

American Revolution: Focus of Randolph County Allred Reunion



Kathleen Allred Jones, Washington, Utah, and her husband Paul, traveled to North Carolina to attend the reunion as well as participate in the American Revolutionary War sites tour in the Carolinas. During the reunion, she expressed her feelings about the experience of visiting Allred sites and meeting new cousins. On the stage are Linda Allred Cooper and AFO President Eddie Clay Allred.



Betty Allred, Randleman, NC., and Mike Marshall, Summerfield, NC, look at the reunion exhibits.

The 2007 Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, September 8. Start making your plans to attend! Pre-Reunion activities will be announced in future newsletters and posted on the AFO web site at <http://www.allredfamily.com/randolphconcreunion.htm> as the plans are finalized.

Once again - the September 2006 reunion was a wonderful success! As you know, our theme this year has been the American Revolution and how our ancestors participated.

Thursday and Friday were spent visiting Revolutionary War Battlefields at Kings Mountain, Trading Ford on the Yadkin River, Cowpens and Guilford Court House. We visited Historic Salisbury, site of one of the oldest public wells in central North Carolina. Presidents George Washington, Andrew Jackson and General Cornwallis all would have drank from this well.

Friday afternoon was spent touring some of the family and historic sites in Randolph County including Faith Rock, site of another Revolutionary War story. Our last stop was at the ancient Allred-Trogdon Cemetery where several Revolutionary War veterans are buried.

Saturday was our main reunion day. Everyone gathered at Grays Chapel School for activities that began at 10am with the 1682 ocean voyage of the ship *Submission*. Although some complained about sea sickness, especially during the storm, and there was snow on the ground when the ship docked on the Choptank River in Maryland, everyone enjoyed the voyage and came away with a new appreciation for what our ancestors endured during their own ship voyages to the New World.

How did we manage to sail across the ocean in 1682? You'll just have to come to the next reunion and find out for yourself!

AFO President, Eddie Clay Allred, a Randolph County resident, greeted his cousins and talked about his excitement about current Allred research.

People attended the reunion from Washington, Texas, Utah, Florida, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Judith Smith-Ross, Everett, Washington, traveled the furthest distance to attend the reunion. She descends from the "original William" Allred.

Allred Obituaries

Wanda Marie Williamson Allred died June 6, 2006. Wanda was born to Jim and Amelia Williamson July 6, 1959. She married her high school sweetheart, Brian Allred. October 22, 1982. Wanda is survived by her husband, J Brian Allred; daughter, Jennifer Marie (Chad) McLain; son, James Brian Allred; daughter, Melissa Marie Allred; parents, Jim and Amelia Williamson; siblings, Max (Susette) Williamson; Stephanie (Tom) Bracken; Julie Williamson; Travis (Anita) Williamson; Amy (Matt) Snyder; Jamie (John) Resch. Funeral services were held June 10, in Centerville, Utah.

Louise Allred Oswald died June 29, 2006. She died in her home with her children around her. Louise was born November 11, 1916, to Lothair and Charlotte Allred. Married Ralph J.W. Oswald June 26, 1936. Together they traveled the world while Ralph served our country as a Colonel in the U.S. Army. Louise is survived by two daughters, Nancy L. Dunfield Salt Lake City; Kathleen Bunnell (husband Duane) Provo; and a son R. Gordon Oswald (wife Sachiko) of Kauai. She has 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one greatgreat-grandchild, a brother, Demar Allred, and sister Marilyn Brown. Preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two granddaughters (Christy and Jamie), sister Edwina, and brother Kenneth. Funeral services were held, July 3 in Salt Lake City. *Louise, Lothair, Byron Harvey, Jr., Byron Harvey, Sr., William Moore, Isaac, William, Thomas.*

E Merrell Gomm, 80, died July 31, 2006, with his son, Craig, in an automobile accident in Lehi, Utah. Merrell was born in Star Valley, Wyoming, on June 20, 1926, to Ben Charles and Opal Louise Allred Gomm. He attended public schools in the Afton area, and graduated from Afton High School in 1944. He served in the Navy during World War II fulfilling his patriotic duties which gave him a great love for his country. He met his sweetheart during the war. Beverly Mozel Neves and Merrell were married February 15, 1946. He was active in the LDS church and held many callings. His favorite callings were missionary work and family history. He and Beverly served a genealogy mission. He was the first Eagle Scout in Star Valley, and served in many Scouting positions. He received his Bachelor's degree from Utah State University, and a Master's degree from UCLA. He taught thousands of children in his 40 plus years of teaching, in Utah, Wyoming, and California, and retired from the Glendora School District, in California. Merrell is survived by his wife, Beverly, of 60 years, and his six remaining children, Bryce (Diane) Gomm, West Valley, UT; Vickie Gomm, Azusa, CA; Judy (Greg) Larsen,

Kaysville, UT; Mark (Audrey) Gomm, Rescue, CA; Rosemarie (Dan) Caylor, Draper, UT; Keven (Debbie) Gomm, Sandy, UT; four brothers Bryant, Ben, Thiel, and Lyle; sister Lila; 40 grandchildren and 51 greatgrandchildren. Funeral services were held August 4 in the Salt Lake Valley. Interment was in the Millville, Utah. Cemetery. *E Merrell, Opal Louise, Edwin Nelson, Medwin Newton, William Moore, Isac, William, Thomas.*

Craig Merrell Gomm died July 31, 2006, at the age of 58, due to injuries sustained in a car accident while traveling with his parents in Lehi, Utah. His father, E Merrell Gomm, also died in that accident. Craig was born in Logan, Utah, to E Merrell and Beverly Gomm on October 12, 1947. His parents moved the family to Azusa, California, while he was young. He graduated from Azusa High School. He was a man of great stature and proudly served his country in the Army during the Vietnam War, where he sustained life-long injuries. He then worked for Maxfield's Candy Co. in Salt Lake City. He married Kathy Ekstrand on October 21, 1972, with whom he had eight children but eventually divorced. He returned to his parent's home in Azusa, where he he had grown up. Craig is survived by his eight children: Thomas (Wendy), Daniel, Orrin (Jody), Bradley, Tenderly, Deborah (Scott) Smith, Steven, Cassie (Brad) Johnson, David (Lindsey), his mother, his three brothers and three sisters, and his 15 grandchildren. Funeral Services were held August 4 in the Salt Lake Valley. Interment was in the Millville City Cemetery. *Craig, E Merrell, Opal Louise, Edwin Nelson, Medwin Newton, William Moore, Isac, William, Thomas.*

Elsie Rose Fischer Allred was born July 16, 1923, and died August 8, 2006, in Bluffdale, Utah. Funeral services were held August 12. She was buried in the Taylorsville Cemetery. Her husband, Owen Allred (*Owen, Byron Harvey, Jr., Byron Harvey, William Moore, Isaac, William, Thomas*), died February 14, 2005.

Joseph Martell Allred died September 28, 2006, at his home in Fountain Green, Utah. He had a long battle with cancer. He was the assistant fire chief in Fountain Green and was co-owner of Little Joe's Trucking, Inc. He loved to hunt, fish, and ride horses. He was an Eagle Scout. In high school he participated in rodeo as a saddle bronc rider. He is survived by his parents Bryan and Susan Allred, two brothers and a sister. Funeral services were held October 2. Burial was in the Fountain Green Cemetery. *Joseph Martell, Bryan, D. Euray, Wiley Eugene, Wiley Payne, Parley Pratt, Wiley Payne, James, William, Thomas.*

Stephen Allred: Asst. Secretary of the Department of Interior

C. Stephen Allred, was recently nominated by President George Bush and then confirmed by the U.S. Senate as an Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management. He has more than 40 years experience in engineering, management and leadership positions, half in private industry and half in public service. He also has a civil engineering background that will enable him to meet the technical challenges of overseeing Interior's Minerals Management Service, Bureau of Land Management and Office of Surface Mining.

Allred most recently served as a member of then-Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne's cabinet. In 2000, as Administrator of the Division of Environmental Quality, Allred successfully won legislative authorization for the formation of a Department of Environmental Quality, becoming its first director. Previously, Allred served as Director of the Idaho State Department of Water Resources and as a senior vice-president and group president for Morrison-Knudson Corp.

Allred is a board member of the Department of Energy Environmental Advisory Board; board member of the University of Idaho Research Foundation; and Managing Member of the Allred Consultants, LLC.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Idaho. Married for more than 40 years, he has two grown children. He descends from the following Allreds: *William Martin, John Allen, Isaac, James, William, Thomas.*

225th Anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown

Five members of the East Coast Allred Family Association traveled to Virginia to join in the celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown and the surrender of the British under General Cornwallis. Several thousand people attended the various celebrations and reenactments, many of which were broadcast on television stations including CNN and MSNBC.

In keeping with the 2006 ECAFA theme, the American Revolution and how our ancestors participated, we felt a great way to end the year would be attending the celebrations. Attending were Alice Allred Pottmyer, Sara Allred, Becky Allred Sexton, Ruth Ann Marley Jones and Linda Allred Cooper.

Thursday, October 19, the actual anniversary date, we spent the day in Yorktown. After watching the huge parade through the historic streets, we walked down to the water front to visit the ships docked there. These ships were replicas of 17th and 18th Century ships and staffed by crew members in period dress who gave tours and explained how life would have been on the high seas. A wonderful Brunswick Stew lunch was served on the grounds of Christ Church, one of the oldest churches in America. Local Allred cousin, Jean V. Helm, joined us and spent the afternoon guiding us around the historic town and sharing wonderful stories about the area.

Friday, October 20, was spent in Jamestown. Everyone was amazed by the archeological "dig" and artifacts that have been uncovered at the original Jamestown site. The museum and replica of the original fort was incredible and stories of John Smith and Pocohantas were shared by guides standing on the very sites where the stories took place. Our favorite part was touring more 17th century ships. One of these ships was estimated to be

like the ship, *Submission*, which our ancestors, the Pembertons, sailed on in 1682. As we stood in the "tween deck" and listened to the guide's descriptions, we gained a new perspective of that ocean voyage. If you have never been to Jamestown, we highly recommend it! The 400th Anniversary celebration of Jamestown is scheduled for all of 2007.

Saturday, October 21, was spent in Colonial Williamsburg. Reenactors in period dress were everywhere and gave us a real sense of having traveled back in time. The reenactors were "in character" and would talk and carry on conversations as if the decade was 1770 - 1780. The tour of the Governor's Mansion included a presentation about the Colonial Social Life - parties and gala balls. Did you know George Washington was very much sought after as a dance partner, hailed as one of the best dancers in Virginia? As we walked and/or sat to rest, we could over hear Patrick Henry and Colonel George Washington discussing the pros and cons of going to War with England. We talked with some women who were concerned about their husbands and sons going off to war. One young woman selfishly complained that she didn't want the War because it would mean no more shipments from England - where she bought all of her clothes. Several slaves were in town sharing their opinions of what freedom from England would mean for them.

At the House of Burgesses we watched the debate and listened to the arguments pro and con for War, then we watched as some troops marched off to battle. By the time we climbed back into the car for the ride home, we had a new appreciation for the American Revolution and what our ancestors experienced.



Allreds of Wichita Kansas descendants of Wm F. Allred and Effie Ellen Loe Alter Allred. William Franklin(Frank) Gibson Allred was half brother to Orlando Griffith Allred; Oldest son of Jerome Bonapart Allred and first wife Sarah Agness Griffith Allred; second wife was Elizabeth Anne(AnneEliza) Slack Gibson of Randolph County, North Carolina. Left to right; Richard Motes Allred, Eddie Allred Corbin, Tom Allred Frye, Larry Quick Allred, John Allred Frye, Kenneth(Butch)Parcel Allred, James(Jim)Allred Parcel, Fred Allred Mays(half brother to Tom and John Frye) all first cousins. Picture sent by Fred Mays.

AFO Web Site

During the next few months you should notice some changes on the AFO Web site. I will be working my way through the entire Web site, page by page, section by section, updating and doing some “housework.” We (the AFO) are also adding some new sections devoted to documentation and information about some of our collateral ancestors including (but not limited to) York, Trogdon, Diffie, Feree/Free and Julian. Birth/Marriage/Death (BMD) records from our British project a couple of years ago will also be added.

All of this is in preparation for a research trip to England tentatively planned for 2007. We want to organize what has been collected then step back and study it to see what is needed -

where the “holes” are- before traveling to England. Our hope is to learn more about our Allred ancestors by studying their friends, neighbors and in-laws.

If you have documented research reports, family histories, copies of documentation, photos, etc. that you would like to add to the Web site - now is a great time to send it to us.

As each page/section is being worked on you will see an “Under Construction” notice. When that notice disappears, the “housekeeping” is done for that page/section.

Your patience and input is very much appreciated during this process.

Linda Allred Cooper

Letters to the Editor

My dad, Wendell U. Allred, and I just reviewed the timeline for the research on the early Allreds. It is fantastic! And fascinating. I am amazed by all the sources that have been searched. We appreciate the research SO much.

*Beverly Allred Royer
Orem, UT*

I loved the time line and the two new documents in the last newsletter. I read it once and then reread it again.

*Sue Estep
Rieglewood, NC*

My mom, Barbara Allred Aylesworth, passed away on Jananuary 14, 2006. She was very involved and excited about the continuation of research into our Allred family line. In her honor, and to keep up with the new findings, I would like to take over my mothers subscription.

*Diane Rush
Carson City, NV*

Gift Ideas from the Rocky Mountain Allreds

The Rocky Mountain Allreds have three CDs available.

1. Allred Family Histories and Photos CD. This CD has 139 histories and 180 photos of families from the western Allred family. The cost is \$20 and includes shipping.

2. Our Ancestor CD, Vol. 1, by Rhea Allred Kunz is a collection of homes, property, families of Allreds that went to Chihuahua, Mexico, in the early 1890s. It is primarily the family of Byron Harvey Allred Sr. The CD is \$8. This includes shipping and handling.

3. Songs performed by Martin Allred on five CDs. Each CD is \$7 or the complete set for \$30. The cost includes shipping. The late Martin Allred sang songs of the West around the fire pit in Spring City, Utah, the evening before the Allreds reunions there.

Checks to the Rocky Mountain Allreds should be sent to Larry Allred, 447 North 200 East, Farmington UT 84025. If you have further questions, please contact Larry at 801-451-2742 or larrycallred@aol.com

Holiday Gift Giving Ideas

AFO Membership

If gift giving has you stumped, give a membership in the Allred Family Organization. Those you gift will receive a membership certificate and four issues of the Allred Family Newsletter in 2007.

A membership form is on page 18. If this is a gift, please write that on the form. We will let the person know this is a gift from you.

Allred Newsletter CDs

All back issues of the Allred Family Newsletter (No. 1—No. 69) are available on one CD-ROM. They are \$20. This price includes shipping and handling. Included is a Table of Contents that makes it easy for you to find the article or information you need to research. Proceeds go to the AFO Research Fund.

Please send your check to the Allred Family Organization, PO Box 1044, Pittsboro, NC 27312. Please indicate you want the newsletter CD.

Vietnam Information

We interrupted the flow of Allred family information on those who served in Vietnam. This will continue in the next issue. Names with service listings, plus any stories and photos should be sent to Alice Allred Pottmyer, 5540 North 32nd Street, Arlington, VA 22207 or email PottmyerA@aol.com. Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom are being accepted and will be used in chronological order.

2007 Allred Reunion Schedule

2007 Rocky Mountain Allred Reunion

The 2007 Rocky Mountain Allred is scheduled for Saturday, June 30, Spring City, Utah, at the Old School. A day of Allred stories and information, tours of the cemeteries, good food and fellowship are planned. For further information: Dusty Smith at 801-635-6444 or Alice Allred Pottmyer, 703-536-2398 or pottmyera@aol.com

Randolph County North Carolina, Allred Reunion

Saturday, September 8, 2007, is the date for the Annual Randolph County Reunion. Most Allreds have ties to Randolph County. The first Allred land grant there was in 1752. Plan to attend and meet your cousins and see some of the Allred sites. For further information, Linda Allred Cooper, 919-642-0422 or lacooper@mindspring.com or Eddie Clay Allred, 336-672-1229 or eallred@earthlink.net.

Texas Reunion

Texas has not held a reunion in two years. Plans are moving ahead for a 2007 reunion in the Fort Worth/Dallas area. If you are interested in assisting or attending, please contact Mirion Cloud, 817-444-4397 or skipcloud@highstream.net.

Send Reunion Information

If you are planning an Allred reunion in your area in 2007, please send the information to Alice Allred Pottmyer. Her contact information is on pages 2 and 19.

Comments on Renewal Forms

Please "re-up" my membership! I really enjoy all the great articles about our Allred family members. It is truly amazing how the branches of the family tree have spread across the country. Keep up the great work!

*Lynda Allred Keen
Birmingham, AL*

Mae Powell of Archdale, NC writes: Keep up the good work! My hat is off to all of you! You do a great job!

*Mae Powell
Archdale, NC*

You are appreciated! Keep up the good work!

*Donna Mackert
Herriman, UT*

I enjoy the newsletters and any family histories go into my book. I would like to see more photos though. The Rocky Mountain Allreds are my line but I am not sure which of the brothers I descend from. I need to do more research.

*Joy H. Woods
Hammett, ID*

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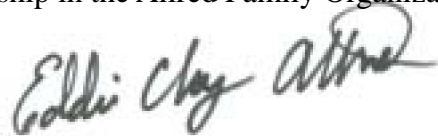
The AFO publishes a quarterly newsletter containing the latest family research news, family stories, photos and reunion information. It is a great way to keep up with your Allred family.

President's Message

Hello everyone. Hope you have had a great summer and fall. The fall rainbow of colors are so great to look at as another miracle of God's work. Winter will soon be here with cold winds and snow. Yes, I'm still a kid at heart as I still enjoy playing in the snow. As the year draws to an end I have truly enjoyed meeting as many of you as I could in various locations across the United States. Some very special moments that are embedded in my mind such as the time I spent with Miss Elsie in Utah will forever hold a very special place in my heart. The North Carolina Allred Reunion was a great event with an in-depth tour of sites where our family served in the American Revolution. Plus the story brought to life of the ship our forefathers sailed on from England as daily life of each person was brought to life form for a better understanding of the voyage as well as the human aspect of the voyage. Our forefathers were a strong willed people with a longing for a better life for their family and to be able to worship as they wish. The Allred Family is alive and well today due to family oriented families who pursued a dream of a better land called America. It is our responsibility to continue the dream of our forefathers. May we stand up to the challenge and continue to go forward as so much new material is coming forward. The birth of the Internet and email has created a fast flow of information that sometimes challenges our researchers. Keep it coming. No matter how small or large it is greatly appreciated. Only by working together we will succeed. I encourage each of you to get involved. I assure you it will be rewarding. May we all work together for the betterment of all Allred families. I look forward to hearing from you.

YES, I Will Listen. We want your input, especially the Letters to the Editor. Let us know what is on your mind. This is your newsletter. Have your say. As we approach the Christmas Season: From My Home to Yours, Merry Christmas to All and Happy New Year.

If you need gift suggestions, consider a membership in the Allred Family Organization. The form is on page 18.



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