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John Allred's Attempts to Come to America

by Linda Allred Cooper

As you have seen on the Allred Family Organization Web site and in previous newsletters, in 1695 John Allred wrote a letter to Phineas Pemberton asking for help to bring his family (his wife and three youngest sons Aron, Theophilus and Solomon) to Pennsylvania. John and his family were living in Manchester, England. Phineas was living in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. John wrote that although he had communicated earlier with Ralph Ridgway about coming to America, his mother had been sick and he had been unable to leave her. She had since died, so John was ready to leave England for America. This letter in the Pemberton Collection at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania (HSP) was a huge find and documented the Allreds were trying to come to America.

(John's first wife, and mother of his children, was Ellen Pemberton Allred who died in 1684. The wife mentioned in this letter was John's second wife, name unknown at this time.)

In 1724 and 1730, a man named Solomon Allred is listed on the Chester County, Pennsylvania, tax lists. Was this John's youngest son or just someone with the same name – a coincidence? Did the family manage to come to America? If so, when? How did they pay for it? Did the entire family come or just Solomon?

Until recently we had no answers and no further documentation about what happened to John Allred and his family after 1695.

About a year ago, Beverly Allred Schroeder (niece of AFO DNA Project Manager John Allred), was on the Internet searching for Solomon Allred. After many twists and turns, she came upon the Quaker Collections and the Gilbert Cope Family Collection and a mention of an abstract for Solomon Allred and land in Nottingham. The microfilm was located. The abstract of a letter dated 1-19-1719/20, said: "Solomon Alred of Nottingham writes to his cozen Israel Pemberton of Philadelphia, asking his influence to obtain a grant of 100 acres on the north side of Nottingham, among the pine trees, near the palatine road. His wife sends her love. Sign's himself "Thy Lov. Kinsman"

At the bottom of the page was the notation "Pemberton papers".

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was the son of John Allred and his wife Ellen Pemberton Allred! This letter documents that Solomon was living in Pennsylvania in 1719, closing that big mysterious gap in time between the 1695 letter and the 1724 tax list. If true, this letter also tells us Solomon was married by 1719, which lends more credence to the theory that he was the father of some, if not all, of the men that were in North Carolina in the 1750s. We had estimated four of those men (John, Thomas, Solomon and William) were probably born in the 1720s. But where was the original letter?

The AFO had already purchased microfilm of the Pemberton Papers housed at the HSP. A search was quickly made of this collection but there were no letters or documents of any kind for the year 1719 or several years prior or after.

So began the task of locating where the originals of the Gilbert Cope Collection were kept which turned out to be the Historical Society of Pennsylvania =. A research trip was planned.

A few weeks ago some of our AFO researchers spent time at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania Philadelphia searching for new information about our Allred ancestors. On this trip were John and Charlette Allred of Dublin, Ohio; Jim and Alice Allred Pottmyer of Arlington, Virginia; and Linda Allred Cooper of Pittsboro, North Carolina. As you know, John is our DNA Project Manager; Alice is our Newsletter Editor and Linda is our Vice President and Webmaster.

Once in the HSP, everyone fanned out and began "digging." Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in finding the original 1719 letter (the search continues...), but we did find other

tidbits in two other letters that add to our information about the Allreds.

Phineas Pemberton Correspondence 1688-1691; #484A

On the "4th day, 8th month, 1693," (October 4, 1693) Ralph Ridgway was at his home in Deansgate, Manchester, England. Ridgway was an active Quaker leader in Lancashire and personal friend of George Fox and William Penn.

He was also the leader and founder of Hardshaw Monthly Meeting (MM), the first Quaker Meeting in Manchester. This was not a traditional church building as you and I are familiar with, but a congregation that took turns meeting in each other's homes or out buildings.

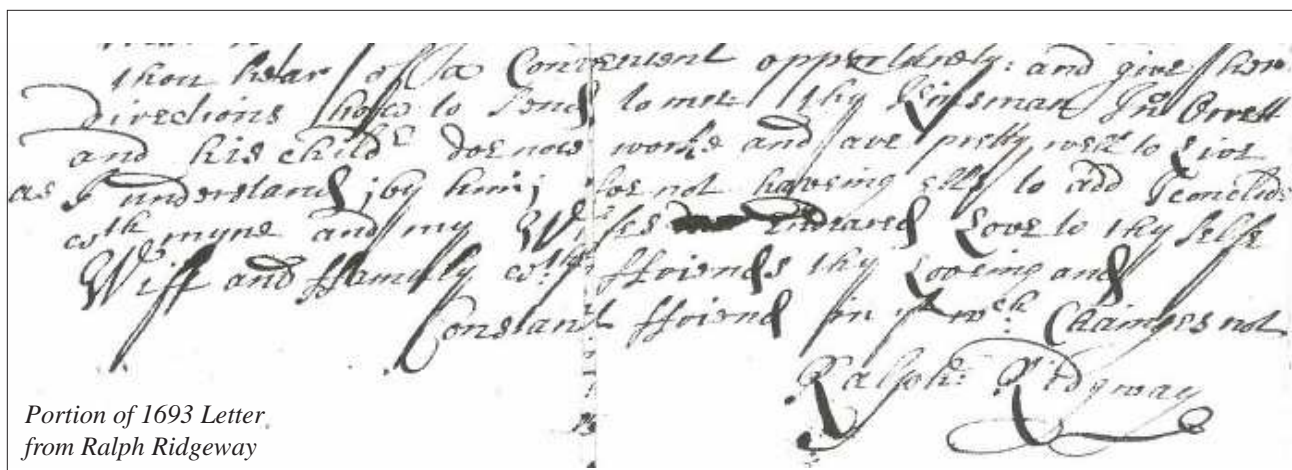
Many of the meetings took place in Ridgway's home. Among the members of Hardshaw MM were John and Ellen Pemberton Allred. Ellen's death in 1684 was recorded in East Hardshaw MM records and she was buried in their "burying ground" at Deansgate.

On this day, Ridgway was writing to his good friend and fellow Quaker, Phineas Pemberton, who lived in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Phineas was the son of Ralph Pemberton and together, along with some extended family members, had sailed from England to Pennsylvania aboard one of William Penn's ships, *Submission*, just one year earlier in 1682. Ralph Pemberton was the first cousin of Ellen Pemberton Allred. This family was very "close-knit"; Phineas spoke of his "Aunt Ellen" in several of his personal letters.

Ridgway's letter was full of news about various friends, some married, some gave birth, some dead. At the end of the letter, just before closing, he wrote "thy kinsman Jno Orrett [John Allred] and his children doe now worke and are pretty well to live as I understand by him...." This is wonderful news! Previous research had shown John Allred had struggled for many years to work and provide for his family. Documents found in Lancashire Court Records detail how each time he had found a place for his family to live and for himself to work, the neighbors/community ousted him because he was a Quaker. Religious persecution was fierce in 17th Century England! Ridgway's letter brought welcome

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Portion of 1693 Letter,
from Ralph Ridgeway

news that the family was finally doing well, working and thriving.

Some of our researchers had seen references to this letter during previous research sessions but this was our first chance to obtain a copy of the original letter and verify its contents.

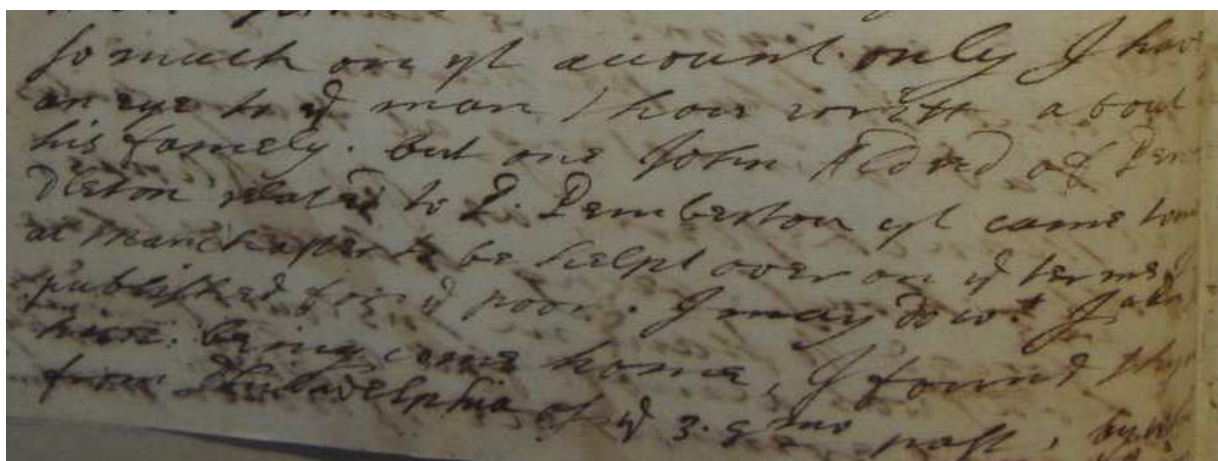
On the 28th day, 11th month, 1686 (September 23, 1686), William Penn was at his home, Worminghurst House, Sussex, England. On this day, he was writing a long (10-page) letter to his good friend James Harrison who lived in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Harrison's daughter, Phoebe, was married to Phineas Pemberton. Harrison was not only a good friend of Penn's, he also worked as the Steward (Manager) for Penn's colonial summer home, Pennsbury Manor, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Penn's letter was filled with news of mutual friends and Penn's travels throughout England as he continued to spread the message of the Quaker Doctrine. Toward the end of the second page, Penn wrote "I have an eye to the man thou

writ about and his family but one John Aldred of Pendleton related to P. Pemberton yet came to me at Manchester to be helped over on the terms I published for the poor. I may do what I can for him."

"Terms I published for the poor" meant entering into a contract or bond as an Indentured Servant. It is estimated that half of the immigrants to Colonial America paid for their passage from the Old World to America by becoming Indentured Servants. Quakers (and others) needed the help on their farms and Indentured Servants were much cheaper and easier to come by than slaves. For the immigrant who could not afford the price of passage on a ship to America, this was a very appealing option. Some were able to make private contracts with friends or family who were already in Pennsylvania.

Most, however, made an agreement with the ship's owner or captain. In exchange for passage, the immigrant would be put up for auction or



Excerpt from William Penn letter of 1686 to James Harrison where he mentions his conversation with John Allred.

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sale as an Indentured Servant once he/she arrived in America. The ship's owner and/or captain then pocketed the money as passage payment.

Indentured servitude was a long-term extension of the old English one-year hire for agricultural labor. Terms ranged from one to seven years (children served the longest indentures), with a typical one being 4 or 5 years. The difference between indentured servants and slaves, on a day-to-day basis, was hard to define. The biggest difference was time: the Indentured Servant eventually worked off the agreed upon time, but the slave was a slave for life. While indentured, the servant's labor, if not the servant himself, was a commodity that could be sold or traded or inherited, on the discretion of his owner. The discipline records of the Quaker meetings cover several cases of members called to account for

cruelty to indentured servants, and these tales tell of servants whipped, beaten and locked up for laziness. Of course, as with slaves, some owners were more humane than others.

We now have a little more information about our first American ancestors. John was trying every means possible to bring his family to Pennsylvania, including approaching William Penn. That must have been an intimidating thing for a poor "woolen weaver" to do, approach a very wealthy and well known man and ask for help. John had strength of character! At least one of his children did make it to America and was living as a free man in 1719, married, possibly with children, and trying to obtain land. If he had arrived as an Indentured Servant, he had worked off his servitude and was ambitious enough to want his own land and home for his family.

Rocky Mountain Allred Reunion 2012

Spring City, Utah

Friday, June 29, fireside gathering after 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 30, Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and continues to 3 p.m. (lunch available)

City Building & Park by the Old School

150 East Center Street

Spring City, Utah 84662

Allred cousins are invited to attend the reunion honoring the 160th anniversary of the founding of Spring City, Utah, by James Allred, March 22, 1852.

All those attending the Rocky Mountain Allred Reunion this year have opportunities to meet new cousins, catch up on the latest research news, visit the Main Street Daughters of the Utah Pioneers (DUP) Museum and Friends of Historic Spring City also on Main Street and participate in the Allred Family Organization (AFO) Rocky Mountain Chapter annual board elections.

A demonstration of the Allred Trek from England to Spring City via GoogleEarth and Virtual Trails, will be shown by Alice Allred

Pottmyer at 9 a.m. before the reunion officially begins. She will give the demonstration again at 1 p.m.

Demonstrations are scheduled for the Senior Citizens Room of the City Building. Eventually the Allred Trek will be on the AFO Web site. In addition to the trail, at each stop along the long trek, there is information about what happened at that location.

Visit the many Allred family displays, the sales table with Allred logoed collector items, participate in the auction of family donated keepsakes and enjoy the barbecue lunch and ice cream dessert. The price is \$5 and \$3 for children under the age of 12.

Registration is free with each family attending provided a packet including copies of the various presentations and research updates on AFO information. A children's program is also planned that includes lots of fun and Allred stories.

Take a tour of the many historical Allred homes and buildings and the two cemeteries where many of our ancestors are buried (tour



Graves of Isaac Allred (1788-1870) and his older brother, James Allred (1784-1876) in Spring City, Utah. Isaac Allred is buried in the Old Pioneer Cemetery and James Allred is buried in the "newer" cemetery on the edge of historic Spring City.

booklet available for homes and buildings). The many historical homes are now private homes and inside tours are not available.

The Spring City Historical Society and Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum are open during reunion day for interested cousins to travel back in time and witness the many contributions by our Allred ancestors in the early settlement of Spring City.

For further information, contact Alice Allred Pottmyer (pottmyera@aol.com) or Larry C. Allred, 801-558-6753.

For places to stay in Spring City and nearby go to <http://sanpetecounty.org/pages/lodging> for local lodging and information. Also, campers and recreational vehicles may park around the City Park. Restrooms, but no showers are available.



The old fire house on Main Street in Spring City, Utah, is now home to the Friends of Historic Spring City. Reunion attendees have an opportunity to visit there on June 30 and see Allred information available for research.

Allred Researcher, Dawnell Griffin: Utah Poet of the Year

by Alice Allred Pottmyer

Long time Allred researcher, Dawnell Hatton Griffin, was named Poet of the Year by the Utah State Poetry Society and she won the Pearl M. Olsen book award. Her poetry collection, *On Judgment Day*, will be published and available in the fall of 2012.

Dawnell began writing the award winning poetry while sitting at the bedside of her son, Josh, during the summer of 2010. Josh, then 31, was seriously injured in a longboarding accident on a ranch west of Denver, Colorado. He was the manager of the resort ranch.

When Dawnell and Wade Griffin arrived at the hospital, Josh was hooked to machines and there was a bolt in his head.

Writing always brought joy to Dawnell and she began writing for therapeutic reasons while she sat by his side in the hospital for four months while Josh slowly healed. She wrote her personal thoughts from the early dark hours to the glimpses of hope and the triumph of his rehabilitation and recovery.

Earlier Dawnell had received small poetry awards from the Utah State Poetry Society. She had a children's story published in the *Friend* and some LDS cultural arts program poetry.

Dawnell began her Allred research when she was in her twenties. While she was attending family history classes at Brigham Young University, she found a reference to the Newberry Library listing about John and Ellen Pemberton Allred with their children. She was convinced immediately that it was our family but it took a great deal of hard work to prove it.

Previously, the AFO relied on the Archibald Bennett report on the Arledge family from Norwich, England, as our Allred ancestors. In addition to this research, DNA has proved that the Allreds from the Manchester area of England are the ancestors of the Allreds who settled in North Carolina. Over the years, Allreds migrated from North Carolina to all parts of the United States and Canada.

Her grandmother, Amanda Adaline Allred Edwards, inspired her interest in genealogy and



Dawnell Griffin at the 2001 Allred Reunion Spring City, Utah. In 2000, she addressed the North Carolina Allred Reunion.

family history. Dawnell was thrilled in 2005 when she visited the National Archives in Washington, D.C., to see an inquiry made by her grandmother in 1935 about the Mexican War pension of her great uncle, Reuben Warren Allred (1827-1916), the son of Martin Carroll Allred.

In addition to research in the United States, she has also gone to England, Ireland and Denmark for genealogy research on her Allred and other family lines.

She has published two research books, one on Jonathan Allred (1772-1850) of Overton County, Tennessee, and the other on Jonathan Allred (1774-1826) of Randolph County, North Carolina. A third research book on Joseph Allred (1772-1856) of Randolph County, will be available for sale by the end of 2012 Her book, *Kiss the Babies For Me*, is about her great grandfather, Ephraim L. Allred (1854-1921). She is working on a book about her great great grandfather, Reuben Warren Allred (1815-1896).

The Rocky Mountain Allreds are publishing a series of books on the children of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred. She was the major author on the book on Isaac Allred (1813-1859) as well as his diary published separately. In addition, to these books, she has provided information to the other authors of the books in this series.

She and her husband, Wade, are the parents of eight children. Over the many years, Dawnell has worked with several Allred genealogists and family historians which include Earlene Smart, Linda Allred Steele, Linda Allred Cooper, Larry Allred, Mike Marshall, Barbara Allred Aylesworth, and Pat Allred Schieb.

Dawnell, Chell, Amanda Adaline, Ephraim Lafayette, Reuben Warren, James, William, Thomas

2012 Allred Reunion in Randolph County, North Carolina

Saturday, September 8, 2012

Grays Chapel Church Fellowship Hall

Intersection of Old Liberty and Hwy 222

Randolph County, North Carolina

Make your plans to join us and walk on the ground your ancestors walked in the 1750s.

Main Reunion Day

Saturday, September 8, 2012

9 a.m.: Doors open, registration begins

This is a casual day with lots of time to visit with cousins and view family displays.

Noon: There is a covered Dish/Potluck lunch.

1:30 p.m.: Genealogy Presentation on the latest research news and Virtual Trails, our newest tool to track our ancestors' travels.

3 p.m.: Climb onboard the van for the Tour of Allred and Historic Sites. The tour usually ends about 7 p.m.

Early Bird Special

Friday, September 7, 2012

8 a.m.: The van leaves from Pittsboro for a trip back in time. We will visit the site of the first battle of the American Revolution in North Carolina, Alamance Battleground. From there we will go to historic Hillsborough and learn the fate of our Regulator ancestors. After lunch we will tour Ayr Mount, a Federal style Plantation House built in 1815. You will have plenty of time to enjoy the "Poet's Walk." This walking trail meanders through woodlands and pastures, alongside the banks of the Eno River, with views of the Kirkland family cemetery, the old tavern foundation, and the Indian Trading Path. Visit http://www.classicalamerican.org/html/ayrmount_tour_info.html for more information about Ayr Mount. Entrance Fee: \$10 per person.



Extra Early Bird Special

Thursday, September 6, 2012

1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Linda Allred Cooper is opening her house and office so you can browse through her genealogy collection and/or sit and discuss research and the Allred Family Tree. This is a very casual day, no set schedule. Just float in when you want and float back out when you are tired.

Contact Linda to make your required reservations for Friday's trip. Donations are encouraged (although not required) to pay the cost of the van rental which averages about \$150 per day.

For more information, contact Linda at lacooper@mindspring.com or 919-548-7099.

Notes on the Allred Family of Pickens County, Georgia

by Robert S. Davis, Jr.
Hanceville, Alabama

My grandfather, John Richards Davis, in speaking about his ancestry, said that he knew little of the Allreds, except their lineage had been traced many times. He was correct although with such a big and far flung family, much remains unknown about many branches. Some of what was in print is incorrect. One of the more colorful of the Allred lines, those of Hall and Pickens Counties in Georgia, are one of the least well known. My grandfather Davis and my grandfather John Garland Holbert both descended from these Allreds, although they never met or knew they were kin. Such a situation is not at all uncommon among the Georgia Allreds, a family that seems always more interested in the present than in keeping the past. However, their story can be found among the public records. One of the few collections of private papers relating to the Allreds are in the genealogical files in the papers of Texas Governor James V. Allred in the University of Houston. Among the items found preserved there is the story (untrue) that the Allreds took their name from covering themselves in the blood of dead British soldiers during the American Revolution. Genealogies such as Rulon C. Allred's *The Allred Family in America* have traced the Allred family and their name to the 1500s [Those early British Aldridge's have been disproved through DNA.]

The North Georgia Allreds descend from Elias Allred (b. 1758 or 1768 in Orange County, later Randolph County, North Carolina, d. 1843 Hall County, Georgia), a North Carolina Revolutionary War veteran who later drew a Federal pension. His descendants would learn of a Rigby estate in a book by London lawyer Robert Gun of American claims to English estates. In a probably unsuccessful attempt to claim the Rigby estate, Elias' daughter, Mary Allred (b. 1791 Randolph County, NC) made a deposition on 12 August 1875 about her about

her mother's family. The deposition is among the loose superior court papers on microfilm at the Pickens County library. Margaret testified that her grandfather John Rigby was the son of a William Rigby who died in England. She attended to John when he died at her father's house in North Carolina. John Rigby had two daughters, Polly, who married Elias Allred and Sallie who married John Sitton. The Sittons, like the Allreds, would move to North Georgia. Elias had served as a substitute for John Sitton in the American Revolution.

Census records show that Elias and Polly Rigby Allred had several children, although most of them have not been identified. Their son, Elias, Jr. (b. 1789 Randolph County, NC, d. 1870 Pickens County, GA) served in the militia from Pendleton District, SC, during the War of 1812 for which his widow later drew a Federal pension. She was Mary Harrison (b. 1789, d. 1882 Pickens County, GA). Her place of birth in the 1880 census of Pickens County is given as England, although in other Federal censuses her birth place is stated as South Carolina. The claim of English birth most likely comes from some garbled account of the Allred claim to the Rigby estate. Earl Harrison, Jr., Charlotte, North Carolina, believes that she was the sister of Reuben Harrison, b. 1786 in Wilkes County, Georgia.

Elias Jr. and Mary Allred moved to the part of Cherokee County, Georgia, that in December 1853 became Pickens County. They are buried in the old section of Cool Spring Cemetery in Tate. Among their several children was Martha "Patsy" Benice Allred (b. 18089 Pendleton District, South Carolina, d. 1891 Hall County, Georgia). She married Benjamin Faulkner (pronounced "Fortner") of Hall County. Their son Thomas would be a wealthy planter whose record book is today in the Hargrett Library of the University of Georgia. My grandfather John R. Davis was Thomas' great grandson. Another daughter of Elias and Mary was Elizabeth Allred (b. 1800 Pendleton District, South Carolina, d. in

the Pickens County cyclone of 1884. She married John Nicholson, Jr., of Pickens County, the son of Revolutionary War pensioner John Nicholson. My grandfather John Garland Holbert was the great great grandson of John Jr. and Elizabeth. John Nicholson Sr.'s role in the border dispute between Georgia and North Carolina, "the Walton War," has been published. He had the dubious distinction of being the only man to ever represent a county in the Georgia state senate that proved to be in another state. Other daughters of Elias and Mary Harrison Allred were Margaret (Mrs. William Peoples), Mary "Polly" (Mrs. Alfred Robinson), Nancy (Mrs. Jacob Robinson), Ferray or Terracy (Mrs. John C. Jones Jr.) and Rebecca (Mrs. Issiah Robbins).

However, the more interesting of the children of Elias and Mary Harrison Allred were their three sons. They played an important although very complicated part in the history of Pickens County. Their careers will be summarized below—as clearly as possible.

Lemuel J. Allred (b. 1814 Pendleton District, SC, d. 1892 Pickens County, (GA) was a career politician, holding several elected and appointed positions. As a Georgia house member from Cherokee County, he succeeded in getting passed, with the help of a prominent lobbyist, the bill that in December 1853 created Pickens County from the counties of Cherokee and Gilmer. He and his brother-in-law Robert B. McCutchen would take credit for raising a Union flag in front of the Pickens County court house in protest to Georgia *succeeding* from the Union in 1860. However, during the Civil War, Lemuel served as deputy sheriff of Pickens County, as an officer in the Georgia State Confederate forces, and as alcohol purchasing officer for the Confederate hospitals in Atlanta. His letters as the latter are today in the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan.

However, when the Republicans ruled Georgia immediately after the war, Lemuel published a pamphlet claiming that he had always supported the Union. He also unsuccessfully filed a claim as a Southern Unionist whose property has been destroyed during the war by Federal forces.

When the Democrats came to power, Lemuel served as their doorkeeper of the Georgia state senate for many years. His tombstone in the Jasper city cemetery reads: "He was for his Country first, last and all the time...He never wavered in principles. He was all his life a true DEMOCRAT." He married Nancy Angus McCutchen and their eight children have many descendants.

Elias Walter Allred (b. 1824 Hall County, GA, d. 1910 Pickens County, GA), the second son of Elias Jr., and Mary, led a complicated career too, made all the more confusing by the many times he has been misidentified with other men. He married Patsy Arthur, by whom he had no children. Elias Walter Allred, "black Elias," has been confused with his cousin Elias Earl (?) Allred (b. 1816 South Carolina), "red Elias," who married Harriet Hyde and had several children. (These two Eliases and the Elias of the War of 1812, all appear on pages one and two of the 1870 Federal census of Pickens County.)

The Rev. Elias Walter Allred, Lemuel's brother, benefited from the creation of Pickens County to serve as the first tax collector. He eventually acquired a great deal of land along with a reputation as a good business man and powerful Baptist minister. A letter involving some of his land speculations can be found in the manuscript collections of the Georgia Historical Society. When the Civil War began, he operated a hotel in Tate and served in the Georgia House of Representatives, having previously been a state senator.

In the summer of 1864, Federal General William T. Sherman sent troops to rescue the supporters of the Union in Pickens County from the Confederate home guards. Rev. Elias was one of a five-man delegation that met the Union soldiers and helped them organize a 125 local defense force to protect the Pickens County families from further depredations. However, Elias was at the same time also serving in a Georgia state Confederate cavalry unit and in the Georgia Confederate legislature.

The Federal chief of spies in Georgia, James George Brown, began rumors in the fall of 1864

The Chuck and Sinee Allred Family, circa 1906. They are buried in the Jasper, Alabama, cemetery. From left to right: Chuck Allred, Ralph (infant), Sinee, Roscoe and Roy. There was a daughter born a couple of years later (Pauline). Ralph was born September 26, 1905. He married my mother in 1950, and raised me.
Submitted by Roland Deziel



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that he had been appointed governor of the new state of North Georgia, with Elias Allred as its congressman. The story was false but Elias was arrested and his property was looted by the Confederates. Elias was released from jail in Milledgeville, Georgia, through the influence of his brother Lemuel with Confederate Governor and former Pickens County judge Joseph E. Brown. Lemuel had been Brown's executive secretary.

Among the properties that Elias owned was a marble quarry. He was swindled out of this quarry in 1897 in an elaborate scam. The Georgia State Supreme Court eventually returned the property to Elias but the family remembers that he remained upset over what had been done to him to the day he died. He sold the marble rights a few years before his death but neglected to remove the marble rights from his will, starting stories that have persisted for generations that the descendants of his brothers and sisters will someday inherit the marble rights.

John Marion Allred (b. 1831 Hall County, Georgia, d 1915 Pickens County, Georgia) brother of Lemuel and Elias, would have a long career in Republican politics. He was a Justice Department commissioner in Jasper in 1890 when a secret society of vigilante moonshiners, known as the "Honest Man's Friend & Protector," were burning down the homes of the men paid to testify against moon shining, John M. Allred helped bring the vigilantes to justice although he also testified to the otherwise good character of these men. However, his role in that effort has been incorrectly (?) attributed to his brother Elias. Although he was a Democrat before the Civil War, he supported the Union throughout the fighting and was a Republican member of the Georgia Legislature in 1871-1872. He also helped to bring the railroad to Pickens County and central North Georgia. John Marion Allred married sisters, Martha and Sarah M. Davis. Many of his descendants still live in Pickens County.

Send Change of Address, Phone and Email Changes

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.

Articles and Photographs Are Welcome for the AFO Newsletter

Information, articles, and photographs are needed for the Allred Family Organization Newsletter. Information may be submitted online or via mail.

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AFO is on Facebook

We're now on Facebook! Come join the "Allred Family Organization" group, where we will share information on upcoming events, projects we're working on, photos, stories, and much more.

Spread the word to your children, grandchildren, and other family members. We're hoping to bridge the generations and get everyone interested in sharing family history, from ages 9 to 99! If you have questions, please contact the group administrator, Karisa Walker at fourinohio@att.net.

Almost daily there are questions and comments on Allreds.



Expired AFO Memberships

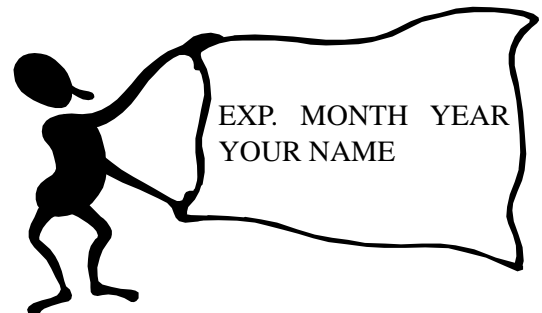
by Joyce Allred, Treasurer

In late March our AFO Treasurer sent postcards to AFO members whose memberships expired in 2011. This was a second reminder for these people. A second set of postcards was mailed to those whose memberships were going to expire before the issuance of this newsletter (No. 91). To date we still have not heard from several members

whose memberships expired in 2011 and 11 whose memberships will expire before this newsletter is sent out. None of these people will receive this latest newsletter unless they renew their membership.

Why is this happening? A few members have passed away. Perhaps the economy has some effect. But we're talking about roughly 140 postcards (at \$.32 each) that were initially mailed in March. Basically, I believe our members have become complacent about keeping their memberships active.

It's simpler for you to look at your mailing label on the front of each newsletter to determine when your membership expires than for our Treasurer to sort out names and mail postcards reminding everyone when they should send in their renewal check. Let's make a concerted effort in 2012 to keep our memberships current by checking our mailing label each time we receive a newsletter. If your membership will expire before the next newsletter comes out, normally they are sent February, May, August and November, send a \$20 check to the Allred Family Organization, Joyce Allred, Treasurer, 11707 Indian Ridge Rd, Reston, VA 20191, by the end of January, April, July or October.



A Tribute to a Forgotten Allred: Olen J. Allred

by Alene Patton, Seguin, Texas

Anyone who loves genealogy knows about hitting dead ends. Until recently, such was the case of my grandmother's second husband, Orlen J. Allred. My desire to know more about this man was driven by

A Post Card and a Photo

I grew up listening to family stories about my grandmother and I have drawn the conclusion



Rose Snelson Linton and Orlen J. Allred

she was unlucky in love. Some of the relationships were short lived, but little was said about this. It was simply accepted. Relationships then were no different than today.

Little was known about Orlen or his parentage. Public records are scant but from them one can get a glimpse into this man's life. He was born March 23, 1895, in Spring City, Sanpete County, Utah, and enlisted in the Regular Army at Ft. Logan, Colorado, in November 11, 1916. He listed Moab, Grand County, Utah, as his home residence on the enlistment papers. He was honorably discharged on June 4, 1920, being furloughed to the reserves on July 10, 1919, after serving as a private in Troop L, 1st Calvary.

In 1918 he was in the border town of El Paso, Texas, where, I am told, the town was the staging place for military troops during World War I.

There he met and married my grandmother, Rose Snelson Linton. No one knows why Rose was there – her family lived in north Texas and Oklahoma. The marriage took place on December 11, 1918, and the couple moved to Camp Harry J. Jones, Arizona. She proudly announced her marriage to her sister living in Oklahoma in a post card. It read:

Dear Sis I will now announce to you that I am again married and send you love from both my husband and I. Your loving Sis, Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Allred 906 5th St Douglas Ariz

The couple found their way back to Texas sometime after his Army discharge, but not all was well with the marriage. In 1920 they were in Ft. Worth. She was an employee at the Westbrook Hotel and he worked as a mechanic . . . but they were living apart. After the breakup, she returned to Oklahoma where she met and married my grandfather.

Orlen was found in the 1930 Census living in Los Angeles, California, divorced and working as a laborer. He lived in a boarding house at 1351 S. Main Street. Six years later, on August 27, 1936, he would take his own life while in a jail cell in Rawlins, Wyoming. He hanged himself with his belt in that cell. He had committed no crime.

The Saratoga Sun reported “Allred had been about town here [Saratoga] and had made no disturbance, but a number of his extravagant statements indicated that he was not right mentally.” The *Republican Bulletin* reported his mental condition as “demented.”

Did Rose see a glimpse of this condition during their brief marriage? No one knows. In later years she only would say he was very jealous and once cut up all her clothes while in a jealous rage.

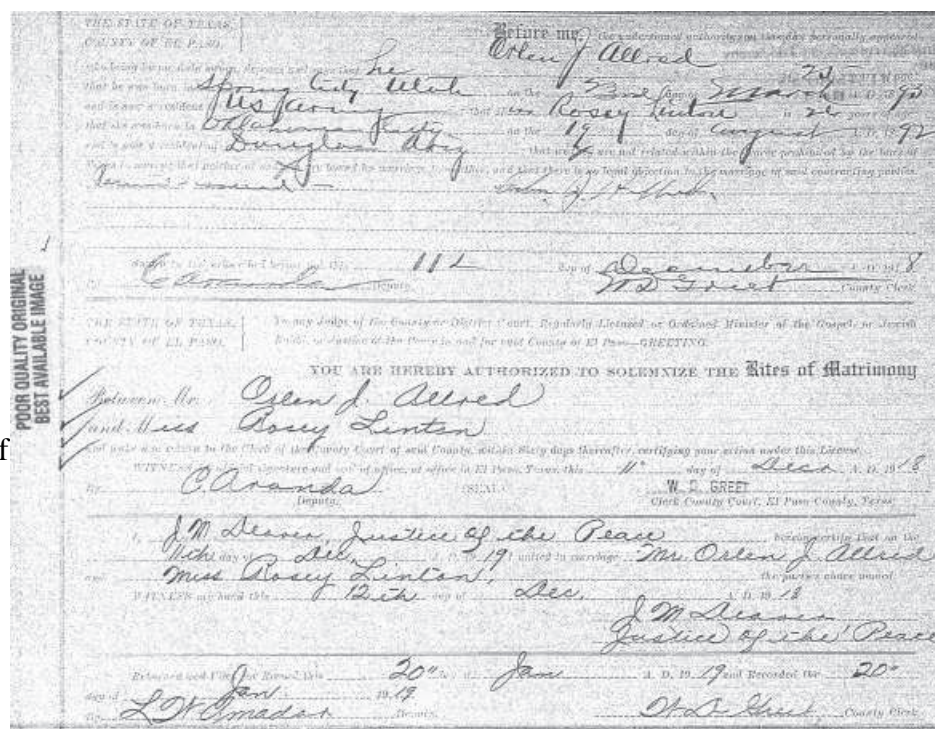
The coroner was able to locate a brother, Martin Allred, living in Mead [Moab], Utah. However, the American Legion oversaw the burial of Orlen J. Allred, and he was laid to rest in the Rawlins City Cemetery in Wyoming, on September 9, 1936. His death certificate listed his parents as unknown. Orlen was forty-one years old when he died.

When my grandmother died in 1955, a photo was found in her personal effects - a man in uniform and woman standing beside him – it was Orlen and Rose. She kept it all those years. It made me think of Alfred Lord Tennyson’s poem *In Memoriam*:27, 1850:

I hold it true, what’er befall;
I feel it, when I sorrow most;
‘Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all.

God bless Orlen J. Allred. May he be kindly remembered.

Grateful acknowledgment is given to Larry Allred. He directed me to the research tools used in finding more about Orlen. My hope is someone will be able to place Orlen with his Allred family. He is memorialized on the findagrave.com website where one can read the



newspaper accounts in full referred to in this memorial. *Alene Patton*

Editor's note: Allred researcher and historian, Kaye Watson, Spring City, Utah, discovered that Orlen J. Allred was born to Perry Barton and Jensina C. Black Allred. His father, Perry B. is listed on the 1880 Census in Grand County, Utah, where he died in 1912. Moab is listed as the home residence for Olen J. Allred in 1916 when he enlisted in the Army.

*Grave of
Orlen J.
Allred in the
Rawlins,
Wyoming,
City Cem-
etry.*



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Frieda Allred Hirst

1922—2012

Frieda Isabel Allred Hirst, a 20-year member of the Allred Family Organization, died February 28, 2012, in Orem, Utah. She was born January 30, 1922, in Moab, Utah, the 10th of 13 children of Birten and Sarah Anna Johnson Allred. She grew up tending cows at the family ranch and playing near Moab's red rock cliffs before the family moved closer to town where she enjoyed climbing the cherry tree next to the house. In grade school, she won Rotary club awards for her "A" grades. She developed a beautiful penmanship. As a teenager, she won the 4-H "make it with wool" county fair award for a tailored suit. At Grand High School, she did newspaper, yearbook, school plays, band (trombone), and was a student reporter for the city newspaper. She earned the "Gold G" award pin, the second highest academic award in her graduating class. She was a beautiful young woman with a big smile, fine features, brown eyes and auburn hair. She was named Gold-and-Green Ball queen and Daughters-of-Utah Pioneers' queen. Frieda put herself through two-and-a-half years of college as she alternated working a year, then going to school for a year. She attended Utah State Agriculture College and the University of Utah. At the Remington Arms SLC Plant, she was ammunitions inspector. She did clerical work at the plant before she attended LDS business college. She was manager of jewelry at ZCMI. Mark Hirst looked her up again after World War II, having previously met her on a blind date before going overseas. For much of their courtship they enjoyed dancing to big band music at Rainbow Rendezvous. They married May 22, 1947. They were later sealed in the Provo LDS Temple. After their marriage, Mark and Frieda enjoyed "Dancing Friends" club and a bridge club. Frieda taught herself how to cook, bake and bottle fruits and vegetables. She sewed clothes for her family, sometimes without patterns, and hand-stitched many quilts. Frieda diligently taught her children: "Be Responsible,

Be Dependable, Go the second mile."

Sometimes she had them redo a task if it wasn't done right the first time. She taught them to read, helped them study, coached their speeches, typed their reports, and sacrificed her time to support them. She lovingly cared for her daughter Marcia, who had down syndrome. She made every effort to help her reach her potential seeking the best medical care, working her through hours of physical therapy, and searching out the best schools to train her. A model of compassion, Frieda took responsibility to look after the needs of her brother, disabled after an accident. She also cared for her elderly father, served her mother-in-law, and listened to and helped her neighbors. A dedicated member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she taught Laurels, Mia Maids and Beehives and was stake Laurel leader. She served as a Cub Scout den mother, Relief Society counselor, and visiting teaching coordinator. She was proud of her Mormon pioneer heritage and served as Timp View chapter captain of Daughters of Utah Pioneers four years. She was an expert on her family history. She and Mark were married nearly 65 years. They both valued hard work and compassionate service. People noted they had an exceptionally compatible marriage. After the children were grown, they traveled together to Hawaii, the Pacific Northwest, the East Coast, and Europe, but their favorite place was Utah. She is survived by Mark and their children: Michael (Margie Jensen), Christena (Stephen Hoyal), Janice (Harrison McKnight), 19 grandchildren and 48 great-grandchildren. Her daughter, Marcia and granddaughter, Mary Esther McKnight, preceded her in death. She was the last living member of her family, her brothers and sisters, Wendell, Fay, Pratt, Ruth, Bertha, Clay, Elna, Josephine, Edith, Afton and Claron having preceded her in death. Funeral services were March 6, at the former Vermont Chapel (now called the Cascade LDS Chapel) in Orem, Utah. Interment was in the Orem City

Cemetery. *Frieda, Birt, Elizabeth Ann, Richard Anderson, James Russell, Sarah, William, Thomas, and Frieda, Birt, Elizabeth Ann, Richard Anderson, James Russell, Sarah, William, Thomas, and Frieda Birt, Wilson Monroe, William Hackley, James, William, Thomas*

**Carma June Allred Gentry Chase
1938—2012**

Carma June Allred Gentry Chase passed away March 4, 2012, surrounded by her family. Carma was born August 17, 1938, in Ogden, Utah, to Orson and Florence Allred. Carma loved being a Voce Coed Singer at Weber College, where she met many lifelong friends. While attending BYU Carma met and married Raymond Gentry. After he completed his Bachelors in Education, they moved to St. George, Utah, where they had and raised their five children. Throughout her life Carma endured many things, but thought often about the welfare of her children and grandchildren. She encouraged her children to accomplish great things and supported each one of them wholeheartedly. Carma enjoyed helping others especially her children and would do whatever necessary to ensure their well being. She was loving, kind, gentle, giving, gracious and was always smiling. Carma cherished music and was thrilled when her children and grandchildren played and sang for her. Carma served diligently in many LDS Church callings. She enjoyed family history and worked in the Tabernacle to help extract 4,000 Scottish names. She also loved working in the LDS Temple and met many wonderful people during her time as a Temple worker. It was at the Temple where Carma met John Chase. They were married on June 27, 2003. Carma is preceded in death by husband, Raymond Gentry; her parents; and six of her siblings: Melba Dabb, Claire Allred, “Peggy” Mabel Searles Underwood, Thurman Allred, Ruth Wise, and Dale Allred. She is survived by her husband, John; her children: Larry (RondaLyn), Garry (Jackie), Greg (Jana), Suzanne, and Nancy (Paul); her brother, Dean Allred (Charlotte) of Lompoc, CA; 16 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were, March 8, 2012, at the St. George LDS 5th Ward, St. George. Interment followed in the St. George City Cemetery. *Carma Jean, Orson Parley, Byron Harvey, William Moore, Isaac, William, Thomas.*

**Carla Jean Allred Lewis
1940—2012**

Carla Jean Allred Lewis, wife, mother, and grandmother passed away Tuesday, March 6, 2012, surrounded by her family. Carla was born July 26, 1940, in Mt. Pleasant, Utah, to Virgil Clinton and Elva LaVon Hansen Allred. She attended Mt. Pleasant schools and graduated from Springville High School. She met her sweetheart, James Ellis Lewis and they were married March 10, 1962, in Stockton, Utah. She worked for several years as a waitress in many cafes in Provo and Springville and also worked as a lunch lady for Nebo School District, working her way up to Supervisor. Carla loved animals, camping, gardening and especially enjoyed four-wheeling. She was happiest when she was with her family and she was devoted to them. She was a caring friend and loved to serve and help others. She is survived by her husband, James Ellis Lewis; two daughters, Pamela Ann Horton, and Vickie Lynn (Tim) Foster. She also leaves behind 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren whom she adored. She is also survived by three brothers and two sisters, Virgil Clinton (Mary) Allred, Jr.; Harry Udell (Sandy) Allred; Dorothy Joanne (Ron) Wiley; James Lewis (Carol) Allred; and Virginia Allred. Carla was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Teresa Laree Dallin; and a brother, Armond Peterson. Funeral services were, March 12, 2012, at the Nebo 4th Ward Chapel, Springville, Utah. Interment was in the Springville Evergreen Cemetery. *Carla Jean, Virgil Clinton, Parley Adelbert, Mary Leoma, Isaac, James, William, Thomas*

**Daryl John Allred
1982—2012**

Daryl John Allred, born August 27, 1982, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Kenyon and Penny Allred, passed away peacefully in his sleep the morning of Wednesday, March 21, 2012. Daryl was

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always making friends and seemed to have a smile for everyone he met. Daryl struggled with disabilities throughout his life, but through independent determination, was able to overcome many of the obstacles he had to deal with. Daryl is survived by Kenyon (father), Michael (brother), Leone Johnson (sister), Bob and Thora Johnson (grandparents), as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother. Funeral services were, March 24, 2012, at Larkin Mortuary. Interment followed at Redwood Memorial Cemetery. *Daryl John, Kenyon Barlow, Rulon Clark, Byron Harvey Jr., Byron Harvey, William Moore, Isaac, William, Thomas*

Dolores Varela Allred

1931—2012

Dolores Varela Allred died March 31, 2012, in Preston, Idaho. She was the wife of Bryon H. Allred, *Bryon H, Elwood, Byron Harvey, Byron Harvey, William Moore, Isaac, William, Thomas*. Dolores was born June 17, 1931, in Oakley, Idaho. Dolores enjoyed writing poetry and her husband read her poem, *Gethsemane*, at her funeral service on April 7, 2012, at the Preston First Ward Chapel. Interment was in the Pleasant View Cemetery, Burley, Idaho.

Roger Curtis Pugmire

1935—2012

Roger Curtis Pugmire, 77, died April 5, 2012, in Smithfield, Utah. Roger was born in St. Charles, Idaho, on March 7, 1935. He was the first of six children born to Curtiss Pugmire and Erma Rich Allred. He was raised on the family farm and attended school in the Bear Lake Valley. In 1955 he met his lifelong companion, Janene Toomer, and after serving an LDS mission in Southern California, they were married in the Logan LDS Temple on June 24, 1957. His loves in life were spending time with his family, square dancing, being outdoors, camping, hunting and fishing. It could be said that he was happiest with one foot in the canyons and the other in the beautiful blue waters of Bear Lake. He had a passion for history and learned to love his ancestors and the

pioneers of the Bear Lake Valley. He and his wife served as volunteers at the California/Oregon Trail Center in Montpelier, Idaho, for several years. Dad was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many callings throughout his life. He spent most of his working career with Utah Power & Light Company. After retirement, he spent summers in Bear Lake and winters in St. George, Utah, until they were called to serve as missionaries at the Historic Tabernacle in Paris, Idaho, where they served for five years. He was a member of the Allred Family Organization. He contributed articles to the newsletter about William Moore Allred and Bear Lake, Idaho, history, and the Iowa Volunteers knows as the Mormon Battalion. Roger is survived by his wife, Janene; two children, Boyd (Jann) Pugmire and Debbie (Barry) Hortin; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren with two on the way. Also surviving are his mother and two sisters, Nona Bee and Dixie Bybee. He was preceded in death by his father; two brothers, Garen and Richard; and one sister, Sharyn. Funeral services were, April 14, 2012, at the St. Charles LDS chapel. Interment was in the St. Charles Cemetery. *Erma R., Ernest Wilkes, William Lansing, Wm. Moore, Isaac, William, Thomas*.

W. Jeanne Wentz Allred

1943—2012

Jeanne Wentz Allred, 68, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died, April 26, 2012, at Big Elm Nursing Home, Kannapolis. She was born November 19, 1943, in Charlotte, a daughter of the late James Walter Wentz and Effie Mae Suber Wentz. Mrs. Allred was an associate at Woolworth's in South Park in younger years and was associated with Avon for 31 years. She raised her family in Chantilly Baptist Church and in recent years was a member of Plaza Baptist Church. A service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Allred was held April 29, in the Chapel of the McEwen Funeral Service. The Reverend David Gales officiated. Burial followed in Sharon Memorial Park. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Gary L. Allred; her children: Glynis

Coley and husband, Chris; Gordon Allred, Gilbert Allred and wife, Elisha, and Karen Myers and husband, Brian; her brother James 'Larry' Wentz and her sister, Barbara Cappadony; and her grandchildren: Ryan, Austin, Sarah, Kayla, Micah, Jillian, Mack, Zechariah, Anna, Gabriel, Danika, and Faith.

V. Dean Allred

1922—2012

V. Dean Allred, 89, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather died April 27, 2012, at his home in Springville, Utah. Dean was born September 13, 1922, to Angus and Lulu Cram Allred. He was raised on a farm near Delta, Utah. An excellent student, Dean received a scholarship to SUU and later to the University of Utah. He married Alice Jackson May 9, 1944 in the Salt Lake Temple. During World War II (43-46), Dean served in the United States Army Air Corps as a meteorologist in the Pacific. Upon his return to the U of U, he earned a BS in Chemical Engineering (1948) and a PhD in Fuel Technology (1951). In 1951 during the Korean War he was a Captain in the USAF and served at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. In 1953 he went to work at the National Laboratories of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The family moved to Littleton, Colorado, in 1956 where Dean worked as a research scientist for Marathon Oil Company for 32 years. An author and inventor he held several U.S. and foreign patents. Dean was internationally recognized as an authority on oil shale processing technology. He served as a consultant to the U of U and USU on faculty and graduate energy-related research programs, as a member of a technical advisory committee for the U.S. Dept. of Interior's Office of Coal Research, as a technical advisor on specific NSF-RANN sponsored academic research projects and as a distinguished lecturer. He often advised and mentored young people in their careers. He was an Eagle Scout and served in many adult leadership positions in the scouting program including district commissioner. His wife, children, and grandchildren knew him as Mr. Fix-it. He always said "if somebody made it, I can take it apart and fix it." He served in many

LDS church callings including: branch president, bishop, high councilor, and counselor to two mission presidents. Dean was recognized as the Littleton Colorado Father of the Year in 1978. Dean's mind and sense of humor remained sharp to the end. He continued serving and loving all around him, finally succumbing to the cumulative effect of cancer and Parkinson's disease. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Alice, and six children: David D. Allred (Janice) Provo, Utah; Thomas J. Allred (Astrid), Vernal, Utah, Margaret A. Wilkins (Alan), Provo, Utah, Wendell K. Allred (Darlene), Sugarland, Texas, Marilyn A. Riddle Provo, Utah, and Kevin L. Allred (Lynda), Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. He had 46 grandchildren and 64 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his older brothers, Glenn Angus and Thomas Boyd and a younger sister, Llonas Miller. He is survived by his twin sisters, Vada A. Beckstead and Ada A. Evans. Funeral services were May 1, 2012, in the Springville 9th Ward Chapel. Burial was in the Springville Evergreen Cemetery with military rites provided by the American Legion. *Victor Dean, Angus, Thomas Butler, Reuben Warren, James, William, Thomas.*

Letter to the Editor

I am doing research on the Allred family of northwest Georgia. Louisa Elizabeth Allred was my gggrandmother. I have her married to James Monroe Stowe, Chattooga, County, GA. It looks like two of her sisters, Sarah and Nancy also married two of James Monroe's brothers. I have that Eli Allred, b. 1824 was her father and Nancy Ann "Annie" Lou Allen was her mother. Can you help me on these Allreds?

Melanie Horton

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President's Message

Have you ever heard someone say, "It was in the last place I looked." Well, of course it was. Why would you keep looking after you found it? Well, ask Linda, Alice, and John that question because they just keep looking.

In law enforcement training, we were taught to ask What? Why? Where? When? Who? and How?

After doing research for many years, it was discovered *what* made the Allreds want to come to America. Then, *why* it happened. Then later, *where* and *when* were answered. Through many hours and days of searching, we now know *who* helped the Allreds get to America. That leaves the question. *How?*

I know that just makes these three want to dig deeper. So, to Linda, Alice, and John, I say "thanks a million" for all your hard work. Also, thanks to Charlette Allred and Jim Pottmyer for going along and working hard.



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