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Allred Family Members Died in Crandall Canyon Mine Disaster

The August 6, 2007, Crandall Canyon Mine Disaster near Huntington, Utah, trapped six coal miners including Kerry Allred, Cleveland, Utah. As the world waited the fate of the trapped six miners, Kerry's first cousin, Bodee Allred, was often seen on television news with updates on rescue efforts.

For many days after the August 6 disaster, bore holes were drilled at different times to drop

Kerry V. Allred

Kerry V. Allred, age 57, passed away August 6, 2007, in the Crandall Canyon mine disaster. He was born September 29, 1949, in Price, Utah, to Vonal Knight and Agnes Irene Oviatt Allred. He married Bessie James August 12, 1972, in Salina Springs, Arizona. Kerry loved spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed playing the guitar and going to Sunday barbecues. Kerry loved to make people laugh and was always willing to help them. He enjoyed hot rod cars and was an avid NASCAR fan. He will always be remembered and deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife, Bessie Allred, children, Tifani (Mike) Marasco, Cody Allred, Salt Lake City; TyLee Allred, Cleveland; mother, Agnes Allred, Cleveland; brothers, Frank (Nancy) Allred, Miller Creek; Steve (Ginger) Allred, Cleveland; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Vonal Knight Allred. Memorial services were held September 13, at the Cleveland City Park.

Kerry, Vonal Knight, James Franklin, Parley Pratt, Jr., Parley Pratt, Wiley Payne, James, William, Thomas

cameras and determine the fate of Kerry Allred, Don Erickson, Luis Hernandez, Carlos Payan, Brandon Phillips, and Manuel Sanchez. Further tragedy hit this Allred family and other families on August 16 during a rescue attempt, another collapse happened and three rescuers were killed. Dale Black, first cousin of Kerry Allred, and son of Roscoe and Earlene Allred Black, was one of the rescuers that died that night. Also killed that

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Dale Ray Black

Dale Ray Black, age 48, died August 16, 2007, in a coal mine accident trying to rescue fellow miners. He was born August 24, 1958, in Price, Utah, to Roscoe and Earlene Allred Black. He married Wendy Sitterud September 18, 1982. "Bird" loved life. His wife and children were the most important to him. He loved to ride a 4-wheeler, hunt, fish and golf. He is survived by his wife, Wendy Black, Huntington; daughter, Ashley (Brad) Pruitt, Salt Lake City; son, Corey Dale Black, Huntington; mother, Earlene Allred Black; two brothers and seven sisters: Lynn (Bob) Louie, Salt Lake City; Lee (Clair) Cratsenberg, Huntington; Guy (Helen) Black, Price; Jacka (Russell) Jones, Castle Dale; Drew Black, Huntington; Gayle (Steve) McDonald, Huntington; Allison (Larry) Kosikowski and Gene (Lorraine) Campbell; Huntington. He was preceded in death by his father, Roscoe Black. Funeral services were held August 21 in Little Bear Creek Camp Ground in Huntington Canyon.

Dale, Earlene, Charles Earl, Parley Pratt Jr., Parley Pratt, Wiley Payne, James, William, Thomas

Two Allred Miners Killed at Crandall Canyon Mine Disaster

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night were Brandon Kimber another Crandall Canyon miner searching for his missing comrades, and Gary Jensen, an employee of the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA).

Benny Allred, brother of Bodee and cousin of Kerry and Dale, was also on the rescue team on August 16. He escaped injury that night.

The Crandall Canyon Mine, formerly Genwal Mine, is an underground bituminous coal mine in northwestern Emery County, Utah. When the initial collapse occurred on August 6, the six workers were approximately 3.4 miles from the mine entrance and approximately 1,700 below the surface.

During the weeks of search attempts, seven bore holes were drilled to drop cameras, determine air quality and monitor any activity. On September 1, 2007, Federal official called off the search after four weeks of failed search efforts.

On October 2, 2007, the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions held a hearing: Current Mine Safety Disasters: Issues and Challenges. The Crandall Canyon Mine Disaster was the focus. Federal officials and other mining officials spoke to the Senate committee.

However, on October 3, 2007, several family members of the entombed miners and their rescuers testified at a hearing of the House Education and Labor Committee. Most of those testifying at the Washington hearing were Allreds. All those testifying had photographs of their miners in front of them.

Wendy Black, widow of Dale Black, told the members of the House committee that her husband had told her that the mountain was rumbling with "big bounces that were registering" on

the Richter scale. She said she had never known her husband to be afraid to go to work. "But the last part of his life, he was."

Also at the witness table were Steve Allred, Kerry's brother and Dale's cousin, Cody Allred, teenage son of Kerry and Kerry's son-in-law, Mike Marasco.

Wendy Black, Steve Allred and Mike Marasco, testified as did relatives of two others miners killed at the Crandall Canyon mine.

Jim Moscou, *Newsweek*, reported that Steve Allred, worked the area mines since 1978. He told the committee that the lack of a union at Crandall Canyon fueled a deadly silence by its workers. The miners were afraid to speak up for fear of losing their jobs, he said. "A unionized mine would have let the miners pull back if they felt nervous."

Not all the Allreds were in Washington on October 3 when Black, Allred and Marasco testified before Congress. According to *Newsweek*, Bodee Allred, mine safety supervisor and cousin to Dale and Kerry, spoke for five hours at a closed session of an MSHA panel in Price, Utah. This panel is investigating the disaster.

Newsweek also reported the following: "For the Allreds, the Washington testimony was another step toward healing. Mike Marasco said he thought the hearings had gone well and had given him a sense of relief. Afterward Steve Allred looked like a drained man. Sitting on the steps of the Capitol, he stared out at the Washington traffic. This is all helping me," he said. "It's not closure. But it's a start. It's helping."

Compiled from a variety of news sources by Alice Allred Pottmyer.

Account Set Up at Zions Bank for Families of Crandall Canyon Mine Workers

A donation account was established at Zions Bank for the families of the mine workers affected by the Crandall Canyon Mine accident: The Crandall Canyon Rescue Worker Donation Account, as well as the Crandall Canyon Family Support Donation Account for the families of the deceased miners.

Those who wish to donate to either account may, make a deposit at any Zions Bank branch or call 1-888-788-1099 to make a credit card donation. Donations can also be mailed to the Huntington Zions Bank Branch, PO Box 60, Huntington, UT 84528.

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2007 Allred Reunion in Randolph County

Once again, a great success! Allreds from as far away as Texas, Alabama, Georgia and California were in attendance this year. Alabama and Georgia cousins visiting Randolph County for the first time enjoyed the Tour Of Historical and Allred Sites in the county on Friday before the reunion.

Several complained of sea spray in their faces and at least one (Jean LaCoss) got sea sick during the voyage across the Atlantic Ocean in 1682 aboard the ship *Submission*. The youngest Allred on the voyage, Sophia Soto (granddaughter of newsletter editor Alice Allred Pottmyer) enjoyed watching the dolphins and whales.

Genealogy reports in the afternoon included an explanation of how one of our current Presidential candidates, Senator Barack Obama, is an Allred descendant. See pages 12 and 13.

Plans for the 2008 reunion have begun. The theme next year will be the War Between The States 1861-1865. As plans are finalized, they will be published on the AFO Web site and in this newsletter.



AFO President Eddie Clay Allred shows Robert Allred, Zebulon, Georgia, left and his sister, Ann Allred Stringham, Anniston, Alabama, the graves of his ancestor William Allred and his wife, Elizabeth Diffie, in the Allred Trogdon Cemetery during the Allred Reunion.



Ron and Emily Allred, who attended the Randolph County Reunion for the first time, are shown with a photo of his grandparents. Ron's lineage is: Jesse, Maloy, Murphy, Lacy Clyde.



Harold and Rachel Allred in the foreground and George Allred and Emily Allred, look at the many handouts available at the reunion.



AFO President Eddie Clay Allred welcomes his many cousins to the reunion.

2008 Allred Reunions

2008 Randolph County Reunion

The theme for the 2008 Reunion is the Civil War - or, as my Grandmother called it: The War of Northern Aggression. The main reunion day is Saturday, September 13, 2008. However, we will have activities planned for Thursday and Friday before the reunion and possibly Sunday after the reunion. Keep those days in mind.

More specific plans and details will be published in the next newsletter and on the AFO Web site.

In the meantime, please contact Linda Allred Cooper at lacooper@mindspring.com or Eddie Clay Allred at eallred@earthlink.net.

Expect to experience a Confederate encampment, possible display of fire power and a funeral/memorial service reenactment during the reunion weekend.

Mark your calendar and plan to be in Randolph County, North Carolina.

Send Reunion Information

If you are planning an Allred reunion in your area in 2008, please send the information to Alice Allred Pottmyer. Her contact information is on pages 2 and 19. Reunion information is printed in the newsletter and posted on the AFO Web site.

2008 Rocky Mountain Allred Reunion Spring City, Utah

Allreds attending the Rocky Mountain Allred Reunion, Friday evening, June 27, and Saturday, June 28, 2008, will have opportunities to meet new cousins, catch up on the latest research news, visit the Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum on Main Street and see what is available on the Allreds. Friends of Historic Spring City is also nearby on Main Street and there are city records on the early Allred families there.

During the Mexican War in 1846-1847, several Allred and Ivie men were part of the Iowa Mormon Volunteers, known as the Mormon Battalion, that marched from Council Bluffs, Iowa, to San Diego, California. In addition to the men, two Allred wives traveled with the group as laundresses. Members of the Mormon Battalion Association, will muster during the reunion. You can learn more about the long march and the U.S. Army during that period.

Allred displays, a sales table, an auction and lunch are planned. Registration is free, but each family signing in receives a red folder with copies of the various presentations and any research update information. LouAnn Allred Blakley will be there with photos of Eccles Parish in England. You can drop by Don Christensen's table to hear some of his Allred stories.

Linda Allred Cooper is traveling from North Carolina to take the group on the 1682 Atlantic Ocean crossing of the ship *Submission* that held our Allred cousins, the Pemberton family.

The talented, Linda Green Isom, will play the famous violin played by Isaac Allred and his uncle, Isaac Allred.

Final East Coast Allreds 2007 Trip

Saturday, December 8: Trip to Biltmore House to enjoy the Christmas decorations and festivities: www.biltmore.com. This is America's largest privately owned home. It was built in 1895 by George H. Vanderbilt. The home is full of art, history and luxury. It is located near beautiful Asheville, North Carolina.

For more information about the ECAFA, visit our Web site at www.allredfamily.com/ecafa.htm or contact Eddie Clay Allred or Linda Allred Cooper. Contact information on page 19.





Allred descendant Terry Routh, left, participated in the reenactment memorializing the Battle of Sharpsburg, Maryland, on September 9, 2007. The battle took place 145 years ago, September 16-18, 1862.

Best Wishes

Mirion Cloud and Jessie Eugene Simmons were married Saturday, September 15, 2008, at the Crossroads Baptist Church, Azle, Texas. Mirion is the Texas Allred Family Organization Representative.

She and Gene live in Azle. They have several trips planned in the near future.

Recognition

James I. Bailey, DDS, has received the Academy of General Dentistry's Fellowship Award at a commencement ceremony recognizing AGD members' commitment to excellence in dental education. The award is presented to dentists looking to provide the highest quality of dental care by remaining current in their profession. In order to receive this award, Dr. Bailey completed 500 hours of continuing dental education, passed a comprehensive written exam and fulfilled three years of continuing membership with the AGD.

He graduated from the University of California, San Francisco, in 1973. He currently practices general dentistry with his son, Ryan Bailey, DDS, in Price, Utah. He and his wife, Paula Hanson Bailey, have seven children.

Allred Family Organization member, Desie Oviatt and cousin of Dr. Bailey, sent the information.

James, Ann Oleta, Ole Anderson, Parley Pratt, Wiley Payne, James, William Thomas.

Change of Address

If you are moving, please forward a Change of Address to the Allred Family Organization, 11707 Indian Ridge Road, Reston, VA 20191.

Allred Obituaries

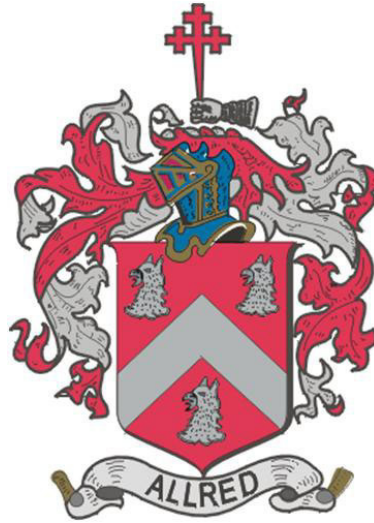
Hugh Davis, 102, of Spring City, Utah, passed away August 26, 2007, at the Mayfield Care Center (in Mayfield, Utah). He was born November 22, 1904, in Spring City to John Davis/Pavase and Pearl Allred (daughter of Orson and Lorena Sorensen Allred). He grew up farming, with his family raising cows and chickens.

Throughout his life he worked at many jobs in Sanpete County including building roads, plastering and building homes and working for the town sheriffs. Hugh was a "Jack of all trades and a master of none." He was known by everyone for his friendliness and humor. He had a clear mind and many great stories of Sanpete Valley's history. Hugh lived in his own home until he was 101. He was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, Stanley. Graveside services were held Thursday, August 30, 2007, in the Spring City Cemetery,

Angela Sheffield Allred, 32, Westmoore, North Carolina, died September 7, 2007, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, Pinehurst. Graveside services were held September 10 at the Allred Family Cemetery. The Rev. Wilson Harris officiated. She was a native of Moore County, a graduate of North Moore High School, a library and teacher assistant at Westmoore Elementary School and also an employee at Westmoore Family Restaurant. Survivors are her husband, James Allred, daughters, Makala Sheffield and Megan Allred and son, Nathan Allred and mother Tina Sheffield and brother Johnny Ray Sheffield Jr., and grandparents, Cranford and Marie Brown.

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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 2008.

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. 73) 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.

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Isaac Allred Book: Son of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred

If you are part of the Rocky Mountain Allreds, this book by genealogist, Dawnell Griffin, should interest you. Dawnell Griffin, *Dawnell, Chell, Amanda, Ephraim Lafayette, Reuben Warren, James, William, Thomas*, and the Rocky Mountain Allreds, hope to produce several Allred related books over the next few years.

Her book on Isaac Allred, son of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred, will be available in December. It is a hard bound book with approximately 500 pages that contains histories, family group sheets, photos, table of contents, 19 chapters and an index of names. The book price is \$75. There will be a shipping and handling charge of \$10.

When other books become available, you will be notified via the Allred Family Newsletter and the Web site: www.allredfamily.com.

“We apologize for not producing the book in September. More materials became available and we were able to increase the pages from 400 pages to 500 pages plus. These additional materials make this book even more valuable, said Larry C. Allred of the Rocky Mountain Allreds.” Larry Allred, production manager, also wanted to let those who ordered earlier that the delay was also due to his lack of experience in book production. “This first book has given me more experience and knowledge in what it takes to produce a book,” said Larry.

How Some of the Allreds May Have Journeyed to Texas

submitted by Judy McFarland

Elijah Allred was born October 20, 1801, in Randolph, North Carolina, to William Allred (1765) and Patience Julian. He was a very adventurous young man. In 1835 or maybe early in 1836, he heard about Sam Houston's plea for volunteers to help defeat the Mexicans.

He was about 34 years of age and single. He decided to saddle up his horse, Shirk, gather his provisions that included a blanket, a rifle, an axe, a frying pan, a sack of cornmeal and a slab of bacon, and head south to join Sam in his fight for Texas Independence.

You can only imagine his disappointment when he arrived in Nacogdoches to learn that Texas had already won independence. Texas independence was gained on March 2, 1836.

He must have liked what he saw in Texas, since he took his belongings and moved northward along Trammel Trac until he found unclaimed land that suited his fancy. Where he staked his claim is now the community of Fairplay, Texas. Fairplay is located near the present city of Carthage, Texas.

Elijah chose his home site among tall pines just north of Fairplay. He built a small cabin of logs and poles all by himself. This was the first house built in this community. Wild game was plentiful, but he needed bread. He cleared a patch and planted corn.

You might ask why Elijah is important to the William Stephen Allred family. The decision of his two brothers, Renne and Stephen, Sr., to follow him to Texas is what makes Elijah important to us.

In the year, 1838, at the age of 42, Stephen Allred, Sr., who was born May 2, 1796, and his brother, Renne Allred, born May 11, 1804, decided to leave Randolph County, North Carolina, and join their brother, Elijah, in the beautiful hills and pines of East Texas. No doubt Elijah had communicated with them about the abundance of resources he was able to find in East Texas. Renee and Stephen had trouble on the trip with their wagons. The broken wagons delayed Stephen, Sr., travel for about a year. Stephen, Sr. rented land in Tennessee and made a crop. He used the money to repair his wagons before heading on with his family to Texas.

Renee Allred may have been single since he managed to continue on the trail to Fairplay the same year to be near his brother, Elijah. He stayed there for some time before moving on to Grayson County, Texas, where he eventually raised his family.

Renee's great grandson became the governor of Texas, James V Allred. This makes James V Allred a cousin to our grandfather, Paw Allred, William Stephen Allred.

Stephen, Sr., wife, Jane 'Jenny' York and his family finally made it to Fairplay in 1839. He bought land and settled there with his two sons, Seymour, 12, and Stephen, Jr., 14, and one daughter, Jarittee, 16. His eldest son, Alford, married Margaret Whately in Tennessee and remained there with his new family. In 1841, he and his family also decided to move to Texas. There he bought land west of Fairplay and lived until his death.

Stephen Allred, Jr., born in 1824, who came with his dad to East Texas and married Mary Jane Howeth January 9, 1847, is our great, great grandfather. He was 23 years of age when he married. They had four children, two girls and two boys. He was quite a busy guy—married in 1847; first child, James Calvin, in 1848; second child in 1850, third child in 1853; fourth child in 1854. He died at the early age of 30, July 29, 1854.

Stephen, Jr., and Mary's first born, James Calvin Allred, is most important to our group because he is our great grandfather. James Calvin was born in 1848 and married Virilla Jane Gage Hall June 4, 1871. They had seven children, Important to us is Paw Allred or William Stephen Allred born in 1872, Pine Hill, Panola County.

James Calvin Allred, our great grandfather is buried on in Holleman Cemetery on FM Road 2496, 4 miles west of Mt. Enterprise, Texas. This cemetery is .7 miles off the road. A grave marker has recently been placed there. Glenn Jones located this grave and marked it with a homemade marker a couple or so years ago.

Glenn made a visit to the cemetery to try and locate the grave. He talked to a caretaker, who had him talk to an elderly man. This man told Glenn he could take him to the grave. The old man told Glenn that as a young boy he had played on Mr. Allred's "fancy grave." He told Glenn the original grave had concrete all over the top. Of course, this was gone, but the man told Glenn they could take an iron stake and find the curtain that was around the grave. Sure enough Glenn said in a short time, the man had located the grave. Glenn made a marker and marked the site until something permanent could be placed there. He also told Glenn where the old Allred home place was, but there was nothing left to see.

We are very fortunate that Glenn was able to talk to the two men and locate this grave.

The above information was taken from information provided by Teresa Barkat, a paper by Carole Gregory, taken from East Texas Family Record and Glenn Jones who communicated with the Allreds in North Carolina.

Some of the information may or may not be exact, but I think the important information is that we have located the graves and know that this branch of the Allred family came to Texas from Randolph County, North Carolina.

From information the Allred Family Organization Newsletter has provided that they have located the “original” grave of William Allred. This would be our great, (James Calvin) great, (Stephen Allred, Jr.,) great Stephen Allred, Sr.,) great, (William Allred, great grandfather (William Allred).

We now know where:

Grandfather—William Stephen Allred (born June 16, 1872, and died January 25, 1950)—buried Old North Church Cemetery, Nacogdoches, Texas.

Great grandfather—James Calvin Allred (born January 7, 1848, and died October 5, 1910) buried in Holloman Cemetery on FM Road 2496, four miles west of Mt. Enterprise, Texas. Cemetery is .7 miles off the main road. He was 62 when he died.

Great great grandfather—Stephen Allred, Jr.—(born 1824 in Randolph County, North Carolina—died July 29, 1854, in Panola County) buried in the Williams’ Historical Cemetery just west of Fairplay, Texas—grave is marked. He was 30 when he died.

Great great great grandfather—Stephen Allred, Sr. (Born May 2, 1796 Randolph County, North Carolina—died February 2, 1894 in Panola County, Texas) buried in the Williams’ Historical Cemetery just west of Fairplay. He was 98 when he died.



New grave marker for James Calvin Allred in the Holleman Cemetery on FM Road 2496 near Mt. Enterprise, Texas. He was the father of William Stephen Allred.



The family of William Stephen Allred (June 16, 1872 to January 25, 1950) held their annual family reunion June 24, 2007, in Lufkin, Texas. Thirteen of a possible 17 first cousins attended. William Stephen Allred is buried at the Old North Church in Nacogdoches, Texas. This reunion is held every June the Sunday after Father’s Day. Back row left to right are: Jimmy Powers, Kenneth Smith, James King, Glenn Jones, Dene Allred, Russell Jones, Mack Wayne Allred and Keith Allred. In the middle is Leta V. Allred, widow of William Henry “Billy” Allred. On the front row are Tommie Steve Elliott, Sue Evans, Judy Allred McFarland holding her granddaughter, Emma Kate Dalton, Eloise Hudman and Melba Rock.

The Allred Transportation Company: A Horse and Buggy Operation

1910, Wilson Allred and his younger brother, Birt Allred, were granted the mail contract from Moab to Thompson Springs, Utah. The train did not go to Moab in 1910. The area in southeastern Utah is now well known as a major outdoor activity area with both Arches and Canyonlands National Parks nearby. In recent years, the area has been the scene of several western movies and many television commercials.

However, when the Allred brothers as very young men, ventured to the area, it was a difficult to earn a living in the desert environment.

By 1910 the brothers were married and their young families were growing. Wilson married Laura Johnson and Birt married her younger sister, Sarah Anna Johnson.

Thompson Springs was on the Denver and Rio Grande rail line. Wilson Allred was president and Birt Allred was secretary-treasurer. However, Birt worked early and late driving the stage so his wife, Anna, had the secretarial job.

Moab was 32 miles from Thompson Springs. The mail contract paid about \$4,000 per year. Revenue from passengers was a welcome extra income source. A passenger was allowed 40 pounds of baggage free (an interesting parallel to modern air travel). It cost \$3 one way. A round trip was \$5. The trip took eight hours.

Roads and weather, both usually bad, bugged stages drivers the most. The roads were little

more than parallel snake tracks. Below Moab, a ferry towed the traffic across the Colorado River. When the crossing froze solid in winter, passengers, mail and freight went over the ice on sleds pulled by men.

From Moab, the route crossed the Colorado River and across nearby Court House Wash and on to the dugway in Moab Canyon. Today the road is less difficult. The road wound through shifting dunes and up a sandy draw. It then followed a rocky-bottomed dry channel and slanting slick rocks to sandy Seven Mile Ridge and then across boggy Seven Mile Wash, on to some sticky blue Morrison shale and then to Court House Springs and then went to a sandy bed on an upper crossing of Court House Wash. Then it was on to Klondike for nine miles that ended at the Valley City farm and reservoir. Today this is gone. The final run from Valley City to Thompson over an easy grade.

The northbound stage left the Moab Post Office at 5 a.m. Both mail and passengers were delivered to the Thompson D & RG depot in time to meet the 2 p.m. passenger train.

The southbound stage was ready to depart Thompson for Moab soon after it collected mail and passengers from the 6 a.m. westbound train.

The light Studebaker buggies were sturdy serviceable vehicles that required few repairs. Three touch hickory bows held the canvas top



The rock remains of the Halfway Stage Stop located at Courthouse Springs was used by the Allred Transportation Company during the six years of operation. The Stop began operation in 1883, when early freighters needed a place to stop for food, rest and water. Shown in the remains are from left, Mike Hirst, Deanna Hector Cummings, Christy Hirst Hoyal and Celia Hector Gines.

Photo by Margie Hirst.

and side curtains securely. Adjustable curtains could be tautly buttoned in place during cold weather or rolled up when it was warm. Isinglass windshields with slots for lines were used in wet weather to hold out cold and moisture. Woolen lap robes and charcoal foot warmers were also used during the cold months. The Allreds invested in horses that weighed 1100 to 1250 pounds.

About 1912, the Allred Transportation Company successfully won the Moab-Monticello contract for six or seven thousand dollars per year. Wilson Allred ramrodded the Monticello deal and Birt Allred handled the Thompson run.

Monticello was 60 miles away and took two days to complete. The halfway station near Looking Glass Rock was where the passengers spent the night before traveling onto Monticello.

In late 1916 or early 1917, the company was dissolved. A group of auto-minded businessmen organized the Moab Transportation Company and trucks took over the route..



Birt Allred



Wilson Allred

Both brothers operated the Allred Transportation Company from 1910 to 1916 in the Moab, Utah, area. Wilson and Birt, Wilson Monroe, William Hackley, James, William, Thomas.

This article is based on a speech by the oldest child of Birt Allred, B.W. Allred, for the Potomac Corral of the Westerners in 1972 in Washington, D.C. It was later published. It is condensed here by his daughter, Alice Allred Pottmyer.



Eight of the 28 grandchildren of Birt and Anna Johnson Allred visited the Moab area, September 17-19, 2007. They visited the former homes and two ranches their grandparents owned from about 1901 until 1945. They are photographed in front of the last Moab home on Fourth East where the family lived from 1933 until 1945. When the family moved there it was a two room house with an attic where the children slept. Shown (left to right) are Mike Hirst and Christy Hirst Hoyal, children of Frieda Allred Hirst; George Allred, son of Pratt Allred; Sandy Oliver Williams, daughter of Bertha Allred Oliver; Loren Johnson, nephew of Anna Johnson Allred; Alice Allred Pottmyer, daughter of Berten Wendell Allred; Judy Oliver Skalla, daughter of Bertha Allred Oliver and Celia Hector Gines and Deanna Hector Cummings, daughters of Elna Allred Hector.

Photo by Melba Allred.

An Allred In The White House?

by Linda Allred Cooper

We all like to compare who has the most famous relative and/or ancestor. The Allred family has several who make the list such as Governor James V Allred of Texas; Michael Allred, creator of MadMan Comics; Paula Poundstone, comedian; Corbin Allred, movie star; Bill Allred, jazz musician. Of course there are many more, but we haven't had a President to brag about until now.

Or, I should say, Presidential Candidate.

That's right – there is an Allred descendant running for President of the United States: Senator Barack Obama.

Now, you ask, how is that possible? Isn't his father from Africa? Wasn't he born in Hawaii? I asked the same thing when the information was first emailed to me, so I set out to document the family line myself and will detail it here.

Solomon Allred first shows up in North Carolina land records on March 15, 1752, when he received a Granville Grant (land grant) for 640 acres located “on both sides of Cane Creek” in Anson or Bladen County. Apparently the county lines were changing so rapidly at that time, the Clerk of Court didn't know if the land was located in Anson or Bladen so listed both counties. Cane Creek runs along today's Orange, Alamance and Chatham County lines, but the vague description in the land grant doesn't allow us to pinpoint exactly where this land was located.

On this same day, March 15, 1752, Solomon received a second Granville Grant for 640 acres, again in either Bladen or Anson County. But, this time an important landmark and clue was given. **The grant was for acreage located at the mouth of Sandy Creek and included “improvements by Solomon Aldricks.”** Today, the exact spot where Sandy Creek branches away from Deep River is located at the western edge of the town of Ramseur in Randolph County. By this description we know where Solomon's land was located.

We do not know – and may never know - what happened to the first tract of land. No one, to my knowledge, has found any documentation showing what Solomon may have done with it. We do, however, know Solomon sold the second tract of land on August 12, 1771 (Guilford County, NC, deed book 7, pg 58). Per this deed, Solomon and his wife, Mary, sold his 400 acres on Sandy Creek to John Lewis for 125 Pounds. He seems to disappear from land and court records for about three years, then shows up again on September 10, 1774, (Anson Co., NC, deed book D, pg 249) when he bought 100 acres located in Anson County, NC, from Stephen Touchstone. Using clues in the land records, which mention Mountain Creek and Buffalo Creek, we know this land is located in today's Richmond County, NC, just south of the Montgomery County line.

Papers filed in Richmond County, NC, courts (Estate Files, filed by county and person's name, NC State Archives, Raleigh, NC) show Solomon died intestate sometime prior to December 26, 1782. Whether due to wanderlust or a need for a change of scenery after the American Revolution ended, Solomon's family left North Carolina within a few years of his death. Some went to Georgia but most seem to have traveled over the mountains to settle in or near Overton County, Tennessee. This is where we find several of Solomon's family members living in the early 1800s. Looking at land records, it seems that Solomon's grandson, Jonathan (son of Theophilus), arrived first, showing up in Kentucky land records in 1806. Other family members seem to have arrived a few years later. Although the land they settled on was located at that time in Kentucky, the state and county lines changed over the next several years and that same land is now located in Overton County, Tennessee. On the map, just east of Livingston near the Fentress County line you will see the two communities named after these men: Allred and Solomon's Hollow.

The 1820 census shows Francis Allred, John Allred, Jonathan Allred and Solomon Allred in Overton County. Francis, John and Solomon were all brothers, sons of the elder Solomon. Jonathan was their nephew, son of their deceased brother Theophilus and his wife, Margaret Chaney.

The 1830 census shows 11 Allred families living in Overton County. The head of households listed are Solomon (roll 188), Robert (roll 204), William (roll 208), Solomon (roll 208 with no children), Solomon (roll 208 with young children), John (roll 208), Samuel (roll 208), Bailey (roll 209), Theofolis (roll 210), John (roll 210), Solomon (roll 210) and Jonathan (roll 211).

John Allred (son of Solomon) was born June 7, 1772, in Randolph County, North Carolina, and died November 5, 1828, in Newton County, Arkansas. He was married to Phoebe Thompson and together they had eight children:

- Samuel Thompson Allred, 10/6/1809-11/4/1857
- Templeton Allred, born abt 1811- died about 1832
- Solomon Allred, born about 1814, died about 1846
- John Jackson Allred, 1817-1908
- Johnathan Allred, 1820-1895
- Mary Allred, born abt 1819
- Sara Allred, born abt 1821
- Aaron Allred, 4/4/1824-6/26/1891

This family did not live in Tennessee long. John and Phoebe moved to Arkansas. Their oldest son, Samuel, shows up in the 1850 Federal Census for Newton County,

Arkansas (Osage Township) listed with his wife, Anna Bunch Allred, and 12 of their children:

- Samuel – 41
- Anna – 37
- Nathaniel – 18
- John – 17
- Obediah – 15
- Sarah – 14
- Phoebe – 12
- Isaac N. – 10
- Nancy – 8
- Anna – 7
- Mary E. – 5
- Orleana – 4
- Andrew – 2
- Samuel A. – 1

If you follow the rule that most census takers went from house to house, therefore people listed on the same page or near each other within the census were neighbors, Samuel and Anna lived surrounded by her family. Anna's parents, Nathaniel and Sarah Bunch lived next door with two of their children, Calvin B. (34), Larkin C. (23) and their grand-daughter, Frances A. (16) daughter of Samuel and Anna. Anna's brother, Charles, lived on the other side of them with his wife and family. Other members of the Bunch family are listed nearby on the census. Note: Samuel and Anna named their first son after her father, Nathaniel, and named their second son after Samuel's father, John. Their oldest daughter was named Frances possibly after a grandparent, the next oldest daughter was named Sarah after Anna's mother and their third oldest daughter was named after Samuel's mother, Phoebe. Eventually, Samuel and Anna gave birth to 15 children, the youngest being Reuben, Eliza J. and Cynthia E.

Samuel Thompson Allred died November 14, 1857, and is buried in the Liberty Cemetery located on Dryfork Creek and short distance from the Newton/Carroll County line.

Per the 1860 census, Samuel's daughter, Frances Allred, had married Joseph Wright who was 14 years older than her and already had six children including 12 year old twin daughters by his first wife: James M. (19), Obediah R. (14), Hannah B. (12), Linneury J. (12), Arminda M. (10) and Rachel A. (8). Per the census, Frances had given birth to two more children, Lewis (1) and Sarah M (four months).

Per the 1870 Federal Census for Carroll County, Arkansas, the Wright family had grown. Joseph and Frances are listed with the following children: Linneury (32), Arminda (31), Sarah (20), Thomas (19), Mary (18), Catherine (15), Abner (14), Emma (12), Margaret B. (10), Iredale (9), William (6), Martha (4) and Benjamin (2). Note: some of the names and ages do not match up to the 1850 census but I listed them as on the actual document.

Margaret Bell Wright, third youngest daughter of Frances and Joseph Wright, grew up to marry Thomas

McCurry. The 1900 Federal Census shows this couple living in Belleville Chautauqua County, Kansas (ED 1, sheet 8A, line 1):

- Thomas, 50, Farmer, born in Missouri
- Margaret, 30, born in Arkansas
- Jacob M., 14, born in Kansas
- Thomas W., 11, born in Kansas
- Joseph E., 9, born in Kansas
- Franklin W., 7, born in Kansas
- John R., 5, born in Kansas
- Leona, 3, born in Kansas
- Ruth, 11 months, born in Kansas

The only change on the 1910 census is Margaret using her middle name, Bell, and her second son, Thomas W., using his middle name, William. Their oldest daughter, Margaret, grew up to marry Charles Roland "Rolla" Payne in 1922. Rolla worked as a bookkeeper for a local oil company while Margaret stayed home to raise the children. Their first born was a daughter named Madelyn. She became a bank vice president. Madelyn married a salesman, Stanley Armour Dunham, May 5, 1940.

Stanley and Madelyn's daughter, Stanley Ann Dunham, was born in Kansas on November 29, 1942. She grew up to marry Barack Hussein Obama, a Ph.D. working as the senior economist in the Kenyan Ministry of Finance. Dr. Obama had been born in 1936 in Alego, Kenya (on the shores of Lake Victoria). Unfortunately, the marriage only lasted three years (1960-1963) but they did give birth to one child, a son, named Barack Hussein Obama, Jr. Barack Jr. was born on August 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii. He grew up to become the popular Democratic US Senator from Illinois and one of the front-runners for the Democratic nomination for President in the 2008 Presidential race.

Depending on the outcome of the 2008 Presidential election, the United States may have their first African-American President, Barack Obama, Jr. Although the world may know him as an African-American, the Allred family will know him as their cousin and Allred descendant.

I wonder if we can hold our Allred Reunions on the White House lawn if he receives the Democratic nomination and then is elected?

The Allred Family Organization does not support any political candidates. However, it is fun to learn about these connections.

Are We Related to Anymore Presidential Candidates?

Several people are seeking the Republican Presidential nomination and several people are also seeking the Democratic Presidential nomination. The Allred roster shows descendants from two different Romney families. However, attempts to contact anyone in these lines have failed. If you know of any connection or that of any of the other candidates to the Allred line, please contact Linda Allred Cooper at lacooper@mindspring.com.

Recently it was learned that Vice President Dick Cheney and Barack Obama are distant cousins. This is a different line.

The Story Tellers...

We are the chosen. My feelings are, in each family there is one who seems called to find the
ancestors.

To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that
somehow

they know and approve. To me, doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead,
breathing

life into all who have gone before.

We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes.

Those who have gone before cry out to us: Tell our story. So, we do.

In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before now and cried?
I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors you have a wonderful family, you would
be proud of us? How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there
for me? I cannot say.

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to, who am I? And why do I do the things I do? It goes
to

seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying I can't let this
happen. The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something
about it.

It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish. How they contributed to what we are
today.

It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness
to go on

and build a life for their family.

It goes to deep pride that they fought to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense
understanding that they were doing it for us.

That we might be born who we are; that we might remember them. So we do.

With love and caring, scribing each fact of their existence, because we are them and they are us.

So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation
to answer the call and take their place in the long line of family storytellers.

That, is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and put
flesh on the bones.

Author Unknown

DX Contact Spawns Urban Ministry in Greensboro, North Carolina

by “Al” Allred, K4ZKQ

Early one morning in 1961, while tuning across the twenty-meter band, K4ZKQ, “Al,” heard a strong radio signal—later identified as VK9NT in New Guinea. The first complete sentence was “We think the Methodists ought to be in charge of it.” That aroused the curiosity.

The “it” being discussed was a school being built by a U.S. aviator (Lt. Fred Hargesheimer) as a gift to a native village in appreciation for having saved his life in 1943. “Al” was told that of all of the non-native residents in New Guinea, the Reverend Wesley Lutton, Superintendent of the Methodist Mission, was held in the highest esteem. Later, “Al” had numerous QSOs with Norm, VK9NT, whose station was being used for contacts back to the states. “Al” also began corresponding with the Reverend Wesley Lutton. Wes wrote that he was from Ireland, and had sisters in St. Catherine’s just across from Niagara Falls. He hoped to visit them in the near future. “Al” responded to the effect that if you get that close, come on down to visit us [in North Carolina].

In late 1962, after arriving in Brisbane, Australia, for his next ministerial appointment, Wes sent “Al” the book, *We Offer Christ*, the story of the West End Methodist Mission. “Al” shared with the Reverend Charles E. Shannon, pastor at Grace United Methodist Church, the book, *We Offer Christ*. When returning the book, Pastor Shannon remarked, “Grace Church needs to do something like that in Greensboro.” He appointed an ad hoc committee to study Greensboro’s demographics, analyze local needs, and compare Grace Church’s resources for meeting those needs.”

In 1967, on a combination of faith and hope that other congregations would eventually join to support this effort, Grace UMC pledged \$15,000



“Al” also known as K4ZKQ and also as W. Darrell Allred in his attic shack.

for the first year’s operations. The Conference appointed the Reverend O. Roy Moss the initial director, with his conference connection through Grace UMC.

Fast forward—Minutes in the files at Greensboro Urban Ministries report a meeting at Grace Church on July 27, 1967. Until “Al” recently gave an expanded version of this account to the current director, Reverend Mike Aiken, those minutes were the earliest record that Greensboro Urban Ministry had regarding its founding.

“Al” is also known as K4ZKQ and also as W. Darrell Allred of Greensboro, North Carolina. The nickname applies only in ham radio. It comes from the first two letters in his surname. It is a carryover from his last active duty station in the Navy. He was called Paymaster at the previous duty station. When he received his ham radio license and had to use Morse code, he started using “AL” because it is only spelled one way and Darrell is spelled various ways, but pronounced the same. Early in his marriage, his wife, Marion was confused when a ham acquaintance would call on the telephone and ask for “Al.” She had never used that name for him. In the early days, she had to fight the impulse to tell the caller that he had the wrong number and hang up. However, after 45 years of hearing him called “Al” she isn’t confused when she hears it, but she hasn’t started using it.

Clemmons, Robert Julian, John Clement, Reuben Lazelle, William Darrell.

Notes and Comments on the Renewal Forms

What would you like to read about in the Newsletter?

I would like to read more about the North Carolina Allreds and the Lewis and Wilson families that married into the Allred family.

*Nellie Wilson
Sikeston, Missouri*

Everything! Thanks it is great! I have special interest also in the Mary Allred and David Sanders line.

*Jolene Allphin
Layton, Utah*

Continue updates of new findings and the individual reports and the old pictures.

*Margaret Moser
Greensboro, North Carolina*

More about the Western Allreds.

*Eids Lundby
Marana, Arizona*

Everything!

*Kim Alldredge Langdorf
North Salt Lake, Utah*

I would like to read more about the (now) East Texas Allreds who came to this area from Randolph County, North Carolina. For more information contact: Keith Allred, PO Box 155456, Lufkin, TX 75915 or 936-635-1853.

*Alvin Glenn Jones
Nacogdoches, Texas*

More on the Allreds that went to Alabama.

*Mirion Cloud Simmons
Azle, Texas*

More on the Allreds in Randolph County.

*Wm. Carl Allred, Jr.
Asheboro, North Carolina*

We love reading research reports and history that is common to all of us.

*Mark & Elaine Allred
Spanaway, Washington*

I would like to see pedigree and early family groups sheets.

*Verdell Sorensen
Taylorsville, Utah*

The connection of the Allreds in the USA to the Allreds in England

*Don Z. Allred
Quartzsite, Arizona*

As much information on Allreds from Tennessee and Arkansas as possible. I enjoy so much reading the newsletter.

*Mary Evelyn Allred Canales
Millersburg, Michigan*

You're doing fine.

*Allen B Rasmussen
Magna, Utah*

Research, research and more research.

*Bill Allred
Marietta, Georgia*

I appreciate the genealogy and reports on research.

*Maurine Murphy
Roosevelt, Utah*

I enjoy the family and individual histories with photos.

*Joy H. Woods
Hammett, Idaho*

Information on our family's roots in England is appreciated.

*Lynda Allred Kern
Birmingham, Alabama*

An article on the original Allred brothers and the routes they took.

*Donna Allred Ehrler
Dallas, Texas*

I like personal stories and photos.

*Tonya Spencer
Morraine, Ohio*

I especially value the research updates.

*Jeffrey Olson
Valley Stream, NY*

More information on James Allred, his father and mother, his

grandparents and also Elizabeth Warren Allred's history and parents would be appreciated..

*Loretta Hunt
Hooper, Utah*

Anything about James Allred would be helpful.

*Pat Allred & Jerry Scheib
Hyrum, Utah*

Continue with your present format.

*Elwood Allred
Greenwell Springs, Louisiana*

Thank you all for the wonderful job you are doing!

*Sharon A. Jessop
Pinesdale, Montana*

I love what I read each issue.

*Steve Bleak
Portland, Oregon*

Keep up the good work.

*Carma Smith
Inkom, Idaho*

The newsletter is very interesting. You are doing a good job.

*Calvin M. Allred
Fountain Green, Utah*

It has been great! We've enjoyed most all the articles. Keep up the good work!

*Doug & Jolene Jacobson
Wales, Utah*

I love everything about the newsletter. Just keep up the good work. My husband reads it before I get a chance to. He thinks it is great.

*Wanda Garrett Fuxan
Covington, Louisiana*

I would like to see the possibility of developing a detailed family tree. This could be mailed to members and ask them to fill in for their immediate family. It would be nice to have cities also listed.

John J. Allred, Jr.
Wilmington, North Carolina
Keep on doing what you're doing.
Howard and Carol Allred
Cumming, Georgia

My family line is the Solomon Allred line in America. I would like to see more about this line. My grandfather was Charles Thomas, his father Dennis Allred, his father Francis Marion Allred married to Serena Ann Daugharty, then his father, John Allred, who was married to Susanna Orurle. I guess I am from the Overton County, Tennessee, area and then North Carolina. My father, now deceased, was Luther Joel Allred. I have pictures of Francis and Serena which is neat!

Norman Allred
Eagle Point, Oregon

I really enjoy the newsletter. Alice Pottmyer is my niece. It is nice to learn more about the Allred family.

Frieda Allred Hirst
Orem, Utah

Any new information on the Thomas line. You're doing a great job. I thoroughly enjoy the newsletter.

Barbara Dunnagan
Greensboro, North Carolina
You are doing a great job. I always enjoy the research results.

Gwen Allred Christian
Centerville, Utah
All the content you usually have.

Francis M. Rogers
Portland, Oregon

Doing fine!

Don Mortensen
West Jordan, Utah

Information Assistance Requested

Claudine Allred Norwood, Wagoner, Oklahoma, is a new member of the Allred Family Organization. She is interested in learning more about her Allred lineage and hopefully get her lineage of Emsley, Samuel, George Washington, Charles Claudius "Claude", Claudine further back. If you can assist, please contact her at: norwoodsuki@yahoo.com.

She looks forward to meeting new cousins.

New Allred Genealogy Web Site

In a response to fill the gap left by the now unavailable Allred Roster, the AFO Board of Directors announces a new partnership with SharedTree.com.

Designed and founded by computer programmer Trevor Allred, *Clyde, Cohn, Orville, Byron, William, Isaac, William, Thomas*, the SharedTree Web site enables Allreds worldwide to coordinate their genealogical research efforts, share their family trees, upload photos, document source material, write family histories, and print charts.

This free service allows members to access and edit their personal genealogy from anywhere in the world and efficiently monitor changes to their family tree made by close and distant relatives.

Although SharedTree does feature security features that allow you to securely add private information, the AFO does not advocate posting personal information on living individuals. Please use your own judgment before adding names, birth dates and places, and any other private data for living individuals. If you have any questions, comments, or comments, feel free to contact him directly at trevor@allred.org.

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 919/548-7099.

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President's Message

Hello Everyone. Hope things are going well with you and your family as winter is upon us. The drought continues. I truly hope many of you had the pleasure of attending a family reunion this past year. The East Coast Allred Family Reunion was truly enjoyable as I got to meet many Allred Cousins. Those attending got a lesson in history in a day by day reenactment of the ship our Allred cousins traveled from England to the USA in 1682. Especially a measured out true size of the ship our forefathers traveled on. As the year winds down, I would like to ask each of you to look back and reflect on the many pleasant memories you have from 2007 that involve family. Cherish the memories. Plan to attend a family reunion in 2008 where the true meaning of family comes alive. Christmas is upon us: How about sending a friend or someone in your family a one year membership to the AFO and help spread the news about our great Allred Family Heritage. I continue to be encouraged as I read comments to the editor. I encourage you to let us know what is on your mind. We are here to serve you in the best way we can. YES, I Will Listen. My heart is full after learning of Edith Livingston passing. Edith has had a very special place in my heart ever since our first meeting in Quanah, Texas, in 2000 at the Rowland/Allred Family Reunion. She and her husband Glenn attended many Allred Family Reunions in many states including North Carolina. Her energy and enthusiasm will truly be missed by many. Glenn we love you and our prayers are with you. Now as we close 2007 with so many great memories I really look forward to 2008 as we begin another chapter in the Allred family history and with the help of people like you, the AFO will continue to grow. Enjoy the Holidays and Merry Christmas from My Home to Yours.

Eddie Clay Allred

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