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Melvin Alred is New AFO President

Melvin Alred, Rome, Georgia, is the new president, of the Allred Family Organization. He replaces, Eddie Clay Allred, Franklinville, North Carolina, who did not seek re-election.

Elected to serve with Melvin are: vice president, Linda Allred Cooper, Pittsboro, North Carolina; treasurer, Joyce Allred, Reston, Virginia, and secretary, Alice Allred Pottmyer, Arlington, Virginia.

According to elections chair, Larry C. Allred, Farmington, Utah, Melvin Alred, received 69 votes, Linda Allred Cooper received 69 votes, Joyce Allred received 70 votes and Alice Allred Pottmyer received 70 votes.

Larry Allred was assisted on the elections committee by Jim and Nancy Allred, also of Farmington, Utah. A total of 70 people voted in the election.

Allred Descendant Elected President

Barack Obama, a descendant of Solomon Allred, was elected 44th President of the United States November 4, 2008.

President-elect Obama, his mother, Stanley Ann Dunham, and his grandmother, Madelyn Lee Payne, all descend from Solomon Allred of North Carolina.

Members of his immediate Allred family moved from North Carolina, to Tennessee, to Arkansas, to Kansas, and then his mother and grandparents moved to Hawaii. He was born to Stanley Ann and Barack Obama in 1961 in Hawaii.

For more information on his Allred family, see *An Allred in the White House?* AFO No. 73, pages 12-13, by Linda Allred Cooper, and the

Letter to the Editor by Lawrence Kent, Ph.D., in AFO No. 74, page 8.

Allred Photo a Winner

A photo taken by Jeffrey Allred was recognized as Photo of the Year by the Associated Press Managing Editors. The photo is of a girl crying and waving goodbye to her father as he boards a plane for military deployment to Iraq. Allred is a photographer for the *Deseret News*, Salt Lake City. He received the award in October at the Associated Press Managing Editors/Photo Managers conference in Las Vegas. Jeffrey Allred grew up in Logan Utah and graduated from Utah State University.

Submitted by Pat Allred Schieb.

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Randolph County Reunion 2008 Reunion

The Civil War was the focus of the September 13, 2008, Randolph County, North Carolina, Allred Reunion.

Those attending viewed an encampment and heard stories of Civil War activity with a focus on Central North Carolina activities. The outside displays, talks by re-enactors and covered dish lunch were highlights of the reunion planned by Gina Smith and the East Coast Allred Committee.

Reunion photos by Eddie Clay Allred



Wally Jarrell spoke to reunion attendees.



Andrew Shores, Ramseur, North Carolina, in the role of General Robert E. Lee, at the Randolph County Allred Reunion.



Part of the encampment on the grounds of Gray's Chapel Church.

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AFO Member, Terry Routh, brought the North Carolina 22nd Regiment, Company M, Randolph Hornets, to the reunion.

Randolph County, North Carolina, Life in 1847

This 1847 letter is full of interesting information about life in Randolph County, North Carolina, in the 1840s and the attitude of the residents toward the Mexican War.

The author of the letter was Solomon Feree, husband of Matilda Allred (Matilda, John, William, William). This family lived in the Cedar Falls area of Randolph County and many of their family members are buried in the Allred-Trogdon Cemetery (owned and cared for by the East Coast Allred Family Association (ECAFA). Although their tombstones have not been found as of yet, Solomon and Matilda are also buried in this cemetery per family records. Solomon Feree was the grandson of William Trogdon, original owner of the land where the Allred Trogdon Cemetery is located. He was writing to his cousin, Westward Trogdon, who was living in Indiana.

The letter was first published in *The Asheboro Courier*, Thursday, October 21, 1926. It was also published in *The Genealogical Journal* produced by the Randolph County Genealogical Society, Volume IV, # 1, Winter 1979 (pg 43-44).

Solomon Feree acted as an attorney, helping many family members and neighbors with land disputes and estate settlements. Judging from this letter, he was once again trying to settle an estate, that of "old Mr. Coffin." The original spelling is maintained in his letter.

Letter submitted by Linda Allred Cooper

Deep River, Cedar Falls, NC
Randolph County, Jan 20, 1847

Mr. Westward Trogdon, Sir:

I take my pen in hand to inform you that we are all well at this time and hope these lines will find you all enjoying your healths. Likewise I have nothing strange to write at this time though I must write something, there is a grate talk about in this country about the Mexican War there has bin a call for volunteers from this State lately, but there was a poor turnout in this County there was but three and but three in Davidson and three in Chatham. I for my part think it is a grand imposition to call for men to go to war unconstitutionally merely to grantify a Beligerant Democratical pokute president so no more on that subject. Times has been very lively in this country this last fall and winter. So far there has been the most trading done about the factorys that I ever nowed for the same length of time. Our produce is but moderate. Pork is worth from 4 to 5 cents per pound, wheat 85 to 90 cents per bushell, corn 40 to 50 cents per bushel and Domesticks yarn per bunch 90 cents, linen per yard 9 cents and other goods in proportion so no more on that subject.

Your relations are all well as far as I no. Isaac Allred and family is in good health. Old Sam Trogdon is as lively as a cricket. Isaac Hammer has moved up into Davidson and got John to take care of the old folks. Old Abraham is quite deaf. Old Caty is as good as ever. Mary Free had a hard spell of sickness last fall but has got hearty again. Old Dick and Tamer is harty and Frank is up in Rowan working at the gold minds with Melton Coffin. I want Isaac Trogdon to write to me whether or not I must give up the indenters of old Mr. Coffin. Don't send him to your State his time is up last August and Frank has told me he shall call on me for the indenters. But he has not yet and I want to know how I must procede to be Satisfactory. Now I must quit and finish this letter and take it to Franklinville.

This from Solomon Free
To Mr. Westward Trogdon and Miss Jane Trogdon and to all the rest of my friends.

Excerpts from the Autobiography of William C. Hammer

You are probably asking what William Hammer has to do with the Allred family. Well – this is a great example of why we should always look at the neighbors and collateral families when doing our Allred genealogy. Sometimes very interesting tidbits about our family are hidden away in the journals, Bible records, land records, etc. for those folks.

Reverend William Clarkson Hammer (1836-1909), of the Methodist Protestant denomination, wrote the following narrative near the end of his life with the intention of preserving memories for his children and grandchildren.

The Elisha, Reuben and John Allred mentioned below were the sons of “the original” William Allred. William lived on land bordered by the mouth of Bush Creek as it enters Deep River between Cedar Falls and Franklinville, Randolph County, North Carolina.

Submitted by Linda Allred Cooper.

On my father’s side we can trace back to my Great Grandfather John Hammer who was, perhaps, a Saxon who fled to Scotland in time of a religious persecution and from there to Wales. Then he and others emigrated to America, for a short time stayed on the Island of Nantucket then afterward came south. He settled on the waters of Deep River on land now part of Randolph County, NC.

I can name only two of his children, Aaron and Abraham. Aaron settled on the water of Uwharrie in the western part of the County. From there, he and his family moved to East Tennessee.

Abraham Hammer was my Grandfather. He settled in the central part of Randolph County 2 miles east of Asheboro. He married Catherine Trogdon whose father owned several negroes. Abraham had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church but left on the Slavery question and joined the Society of Friends.

When her father died, Catherine fell heir to a negro slave named Ede. Grandfather and

Grandmother were sure that it was sinful to hold human beings in slavery. The State had made it unlawful to free them and turn them loose here among us so they sent Ede to Indiana. I remember hearing my grandmother read letters that she received from Ede.

My Grandfather sold his plantation to his son-in-law, John Trogdon, and bought a smaller farm on Squirrel Creek where he erected a mill. He also had a shop, lathe room and a pottery to make ware. He was a minister in Church as long as he was able to travel. He lived a consistent life until about 80 years old when, full of years as the corn falls, his Spirit took its flight and we laid his body in the cemetery at Holly Spring Friends.

My Grandmother survived him several years till the age of 98 when, worn with labor and the infirmities of age she passed over the river to rest from labor and received her reward of a long and useful life. We laid her body down beside her husband’s to await the day of final accounts.

Abraham & Catherine had 9 children: Elisha, Abigail, Isaac, John, Elizabeth, Abigail, Rachel, Levica and Mary.

Uncle Elisha Hammer married and moved to the State of Indiana, Henry County, Spiceland Town. He was a minister in Friends Society, was a well to do and owned a good farm near his home.

Uncle Abijah Hammer married and first settled in Randolph County but in a few years moved to the State of Indiana near his brother Elisha. He was a minister, I think in the Disciple Denomination.

Uncle Isaac Hammer married Belinda Swaim, daughter of Rev. Ashley Swaim of Forsythe County, NC. He first settled on Squirrel Creek in Randolph County then sold out to my father and moved to Davidson County four miles

west of High Point. He was a school teacher and owned a good farm on Richfork. He was a layman in the church but read the Bible well. He was a Primitive Baptist.

My Aunt Elizabeth married Samuel Hendrix and settled 3 ½ miles east of Asheboro where they lived until Mr. Hendrix died. Afterward, she and her two sons, Reuben and Samuel, went west. The last I know of her was that she had married a Mr. Lenard and they were living in the State of Illinois near the Mississippi River.

My Aunt Rachel married Solomon Trogdon.

My Aunt Abigail married Jacob Swafford and lived in Henry County, Indiana. Jacob was a man of some ability, had a good farm, was a Justice of the Peace and a man of means and considerable influence.

My Aunt Levica married John Trogdon, called "Eagle John" to distinguish him from others of the same name. They settled two miles east of Asheboro. He was a man of strong mind and was for sometime Deputy Sheriff of Randolph County.

My Aunt Mary married Joseph Redding, a farmer who lived on Back Creek. He had a saw mill on the creek that ran through his property and sawed in the winter many thousand feet of lumber from the abundance of pine that grew all over the hills that lay adjacent.

Aunt Sarah married Ransom Luck and settled on Little River in the southern part of the county.

My father, John Hammer, was born April 13, 1814, and married Jane Spoon on May 13, 1832. Jane was the daughter of John & Sophia Spoon. They were Germans by birth, or rather, their parents came to this country from Germany.

I often heard my Grandmother Spoon read in her Dutch Bible and sing in the Dutch Hymn book. I remember going there when quite a child and she would be reading her Bible. She would remark that "I am reading in the Book Yohanas." I think she aimed to please me and excite my curiosity and she succeeded. To my mind to be able to use two languages fluently was an attainment of much importance.

My Grandfather and Grandmother Spoon had the following children: Peter, Eli, William,

Joseph, Barbra, Sarah, Mary, Jane and Agnes. Peter, when he was a young man, went away with a Stranger and what became of him we never knew.

Eli Spoon married Abigail Trogdon, daughter of Samuel Trogdon, of Mill Creek in Randolph County. They settled on Squirrel Creek where they raised a large family. About 1854 he sold out and went with about a half dozen other families to Green County, Missouri. He settled there on the head waters of Spring River.

His spring is said to afford water sufficient to turn the wheel of a grist mill and he remained there until his death. He was a mechanic, a cabinet maker, had a farm and raised an abundance of grain. He was an industrious man and laid by considerable means in a long and useful life.

William Spoon married Priscilla Trogdon, a sister to his brother Eli's wife. They settled on the creek below his brother Eli where he built a mill to saw lumber, one to grind corn, a cotton gin, a lathe room in which he did cabinet work, turned wagon hubs, bread trays and many other useful things needed about the house in those days.

Joseph Spoon married Sarah Ferree. Most of the family spelled their name Free now. They settled on the home place on Squirrel Creek. He was a farmer, mechanic and trader and at times owned or had an interest in gold mines in which he was very much interested.

Aunt Barbra Spoon married Elisha Allred, a farmer who lived on Deep River in Randolph County. They raised 12 children.

Aunt Sarah Spoon married Reuben Allred, a farmer on Deep River, had plenty and raised quite a family of children.

Aunt Mary Spoon married John Allred. Three sisters married three brothers. John was a miller by trade and owned an excellent mill on Mill Creek. They raised a large family of children, all girls but Albert and Stephen. Albert Allred was a machinist and accumulated a considerable

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amount of property in Surry County, North Carolina. He owned a wool factory and a flour and grist mill on Steward Creek a couple of miles north of Mt. Airy. Stephen was also a machinist and located in Caldwell County, North Carolina.

My Aunt Agnes Spoon married Zachariah Routh of Sandy Creek, Randolph County. He was a farmer and they raised a large family.

Post Script: Per the Randolph County Coroner's Inquests (on file in the North Carolina Archives, Raleigh), the death of Elisha Allred, mentioned above, was recorded.

Elisha's wife, Barbra Spoon Allred, testified that Elisha left the house to feed the stock after having expressed the previous night his



Barbara Spoon Allred

indifference to living. His daughter-in-law, Sarah Allred, discovered his body. He died by hanging, having jumped from the tailgate of his wagon. His mouth was filled with cotton. The date was March 24, 1865.

The reason why Elisha committed suicide will never be known, but a look at his family and the economy may hold clues. The War Between The States (1861-1865) was coming to an end and the southern states were economically devastated. Many of his neighbors were starving and life was extremely hard. During the War years, Elisha and Barbara lost several members of their family including his brother Reuben and two of their children. Daughter Eliza Jane died December 1, 1861, at age 13. Elisha's son, Alson, died January 5, 1863, at age 21. Brother Reuben committed suicide by hanging on September 19, 1863.

Elisha and Barbra's son, James, was also a casualty of the War. He served as a Private in the Confederate Army, Company M, 22nd Regiment, NC Troop, enlisting on March 6, 1862, when he was 17 years old. He was wounded in the head at Fredericksburg, Virginia, on December 13, 1862. He was wounded again at Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 1, 1863. He was captured at Cold Harbor, Virginia, on June 1, 1864. He was confined at Point Lookout POW Camp (Maryland) until released on or about June 17, 1864, after taking the Oath of Allegiance. James died April 4, 1865.

Submit Information for the Newsletter

Information, articles, and photographs are needed for the Allred Family Organization Newsletter. Information can be submitted online or via mail. Please submit to:

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AFO Research Update

by Jim Allred, Research Coordinator

The strategic direction of current Allred Family Organization research is to trace the original North Carolina Allred men's ancestors to their English roots. In this regard, the AFO has invested a lot of research money for the following:

- Microfilm of the Pemberton Papers has been purchased. The initial finding in these papers was the 1695 letter of John Allred to his cousin, Phineas Pemberton, in Pennsylvania requesting assistance to travel to America. The papers may contain additional valuable heritage information yet to be gleaned. These documents are challenging because they are written in Old English script which is very difficult to interpret.
- AFO funded a research trip on the Great Wagon Road, the route believed to have been traveled by the Allreds from Pennsylvania to North Carolina. Additional research trips have been made to Virginia and Maryland in an attempt to further establish the migration routes of the Allreds.
- AFO funded a research trip to Utah where it was determined that valuable English research had been done by Dawnell Griffin and was available for purchase by AFO. These files are believed to contain extensive documentation of the England-to-America movement of the Allred family.

All the above information is currently being studied and will be presented by AFO researchers in future articles in the AFO newsletters.

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 vice president. Anyone interested in transcribing, please contact Linda at lacooper@mindspring.com or 919/548-7099.

Cooke and Grayson County, Texas, Allred Marriages

Allred Marriages, Cooke County, Texas

Joseph R. Allred and Angeline R. Michael,

April 30, 1861

Nathan P. Collier and **Belle Allred**, January 23,
1875

Robert J. Fox and **Texanna C. Allred**, May 3,
1874

Future Rocky Mountain Allred Books

In addition to the just published Isaac Allred book, the Rocky Mountain Allreds are working on four other books on sons and daughters of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred:

- William Hackley Allred,
- Reuben Warren Allred,
- Andrew Jackson Allred, and
- Hannah Caroline, Sally, Nancy Chummy and Eliza Maria Allred and their families.

These books will contain histories, photographs, diaries when available, maps, and family group sheets. If you would like to be a committee member on any of these four books, please contact Larry Allred. Also, if you would like to provide histories, photographs or genealogy information, please send to:

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More information on these four books will be announced in future issues of the newsletter and on the AFO Web site.

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Allred Marriages, Grayson County, Texas

Solomon Allred and Mary W. Myers, December
2, 1858

Jesse J. Allred and Rhody Jane Hericod, July 9,
1858

J.J. Moss and **Retta Allred**, September 15, 1859

J.C. England and **Elizabeth Allred**, January 30,
1862

Wm. C. Witcher and **Barthena Allred**, March
23, 1865

J.N. Simco and **Julia Allred**, June 3, 1866

J. C. England **Celestia Allred**, September 8,
1867

Arthur K. Henry and **Cynda Allred**, July 3, 1870

Wm. W. Grant and **M.M. Allred**, September 26,
1871

Willis W. Allred and Laura A. Myers, February
18, 1872

Joseph R. Allred and Elliza A. Collins, April 29,
1873

R. E. Witcher and **Texana Allred**, June 1, 1873

Cooke and Grayson are neighboring counties in North Texas. Both counties border the Red River the border between Texas and Oklahoma.

Civil War Honor

From the Sherman, Texas, newspaper April 1929

Two brothers, both married to Allred women, were honored by the Dixie Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy with Gold Crosses of Honor. W. C. Witcher and R. E. Witcher were born in Virginia and moved to Texas in 1859 with their parents. The family traveled to Texas in a 65-day trip in a covered wagon. The brothers served the Confederacy May 1862 to May 1865.

W. E. Witcher married Miss Chimp Allred in 1865. In 1929 they had been married 68 years. R. E. Witcher married Texana Allred in 1873 in Grayson County, Texas.

Ephraim, Utah, Pioneer Cemetery

This cemetery is located about a mile north of Ephraim, Utah, on the old highway. Ephraim is located in Sanpete Coounty, Utah.

Plot 11

George M. Allred

Sept. 27, 1837

Jan. 14, 1926

Pvt Ut Territory Militia Cav, Blackhawk War

Karen M.S. Allred

Jan. 9, 1842

Apr. 16, 1892

Born in Lashy, Aarhus, Denmark

Parley Allred

Oct. 4, 1876

May 16, 1882

Son of Karen M.S. Allred

Eliza E. Allred

April 14, 1864

Oct. 26, 1881

Daughter of Karen M.S. Allred

James W. Allred

May 5, 1873

Oct. 22, 1948

Wagoner

Utah L Arty

Sp Am War



Unmarked graves

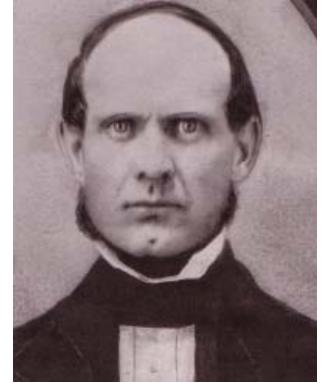
Isaac Allred

June 26, 1811

May 12, 1859

Killed in Mt. Pleasant during argument over feed bill of sheep

(son of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred)



Ira Pratt Allred

Nov. 30, 1896

December 14, 1896

Parents: Orson and Hannah

Died of a cough

Plot 19

Andrew Whitlock

Plus a new memorial to **Hannah Caroline Allred Whitlock** (died in Council Bluffs, Iowa) and Andrew Whitlock. Hannah Caroline was a daughter of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred.

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

An Allred



The five Allreds pictured here are back row, Eddie Clay Allred and Shawn Allred and bottom row, Nathan Allred, Steven Allred holding Lucas Steven Allred who was born in October. Eddie Clay, Edward Clay, Burgess Sherman, Henry Branson, Elisha, John, William



The Allred brothers: Harold, George, Jack and Bobby and their favorite pet, Puppy. The photo was taken about 1934 in Chatham County, North Carolina. The brothers descend from, Jesse Booker, George Scotton, Emsley, Jesse.



The Lewis Patterson Allred family about 1915 at Booger Holler, Floyd County, Georgia. Seated (l-r) unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown, Oliender Estes Allred, Lewis Patterson Allred and William N. Allred. Standing (l-r) Roscoe Holder, Ada Allred, Robert Allred, unknown, Dovie Allred, unknown, Joseph Allred, unknown. Oliender Estes Allred is the grandmother of new AFO President, Melvin Alred. Lewis Patterson Allred is the great grandfather of Melvin Alred. Melvin, Claude Thomas, John Thomas, Lewis Patterson, John James.

Family Album



William Franklin Allred, Eddie Ellen Alter Allred and their children, Claud-Glasser and Kenneth, December 1911. William Franklin was born October 1, 1883 and died August 17, 1954. Jerome Bonaparte, Claiborne, John, William



Aral and Elaine Allred of Hyde Park, Utah, visited Randolph County, North Carolina, in May 2008. With them were Elaine's sister, LaJean Smith, and her husband (not pictured). Linda Allred Cooper and Sara Allred (both of North Carolina) showed them around the ancient Allred-Trogon Cemetery where they posed at William and Elizabeth Diffie Allred's graves. Not only is Aral an Allred, but Elaine and LaJean are also. Lineages: Elaine and LaJean: Almeda, David William, John Warren, Reuben Warren "Black Reuben," Martin Carrol, James, William, Thomas. Aral: James Wesley, William Hackley, James Tillman Sanford, James, William, Thomas.



Clark and Annie Rue Allred about 1922 in Siler City, Chatham County, North Carolina. Clark and Annie Rue, Jesse Booker, George Scotton, Emsley, Jessee.



Graves of Birten Allred and his wife, Sarah Anna Johnson Allred in the Moab, Utah, Cemetery. They were the parents of 13 children. Ten of their children lived to adulthood. Birten, Wilson Monroe, William Hackley, James, William, Thomas.

Genetics + Genealogy: The Future

by Lawrence Kent, Ph.D.

During a second sojourn in southern California from 1974 to mid-1979, Dr. Kent was acquainted with author James Bellah, son of James Warner Bellah. When autographing a book he had written Bellah referred to "...the lure of heredity." Just what is it that makes us what we are? The answer is, of course, our genetic make-up. Nature provides that which nature will mold and that which nature cannot mold.

From his initial interest in genetics, Dr. Kent soon recognized the importance of genealogy as an aspect of genetics. He was especially impressed by certain remarks by Dr. David Starr Jordan in his book *Your Family Tree* (1929, New York & London: D. Appleton and Company, Sarah Louise Kimball, Joint Author, pages 3 through 20). On page 13, thereof we learn that Isabel de Crepi de Vermandois de Warenne (1081-1131) will be found on a large number of family trees. Per Jordan: "It should also be noted that a very large (although indefinable) percentage of British and American families of marked originality and energy are descended from Isabel." Yes...that's from one particular woman!

The said Isabel is the 27th great grandmother of Dr. Kent, through one line of decent. In other lines of descent that degree of relationship is greater or lesser, depending on the particular ancestral bloodline considered. Multiple lines of descent from any one person are common in the ancestry of all people.

Years ago Dr. Kent came to the realization that certain genetic research and genetic curative modalities will require knowledge of the identity of our more distant blood-cousins when near blood-kin lack a specific genetic component. In other words, knowing the names of distant cousins versus not knowing might well be a matter of life or death in the near future. Though Dr. Kent attempted to alert all major names in

the field of genetics in 1997 as to the importance of genealogy, he was not heeded. Finally, over 11 years later Iceland is "marrying" genealogy and genetics so America will finally catch up with Dr. Kent eventually.

The pursuer of family history will begin to know themselves better and s/he will more fully appreciate the fact that you and I exist because of the historical events which affected our ancestors and the migrations which resulted. As but one example, the participants in all wars who lived beyond the end of that war and then produced offspring who begat themselves is but one reason you, gentle reader, are here now.

As the family genealogist learns of causes of death or his or her ancestors, a clearer health prospectus comes into view. Knowing that susceptibility if lung disease runs in your family would you, the reader, smoke?

Wonderful knowledge can be added through genealogical research. Finding notable and "fancy" kin is no basis for an ego gone wild. After all, all of us have such on our family tree. Be as "common as an old shoe and don't care who knows it." I am.

Allred lineage for Lawrence Kent, Ph.D.

John Allred 1637-? & Ellen Pemberton

Solomon Allred Sr. 1680-? & ?

John Allred c.1720-1792 & Lillie Ann

Elizabeth Allred Horner 1747-1823 & William Horner Sr.

Miriam Allred Horner Witt 1768-1845 & The Rev'd.

Caleb Witt

Enoch Merritt Witt 1787-1844 & "Peggy" Margaret Pangle

Merrille Danvil Witt 1816-1869 & Catharine Clevenger

Alzina Alice Witt Rainier Powell 1843-1921 & Co. Cmdr.

William George Rainier, USA

Mary Lillian Evelyn Rainier Thomas 1870-1945 &

"Harry" Henry Thomas

Roma Flae Thomas Hollopeter 1910-1992 & Charles

Ernest Hollopeter

Dr. Lawrence Kent 1935

Allred Family Gift Giving

A Gift for the Family and Help for the AFO Research Fund

by Jim Allred, Research Coordinator



Have you read the first 77 issues of the Allred Family Newsletter? Was your Allred line the subject of an article? Mine was and it helped me immeasurably. Do you know you can own all 77 issues of the newsletter on a CD for only \$25 for AFO members and \$35 for nonmembers.

The money from the sale of these CDs goes directly to our research fund. So, give your family members a piece of their family history.

Send your order and check to our treasurer, Joyce Allred, by December 5, 2008, and you will receive your CDs in time for Christmas gift giving. Her contact information is on page 18.

Give an 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 2009.

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.

Gift Ideas from the Rocky Mountain Allreds

The recently published, *Isaac Allred: Son of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred*, is a wonderful gift for the descendants of Isaac, but there is information and histories that include other members of his family. The more than 800-page book is \$120. Unless you can arrange to pick up the book from the home of Larry Allred, shipping and handling is an additional \$10. His information is in the last paragraph.

In addition, the Rocky Mountain Allreds have three CDs and ball caps 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 plus \$5 for shipping. The late Martin Allred sang songs of the West around the fire pit in Spring City, Utah, the Friday evening before the Allred reunions there.
4. **Ball caps** with the Allred logo on them. The price is \$10, plus \$20 for shipping.

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

Allred Obituaries

Charles Ray Allred

Charles (Chuck) Ray Allred, 77, died at home, August 29, 2008, from Parkinson's Disease. He was born November 1, 1930, at Seminole, Oklahoma, to Virgil Raymond/Ray and Mary Adell Jones Allred. When Charles was a month old, the family moved to San Bernardino, California, and later to Muscoy, California.

He married Betty Louise Fisher June 9, 1952. They had four children: Valerie, Virgil, Allan, and Karen. They later divorced.

Charles married Norma Earl Birch October 28, 1971. They spent 14 winters in St. George, Utah. Charles worked at Norton AFB, California from 1951 to 1962 when he was transferred to Hill AFB, Utah. He worked in the Aircraft Division until his 1986 retirement.

Charles liked hunting, fishing, camping, competitive shooting, bowling, golf, making guns and golf clubs, and travel. He was a Life Member of the National Rifle Association; Life Member of the National Bench Rest Shooters Association; Life Member of the Utah State Rifle & Pistol Association; and had been a member of Wahsatch Shooters Association. He belonged to the Utah Golf Association; United States Golf Association; and Utah Seniors Golf Association. He bowled on several leagues and he bowled a perfect 300 game during the 50th annual Men's State Championship Tournament in 1986.

Charles was a member of the Allred Family Organization. He and Norma attended the Allred Reunions in Spring City, Utah, and Randolph County, North Carolina. They traveled to Texas and Oklahoma to research his Texas and Oklahoma Allred family.

Charles is survived by his wife, Norma; sister, O. Pauline (Gerald) Comstock, Banning, CA; daughters, Valerie Jean (Richard) Saenz, San Quentin, CA, and Karen Ranae (Eddie) Henry, Edgewood, NM, and their mother Betty Allred, Colton, CA; daughter-in-law, Wendy Allred, Ogden, UT; ten grandchildren, Jason, Nicole,

Karen, Ana, Richard, Antony, Virgil, Vincent, Dallas, and Dakota; and six great-grandchildren. Charles was preceded in death by his parents and both of his sons, Virgil Ray Allred and Allan Eugene Allred.

Funeral services were September 6, 2008, at the Layton West LDS Stake Center. Interment was at Leavitt's Aultorest Memorial Park, Ogden, Utah. *Mary Adell, Martha TWIN, Willis Winfield, Elizabeth, Sarah, William, Thomas and Mary Adell, Martha TWIN, Willis Winfield, William Hackley, James, William, Thomas*

Afton Sarah Allred Edwards

Afton Sarah Allred Edwards, a long-time resident of Grand Junction, Colorado, died August 31, 2008. She was born October 26, 1926, in Moab, Utah, to Birten and Sarah Johnson Allred. Afton graduated from Grand Junction High School in 1945. She married Bobbie Lee Edwards in 1946. Bobbie Lee Edwards preceded her in death in 1952. She married Vernon Ray Worley in 1953. They later divorced. Surviving are sons, William Lee Edwards (Gail); Douglas Robert Edwards (Cindy) and Vernon Ray Worley, Jr. (Veronica). There are 16 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; sisters, Josephine Allred Prinster and Frieda Allred Hirst, many nieces, nephews and cousins. Afton loved two things in mortality more than anything else: being a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and being an Allred girl. She worked as a telephone operator for AT & T, for the Green Thumb project, and was luncheonette manager at the Grand Avenue Luncheonette. She served in many church callings throughout her life. Her favorite calling was that of a visiting teacher. She loved to serve others. She was a member of the Allred Family Organization. Services were September 6, 2008, at the LDS Chapel in Grand Junction. She was buried in Crown Point Cemetery, Grand Junction. *Afton, Birten, Wilson Monroe, William Hackley, James, William, Thomas and Afton, Birten, Wilson Monroe, Elizabeth, Sarah, William, Thomas Afton, and Birten, Elizabeth Ann,*

Richard Anderson, James Russell, Sarah, William, Thomas.

James Louis Allred

James Louis Allred, 64, of Spring City, Utah died at his home on Wednesday, August 27, 2008, surrounded by his family. James was born in Mt. Pleasant, Utah, October 27, 1943, the first son of Louis Samuel and Lola Winona Justesen Allred. He married Marilyn Hazel White of Ephraim on August 26, 1980. Jim was a member of the Utah National Guard in the 1457 unit in Mt. Pleasant. Jim loved children, always finding time to tease and visit with them. He loved living in Spring City under the Horseshoe Mountain. Jim operated the Allred Dairy Farm with his two brothers, David and John, until December 1995. Jim is survived by his wife Marilyn and four children Kevin Brewer of Spring City; Kimberly (Greg) Tuttle of Springville; Kurt (Aryanne) Allred of Herriman; and Kristin (Colby) Jorgenson of Ephraim; nine grandchildren and siblings Robert, David, John, Cynthia and Randy of Spring City. He was preceded in death by parents and sister, Vicky Sue. Funeral services were September 2, 2008, in the Spring City 2nd Ward Chapel. Burial was in the Ephraim Park Cemetery. *James Louis, Louis Samuel, Samuel Willis, Samuel, Isaac, James, William, Thomas.*

Mary Frances R. Allred

Mary Frances Robbins Allred, 96, formerly of Liberty, North Carolina, passed away August 29, 2008, at Randolph Hospital in Asheboro, North Carolina. Funeral services were held September 2, at the Friendly Wesleyan Church in Liberty, with the Rev. Danny Thomas and the Rev. Roger Coburn officiating. Burial was in Bethany United Methodist Church Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her husband Will Allred. Surviving are son, Bill Allred of Ramseur; daughters, Judy Holt, Helen L. Kivett, both of Liberty; sisters, Sally Ferguson of Colfax, Lula Mae Ferguson of Liberty; brothers, Jim Robbins of Walnut Cove, Will Robbins of Mt. Airy; eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren.

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Noal W. Allred

Noal Warren Allred died at his home September 24, 2008. He was born on July 25, 1957, at Fairchild Air Force Base near Spokane, Washington. He was the son of Warren Duke Allred and Nola Marie Wheelwright Allred. Until recently he was the proprietor of One Stop Smoke Shop in West Valley City, Utah. Noal Allred's mortal remains were cremated and his ashes were scattered in some of the places he loved the best. A memorial service was held for friends and family. As a last gesture of generosity, Noal donated his organs. *Warren Duke, Warren Radcliffe, John Franklin, John Franklin Lafayette, James, William, Thomas*

Carl Allred

Carl Allred died October 4, 2008, at his home in Salt Lake City. He was born March 20, 1939, in Salt Lake City to Pauline and Alvin L. Allred. Carl enjoyed hunting and fishing with Woody Sheen. He worked for the Salt Lake City Water Department for 27 years as a welder. He was preceded in death by his father, and brother, Benny M. Allred. He is survived by his mother, Pauline Sheen, sister, Carol Abell and brother, Curtis Allred. Carl's remains were donated to the University of Utah Body Donor Program. No public funeral services were held. *Carl, Alvin L. James Martin, James Franklin, Martin Carrol, James, William, Thomas.*

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If you are moving, please forward a Change of Address to the Allred Family Organization, 11707 Indian Ridge Road, Reston, VA 20191. Also, if you have a new phone or e-mail, please let Joyce Allred know at the above address or via e-mail: jagentree@aol.com.

Also, this is the address to send new memberships and membership renewals.

Important Information About Your AFO Membership

from Joyce Allred, Treasurer

Every AFO member whose newsletter subscription and membership has expired, recently received a renewal reminder in the mail. We have kept our dues low and need your help to continue doing this. As AFO members we each can help our family organization by doing two things:

- Keep your membership current.
- How and why? The mailing label on your newsletter gives the date when your membership expires. Check it each time your newsletter arrives. It is very costly for the AFO to mail out reminders to renew memberships. Renew by sending a check to your Treasurer, Joyce Allred. If you are delinquent your next issue will not be sent.
- Keep your mailing address current.
- Why and how? It is very costly to mail out newsletters to those members who have changed their address without notifying the AFO. We must pay the postal service for the return of newsletters for members whose forwarding address has expired. They are returned to AFO and each one costs up to \$1.00. AFO receives many notices each time the newsletter is mailed. So, if you move, please let us know your new address by contacting jagentree@aol.com or dropping Joyce Allred a note in the mail to the return address on your newsletter.

Please, everyone do your part to keep down the AFO expenses so we can maintain your dues at \$20 per year. And, if you can afford to, send a little extra on for research. Our excellent, highly qualified, volunteer AFO researchers have continued to unearth exciting new information about our family history that will appear in future issues of the newsletter. You won't want to miss a single issue. It just might be the one with that link to your family.

2009 Allred Family Reunions

Saturday, June 27, 2009

Rocky Mountain Allred Family Reunion
City Park by the old school
Spring City, Utah

If you arrive Friday, join us after 7 pm around the fire pit at City Park for conversation, hot dogs, marshmallows and music.

For further information:

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Send Reunion Information

If you plan an Allred reunion in your area, 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.

Saturday, September 12, 2009

Randolph County, North Carolina, Reunion
Gray's Chapel
Franklinville, North Carolina

Home of the Allred Family!

No matter where you are on the family tree.

No matter where you live. You can probably trace your Allred roots back to Randolph County, NC. The Allred family arrived here in the 1740s and round the 1780s began spreading out all over the country.

The 2009 Reunion is Saturday, September 12, at Grays Chapel Church.

For further information:

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Becky Allred Sextonhsexton@triad.rr.com, or
336 625-6901.

Past President's Message

Hello everyone. We have made it through the hot summer months and now look forward to winter. God's paint brush is all around me with the leaves turning into a painted forest. Hope you enjoyed a family reunion and came away with some very special memories. I have had a super rough summer as I got ready for a prostate cancer operation that took place July 7, 2008. I'm doing well but still have a way to go before the doctors release me. Thanks to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, e-mails, cards and letters. As I prepare to end my tenure as AFO President I want to thank everyone who has helped me along the way. I feel very privileged to have served as your president. I will always cherish the memories of each person I have met and look forward to meeting you again somewhere along the way. Who knows where I will pop up in the future? I ask that you give the new president your full support as you did me. The AFO is a very proud and great organization and must continue to go forward for the betterment of all Allred Families. Some very good research is going on and you will be amazed at the findings. I still remain encouraged with all the comments coming in to the editor. Please keep them coming. We want to know what is on your mind and what you are looking for. We will continue to work very hard to keep you informed. Again, thanks so much for the privilege of serving as AFO President. I will truly cherish the memories. Remember: You are the AFO. We are here to serve you to the best of our ability. I love each of you. You are Family.

Eddie Clay Allred

Descendants of John Allred Needed

As you know by now, the Allred DNA Project has turned up some very interesting results. Most participants have confirmed their paper documented family trees and now have DNA proof that they all share a common ancestor. However, there have been a few surprises. Perhaps the biggest surprise is the growing Mystery Allred family.

This Mystery Allred family all have roots going back to the late 18th Century in Randolph County, North Carolina. All of the Mystery Ancestors lived surrounded by Allreds and all clues lead us to believe everyone was related. Yet, the DNA shows the Mystery Allred family is not related to the rest of the Allreds. Why? Was there an adoption? An illegitimate birth? How can all these folks be named Allred, live surrounded by other Allreds and yet not be related?

The biggest shock of all is the DNA results of a descendant of "the original" John Allred. As you know, this John Allred received his first land grant

in 1755. This land grant mentions the "improvements" of Thomas Allred which tells us Thomas was living on the same land. We have always thought John and Thomas were brothers. But, the DNA results do not match Thomas. Instead, the DNA results are a perfect match to our Mystery Allred group!

WHAT?

So - we need more descendants of "the original" John to take the DNA test. Participants need to be male descendants of an all male line. For example, the participant must be a male Allred, his father, grandfather, great grandfather, and so on, all the way back to John.

Per John's will, we know he had 12 children, nine daughters and three sons: John, Joseph, Jonathan. If you are a male descendant of one of these sons, please contact Linda Allred Cooper about taking the DNA test. Your test results could help solve a mystery! Linda's contact information is on page 19.

Join the Allred Family Organization or Give an AFO Membership Gift



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Membership in the AFO includes the following:

- ❖ One-year subscription to the Allred Family Newsletter
- ❖ A Membership Certificate suitable for framing
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Please list your Allred line for the family data input as far as you know it.

For example: My Allred line is Clement, Ephraim L., Reuben W., James, William, Thomas

Parent _____

Grandparent _____

Great Grandparent _____

Dues are \$20 per year

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- Check Money Order

Send your check or money order made payable to the Allred Family Organization:

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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

I would like to thank the AFO members for electing me as their president. My goal is to continue in the same direction that Eddie Clay Allred has lead the AFO during his term as president. I look forward to working with everyone.

It is amazing the amount of research and work the members have put into finding about the Allred Family. Let's keep up the good work.

I'm here to serve in any way that will move the AFO forward. You can contact me at AlredCo@aol.com or 706-295-2255.

Thanks again,



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