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Alred's Purchase: Bedlam Green & Piles Delight

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Introduction

In the early 1750s, four men make their appearance in the land records of central North Carolina, in what is today Randolph County. While their names were spelled in sundry ways in the early documents, they are widely known today as John, Solomon, William and Thomas Allred.¹ As an illustration of the diversity of spellings of their names in the early North Carolina land records, consider these few examples: Solomon's name appears as "Aldricks," John's as "Allrid," and William's as "Allrod" and even "Elrod."²

Sustained efforts carried over many years by Allred family researchers have provided much information about these men. Recent DNA evidence suggests they were related, but the nature of their relationship is still uncertain.^{3,4} Another unsettled issue has to do with their origin: where were these four men before they appear in the North Carolina records?

There is a growing body of circumstantial evidence that suggests at least one of them—Solomon—is related to the Solomon "Alred" who appears on the tax lists for West Nottingham Township in Chester County, Pennsylvania, for the years 1724 and 1730, and may even be the same man.⁵ There is also mounting evidence that indicates the Solomon who lived in Chester

County is related to the John Allred of Eccles parish in Lancashire, England, who married Ellen Pemberton, possibly even their son who was baptized on 12 Nov 1680. An excellent discussion of the English connection, as well as that between the Allred and Pemberton families—both in England and in Pennsylvania—can be found in the report "Solomon Allred of Chester County, PA," and will not be repeated here.⁶ But what about the other three men, is there anything to suggest where they might have been prior to their appearance in North Carolina beginning in 1752 when Solomon received a land grant there? On this point, the answer seems to be "possibly" in the cases of William and John. That evidence is the focus of the remainder of this article.

A Possible Frederick County, Maryland, Connection

In the April 1992 issue of the *Allred Family Newsletter*, there is a research report by Dawnell Griffin in which she states that she had found two documents that placed one of these four men—William Allred—in Frederick County, Maryland prior to his move to North Carolina.⁷

The first is a supersedeas recorded by Robert Evins [Evans] of Frederick County, Maryland, against William "Alred" of the same county on

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24 Oct 1750.⁸ This was based on a judgment against Alred of 16 Jun 1750. Dawnell transcribed this document as follows:

At the Request of Robert Evins, the following supersedeas was Recorded October the twenty fourth Day Anno dom Seventeen Hundred and fifty [viz] Fred. [Frederick] County//You William Alred Thos. Heley & Joseph Tomlinson do Confess Judgements to Robert Evins for the Sum of four pounds six shillings & nine pence current money which sum was Recovered by the said Robert Evins against William Alred on the sixteenth Day of June 1750 before Joseph Chapline one of his Lordships Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid the said sum of one pound six shillings & nine pence to be [off the page] Your Bodies goods and Chattles lands or Tenements for the use of the said Robert Evins in case the said William Alred shall not satisfie & pay the sd Robert Evins the said one pound Six Shillings & nine pence so as aforsd. Recovered against him with the additional Cost thereon the tenth Day of February next taken before Joseph Chapline.

The name transcribed by Dawnell as "Thos. Heley" is actually "Thos. Keley," also seen in the Frederick County records as "Thomas Kelly" and "Thomas Kelley," a name that will be revisited later.

So what is a supersedeas? It is simply a writ containing a command to stay legal proceedings. They were typically recorded as the result of a

fine or judgment of the court, or the settlement of a suit, out of court, between the parties in the presence of a Justice of the Peace. It acted as a mortgage deed in which the loser of a lawsuit and his bondsmen agrees that he owes the money, and that if he fails to pay by a certain date, his goods or chattels or property may be taken in satisfaction of the debt. In this light, the document transcribed above simply records that Allred owed Evins money and that unless he paid up, Evins could proceed against his property. Thomas Kelly and Joseph Tomlinson were Allred's securities [bondsmen] on this debt. As will be seen later, it is likely both of them were probably Allred's neighbors.

The second document described by Dawnell is an indenture deed by which William "Alred" of Frederick County, Maryland, sold to Charles Higginbotham of same,

"...all that tract or parcel of land called Allred purchase being Part of Two Tracts of Land one called Bedlam Green the other called Piles Delight situate lying and being in Frederick County aforesaid ...together with all Houses buildings fences and improvements whatsoever..."⁹

This deed was made 14 Sep 1752 and recorded 2 Oct 1752. The consideration for the transaction was 70 pounds current money. The deed itself contains a metes and bounds description of the two parcels. It also recites that Bedlam Green consisted of 8 acres, while Pile's Delight totaled 117 acres. Allred signed the deed by a broken "W" mark in the presence of Thomas Cresap and Thomas Prather. He also acknowledged the deed, again signing in the same manner. Figure 1 illustrates both of the marks made by this William "Alred." It is worth noting that in the deed, the name is spelled "Alred" throughout except in one instance where it is written as "Allred."

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 Higginbotham the sum of twenty pounds to be paid to my Lord the day and
 above written
 * William Alred

Figure 1. Marks of William Alred in 1752 deed and acknowledgement to Charles Higginbotham of Frederick County, Maryland.

It is likely that the names Joseph Chapline, Thomas Cresap and Thomas Prather appear in these two documents because they were all justices of the Frederick County Court during this period. According to Papenfuse, Chapline became a justice at March Court 1748/49, the first session after Frederick County was formed from Prince George’s County, Maryland, in 1748, as did the other two.¹⁰

Joseph Chapline and his wife Ruhamah Williams made their home along the Potomac River not far from present-day Sharpsburg, Maryland, the town Chapline himself founded in 1763.¹¹ In 1739, Chapline began construction of his estate called Mt. Pleasant, moving there in 1740. This plantation was located on the Potomac River in the area of Snyder’s Landing about 1 ½ miles west of Sharpsburg in what is today Washington County, Maryland [formed from Frederick County in 1776].¹² It will be useful to keep the location of Chapline’s plantation in mind as it will be used later to help locate other nearby property.

While the above described documents are the only two reported by Dawnell in her search of

the Frederick County, Maryland, records, there are at least two others discovered by the author that almost certainly pertain to the same William Allred. The first comes from a record in the Frederick County Court of 1750 that directs Joseph Robinson, farmer of Frederick County and Sarah Robinson his wife, to appear in March Court 1751 to answer to the complaint of William “Alred.”¹³ The second is another super-sedeas recorded by William Downey against William “Alred” on 17 Aug 1752 for one pound nine shillings.¹⁴ It recites that it was based on a judgment recovered against Allred on 4 Aug 1752, to be paid by “10 February next.” This time security on the debt was provided by John Shepherd and Joseph Smith.

Despite an extensive search, the author has been unable to find any other trace of William Allred in Frederick County following the recording of the sale of his property to Charles Higginbotham on 2 Oct 1752. This could possibly indicate that he left Frederick County about this time.

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William Allred and his "purchase"

In the previously-mentioned research report, Dawnell Griffin noted that the transaction between William Allred and Charles Higginbotham took place in 1752, but that "the date and circumstances of the original purchase has not been found." Indeed, those facts have eluded researchers some fourteen years—that is until the author's recent discovery of how William Allred acquired his "purchase."

One piece of the puzzle can be found in *Settlers of Maryland 1731-1750*.¹⁵ This book is one of a series of indexes to land grants issued in Maryland during the period 1679-1700, and is based on land records at the Maryland Hall of Records in Annapolis. It identifies all grants of land made by purchase, a process involving the issuing of warrants, certificates of survey, and patents. This volume shows that Col. Edward Sprigg received a grant of 117 acres called "Piles' Delight Addition" on 9 Aug 1743.¹⁶ It also shows that Richard Sprigg, gentleman, received several grants as well. They include 560 acres called "Pile Grove" [14 Aug 1736]¹⁷; 366 acres called "Pile Hall" [6 Oct 1735]¹⁸; 724 acres called "Piles' Delight" [14 Dec 1742];¹⁹ and 75 acres called "Three Partners" [16 Oct 1735].²⁰ All of these grants were in Prince George's County, Maryland, but in that part which became Frederick County in 1748.

A second piece of the puzzle comes from another volume, *Settlers of Maryland 1751-1765*.²¹ It shows a grant to Col. Edward Sprigg of Prince George's County, Maryland, of 2,617 acres in Frederick County called "Piles' Delight Addition" [30 Jan 1751].²²

Who were these two men Edward and Richard Sprigg? In short, Edward was Richard's father. A detailed pedigree of this family has been published by Christopher Johnston.²³ It shows that Col. Edward's first wife was Elizabeth daughter of Dr. Richard Pile of Prince George's County, Maryland. This fact very probably accounts for the frequent use of the name "Pile" in the various

land grants to Edward and his son Richard. Dr. Pile left a will in Prince George's County dated 24 May 1731 and proved 10 July 1731 in which he devised to his grandson Richard, son of Edward Sprigg, several tracts of land, including one of 200 acres called Piles Gift, as well as a substantial sum of money.²⁴ Col. Edward Sprigg also had a brother named Osborn who also appears in the Frederick County, Maryland, records as will be presently seen.

While no details will be given here, it is worth noting that Richard Sprigg's tract called Pile Hall was situated along Richard Touchstone's Road and close by Touchstone's own property in Frederick County called Anchor & Hope.²⁵ Richard was a descendant of the Touchstone family of Cecil County, Maryland.²⁶ Members of this line later moved to Anson County, North Carolina, where they had connections with the Solomon Allred family. For example, on 10 Sep 1774, Solomon bought 100 acres of land in Anson from Stephen Touchstone who is most probably the son of Richard Touchstone.²⁷ This land is located in today's Richmond County, North Carolina, just south of the Montgomery County line. One final point might be made as regards Richard Touchstone, and that is that his wife was Sarah Johnson, daughter of Daniel Johnson. She had several sisters including Hanna Johnson who married Thomas Cresap and Elizabeth Johnson who married John Low.²⁸ This is of interest because it ties the Johnsons, Lows and Thomas Cresap to Charles Higginbotham: they were all involved with the border wars in the 1730s between Pennsylvania and Maryland, a dispute not settled until the survey by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon that finally established the boundary between the two provinces.²⁹

The question still remains as to how William Allred of Frederick County, Maryland, came into possession of the tracts called Bedlam Green and Piles Delight. The answer is found in the land records of Prince George's County, Maryland,

which contain the following four interesting entries.

The first is a deed dated 4 Aug 1746 [although the date is written 1740, it is almost surely 1746] from Richard Sprigg of Prince George's County, gentleman, to Joseph Robenett of Prince George's, for £ 60, a tract of land referred to as Robenetts Purches [Purchase], being part of Bedelem Green & part of Piles Delight, situated in Prince George's, bounded by the river bank at the end of the River [courses] of a tract of land laid out for William Allred, laid out for 21 acres part of the said Bedelam Green. Also, one other tract of land, part of Pile[s] Delight, laid out for about 129 acres. The deed is signed Richard Sprigg and was witnessed by Robert Wickam, James Rigs, Thomas Owen, and James Edmonston. It was recorded 3 Dec 1746.³⁰

The second is also a deed dated 4 Aug 1746 [actual date as written] from Richard Sprigg to William "Allred" [also spelled "Alred" in the document] of Prince George's County, for £ 50, a tract of land called Allreds Purches [Purchase], being part of 2 tracts of land, one called Bedelam Green, the other called Piles Delight, situated in Prince George's, containing about 8 acres. Also, one other tract of land, part of Piles Delight, at the end of the last courses mentioned, laid out for about 117 acres. It is signed by Richard Sprigg and witnessed by the same individuals as the one above. It too was recorded 3 Dec 1746.³¹

The third is another deed dated 4 Aug 1746 [again, this deed says 1740 but should be 1746] from Richard Sprigg of Prince George's to Thomas Keley [also spelled "Kelley in the document] of Prince George's for £ 50, a tract of land called Keleys Purches [Purchase], being part of a tract of land called Piles Delight, lying in Prince George's County, containing about 125 acres. This deed, signed by Richard Sprigg, was again witnessed by the same individuals as the two above, and it was also recorded 3 Dec 1746.³²

The fourth is a deed dated 1 Dec 1746 from Richard Sprigg of Prince George's County to Osborn Sprigg and to James Edmonston, for £ 400 the following tracts of land: part of Piles

Delight, to wit, 500 acres on the Potowmack [Potomac] River about 3 miles above the mouth of Antiatam [Antietam] Creek; a tract of land called Piles Hall, containing 360 acres lying near Israel Friend's Millroad & near where the said Road crosses a hill called Kittawkin [the deed also goes on to name several other tracts]. It was signed by Richard Sprigg. Witnesses to this deed were Benjamin Berry, John Gibson, Thomas Chittam, Edward Sprigg Jr. and John Hepburn, a provincial Justice of the Peace. It was recorded 6 Dec 1746.³³ Incidentally, James Edmon[d]ston of Prince George's County left a will dated 23 Jan 1750 and proved 10 Oct 1753 in which he devised to his son Ninian a tract of land called Pile's Delight, which must have been his part of the land acquired in the 1746 deed from Sprigg.³⁴

It is worth pausing here to say a few words about the two men who purchased parts of Pile's Delight from Richard Sprigg the same day that Allred did—Joseph Robonet—a name more usually encountered in the records as Robinett or Robinet—and Thomas Keley. The first of these descends from Allen Robinett whose name appears among those in a 22 Mar 1682 list of purchasers of land from William Penn: Robinett is shown with 250 acres.³⁵ His son Samuel lived in East Nottingham Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, which is adjacent to West Nottingham. In a deed of gift dated 30 April 1745, Samuel Robinett "of Nottingham husbandman" gave £ 31.5 to his eldest son Allen. He also gave 1 shilling to five other sons—Stephen, Samuel, Joseph, James and Nathan—and the same amount to John Bently and Thomas Kelly each of whom Samuel calls "son-in-law." In addition, he gave his youngest son George "the plantation which I now live on containing 175 acres forever," noting it could not be disposed of while his wife Mary was living. A grandson George Rentfro was also mentioned. This deed of gift was recorded 23 May 1745.³⁶

Samuel's son Joseph Robinett, whose 9 Mar 1730/31 marriage to Barbara Culin is recorded in the register of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chester County, is almost certainly the man who

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purchased land in Frederick County, Maryland, the year after Samuel made this deed of gift.³⁷ It is also a distinct likelihood that the Thomas Keley who purchased the tract next to Robinett on 4 Aug 1746 is his brother-in-law. Is it possible William Allred had some relationship with this Joseph Robinett and Thomas Kelly dating back to the Nottingham area of Chester County, Pennsylvania?

In any case, we now know that William Allred acquired his land "purchase" by deed from Richard Sprigg of Prince George's County on 4 Aug 1746. It seems he held this land for approximately 6 years before selling it to Charles Higginbotham on 14 Sep 1752. But, where was Alred's purchase located? Happily, there are several pieces of evidence which can help answer this question.

First, we know Allred's land was adjacent to the tract sold by Sprigg to Joseph Robinett. From the description in Robinett's deed, which mentions the river bank and river courses, we can deduce his land was on or near the Potomac. Moreover, since we know that William Allred's land bounded Robinett's, we can surmise that Alred's purchase was also close by the river as well.

For a second clue, it is useful to turn to the will of Col. Edward Sprigg which is dated 30 Nov 1751 and proved 21 Feb 1752.³⁸ The following is an extract from that will:

"Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Frederick Sprigg Six hundred acres of land part of my tract of land lying in Frederick County, called addition to Pile's Delight to him and to his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Margaret Sprigg four hundred acres of land part of my tract of land called Addition to Pile's Delight, to be laid off contiguous to the tract of Six Hundred acres of land which I have above given unto my son Frederick

Sprigg, to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Gilbert Sprigg four hundred acres of land part of my tract of land called Addition to Piles Delight, to be laid off contiguous to the foregoing parcels of land which I have given unto my daughter Margaret Sprigg, to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son James Sprigg four hundred acres of land part of my tract of land called Addition to Pile's Delight, to be laid off contiguous to the foregoing which I have above unto my son Gilbert Sprigg, to him and to his heirs forever. And it is my will and desire that the aforementioned four parcels of land shall be laid off from the tract aforesaid with all convenience speed by the surveyor of Frederick County as he shall be directed by my friend John Darnell, Esq. and Reverend Ghiselin or either of them. Item. I give and bequeath unto Robinett, seventeen acres of land part of my tract of land called Addition to Pile's Delight lying in the bottom adjoining to his the said Robinett field to him and his heirs forever. Item. That in case the buildings and improvements where Joseph Chaplaine now dwells are included within the courses of my tract of land called Addition to Pile's Delight that then, I give and bequeath unto the said Joseph Chaplaine one hundred acres of land part of the tract aforesaid to be laid off so as to include the said Chaplaine's buildings and improvements provided he, the said Joseph Chaplaine pays the caution money of one hundred acres of land to my Executrix."

Note that Sprigg gives Robinett 17 acres of his tract called Addition to Pile's Delight, and describes it as "lying in the bottom adjoining to his the said Robinett field." In fact, the metes and

bounds description of Pile's Delight in the 14 Dec 1742 grant to Richard Sprigg begins as follows: "Beginning at a bounded white oak standing near Potomack River side to the upper end of a Bottom called the large Bottom..." As is well known, bottom land is that low-lying land often found along the banks of rivers and creeks. So, the 17 acres devised by Sprigg to Robinett was almost certainly a piece of land adjacent to that which Robinett had acquired in 1746 from Richard Sprigg. This implies that Bedlam Green and Piles Delight were also close by or adjacent to part of Addition to Pile's Delight.

A third clue also can also be found in Edward Sprigg's will. Note that he says that "in case the buildings and improvements where Joseph Chaplaine now dwells are included within the courses of my tract of land called Addition to Pile's Delight that then, I give and bequeath unto the said Joseph Chaplaine one hundred acres of land part of the tract aforesaid to be laid off so as to include the said Chaplaine's buildings and improvements..." But we know Chaplaine's home was at Mt. Pleasant on the Potomac River at Snyder's Landing, about 1 1/2 miles west of present-day Sharpsburg, Maryland. This again places Addition to Pile's Delight in the vicinity of Piles Delight which is not surprising given the names of these two tracts. One other point worth noting here is the previously-mentioned 1746 deed from Richard Sprigg to his uncle Osborn Sprigg and to James Edmonston. It included 500 acres of Pile's Delight which is described as "on Potowmack River about 3 miles above the mouth of Antietam Creek." Collectively, this information indicates that Richard Sprigg's 724 acre grant called Piles Delight was located in the Antietam valley between Sharpsburg and the Potomac River as shown in Figure 2. Students of the American Civil War will recognize this as the area in which the bloody Battle of Antietam was fought on 17 Sep 1862. Also shown in Figure 2 is the location of Joseph Chaplaine's property Mt. Pleasant, where he moved in 1740. In addition, this figure shows the neck of land on the Virginia [now West Virginia] side of the Potomac River known as Terrapin Neck. It turns out that

Jeremiah York lived on the Potomac on the eastern tip of Terrapin Neck, just across the river from the Maryland side where Piles Delight was located, and where Joseph Chaplaine lived.³⁹ York will receive additional attention in a later section.

Chaplaine's property, as well as that belonging to William Allred, Joseph Robinett, Thomas Kelly and others, was located in the so-called Marsh Hundred of what was then Frederick County, Maryland. This hundred began at the mouth of Antietam Creek and extended along the Potomac River to the mouth of Conococheague Creek, up that to Vulgamot's Mill,

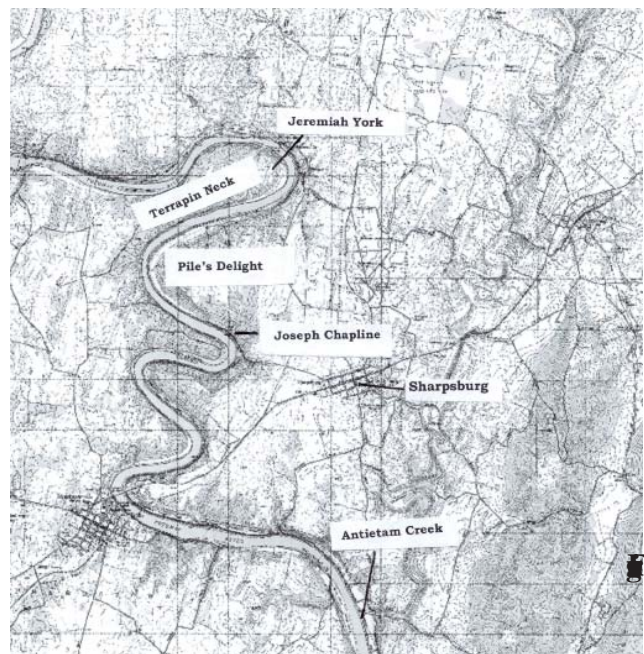


Figure 2: Sharpsburg, Maryland, and vicinity along the Potomac River

then followed the road from Vulgamot's Mill to Stull's Mill [near present day Hagerstown, Maryland]. According to Schildknecht, Nathaniel "Tomblason" [he was a connection of the Joseph Tomlinson we have seen before] and Joseph Robinett were constables of Marsh Hundred in the 1750s.⁴⁰ Schildknecht also reports that the road from Great Marsh to Antietam Creek was overseen by Charles Higginbotham who bought

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William Allred's land, and later by William Norris.⁴¹ In this regard, it should be noted that there is also among the Frederick County records a plea by Norris to the Court in which he states that for the past two years he has been overseer of the highways in the lower part of Marsh Hundred between the Marsh and Antietam. He then prays the Court to relieve him from the same: "The persons returned by me are Joseph Robinett, John McFaddin, William Norris and Joseph Tomlinson."⁴²

Jeremiah York, Samuel Finley and John Aldred

In September 2002, the author presented a paper at the annual Allred reunion held in Randolph County, North Carolina.⁴³ Among other things, it discussed Jeremiah York and also a man by the name of Samuel Finley who had some connection to a John Aldred of Chester County, Pennsylvania. Jeremiah York is well known to Allred family researchers as is the close connection between this York family and the Allreds in Randolph County, North Carolina, and elsewhere.

Like Solomon Alred, Jeremiah York also appears on the tax records of West Nottingham township in Chester County, Pennsylvania, between the years 1718-1729. He disappears from the Chester records about 1730 and there is reason to believe he left Pennsylvania about this time. He reappears in 1736 living on a piece of the Terrapin Neck land mentioned earlier. It is possible he was one of a small group of settlers who accompanied Jost Hite to that area in the early 1730s. John Browning bought 1,200 acres of the Terrapin Neck property from Hite, however it was subsequently granted by Lord Fairfax, proprietor of the North Neck, in three parts to Van Swearingen, Vachel Medcalfe and Jeremiah York.⁴⁴ York received a Fairfax grant for 323 acres of the northeastern-most part of the Browning tract on 7 Jun 1751. This was at the tip of the Terrapin Neck, along the Potomac. York sold this property a couple of years later to William

Chapline. This is interesting because it connects Jeremiah York with Joseph Chapline who was William's brother. From Figure 2, it can be seen that York and Joseph Chapline lived relatively close to each other although they were on opposite sides of the Potomac from each other. It can also be surmised that William Allred also lived close by on his purchase.

Now, what about Samuel Finley? His name also appears on the West Nottingham Township tax lists during the same period as Solomon Alred. His name shows up on these lists in 1718 while 1732 is the last year it is listed. There is some evidence Finley was still a resident of Chester County as late as 20 May 1735, when he was examined by Morgan Morgan, justice of an Orange County, Virginia, Court of 20 May 1735, over a charge by Joseph Evans "of Oppeckon in the County of Orange," that Finley "did steal a bay horse out of Pennsylvania and brought him to Joseph Evans and tould him that the horse wood serve Evans to fetch venison and go to mill with, use him as you will and do what you will with him." In the proceeding Finley confessed he had taken up the horse as a stray and brought him to Evans and that he had neither advertised the horse nor carried him to a justice or a ranger.⁴⁵ The case was disposed of when the Court ordered that Finley enter into a bond for 20 pounds "Current money with good Securities for his good behavior during a twelve month and a day and then be discharged paying costs."⁴⁶

Finley was in Prince George's County, Maryland, when he died leaving an oral will dated 16 Oct 1737 and proved in court on 2 Feb 1737/38.⁴⁷ The witnesses were Henry Enoch and Joseph Metcalf. What is more interesting is that Finley leaves his entire estate to a "Johnny Aldridge." Not only that, but Joseph Chapline became Finley's administrator and soon began settling the estate with an inventory and appraisal dated 15 Mar 1738 and proved in court on 29 Jun 1738.⁴⁸ The appraisers were Johannes Noll and

John More and Thomas Wale and William Norris were named as creditors.

On 28 Mar 1738, Chapline, in his capacity as administrator of Finley's estate, filed an Action of Debt against Joseph Evans of Cecil County, Maryland, who had been living on Evans Run located at the south side of present-day Martinsburg, West Virginia.⁴⁹ Evans is almost surely the same man encountered earlier in the Orange County, Virginia, records.⁵⁰ Evans "pleaded payment" of the debt on 27 Jun 1739. James Wood, foreman of the Orange County Court Jury called to try the case on 27 Jun 1739, returned the verdict for the defendant Evans.⁵¹

Joseph Chapline also carried out a second appraisal of Finley's estate on 24 Jun 1738.⁵² He then produced two accounts for the estate. The first, dated 24 Aug 1739, shows payments to Joseph Metcalf, Henry Enochson, Humbarson Lyon, William Norris and several others.⁵³ The second account, dated 23 Jun 1741, shows a payment to a Robert Finley, probably a relative.⁵⁴ He may be the Robert Finley of West Nottingham Township who left a will dated 10 Oct 1739 which was proved 24 Nov 1741.⁵⁵

So, who was the "Johnny Aldridge" to whom Finley left his entire estate? The best answer that can be given at this time is that he is also the minor who appears in the orphan court records of Chester County, Pennsylvania, in a proceeding held 30 May 1738.⁵⁶ In this proceeding, Finley's administrator Joseph Chapline set forth a petition to the court which was worded as follows:

"JOHN ALDRED having petitioned the Court Setting forth that being a minor and a Considerable Estate being left him by SAM'L FFINLEY which if not timely taken care of may Suffer very much and therefore prays to be Admitted to Chuse his Guardian which is allowed of and the minor Nominating JOSEPH CHAPLAIN of Prince George's in the province of Maryland who is hereby Admitted to prosecute & defend all Suits pleas and actions for and in the acct of the S'd Minor as the Law directs."

In other words, the Johnny Aldridge mentioned in Finley's will is also the John Aldred referred

to in the Pennsylvania records, and Joseph Chapline was his guardian. In light of the fact that Finley's estate owed money to William Norris—very probably the previously-mentioned man who lived in the lower part of Marsh Creek Hundred—and in light of the Finley-Chapline connection, it could well be that Finley himself resided in this area of Frederick County, Maryland, at the time of his death. In any case, we now have several people—William Allred, Joseph Chapline, William Chapline, Jeremiah York and Richard Touchstone—who either lived in the same general area of what was then Frederick County, Maryland, or just across the Potomac in old Frederick County, Virginia. Of these, Jeremiah York and Richard Touchstone had definite links to the Allreds of North Carolina. In addition, York, Joseph Chapline, Samuel Finley and John Aldred also had definite links to West Nottingham Township in Chester County, Pennsylvania, where Solomon Alred likewise resided for a time. It is not clear where the minor John Aldred was residing at this time. Since Joseph Chapline was named his guardian in the Chester County, Pennsylvania, orphan's court proceedings, it is quite possible he lived in Frederick County, Maryland, with Chapline, at least until he reached his majority. Could it be that William Allred was also living with Chapline until he purchased his own land in 1746?

In any case, it seems that the collective weight of these facts and circumstances could well indicate a relationship between the William and John Allred who appear in North Carolina in the 1750s and the William and John Aldred with Frederick County, Maryland, connections. This conjecture is given additional support by three further pieces of circumstantial evidence. The first involves Henry Enoch who was a witness to Finley's will as well as a creditor of his estate. No details will be offered here, but Enoch was a close associate and next door neighbor of a Jeremiah York in old Frederick County, Virginia. This is proved by several land and other records

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from old Frederick as well as by information which can be found in a history of this Enoch family.⁵⁷

The second bit of evidence involves the Trogdon family which had close associations with the Allreds later in North Carolina. A William Trogdon, likely the same man who appears in the North Carolina records in the 1750s, was in Frederick County, Maryland, at the same time William Allred was there. The Frederick land records show that on 27 Nov 1751 George Gordon Esq. recorded a supersedeas against him.⁵⁸ His sureties were John McFadon and Stephen Petrock. This was based on a judgment against Trogdon dated 24 Aug 1751. The same day, 27 Nov 1751, Petrock shows up again when Gordon recorded a supersedeas against Gabriel Wilkins.⁵⁹ This time, Petrock and William Norris—a name we have seen previously—provided security. Incidentally, Gordon probably appears in these two records because he was a sheriff of Frederick County, Maryland in the 1750s.⁶⁰ The William Trogdon mentioned in the Frederick County records is very probably the same man who appears on the 1755 tax list for Orange County, North Carolina [Randolph was part of Orange at this time]. In a transcription of this list, Trogdon is shown with one white poll [himself]. Interestingly, the next name on the list is William “Alred,” also shown with one white poll.⁶¹

The final piece of circumstantial evidence has to do with signatures. We have seen that in the deed and acknowledgement from William Alred to Charles Higginbotham, Alred signed with a broken “W” mark as Figure 1 clearly shows. What is especially interesting about this mark is that it looks very much like that of a William “Alred” of Orange County, North Carolina, who received a land grant there for 296 acres dated 11 Dec 1762.⁶² This William’s mark is shown in Figure 3.

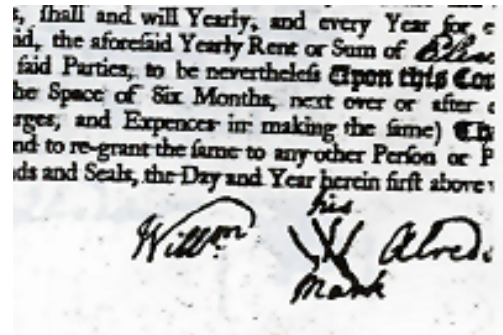


Figure 3: Mark of William Alred of Orange County, North Carolina, from a land grant dated 11 Dec 1762.

Could the William Alred who bought and sold land in Frederick County, Maryland, in 1752 be the same man who received this land grant in 1762 in what is now Randolph County, North Carolina?

There is a survey of this 296 acres and an accompanying plat map dated 29 Jul 1762.⁶³ It indicates that the land was surveyed for William Alred “Junr” which must mean Junior. In addition, there were two chain carriers on the survey. One is Major Lea. The other is William Alred “Snr” which would seem to be Senior. In another Allred Family Organization research report by Dawnell Griffin, she states: “The William Alred Senior who was chain carrier in 1762, I believe, is the William Alred who sold property to Charles Higginbothom in Maryland.”⁶⁴ Whether she is correct still remains to be proved. Also unclear is whether the William “Junior” who received the 1762 land grant is the son of the man called William “Senior” as it will be recalled that these terms do not necessarily carry the father-son connotation we use today.

It is hoped that additional research will shed more light on the facts and circumstances discussed in this article.

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- ¹⁸ *Ibid.* Certificates Liber EI 3/425; Patents Liber EI 4/344, cited in Coldham [1731-1750], p. 211.
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Allred Photo Archives and Ancestor Photos

At a Rocky Mountain Allreds (RMA) staff meeting, the photo archive availability was questioned. The group saw the need to clarify the photo archives and how it now works.

Many years ago, when the Allred family organized and was headquartered in Utah, a negative and hard copy photo archive was started. It grew in size with mainly photos of the western Allreds.

After the AFO Headquarters was changed to North Carolina and various regional Allred groups like the Texas Allreds and Georgia Allreds were established, photos from other branches of the family besides the RMA were provided to the AFO and increasingly used in the newsletter.

A discussion about the responsibility for maintaining all of these photos and the best way to make them available to anyone anywhere in the world took place between RMA photo archive personnel and AFO leadership. AFO to make them available to anyone anywhere in the world

With the advancements in technology since the conception of the photo archive and the desire by the AFO to make all photos easily available to everyone, the photos were put online. Now, if you did not know they were online because you have not looked at our AFO or Roster Web sites, or you are old fashioned like me and do not have the Internet, the Allred photos are online and very easy to access.

The original photo archive is now at www.allredroster.com then click on Photo Archives. All other photos more recently submitted are at www.allredfamily.com and then click on Ancestor Photos.

You can even go to your nearest public library or Family History Center and use their computers to gain access to these photos. Ask staff members there to assist you. Again, anyone can view them, download them or make CDs. These photos of our ancestors are free.

Submitted by Norma Allred, RMA President

Old English Volunteers Needed

The Allred Family Organization purchased the first two volumes of the Pemberton Collection 1641 to the early 1700s. The volumes are on microfilm and consist of correspondence between members of the Pemberton family, their business associates and other family members. This is the collection where the 1695 letter from John Allred, Manchester, England, to Phineas Pemberton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, was discovered.

John Allred was married to Ellen Pemberton. These letters and other documents are in Old English. Also because of age they are difficult to read.

To make reading easier, the two volumes have been digitized and placed in .jpeg format. The first volume, 1641 to 1683 is available on CD for anyone with a background in Old English that is interested in transcribing.

"We know there are more Allred clues in these two volumes," said Linda Allred Cooper, AFO executive vice president. Anyone interested in transcribing, please contact Linda at lacooper@mindspring.com or 919-642-0422.

James Tillman Sanford Allred Book

A book is being written on James Tillman Sanford Allred. The author, Sue Jensen Weeks, has requested information on his wife, Fanny Shantaquint. She died in Circleville, Utah.

If you have any information, would you forward it to her at: suejensenweeks@hotmail.com or 1485 Alta Circle, Salt Lake City, UT 84103.

Sue, Neldon Lamont Jensen, Carrie Lafern Allred Jensen, Edward Francis, James, T.S., James, William, Thomas.

Five Brothers Served Their Country

Five Allred Brothers from Siler City, Chatham County, North Carolina, served in the military during the time period spanning World War II, Korean War and Vietnam. They were the sons of Jesse Booker Allred (1891-1983) and wife Eva Hanks Clark Allred (1895-1947). Family line: Jesse Booker, Emsley, Jesse (1783-1844 of Randolph County, NC)

Jesse Clark Allred (1917-2001) was the oldest of seven children (5 boys and 2 girls) born to Jesse and Eva Allred. Clark was the first brother to sign up for duty in the military. In 1940 he was listed #2 in the draft and knowing the USA would probably be drawn into the war soon, he enlisted along with his best friend, Archie Ellis. Clark and Archie planned to enlist in the Navy but as luck would have it, the recruiter had closed the office for lunch. The Air Force recruiter spotted them and next thing they knew they were in his office and enlisting in the Air Force. The recruiter had filled their heads with visions of a brand new base in sunny exotic Florida where every man would have a choice of jobs all of the facilities were sparkling new. But, when their train arrived in Florida they realized the base was so new that it had not even been built yet. Their first job as military men was to dig a latrine ditch! Not exactly the glory filled careers they expected!

Clark was among the very first military troops sent to Europe and spent most of his time in England. He served in the Intelligence division as a gathering tool for information about foreign troop movements. After the war, Clark was discharged from Active Duty but remained a member of the Air Force Reserves until his retirement in 1976 as Lt. Colonel. As a member of the Reserves, he was called back to duty several times. One of these assignments was to travel to Germany to view and report on the newly erected Berlin Wall as part of the 83rd Orientation Tour ordered by President Johnson in the mid 1960's.

George Henry Allred (born 1919) entered the Army on September 18, 1941, reporting to Ft. Bragg, NC. He was sent to Camp White, Oregon, for basic training and in 1943 was sent to the Pacific and was stationed in Milne Bay, New Guinea, as a member of the 80th General Hospital. George's job was to drive trucks and ambulances, helping medical staff as much as possible. From there he traveled with the detached TC Headquarters Company, Base M Medical Section to Layte, Philippines, then to Lingayen Gulf and Clark Field. Landing the same day the infantry did, George was only five miles from the front lines during the invasion that liberated over 200 American POW's from Cabanajoun Prison Camp.

George was discharged on January 15, 1946, and returned to his bride, Marie, and a quiet life.

Harold Hearthy Allred (born 1923) joined the Navy on April 16, 1943. Unfortunately all of the "choice" jobs had already been taken so he was left with a choice of working on a submarine or PT Boat. He chose the submarine thinking it was the safest choice of the two. However, when his mother realized he would be in one of those "tin cans under the sea" she raised such a fit that Harold requested a transfer to the PT Boat where he worked as an engineer and gunner. Thankfully his mother didn't know that the PT Boat job was more dangerous than the submarine. They only operated after dark, often transporting spies or working behind enemy lines sinking enemy ships. Harold and the boat crew saw a lot of action in the European War but survived relatively unscathed. After D-Day, Harold was granted a two week leave to return home, then assigned to the Pacific where he began training for an invasion of Japan. The invasion never took place because the USA made the historic decision to "drop the bomb", thus ending the war.

Harold was discharged on February 1, 1946, and returned to Siler City where he took advantage of the GI Bill and attended college in Wilmington where he studied refrigeration and air conditioning.

Robert Hershall Allred (1927-1990), better known as Bobby, enlisted in the Army in 1946. After basic training, he attended Officer Candidate School then Airborne training. His first assignment was Japan where he was stationed during the occupation. As a member of the 82nd Airborne, he spent 18 months in Korea on the front lines. He was seriously wounded twice and was awarded the Purple Heart. After his tour in Korea, he was transferred to Special Forces where he stayed until his discharge in 1954.

Jack Allred (born 1929) was the baby of the family, and like his brothers, enlisted in the Army in 1948 making it a career of 22 years in the Finance Corp. He spent 13 years over-seas on various tours of duty which included Heidelberg, Heilbronn, Ludwigsburg, Germany and Orleans and Paris, France. Two tours to the Far East put him in both the Korean and Vietnamese Wars. While assigned to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in France, he met and married Barbara Ann Hoppus on February 10, 1954. Barbara was stationed there as a member of the Women's Army Corp (WAC) where she served as personal telephone operator for General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Jack and Barbara are the parents of AFO member Linda Allred Cooper.



Clark Allred 1942



George Allred 1944



Harold Allred 1943



Bobby Allred 1947



Jack Allred 1965

Allred Obituaries

Barbara Allred Aylesworth

Barbara Ellen Allred Aylesworth died January 14, 2006, in Carson City, Nevada. Funeral services were held January 17. She was buried next to her husband, Jack, in Inglewood Memorial Park, Inglewood, California.

She was a 12-year resident of Carson City. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as a Relief Society president. She was an active member of the Allred Family Organization.

Her husband, Jack, died in 1993. She is survived by three sons and two daughters: Robert (Janet) Olson, Roy, Utah, William (Tricia) Olson, Ogden, Utah, Michael (Tanya) Olson, Carson City, Diane (Howard) Rush, Carson City, and Brenda (Jay) Dossey, Gardnerville, Nevada, and a sister Pat Allred (Jerry) Scheib and a brother, Donald (Theresa) Allred, Woodland Hills, California, 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Barbara, Clement, Ephraim Lafayette, Reuben Warren, James, William, Thomas

Brandon Edward and Bradley Samuel Allred

Brandon Edward and Bradley Samuel Allred, twin infant sons of Patty Allred, Asheboro, North Carolina, died November 25, 2005. In addition to their mother, they are survived by twin sisters, Maddison Grace and Makala Faith Wiles, grandparents, Doyle and Norma Jean Auman and Cynthia Allred Whitley and Candance Auman, all of Asheboro. They were preceded in death by their grandfather, Merlin Edward Allred. Graveside services were held November 27, at Center Cross Baptist Church Cemetery.

Venetta Elizabeth Howell Allred

Venetta Elizabeth Howell Allred was born May 30, 1909, in Taylorsville, Utah, to John Albert and Annie Pearl Butterfield Howell. She married Joseph Parley Allred (*Horace Eugene, Joseph Parley, William, William, Thomas*), January 25, 1925. They had six children, 24 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Survivors include two sons: R. Lynn Allred, Gary P. Allred and three daughters: Donna Eastman, Lyla Jean Gough and Karen Francis, and three younger sisters, Verla, Carol and Violet. Funeral services were held December 3 in Riverton, Utah. She was buried in the Bluffdale City Cemetery.

Rosalin Venema Allred

Rosalin Venema Allred died November 30, 2005. She fought a courageous four-year battle with colon cancer. She was born May 21, 1962, to Ronald Davis and Marian Gerstner Venema in Salt Lake City. She married Ron Allred (*Ronald, Marvin Laddie Sr., Byron Harvey Jr., Byron Harvey, William Moore, Isaac, William, Thomas*) March 23, 1985, and moved to Rocky Ridge, Utah. She is survived by her husband, Ron; five sons: Stewart, Anthony, Nathan, Joel, William; three daughters: Abigail, Kimberly, Susannah and her mother, Marian.

Funeral services were held December 5, in Rocky Ridge with burial in the Rocky Ridge Cemetery.

Marjorie Tuttle Osborne

Marjorie Tuttle Osborne died December 3, 2005, from a massive heart attack. She was born in Eureka, Utah, June 24, 1930, to Eugene A. Tuttle and Lillie Olsen. In 1951 she married V. C. (Con) Osborne (*William Virgus, Ruth, Lovina Smith, James Tillman Sanford, James, William, Thomas*).

They were the parents of six daughters: Cherie Thompson, Carla Smoot, Christine Rowley, Connie Howard, Cynthia Van Uitert and Caryn Crandall, 26 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held December 8 in Provo, Utah. She was buried in the Spring City, Utah, Cemetery.

Ernest LeRoy Allred

Ernest LeRoy Allred died December 5, 2005. He was born to Dilbert Ray and Susie Kirkham Allred August 11, 1918, in Lehi, Utah. He married Viola May Blunck September 29, 1942. He is survived by his children: Patricia Bowser, Melvin L. Allred, Weston Ray Allred, Elaine Burgess and Karen Gorzitze, 22 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Viola, of 58 years.

Funeral services were held December 10 in Salt Lake City. Burial was in the Lehi City Cemetery.

Ernest LeRoy, Dilbert Ray, Dilbert Hyrum, Paulinus Harvey, Isaac, William, Thomas.

Joan Dobson Allred

Joan Dobson Allred died January 2, 2006. She was born June 6, 1921 to Cecil Henry and Ella McLaws Dobson in Tooele, Utah. She married Claytor W. Allred (*Claytor, Irvin, Isaac Edgar, Isaac Morley, Isaac, William, Thomas*) September 15, 1941. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Claytor, her daughter, Susan Taylor and her son, Steven Cecil Allred; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, sisters Dorothy Lea and Corinne Lougy. She was preceded in death by her father, mother and brother, Calvin, who was killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge January 1, 1945. Graveside services were held at the Tooele City Cemetery on January 6.

Send Reunion Information

Please send information about any 2006 Allred Reunions to Alice Allred Pottmyer. Contact information is on pages 2 and 19. This will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the AFO Web site.

Allreds That Served

Allred family members who served during the Korean Conflict will be featured in the next issue of the newsletter. Please send material and photos to Alice Allred Pottmyer. Contact information is on pages 2 and 19.

Linda Allred Steele

Linda Mae Allred Steele, 54, passed away unexpectedly from an aneurysm December 19, 2005, at her home in Vernal, Utah. Linda was born in Rangely, Colorado, on October 7, 1951. She was the daughter of Earl Allred (Reta) of Vernal, Utah, and the late Gladys Campbell. Linda spent most of her childhood years in Rangely. She married her childhood buddy, Larry Allen Steele on December 8, 1972.



Linda devoted her life to her husband, children, her church, to teaching the youth of her community and to the research and writing of history. She had four children, Michael Allen Steele (Deanna), Aaron Dean Steele (Amanda), Sterling Brooks Steele (Kristin), Benjamin James Steele who is deceased and two granddaughters Sydney Mae Steele and Adielle Mary Steele.

Linda was also preceded in death by her brother, James Vincent Allred (Mary Ann) of Rangely. Linda is survived by her brothers, Ray Earl Allred (Carol), Sandy, Utah, and David Glade Allred (Joanne), Rangely.

Linda graduated with high honors in history from Brigham Young University in 1974. At the time of her death was working on a master's degree in history from Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York. She counted as one of her greatest educational honors the opportunity to teach the youth of Vernal. Her publications include the story *The Kite* in the *Ensign* magazine and *James and Elizabeth Allred*, a history of her 5th great grandfather who settled Spring City, Utah.

Linda was president of the Uintah Schools Foundation, worked on the Uintah County Fair board and in positions with a political party. She served in church, scouting and other leadership positions.

Funeral services were held December 23, 2005, in Vernal.

Linda, Earl, Albert, James Franklin, Martin Carrol, James, William, Thomas

Dear Allred Family Members:

As many of you are aware, Linda had been working on her second edition of *James and Elizabeth Allred* for the past 10 years. She collected 10, 3" volumes of notes and research from which to write the first edition. Over the past 10 years she has collected another 10, 3" volumes of notes and research from which to write the second edition. She also collected and studied an entire library of books for background history and other information. Although I did not think she would ever finish her research, Linda recently announced she had virtually completed her research and was ready to start writing her second edition.

In addition to feeling incredible personal loss, I feel it a tragedy that she slipped away prior to completing what had become a lifelong effort. My heart tells me that I must finish this book for her, our family and the Allreds of the Rocky Mountain West. My intellect tells me no one can write the book Linda would have written. Although she was very organized and took excellent notes, there is no way anyone could recapture her lifetime of study of history and her knowledge of James and Elizabeth Allred.

However, I am determined for the benefit of all interested, we must do all we are able to capture what we can and put the same into some written form whether in a second edition of the book or in some other form such as a

memorandum of research.

Linda published 500 copies of the first edition and had received new requests approaching another 500. She did not want to reprint the first edition because she wanted to add new information. She has held interested parties off for years and felt an urgency to complete her work. She had estimated there would be a need for about 1,000 volumes of the new edition. My first effort will be to see if we can complete a second edition. If that does not work out and we decide to do a memorandum of research or some other form, I would like to reprint the first volume for all those who have expressed an interest.

Linda received some very helpful assistance over the past 10 years. Her notes refer to a need to include an acknowledgment portion thanking all of those who have assisted and contributed to her effort. I know her research trip through the Allred areas of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and

Tennessee with Alice Allred Pottmyer, Dawnell Griffin and Dawnell's fun daughter, Amanda, last summer was one of the highlights of her life. She often talked the assistance they rendered. She has been very appreciative of their help and the assistance of many others whom I hope to discover. I would like to be able to call upon them and others to assist with this effort.

I am still working full time as a state judge - more than full time. I have some health issues and risks of my own. This project will be a challenge to me. However, to complete Linda's work in some form is important to me. It will take some time and some help from many others, but I feel many are interested and I want to do it.

My contact information is:
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Linda Allred Steele

"It was a shock to learn of the death of Linda Allred Steele. The loss for her immediate family, that she loved so much, is immeasurable. Our sympathy and prayers are with them. I first met Linda at an annual Allred reunion in Spring City, Utah, and immediately learned that she was a special and talented woman (with a great smile) who was interested in accurate and detailed research. Her research and writing have aided our Allred family in learning more about the travels of the William and Eliabeth Thrasher Allred family and their descendants from North Carolina to Utah. The loss of Linda's research talent will be greatly felt by the Rocky Mountain Allreds. However, I do believe that her work ethic and influence can assist us in doing future research for our family," said Norma Allred, president, Rocky Mountain Allreds.

Allred 2006 Reunions

Rocky Mountain Allred Reunion

Friday, June 23, and Saturday, June 24, 2006

City Building and Park

150 East Center Street

Spring City, Utah

You are invited to join in the reunion activities at historic Spring City which was founded by Allreds in 1852.

The fun begins at 8 p.m. on Friday evening at the fire pit (southwest corner of park) with toasting of marshmallows and singing.

Saturday morning, registration begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 3 p.m. During these six hours there will be displays, items for sale, games for the children, food, time to visit and more.

A special event is scheduled between 10 and 11:30 a.m. A visit is planned to see the graves of relatives in both of the Spring City cemeteries. Information will be presented

about ancestors buried there. This will be done in conjunction with the children's cemetery scramble.

Lunch is available at 12:15 p.m. for a minimal price or you can bring your own. After lunch, at 1 p.m., a research report will be given and elections held for RMA officers. The fire pit will be available for use on Saturday night.

Self-contained trailers or motor homes are welcome to stay around the park perimeter. There is space for tent camping in the park. A limited number of motel rooms are available in the area.

Spring City is about an hour and 30 minute drive south of Salt Lake City. Please come and join your RMA cousins at the reunion.

If you need more information, contact Norma Allred, 801-773-2066. Also, information is posted on the RMA page of the Allred Family Organization Web site: www.allredfamily.org.

Randolph County, North Carolina Reunion

Reunion in Randolph County, North Carolina

Grays Chapel School

Old Liberty Road and Hwy 22

Randolph County, North Carolina

The 2006 Allred Reunion in Randolph County was still in the planning stage when this newsletter was on deadline. However, below you will find some dates and preliminary plans so you can make your plans to attend.

Thursday and Friday we will spend the days learning about our Allred Ancestors' participation in the American Revolution. More detailed plans will be posted in the next newsletter, but here is the preliminary schedule:

Thursday, September 7: Travel from Asheboro to Chesnee, South Carolina, to the site of The Battle of Cowpens which took place January 17, 1781. Cowpens was one of the most decisive battles of the American Revolution. Daniel Morgan led his army of tough Continentals, militia, and cavalry to a brilliant victory over Banastre Tarleton's force of British regulars. On the way back to Asheboro, we will stop at Trading Ford on the Yadkin River near Salisbury, North Carolina, where American forces crossed with the British a few miles behind after Cowpens. Alice Pottmyer has been doing research on the Allred participation in these events and will share her findings with us at these stops. Four Allred men were part of the militia unit involved in a skirmish against the British forces of Cornwallis at Trading Ford.

Friday, September 8: Spend the day in Greensboro at Guilford Courthouse Battlefield. After the battle at Cowpens and the skirmish at Trading Ford on the Yadkin River, British and American troops met again in at the Courthouse in Guilford County, North Carolina, on

March 15, 1781. This was the largest, most hotly-contested action of the Revolutionary War's climactic Southern Campaign.

Saturday, September 9: Our Main Reunion Day. All activities are at Grays Chapel School. Plan to spend a relaxing day visiting with your Allred cousins, swapping stories and showing off photos or family treasures. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon. Activities will include two genealogy sessions:

1. Updating everyone on research news and research trip plans
2. Explaining our expanding family tree containing newly documented family members who lived prior to 1750.

Activities will also include a replay of the very popular Ship's Voyage From England To America in 1692 which we enjoyed at the 2005 reunion. No one got sea sick and everyone enjoyed the feel of sea air and ocean water spray on their faces. How did we manage to sail from England to America in 1692? You'll have to attend the reunion and find out for yourself!!

Depending on interest, we may add another day to our schedule for those who wish to go on the Tour of Historic and Family Sites in Randolph County.

There will be a charge for the trips on Thursday and Friday. We expect a lot of interest and participation and will need to charge a fee to cover van or bus rental and gas. Reservations are required to guarantee seats. We will have more details and costs in the next newsletter.

In the meantime, for more information contact Eddie Clay Allred, Linda Allred Cooper or Alice Allred Pottmyer. Our contact information is listed on page 19.

Comments on Renewal Forms

I'd like to learn more about current research and the names of the researchers. The newsletter is great!

*Nellie Wilson
Sikeston, MO*

I would like to see more of the same - important and interesting reports like you are doing about your research.

*Arvel Allred
Vernal, UT*

I would like to learn more about the migration path of immigration from England to North Carolina.

*John S. Allred
Richmond, VA*

I would like to see a general printout of all of the Allred lines.

*Sherlene A. Larsen
Centerville, UT*

Editor's note: We would love to provide this but there are currently 152,284 family members listed in on the Allred Family Roster which is our largest and most up-to-date family tree database. To print out all of these various family lines would take many hundreds, maybe thousands, of pages. You can view the information online at www.allredroster.com. However, we will try to provide a 3-4 generation charts for each of the main branches of the family in future newsletters. The Rocky Mountain Allreds are working on one for the June 24 Reunion in Spring City.

You are doing a great job! Keep it up! Thanks so much! I wish I could travel and meet everyone!

*Ruth Allred Dipoma
Ogden, UT*

Editor's note: Plan to join us at the Allred Reunion in Spring City, Utah, June 24, 2006. It's not too far away and there is always a great crowd in attendance. I hope to see you there!

I definitely want to hear more about your research. I'm very pleased with the newsletter. Thank you!

*Maurine Murphy
Roosevelt, UT*

You have done a wonderful job. I enjoy every issue.

*Alta Warnick
Delta, UT*

I would like to read more about genealogy.

*Gene Sessions
Ogden, UT*

I love to read histories of family lines and

incidents that happened in the lives of our ancestors.

*Heidi Allred Nuttall
Pinesdale, MT*

Send more of the same group information about our great family - The Allreds!

*Evan Allred
Wellington, NV*

You are doing a great job on the newsletter. Thank you for all you do.

*Max & Rose Allred
West Valley City, UT*

More genealogy!

*Verdell Sorensen
Taylorsville, UT*

I'd like to see some articles on early counties around Asheboro (NC) in the late 1700s and early 1800s.

*Raymond Wood
Knoxville, TN*

You are doing good!

*Donney Allred
Amarillo, TX*

I would like to hear more about research in England - hoping a link to Ireland will be found. Grandpa Allred told me we were descended from an Irishman who met a little Dutch woman on the boat to America and they married when they arrived here. This story was "word of mouth" passed down to him.

*Martha Jo Allred
Rogersville, AL*

I would like some info on Allred Civil War ancestry and any musical history.

*Matthew Allred
Cedar Falls, NC*

Keep up the good work!

*George E. Allred
Idaho Falls, ID*

I think you are doing a wonderful job!

*Betty C. Tomlinson
Pocatello, ID*

I'd like to read more on Reddick Newton Allred and family. You are doing a great job. Thanks for all you do!

*McKay Allred
Fielding, UT*

I love reading the newsletters - keep up the great work!

*Triston Faulkner
Dove Canyon, CA*

Were there any known discrepancies in the DNA testing? I'd like to read some stuff about the Wyoming Allreds.

*Brent H. Allred
Logan, UT*

How about info on the Allreds and American Indian connections?

*Betty Allred Guerrero
Crossville, TN*

I'd like to see some new info on Solomon and Phineas Allred.

*Mark Lazarre
Baton Rouge, LA*

All Allred information is great!

*James D. Allred
South Boston, VA*

An information you might have on the Aaron Allred family line would be appreciated. The information preceding him if any is available.

*Barbara Dunnagan
Greensboro, NC*

I'd like to read more about the connecting link of the Allreds from England to America.

*Susan Hutchinson
West Valley, UT*

I like the reports on research. I appreciate the information about the early Allreds.

*Wilma Farnsworth
McLean, VA*

How about some stories about the Pioneers coming to Utah? Who was in the Civil War? Revolutionary War?

*Doug & Jolene Jacobson
Wales, UT*

Editor's note: Beginning with newsletter issue #58 the AFO has been running a series of articles about the Allreds in American Military Service. It begins with the War of the Regulation and the American Revolution. Issue # 60 contained information about Allred Civil War service. If you did not receive copies of those issues, please let us know.

I am paying for all three families (me and my children) for AFO membership for the next 10 years. How's that for support! Keep up the good work!

*John Whetten
Alamo, CA*

Everything is great!

*Clarence & Maralyn Allred
Salt Lake City, UT*

I'd like to read more about Thomas Allred and his descendants.

*Harritte A. Sutton
Lawrenceburg, TN*

I'd like to read more about the Rocky Mountain Allred families.

*Jana Weber
West Hills, CA*

Glenn Jones, Nacogdoches, TX, included some gravestone photos with his membership dues payment. These photos were taken in cemeteries in Panola County, TX, and include information about some "lost" or "unknown" Allreds. Fantastic Information! Thanks Glenn!

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President's Message

Another year has come and gone. We entered into 2006 full of anticipation and hope. Anticipation of what is to come and hope for a good year. It is my New Years Resolution that both come true for you and your family. I'm encouraged by comments made by individuals in the Winter 2005 issue of the Allred Family Newsletter. Keep them coming. We want to know what is on your mind. I welcome your comments. I'm here to serve you in any way we can.

Many plans are already underway for family reunions and research trips. I plan to attend as many as I can this year. I look forward to meeting you. Please keep sending in your stories and photos. We have a lot of work in front of us this year and by working together it will be accomplished. In my heart I think the year 2006 is the Year of Discovery. We are so close to uncovering so many things about our Great Allred Family Heritage. I truly think much information will come forward that will fill a large number of gaps that have been vacant for years. No matter how small or large, bring it forward for the betterment of all Allred Families.

The year 2005 did have some bad moments. We lost Linda Allred Steele who worked so diligently to uncover the Allred family heritage. Her work will live on in her writings and she will always be remembered as a person who did her best. Also, our Texas Representative, Mirion Cloud lost her husband, Skip, and in other states families lost family members. My heart bleeds for these families and it is my prayer they find the energy to continue to go forward. Cherish the memories!

Let us continue as one family, The Allred Family. We can do it by working together. You are welcome to phone, e-mail or write me about anything. YES, I will listen. We can and with your help continue to go forward for the betterment of all Allred families and future generations. Be proud of our great Allred family Name. Hope to see you at a 2006 Allred Reunion.



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