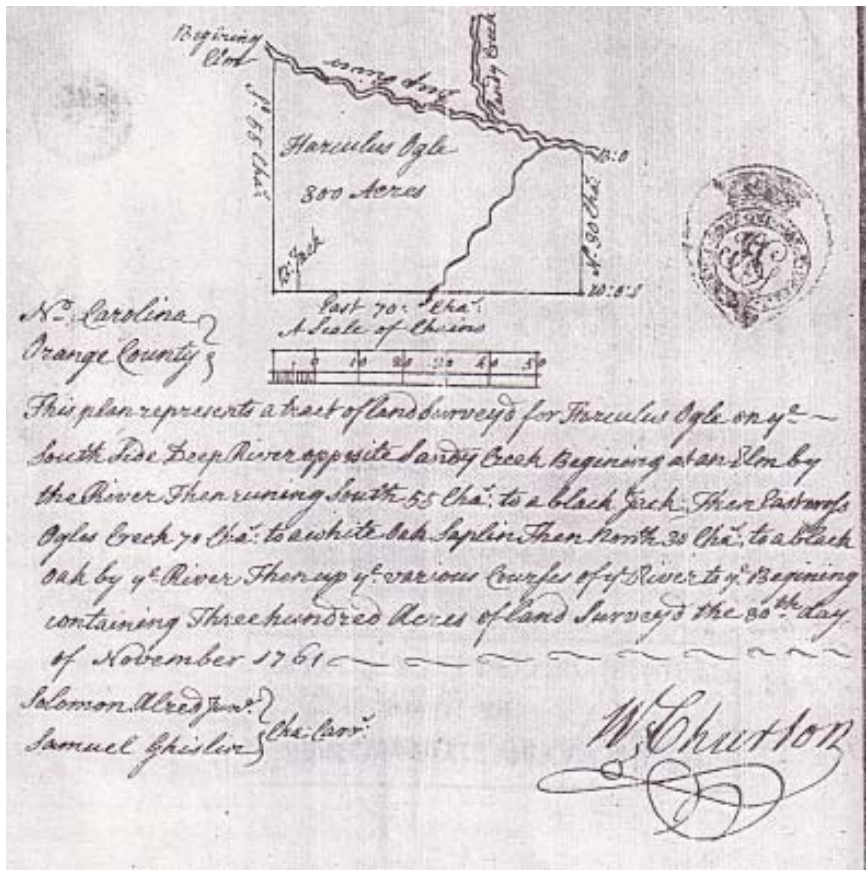
Solomon – born 1730

Thomas – born 1735

And an older son or nephew named William, who also had a son named William born 1731?

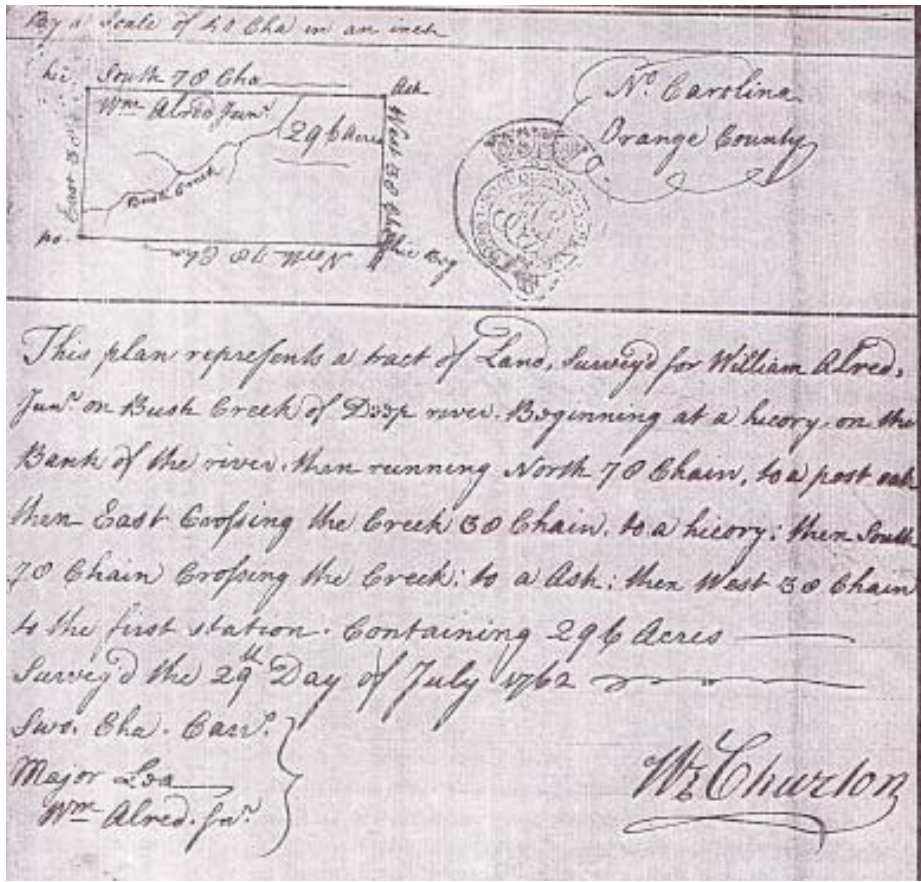
Or, when considering the naming patterns, is it possible that the “nephew” named William was actually the father of three of the men: John, Thomas and William. Is it possible that the elder Solomon only had one son, also named Solomon? Does this explain the naming pattern: why the younger Solomon and his descendants consistently used the names Phineas, Theophilus, Francis, Solomon – while John, Thomas and William’s descendants did not?

The rule with genealogy is “for every one answer you find, you suddenly have 20 more questions.” This rule certainly applies here. Hopefully, in the future, we’ll find more documentation that will tell us the relationships of those **SIX ORIGINAL MEN**.



Land deed of Hercules Ogle, Orange County, North Carolina. Solomon Alred, Junior, was a chain carrier.

Original land grants in the North Carolina Archives



Land deed for William Alred of Orange County, North Carolina. Wm. Alred, Jr., was a chain carrier.

Orange County was formed in 1752. In 1771 Guilford County was formed and in 1779 Randolph County was formed. The Allred lands did not change, but as the area grew the counties became smaller in size. Allred Family Newsletter, No. 53, pages 12-15, has the information on the changes in the counties.

*The series of Allreds who have served their country continues this issue with the Indian Wars and the Spanish American War.*

## **Indian Wars**

Allreds participated in Indian Campaigns between 1817 and 1898. The names of those who participated are below. \*Indicates widow or dependent applied for his pension:

Allred, Andrew J.	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, David H.*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Dilbert H.*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Edward Francis*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, George*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Green W.	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Isaac Edgar*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Isaac M.	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Issac N.	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, James Anderson*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, James F.*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, James H*.	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, James M.*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, James P.*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, James R.	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, James T. S.*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, John Frank*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, John L.	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, John Henry	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Joseph A.	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Joseph Parley*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Natahn *	Florida War
Allred, Nephi	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Orson*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Parley*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Parley P.*	Utah Vols 1852-54
Allred, Reddick R.*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Reuben W., Jr.*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Samuel*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Sanford*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Sidney H.*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Sidney R.	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Silas Lafayette	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Stephen H.*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, Thomas B.*	Black Hawk War, Utah
Allred, W. A.*	Black Hawk War, Utah

Allred, Wiley P.\*  
Allred, William H.\*

Black Hawk War, Utah  
Black Hawk War, Utah

***Descendants of Sarah Allred Ivie serving in the Indian Wars.*** Sarah, William, Thomas  
Ivie, Benjamin M.\* Black Hawk War, Utah  
Ivie, Hyrum\* Black Hawk War, Utah  
Ivie, Isaac T.\* Black Hawk War, Utah  
Ivie, James\* Black Hawk War, Utah  
Ivie, Joseph J.\* Utah Vols, 1866-68  
Ivie, William A.\* Utah Cav 1867

Sources: National Archives, Washington, D.C., *Index to Indian Wars Pension Files, 1892-1926, Vol. I A-K*, transcribed by Virgil D. White, The National Historical Publishing Company, Waynesboro, Tennessee, and *Life Under the Horseshoe: A History of Spring City* published in conjunction with the Canal and Horseshoe Daughters of Utah Pioneers Camps.



*The grave marker for Spanish American War Veteran, James W. Allred, Jr., is in the family plot in the Ephraim Pioneer Cemetery, Ephraim, Utah. He was the son of George M. H. Allred and Caroline Marie Sorenson. James W., George Martin Hinckle, James, William, Thomas.*

## Spanish American War

The roster listing at the National Archives lists the following Allreds in the Spanish American War.

### **John Allread**

3<sup>rd</sup> Georgia Infantry Private

### **Andrew Allred**

Company H 1<sup>st</sup> Alabama Infantry

### **Charles A. Allred**

Company G.G. 1 Alabama Infantry Private

### **James W. Allred, Jr.**

Company B&D1 Tennessee Infantry Private

### **James W. Allred**

Battery A Battalion Utah Light Artillery  
Wagoneer

### **John M. Allred**

Company A 2<sup>nd</sup> North Carolina Infantry  
Private

### **Joseph W. Allred, Jr.**

Co B&D, 1 Tennessee Infantry Private

### **Orson Allred, Jr.**

Company I 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Volunteer Cavalry

### **Thomas C. Allred**

Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> North Carolina Infantry  
Private

### **Charles A. Alread**

1 Alabama Infantry Private

# Reunion in Randolph County

The 2004 Reunion in Randolph County was a huge success! Allred cousins from several states gathered for the four-day event which began Thursday, September 9. Attending were cousins from Idaho, California, Ohio, Illinois, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Iowa, New Mexico, Utah, Tennessee and two cousins even traveled from hurricane devastated Florida.

We had a full van load for our trip to the North

Carolina Archives on Thursday. Alice Allred Pottmyer and Linda Allred Cooper led the group who enjoyed viewing the original documents (including wills and estate records) left behind by some of our ancestors. Everyone agreed that doing research “on site” where you can actually handle the original documents and see where the ancestors lived adds a very special touch to the experience.



*Allred Family Organization President Kay J. Allred, Shelley, Idaho, spoke to Allred cousins from 13 states during the Randolph County, North Carolina, reunion. Also shown are Eddie Clay Allred and Linda Allred Cooper. Several posters told the stories of many years of Allred heritage. They were a popular reunion exhibit.*



*Melvin Alred, Allred Family Organization Georgia Representative, wore this T-shirt to the Randolph County Reunion. An article on how he lost an “L” appeared in the AFO Newsletter No. 49, page 4.*





*Elizabeth McKray, Iowa City, Iowa, and her brothers from left, Jerry Boulton, Sacramento, California, and Jim Boulton, Alexandria, Virginia, descend from the "original" William Allred. They are shown in the Allred-Trogon Cemetery by the graves of William and Elizabeth Diffe Allred. The three attended the Randolph County Reunion together.*

Friday's tour of Family and Historic Sites in Randolph County had an even larger crowd traveling in two 15-passenger vans. Highlights of the tour included a stop at the site of the last Confederate encampment of the War Between the States; a visit to our Allred ancestors' original land; a visit to Faith Rock where a Revolutionary War story was told; and lunch at a favorite local Bar-B-Q restaurant.

More than 150 cousins gathered for the main Reunion Day on Saturday. The reunion, held at Grays Chapel School, began with a short Memorial Service honoring the victims of September 11, 2001. During the Family Meeting, everyone had a chance to see how many cousins had traveled from out-of-town or out-of-state to attend.

After a great pot-luck lunch, the afternoon was filled with musical entertainment provided by three local Gospel groups: The Bentons, Redeemed Hearts and Mercy's Grace. While some enjoyed the music in the



*Tanya Allred, Cedar Falls, North Carolina, baked a special cake for the Allred Reunion.*

school gym, others gathered in the cafeteria for an Allred Genealogy session presented by Linda. Copies of a new research report were handed out as Linda revealed the latest findings on the Allred family: Yes, there were really six Allred men living in central North Carolina in the mid 1700s! A copy of this report begins on page 1.

The reunion wrapped up on Sunday with a relaxing picnic in the Allred-Trogon Cemetery. The weather was perfect, sunny and a temperature in the mid 70s. Some cousins enjoyed trying to read the ancient tombstones, others tried to find new (undiscovered) stones, while others spent the afternoon enjoying the chance for conversation.

For more information about the Randolph County Reunion, visit our Web site at [www.allredfamily.com](http://www.allredfamily.com) and click on Reunions. The 2005 dates are September 8 - 11. The main day is Saturday, September 10. Other activities and tours are planned for the other days.

# An Allred



*David Emery and Sally Allred were married December 25, 1906. Photo courtesy Mirion Cloud. David was born in Blount County, Alabama. David, Adam, David Andrew, Lemuel, Thomas, Jr., Thomas.*



*Sally Allred, wife of David Emery Allred, holds their daughter, Alva, in 1907. Photo courtesy Mirion Cloud.*



*The Edsil Byrum Allred and Sarah Anett Dye Allred family reunion was held June 5, 2005, Lehi, Utah. Edsil's line was William Guernsey, Joseph Anderson, Isaac, William, Thomas. Edsil was the father of Martin Allred, who played his guitar and sang at the Rocky Mountain Allred reunions. Those in the photo are some of Martin's nieces and nephews. Back row from left are Ron Rich and Norman Huff. Front row from left are Connie Oliver, Reeta Hansen, Wrenna Smith, Annette Webb and Pauline Barker.*

# Family Album



*Isaac Allred was a son of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred. He was born May 12, 1813, in Bedford County, Tennessee. He died in Mt. Pleasant, Utah, on May 12, 1859. He was buried the next day in an unmarked grave in the Ephraim, Utah, Pioneer Cemetery. James, William, Thomas. Photo courtesy Kaye Watson.*



*Photo of Barbara Spoon Allred, 1806-1869. Barbara and Elisha Allred lived near today's Coleridge, Randolph County, North Carolina. Coleridge was known as "Moffitt's Mill" in the early and mid-1800s when Elisha and Barbara were alive. Elisha and Barbara are buried in the abandoned Moffitt Family Cemetery, one mile north of Coleridge. Photos of their graves can be seen on the AFO Web site: [www.allredfamily.com](http://www.allredfamily.com) and click on Tombstone Photos and follow the links. Elisha's line: Elisha, John, William. The photo was contributed by their great grand daughter, Phyllis Allred Curt, Harrisonburg, Virginia*



*Clarence Ward Allred about 1911. He is the son of David Emery and Sally Allred. Photo courtesy Mirion Cloud.*

# A Descendant of Mary Allred Sanders

by Norma Allred

Rocky Mountain Allred Vice President

In the Allred Family Newsletter, No. 55, Larry Allred asked for help in locating descendants of Mary Allred Sanders.

We found a good one.

In March 2004, Chuck and I made contact with Mart Lynn and Janice Sanders, Hurricane, Utah. Lynn's line is John Martin Sanders, John Andrew Sanders, Joseph Moroni Sanders, Moses Martin Sanders, David and Mary Allred Sanders, William Allred and Thomas Allred.

Lynn's ancestors were some of the original pioneer settlers of Utah's Dixie (Southern Utah).

We spent an enjoyable evening at their home. Lynn is almost blind now, but we learned during our visit that he is an expert at Dutch oven cooking and even wrote a cook book on the subject.

Lynn learned the art of Dutch oven cooking by helping his father cook at the Dixie Deer Camp operated by members of the Sanders family in the Dixie National Forest near St. George, Utah.

The camp was even visited by Hollywood stars who came to fish and hunt on Pine Valley Mountain.



Lynn Sanders with his Dutch ovens.

Lynn and Dutch oven cooking in Southern Utah are synonymous. Since 1977, he has shared his family tradition with tourists from around the world at the Annual Southern Utah Folklife Festival held at Zion National Park.

An article featuring Mary Allred Sanders, 1783-1820, was published in the Allred Family Newsletter, No. 59, page 16. It was written by Jackie Spendlove Leatham.

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## Pottawattamie County Iowa, 1850 Federal Census

Several Allred families resided in western Iowa in Pottawattamie County and were listed on the 1850 Federal Census. The following sons of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred were shown on the census.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Profession</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>
John Franklin Lafayette Allred	23	Rope Maker	Tennessee
Marinda Allred	20		New York
Wiley (Payne) Allred	32	Stone Cutter	Tennessee
Sally (Sarah Elizabeth Zabriskie)	36		Ohio
James (Henry) Allred	13		Missouri
Parley (Pratt) Allred	11		Illinois
Elizabeth (Hannah) Allred	7		(not clear)
Wiley (Payne, Jr.) Allred	3		(not clear)
Sarah (Eleanor)	6/12		Iowa

# Lance Cpl. Allred Dies in Iraqi Action

Lance Cpl. Michael Jacob Allred, 22, was one of seven Marines in a convoy on September 6, 2004, when a suicide bomber sped into the troops and detonated his explosive packed vehicle. All the Marines were killed and three Iraqi soldiers were also killed in the explosion.

Lance Cpl. Allred was born November 12, 1981, in Vernal, Utah. When he was nine, the family moved to Hyde Park in Cache Valley, Utah. He graduated from Sky View High School and then joined the U.S. Marine Corps in January 2001. He graduated from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, in April 2001. He was then stationed in Camp Pendleton, becoming part of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. He trained, worked hard and within record time was promoted to the rank of lance corporal.

Lance Cpl. Allred served two tours of duty in Iraq. The first was from February to May 2003 and then returning in March 2004. He was scheduled to return stateside in October. In May 2004, he received a Purple Heart for an injury sustained during a fierce firefight on March 26.

In a letter sent to his parents, his commanding officer wrote, "Despite being wounded, [Michael's] performance that night was gallant and his leadership was critical in repelling the enemy's assault. Lance Cpl. Allred continues to be a key leader in this platoon. I can always count on him to get the job done right. He is respected and well-liked by his peers, subordinates and seniors alike. I am very glad and grateful to have him on the team!"

He is survived by his parents, Brett and Zellene Allred of Hyde Park; older brother and sister (twins) Brad, Logan, Utah, and Brooke, Columbus, Ohio; younger brothers, Daniel of Salt Lake City and Adam of Hyde Park. maternal grandmother, Veda Jorgensen, Vernal, and paternal grandparents, Aral and Elaine Allred, Hyde Park.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 13, at the Hyde Park Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial followed in the Hyde Park Cemetery. Information from the *Davis Standard-Examiner and Deseret News*.

## Gary Thomas Allred Restaurant Chain Chief Executive Dies in North Carolina

Gary Thomas Allred, 58, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, died unexpectedly Saturday, September 4, 2004. Gary was president and chief executive of K&W Cafeterias. There are 34 restaurants in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

He was born August 16, 1946, in Forsyth County, North Carolina, to Vivian Coffey Allred and the late Grady Thomas Allred, Sr. He graduated from Oak Ridge Military Academy and received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Wake Forest University in 1972. He worked for his father in the family-owned business and assumed the titles of President and CEO in 1986.

Like his father, Gary Allred loved the restaurant business. He was also founder of Southern

Market in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and was affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Restaurant Association and served on various boards, committees, civic and charitable causes.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Hicks Allred; three daughters, Natalie Allred Smith, Winston-Salem; Leslie Allred Fincher, Raleigh, and Julie Allred, Winston-Salem, and their mother Sue Bowen Allred of Winston Salem; his mother, Vivian Allred Dixon and a brother, Donnie Allred. Funeral services were held September 8, at the Wait Chapel on the campus of Wake Forest University. Burial was in the family plot at Forsyth Memorial Park.

Information from the *Charlotte Observer*.

# Allred Family Crest Winner

by Bob Olson

Rocky Mountain Allreds President

The Rocky Mountain Allreds held their board meeting on Saturday, September 25, 2004. It was held at Larry Allred's house in Farmington, Utah. In attendance were Larry, Norma Allred, Linda Bronson, Dusty Smith, Dale Allred, and Bob Olson.

At our RMA reunion in Salt Lake City this past June, we took a poll of the family members present to determine if the next reunion should be in Spring City or elsewhere. It was decided that it will be in Spring City. We are going to shoot for holding it on the last Saturday in June (the 25th). We have to wait until January 1st to make many of the reservations and arrangements so there is a slight possibility that the date could change.

We had a lengthy discussion about some of the lessons learned from the last reunion and some possible themes for the next one. It was decided that we will dedicate most of the next meeting to the reunion so if anyone is interested in participating in the planning or attending the meeting, please let me know. The meeting will be on Friday, October 22, 5:00 p.m. at Larry Allred's house.

One of the ideas we kicked around was to have a breakfast or brunch style meal in the late morning, with some activities before and after, instead of a hot lunch. We discussed some



Photo by Larry C. Allred

*Afton S. Kesler, Beaver, Utah, left, was the winner of the Allred Family Crest. The Rocky Mountain Allreds held a raffle for the stained glass overlay of the Allred Crest. It was created by Jonathan Goodrich. His mother, Sherral Goodrich, and Larry Allred presented the crest to her. She is the daughter of Verald W. (Westley) Spainhower and Maud LeVern Cowen. Her great grandmother, Elmina Allred Spainhower, was featured in an article in the Allred Family Newsletter, No. 58, Pages 13-15, by Jerald V. Spainhower. Afton, Verald, Rhoda, Elmina, Joseph Anderson, Isaac, William, Thomas.*

possible activities that could involve family members of all ages, and agreed to bring more ideas to the next meeting.

Dawnell Griffin has worked for some time to put together a comprehensive listing of Allreds interred in the cemeteries of Sanpete County, Utah. Alice Allred Pottmyer has been working with her to assist and to explore the possibility of expanding that effort to other counties. There was some discussion about ways the RMA could be involved and how it could be organized. We will include that item on the agenda for the next meeting.

At the last reunion, we had a beautiful overlaid stain glass window with the Allred Crest, which was made and donated by the Goodrich family. Raffle tickets were sold and we held a drawing to determine the winner through a blind drawing at our meeting. The winner was Afton S. Kesler of Beaver, Utah. We called her from Larry's house and gave her the good news and then made arrangements to deliver it to her.

We would love to hear from any of you who would like to help with the next reunion or assist in other areas. We welcome ideas for things to do at the next reunion and welcome any who may want to participate in the next Rocky Mountain Allred meeting.

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# George Scotton Allred

by Linda Allred Cooper

George Scotton Allred was born July 1, 1853, in Randolph County, North Carolina, as the rest of the country was preparing for the coming War. George's father provided a comfortable life on a farm, run in part, by slave labor. George was too young to fight in the War, but he watched his two older brothers march off to join the Confederacy, and he watched as only one returned. He was known throughout the community as George Scotton and always signed his name using both his first and middle name or middle initial.

The family belonged to Grays Chapel Methodist Church where, per church records, they were active members. Church was probably where George Scotton first saw his future wife, Amanda Jane Lineberry. Her family was also faithful members at Grays Chapel. When they married, Amanda's parents, Emberson and Sylvania York Lineberry, gave the young couple 20 acres of land as a wedding present. Perhaps they hoped to keep their young daughter close to home too. This land was located exactly two miles north of Grays Chapel Church along Hwy 22 in today's northeast Randolph County.

This land is where George Scotton and Amanda built their home and where Amanda gave birth to 10 children. Three of the babies were never named and are buried at Grays Chapel in little graves marked only as "Infant of George S. Allred." A fourth child, Hattie, died in 1897 when she was nine-years-old. There was a horrible diphtheria epidemic in the community at the time which we guess was the cause of her death, but the true cause of death is not known.

The surviving six children grew up in a loving atmosphere on the family farm.

Besides farming, George Scotton also made moonshine which he sold to the restaurants, clubs and bars in Greensboro. The train passed through George Scotton's property, conveniently close to the creek where the moonshine still was located. When he had a "batch" ready to sell, George Scotton simply flagged the train down and loaded his "shine" for its trip to Greensboro. Family stories tell that George Scotton would keep the moonshine revenue (tax) stamps in his pocket until the last minute. If he saw "Revenuers" on the train, he put the stamps on the jugs. If he didn't see them - and they didn't see him - the stamps stayed in his pocket until the next time. He figured "Why pay if you don't have to".

In 1892, George Scotton suddenly transferred all of his property into Amanda's name. Why? No one knows.

In the early winter of 1902 there was a tremendous and unusual snowfall that left over a foot of snow covering Randolph County. While going about the daily chores, George Scotton caught a bad cold which developed into



pneumonia. He died November 29, 1902, leaving his wife to finish raising their two youngest children alone. But, George Scotton had not left a will and all of their property and assets were frozen by the courts as was custom back then. Although the land was actually in Amanda's name, women had very few rights including the right to manage her own property without a man's supervision and approval. Everything was held in escrow until the youngest child reached the age of 21. Suddenly Amanda had no financial resources with which she could support her family.

The court appointed three "commissioners" to assess the family's personal property and allot a Widow's Allowance so she could support her family. This assessment and allowance process would have to continue each year until the youngest child, George Henry, turned 21. Amanda, used to a devoted husband and comfortable lifestyle, now found herself a widow with two children and having to seek court approval for every aspect of her life. She mourned herself to death and died seven months after George Scotton on July 10, 1903.

George Scotton and Amanda's oldest daughter, Dora, was already married to Heartha Elder when her parents died. This young couple took the two orphaned brothers into their home to raise. Dora had been teaching school in the Lineberry community of Randolph County, but quit so she could become a full-time substitute mother for her younger brothers, Jesse and George Henry (now known as Henry).

When George Scotton and Amanda's youngest child, Henry, turned 21, the family began the legal proceedings necessary to divide their parent's property.

Heartha was a fantastic business man who's instincts and knowledge quickly earned the family a fairly wealthy lifestyle. He moved his family to Siler City (Chatham County, North Carolina) in 1905 where he established a number of businesses including Siler City Hardware Store, Siler City Lumber Yard and Elder Motors and the first Ford dealership for the county.

Dora lived to be almost 104-years-old, her mind "clear as a bell" until the final moments.

George Scotton was Linda Allred Cooper's great grandfather. His son, Jesse Booker, was her grandfather.

# Notes and Comments on Renewal Forms

I'd like to read about my family line: Joseph Anderson Allred, Isaac, William, and the "original" Thomas.

*Marvolle Jordan  
Deer Island, Oregon*

You're doing a great job! I enjoy every page!

*Thurman Allred  
Groves, Texas*

You all are doing a great job!

*Juan J. Allred  
Kaysville, Utah*

I would like to learn more about the Pembertons.

*Wanda Fuxan  
Covington, Louisiana*

I'd like to read more about William and Elizabeth Diffie Allred and their children. I am also interested in knowing more about their grandson, Albert Allred (my great grandfather) who was born in Randolph County and came to Surry County, NC, in the 1850's. His parents were John and Mary Spoon Allred. I would like to know what happened to his sisters. I would also like to know how that family is connected to Murphy Allred, son of Jesse Allred, of Randolph County. Murphy came to Mt. Airy at the same time as Albert Allred. They bought land next to each other. Their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren have maintained contact all these years but do not know if they are related or not. It was just assumed. I would like to know more about these families

*Jane Allred Hawks  
Mt. Airy, North Carolina*

I love everything about the newsletter - stories, histories and the places our ancestors lived. I am a descendant of the "original" Thomas.

*LaDawn Allred Latt Clark  
Buhl, Idaho*

You are doing great!

*Barbara Sanders  
Hurricane, Utah*

My husband's great grandfather was John Durk Allred. I haven't made a connection yet. Could you please help me! Thanks! I enjoy my newsletter. I read it from cover to cover when I receive it! Keep up the good work!

*Mae T. Powell  
Archdale, North Carolina*

(Dear Mae: per the Allred Family Roster ([www.allredroster.com](http://www.allredroster.com)), Damily line was is John Durk, Calvert, John, Thomas. John's middle name has been spelled a variety of ways including Dirk and Derrick which has confused a lot of people, including me, on occasion. Elijah and family are listed on the 1860 Randolph County census. John was 9-years-old at the time. John and wife, Frances C., are listed on the 1870 Randolph County census, both 19-years-old. Please let me know if you need anything else. Linda Allred Cooper)

You are doing a great job informing us of the family. Keep up the variety of information!

*Don Z. Allred  
Elmo, Montana*

I'd like to read more about the research contacts in England. Also, I need to get a copy of a book published in 1905 in England. Can anyone give me tips on where to look? (answer: What type of book is it? If it was published by a publishing house, try [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). They carry a lot of old books which are no longer in publication.)

*Peggy Nunes  
Kapolei, Hawaii*

Linda Allred Steele of Vernal, UT writes: Thanks for the Allred Family Newsletter and all your hard work!

*Linda Allred Steele  
Vernal, Utah*

I'd like to read more about the descendants of Sarah Allred and I'd love to correspond with those descendants.

*Maxine G. Hertrich  
Santa Monica, California*

(Editor's note: Maxine, we have many Sarah Allreds in our database. Would you be interested in submitting a short story or article about "your" Sarah, telling us who she was, where she lived and a little about her life and family? This might inspire some of her descendants to come forward with more information.)

You're doing a great job!

*Gerald and Leila Nielson  
Salt Lake City, Utah*

I'd like to read more about Reddick R. Allred (my great grandfather).

*Sandra Allred Bedford  
Colville, Washington*

The newsletters are always wonderful. I enjoy whatever our super editor puts together!

*Donna Mackert  
Herriman, Utah*

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## East Coast Allred Trip to Old Salem, North Carolina

The ECAFA is hosting a one-day trip to Old Salem on Saturday, November 6, 2004. For more information, visit <http://www.allredfamily.com/oldsalem.htm> or contact Linda Allred Cooper at 919-642-0422.



# Gift Giving

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A new member kit and a gift acknowledgement will be sent to these new members.

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## Rocky Mountain Allred Gift Suggestions

The Rocky Mountains Allreds have several items for sale. Photos and descriptions of the items are posted on the AFO Web site:

[www.allredfamily.org](http://www.allredfamily.org) and then go to Rocky Mountain Allreds and then Fund Raisers and Stuff to Buy.

If you do not have online computer access these are the items:

**16 oz. glass mugs** with AFO etched on one side and the Allred crest etched on the other. When ordering, specify right handed or left handed mug. \$20 each.

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### My Genealogy Getting Started Book -

perfect for beginners. Each book has a pedigree chart with a color AFO Crest water mark, and blank pedigree charts and family group sheets. Between each family group sheet is a document and source page. In the front of each book are directions on how to fill out each form. Color books are \$15 and black and white are \$12.

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# President's Message

During the past months, Beth and I enjoyed our time at the Rocky Mountain Allred Reunion in Utah, the East Coast Allred reunion in North Carolina, and researching some of my own Allreds in Missouri, Illinois, and Iowa 1850 to 1880.

The East Coast Family is very hospitable. We were treated to van tours to the North Carolina Archives in Raleigh, to Allred land sites, cemeteries, and other places of interest in Randolph County. To say nothing of the wonderful dinner on Saturday.

As an Allred from the West, I greatly appreciate all that has been done to bring Allreds together country wide, and to learn of our roots in North Carolina. Thank you for getting us all connected.

It is a privilege and rewarding experience to serve with the people on the Allred Family Organization Board of Directors. All business is handled by way of the Internet Chat List. The board members lend their expertise to the discussions because of their professional backgrounds and experience in journalism, genealogy research, finance, and business management. They make good sound decisions, and we are operating within a well planned budget.

The Allred Family Newsletter is always informative and interesting to read. Those of you with access to the internet, have available a world of information from our website with the click of a button. What a wonderful thing to learn of our hardworking, sacrificing, courageous ancestors. Through DNA we learn that we connect to the Aldreds in Manchester, England. We now need to know our family history 1700 to 1750, and their travel from Pennsylvania to North Carolina. We'll be working on that soon. Is it great to be an Allred or what?—YES!

So please reach out to your family members and ask them to join the Allred Family Organization. We need them!



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