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Randolph County, North Carolina, Allred Reunion

The annual Allred Reunion is Saturday, September 14, 2013, at Grays Chapel United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 5056 NC Hwy 22 N, Franklinville, NC 27248. This annual reunion is sponsored by the East Coast Allred Family Association, Inc. (ECAFA).

We have a slate of activities being planned and hope that you will decide to join us. As soon the activities are confirmed, a schedule of events with tentative times will be posted on the website at www.allredfamily.com/ecafa.htm. Please check the website beginning in mid-August for the schedule.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. At the registration table you may sign in and fill out a name tag. Morning activities begin at 10 a.m. Lunch begins around noon. We request that everyone bring a covered dish or two or three. Drinks and dinnerware are provided by the ECAFA. Afternoon activities begin immediately after lunch.

Each year the ECAFA offers the Tour of Allred and Historic Sites. in Randolph County A van is rented for this purpose. In order for the tour to be offered this year, we must have a minimum of 12 people for the tour. Please RSVP Gina Morton Smith no later than Saturday, August 31, to reserve your seat on the van. Seats are reserved on a first come, first serve basis. There will be a \$10.00 non-refundable deposit required for each person going on the tour. To reserve your seat, send a check made payable to East Coast Allreds to Gina Morton Smith at 4308 Timber Lea Lane, Ramseur, NC 27316 by August 31. If we do not reach the minimum of 12 people for the tour by August 31, the tour will be cancelled. In case of cancellation, deposits will be refunded. If you have any questions about the tour or the reunion, please contact Gina Morton Smith at ginamortonsmith@yahoo.com or at 336-879-0408.

As many of you know, the ECAFA owns the Billy Trogon Cemetery where many early Allreds are buried. As of July 1, 2013, we began our fundraising efforts for a wrought iron fence to enclose the cemetery. Our goal is \$14,000. We will have items for sale at the reunion and all proceeds will go to our Fence Fund. For those of you who are not ECAFA members, we wanted to let you know about these items in advance just in case you are interested in any of them. The items include the last few copies of the *Allreds in the Civil War Roster*, the last of our Allred Family T-shirts. We also hope to have a 2014 Historical Randolph County Calendar available for sale. We will also gladly accept donations for our fence fund and for reunion expenses. We will also be selling raffle tickets for a number of items.

Randolph County has been home to Allreds since 1752. Please make plans to join us in Randolph County, September 14 and return to your roots.



The replica or the original Sandy Creek Primitive Baptist Church is part of the Randolph County tour.

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John Thomas Allred Moves Back to Alabama

by Melvin Alred

In Newsletter 90, I told you about Charlie and John Thomas Allred relocating from Rome, Georgia, to Lincoln, Alabama, and about John's returning back to Rome two years later. That's where this story begins.

John located in a community in Floyd County, Georgia, called Booger Hollow where he farmed for ten years. The land was hilly and rocky and dotted with open-pit bauxite mines.

In 1920, after ten years of struggling with the rocky land, John purchased a farm just across the state line in Cherokee County, Alabama, now County Road 16. The property consisted of 160 acres with a beautiful white house on a hill and a spring-fed creek flowing through the farm.

By this time, John had eleven children—seven boys and four girls. Three of the oldest sons were employed and decided to not make the move to Cherokee County, Alabama. Lewis Victor, born November 21, 1895, was operating a trolley in Rome, Georgia, for Georgia Power. Lester Lee, born October 21, 1897, was delivering kerosene and gasoline in Rome. The deliveries were made in ten-gallon cans on a one-horse wagon. James Roscoe, born September 6, 1899, was employed in Atlanta with the water department.

When Claude Thomas, the youngest son, saw his older brothers and father loading the wagons and rounding up the livestock, he remembered the story about his brother, Dallas, walking all the way to Lincoln, Alabama, on the 1910 move. He ran to his father begging him to ride on the wagon with him. Claude told me years later that he was so afraid he

would have to walk that he refused to get off the wagon during the twelve-hour trip.

Moving with John Thomas, born April 17, 1872, was his wife, Olie Ander Estes Allred, born November 10, 1876, along with eight of his children: Dallas Eugene, born August 3, 1901; Ada Estell, born November 16, 1903; Charlie Daniel, born February 12, 1906; Dovie Rovine, born February 14, 1908; Robert Cecil, born June 12, 1910; Claude Thomas, born July 15, 1913; Dora Novela, born January 18, 1916; and Olie Ruth, born April 2, 1918.

In 1923, John built a house on the farm for his mother Mary Wood Allred, and his sister, Ada Allred, after the death of his father, Lewis Patterson Allred, born April 4, 1852. On Easter Sunday 1932, all eleven of his children, spouses and seven grandchildren gathered at the farm for dinner.

The family must have known John Thomas was in poor health as he passed three months later on July 4, 1932. Inquiring as to the cause of his death, I was told three different stories. One was he never recovered from a farm accident. Another was he drank too much. The third story was that, after the farm accident, John drank to relieve the pain. Upon getting a copy of his death certificate, I confirmed the third "was the rest of the story."

After John's death, his wife, Olie, divided the farm among the eleven children. Dallas and Claude lived on the farm for several years, but the remainder of the children moved back to Georgia.



The John Thomas Allred home as it looks today.

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Allreds Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Jim and Joyce Allred celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 8, 2013. Married June 8, 1963, in North Canton, Ohio, they moved to Reston, Virginia, in July 1967. Since then they have been active participants in community efforts and consummate volunteers. Currently Jim is Director of Research for AFO and Joyce is AFO Treasurer. Their celebration was held at the Reston Community Center with 70+ friends and family members attending. Their son Jay, his wife and children (who live in Reston) were there as was their daughter, Joy, and her fiancé who live in Dallas, Texas. Jim's niece, Rhonda Berberich (an AFO member) came from California and his nephew Lance and family came from Minnesota. Joyce's brother and wife came from Ohio. Jim and Joyce were blessed to have so many friends (some of whom were at their wedding in 1963 and a 3rd grade classmate of Joyce), join in their celebration, those they've known over 50 years, present and former neighbors, business acquaintances and fellow church members. It was a joyous and memorable event and they look forward to their 75th.



Jim and Joyce Allred



The John Thomas Allred Family Easter 1932.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for the most recent newsletter. I love the Revolutionary War era and so was very interested in the articles.

*Beverly Allred Royer
Orem, Utah*

First of all, I love reading each and every newsletter that I receive. There is always a special article that get's my attention. The Summer 2013 is exceptionally interesting to me about the Allreds in the American Revolution. John Allred was my 5th great grandfather. Catherine Allred Madden my 4th. He and his father, William, are the two men mentioned in the article about the Tories coming to their home on page 9 of that newsletter.

Since I have been researching my family for the last ten years, I have discovered how much our ancestors intertwine with each other. I am still mystified about their connections and wonder what they would have thought if they knew they would be one big family 240 years later.

One of my ancestors was James Billingsley who left Maryland with his family in 1768 and moved to North Carolina. He was quite active in the American Revolution. For a short time he was involved with the Regulators as were the Allreds.

James was a minister at the Sandy Creek Church at the same time the Allred family attended. I looked through my Billingsley information and found some of the Allreds mentioned. In 1776, James Billingsley was hanged by a group of Tories for trying to help

some of the farmers with their taxation. When I read about him, it is like reading about the Allreds also.

Keep up the good work. I am sure there are many Allred relatives who have some across this same situation.

*Dorothy Spring
Holly, Michigan*

Editor's Note: The Tories were very active in the Randolph County area and terrorized the Patriot families. Dorothy Spring is from one of those families. William Allred and his son, John, and their family are mentioned on page 9 of the Summer 2013 issue, No. 95, page 9. This family was not harmed physically, but they went through terror when the Tories were searching for William and John. James Billingsley was not as fortunate.

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.

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.

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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Spring City 2013 Allred Reunion

More than 100 Allred cousins participated in the June 29 Allred Reunion in Spring City, Utah. In addition to Utah, Allred cousins from Idaho, Washington and Virginia were in attendance.

Bob Olson, who conducted the reunion, gave a brief history of the Allred Reunion in the historic town in central Utah. He and his brother, Bill Olson, attended the first reunion 25 years ago along with others. For about the last eight years, the Olson brothers have provided a barbecue lunch for the attendees.

Dawnell Griffin, Utah Poet of the Year in 2012, spoke about the book on Reuben Warren Allred she and Keith Allred, Kirkland, Washington, are researching and writing.

Lawrence Lewis, Park City, Utah, is writing the book on Isaac and Mary Calvert Allred. He is still researching this pioneer couple.

Others giving status reports on books in progress were Paul Sampson, Orem, Utah, writing the book on Andrew Jackson Allred. Alice Allred Pottmyer, Arlington, Virginia, hopes to have the book on William Hackley and Elizabeth Ivie Allred available for the 2014 reunion.

Ben Hunter, Idaho Falls, Idaho, reported on the recent photos taken of the Joseph Smith sword given to James Allred in Carthage, Illinois, by Joseph Smith. The sword was in a line of the Reuben Warren Allred family. It is now in Nauvoo.



Keith Allred, Dawnell Griffin and Richard Rees, M.D., at the Spring City Reunion. Dawnell and Keith are writing the book about Reuben Warren Allred. Dr. Rees is building a database that will soon be available on the allied families who intermarried with the Allreds.

Sisters, Bonnie Green Hughes, left, and Linda Green Isom, perform with the Isaac Allred violin in many locales across the country. Bonnie accompanies Linda on the piano. The violin was played by Isaac Allred (1813-1859) and has remained in his family.



The children's program was chaired by Janet Olson.

Bob Olson led a discussion on the need to reorganize and revitalize the Rocky Mountain Allreds. The plan is to nominate new leadership and define roles and move forward in the electronic age.

A committee of Larry Allred, Bill Olson and Bob Olson will begin the process and report to the 2014 reunion.

Larry Allred announced that the 2014 reunion will be held at the historic chapel building on Spring City's Main Street. The date is Saturday, June 28. Mark your 2014 calendar and plan to attend.



MaryAnne Butler Ashton talks about the book on John Lafayette Allred, 11th child of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred at the Spring City Reunion.

The Allred Children

by Beverly Allred Royer

Beverly, Wendell U., Theras Orson, Orson Pratt, William Moore, Isaac, William, Thomas

“Mom, who are the Allred children in your family pictures?”

My mother, born Virginia Booth, did not become an Allred until she married my father. She had no blood Allred relatives. Consequently, it was confusing to me that there were children surnamed Allred in my mother’s childhood photos. I have since learned the story of “The Allred Children.” The following account is based primarily on the recollections of my aunt, Phyllis Phillips.

In 1931, A. L. and Edith Booth were busy raising their four children, Thornton, Virginia, Margery and Phyllis (ages 13 to 6), at 131 West 500 North in Provo, Utah. Also living at home and helping raise the children was Editha Booth, A. L.’s 28-year old daughter by his first wife. There were many relatives of the Booths who lived nearby. One neighborhood family who *wasn’t* related resided at 167 West 500 North. This was Elmo Allred (1904-1971) (*Elmo, Isaac Alma, William Alma, Isaac, James, William, Thomas*), his wife Grace and their three children, Shirley, Venita and LeGrande (ages 4 to 2).



Edith Booth and LeGrande Allred 1931

Near the time of her 23rd birthday on 28 February 1931,¹ Grace Allred became ill with an ear infection. Several days later, a physician determined she had developed encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) and sepsis. The doctor operated on March 9 but Grace died the following day in Provo’s Aird Hospital.²

Times were economically difficult during the Great Depression. Although

Elmo was a very good electrician and handyman,

he was on government assistance at this time. Edith Booth, a former kindergarten teacher, loved little children. She nurtured young ones with “a rocking chair, a nursery rhyme book and an ample lap.”³

Her daughter Phyllis recalled that “Elmo’s family had lived in the Ashworth apartment just two doors west of us. [H]is three children, Shirley, Venita and LeGrande, needed someone to take care of them. They were so close in age that Venita turned three before Shirley turned four and LeGrande turned two before Venita turned three.”⁴

Soon after Grace’s passing, the Allred



Editha Booth and LeGrande Allred, 1931

³ Lora Lark Phillips Michl, “Grandma Booth “ in Phyllis Elsie Booth Phillips, *Biography of Edith Harriett Young Booth*, (Privately published 2007) (hereinafter cited as “Phillips, *Biography*”), p. 175.

⁴ Phillips, *Biography*, p. 25.



LeGrande Allred, Venita Allred, Shirley Allred, Betty Jackson, Phyllis Booth, Margaret Musuik, Margery Booth, 1931.

¹ Grace was actually born on February 29th.

² “Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1956,” index and images, *FamilySearch.org*, (accessed 28 Apr 2013), Grace Small Allred, 10 Mar 1931.

children moved in with the Booths. Elmo moved into “The Little House,” a separate dwelling behind the Booth home. Everyone ate together. It must have been quite a lively atmosphere.

Phyllis continues, “The Allred children called [Edith], ‘Mama Booth,’ and she and they became very devoted to each other. She disciplined them, however, and I felt rather put out over the attention she paid to them. Before they left, I had become very fond of them myself, especially Shirley, and wished that they had stayed longer. Mother worried about them when they left, and even gave LeGrande a birthday party on his fifth birthday. She gave all of them birthday presents for years.”⁵ The Allred children also gave Edith gifts at Christmas time.

Elmo was a good looking man who liked to go to dances. After living at the Booths for almost a year and a half, he married Louise Gore, an 18-year-old from Springville, Utah, on 30 August 1932. Phyllis stated that Louise “was a very special person, as you can imagine, taking on the responsibility of three little children when she was only 18.... Her step-children loved her as much as they could have loved their own mother.”⁶ The Allreds settled a few miles away, in the southwest part of Provo. By 1936,

Elmo’s family was apparently faring better economically. That December, Elmo won the Provo Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting contest by displaying “a pictorial study of Christmas carolers with a concealed instrument playing popular Yuletide carols.” Elmo won \$15 for his “clever”⁷ variety of sound effects with distinctive lighting.”

Elmo was murdered in 1971 while on a sales trip to Billings, Montana. There was a trial and coverage in both the Billings and Provo newspapers. His widow survived him for almost 30 years.

The Booths kept track of the Allred children for several years. LeGrande was a resident of Maryland when he passed away in 1999. When Venita (Allred) Morgan died in 2007, Phyllis and Virginia went to her viewing in Orem, Utah, and visited with the family. Coincidentally, Virginia (Booth) Allred and Shirley (Allred) Salgy died on the same day, 10 June 2012, and in the same city, Orem, Utah. I like to think that they both had a warm reunion with “Mama Booth.”

⁵ *Ibid.*

⁶ *Ibid.*

⁷ *The Evening Herald* (Provo, Utah), 22 December 1936, page 1.



Front Row: LeGrande, Shirley and Venita Allred. Back Row: Virginia, Margery and Phyllis Booth, 1931 or 1932. Photo taken on Booths’ front lawn, Provo, Utah.



Back Row: Leona, Edith, Editha, Thorton and A.L. Booth. Middle Row: Phyllis, Margery and Virginia Booth. Front Row: LeGrande, Shirley and Venita Allred.

Why the Allreds left Jefferson County, Missouri for Lamar County, Texas

John Allred, Dublin, Ohio
Cleveland Russell, William Russell, Coleman Scott, Samuel, Elias, Thomas

When I learned in school that the United States was a country of immigrants, I asked my father where we came from. His answer was that we were “Scotch-Irish.” We now know that our Allred ancestors were definitely English from Lancashire, England, and not Scotland or Ireland. And if you go to Britain today, you dare not call an Englishman a Scot nor, worse in terms of the fury that you would raise, you best not call a Scot an Englishman! I am not sure where Dad got the idea that we were “Scotch-Irish” but it probably came from family stories. And if you consider the extended family, the term arguably fits.

Take Peter Patrick McCormack, for example. He is not directly related to the Allred family but his descendents were certainly entangled with ours. Peter Patrick was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1753. Since his father came from Scotland to Ireland, he could be described ethnically as Scotch-Irish but that term was originally not just an ethnic designation. Rather, it actually was used to describe a specific group of immigrants sent to Ireland from Scotland and Northern England by King James I of England (James VI of Scotland) to colonize land confiscated from Irish nobility in what is now Northern Ireland. The Scotch-Irish immigrants were protestant (primarily Presbyterian) while the rest of Ireland was almost exclusively Catholic, a religious division still seen today.

Peter Patrick McCormack¹ emigrated from Ireland to the Colonies in time to fight against the British in the Revolutionary War. After the War, he migrated west to Kentucky and then in 1801, he joined a trading party that was going west of the Mississippi to what was then called Louisiana and is now the state of Missouri. When he was there, he made claim to land that included what is now the town of DeSoto, Jefferson County, Missouri. He went back to his home in Kentucky and in 1802 brought his family down the Ohio River and then a

hundred and fifty miles up the Mississippi in a crude, wooden keel boat. They landed at Plattin Rock where Plattin Creek joins the Mississippi River. The land that he thought he had claimed a year earlier had been taken over by Indians. Since the land was not yet a part of the United States, he made application to a representative of the Spanish government (who supposedly had control of the territory²) for another property of about 380 acres, located about 12 miles up Plattin Creek.

Peter Patrick McCormack’s family consisted of his two sons, James and Hardy Watson McCormack, his second wife, Isabella³, and her two children, son Joseph and daughter Elizabeth with Elizabeth’s husband, Jeremiah McClain, who also figured very prominently in the Allred family fortunes. Elizabeth and Jeremiah McClain staked a claim to land near the headwaters of Plattin Creek. The area was the Indian’s winter camp ground because of the abundance of game and, for this reason was called “Indian Bottom.”

Both the McCormack and McClain families prospered; growing crops in the rich Mississippi River valley and raising children to work on the farms. In addition to the two children that each of them brought into the marriage, Peter Patrick and Isabella McCormack had four children born in Missouri: Peter Patrick, Jr., Ann, Polly Alexander, and Margaret McCormack. Elizabeth and Jeremiah McClain had 13 children born between 1810 and 1830: Isabel, Ann, Peter Patrick, Lucinda, Jeremiah, Matilda, Mary Polly, Alcy Ann, Melinda, John Read, Margaret Elizabeth, Nancy Jaine, and Joseph McClain.

It is not clear when Samuel Allred showed up in Jefferson County but it was well after the McCormack and McClain families arrived. We know that Samuel Allred was born in Randolph County, North Carolina in 1791, the seventh child of Elias and Mary (Polly) Rigby Allred. Although the record indicates that his parents, Elias and Polly, moved from North Carolina to South Carolina in about 1815 and subsequently to Georgia in 1827,

Samuel apparently took that path earlier because it is reported that he married a woman named Elizabeth (Mitchell?) in Georgia in 1815. Their son, Coleman Scott was born in either Georgia or Tennessee in 1817, (depending upon which census record one believes). Samuel and Elizabeth Allred had at least four other children in addition to Coleman Scott, namely, William J., John Hicks, James, and Elizabeth Angelina Allred. Since Elizabeth was born in Alabama in 1828, the Samuel Allred family must not have come to Missouri until after she was born. The first available evidence of the presence of Allreds in Missouri was that Samuel Allred was listed as head of the family in Washington County, Missouri, adjacent to Jefferson County, when the 1840 census was taken.

It was in Jefferson County that the Allred, McClain, and McCormack families became connected through the marriage of Coleman Scott Allred and Alcy Ann McClain. Coleman was the eldest son of Samuel Allred and the grandson of Elias Allred, Senior. Alcy was the daughter of Jeremiah McClain and the step grand-daughter of Peter Patrick McCormack.

The intermarriage between the families continued after that; Coleman and Alcy Allred had eight children, two of whom married McCormack brothers. Margaret Elizabeth Allred, born in 1843, married Peter Alexander McCormack on March 21, 1861. Then Mary Clarissa (Clara) Allred married Hardy Constantine McCormack on February 12, 1865. Peter Alexander and Hardy Constantine McCormack were the sons of Peter Patrick McCormack, Junior, and the grandsons of Peter Patrick McCormack, Senior.

So the three families, the Allreds, McClains, and McCormacks, became related by blood or marriage which insured that several members of those families would share a future together. Eventually the three families owned substantial amounts of land in Jefferson County.

In the second half of the 19th Century, life was good for these pioneering families! Some of the younger members of the three families left Jefferson County to search for greener pastures but many stayed, acquired more land and became very prosperous. They were living in an area that was



Margaret Allred McCormack (1843 – 1916) tombstone in City Cemetery, DeSoto, Jefferson County, Missouri.

almost perfect for agriculture. In the Mississippi River bottom, the soil was rich, the rains came often enough and water to transport their produce to markets was near at hand. Even the floods which inevitably happened were a blessing. Those floods brought fresh nutrients just as the flooding of the Nile brought nutrient rich silt and made the Egyptians prosperous.

But then came “Old Uncle Will” – and the lives of many of them would change dramatically, forever! Old Uncle Will was William F. McCormack. He was the son of Hardy Watson McCormack and grandson of Peter Patrick McCormack, Senior. William F. McCormack married Nancy Jaine McClain on May 26, 1848. Nancy was the daughter of Jeremiah McClain and younger sister of Alcy McClain Allred. With this short listing of relatives, it is easy to see why William was called “Uncle Will” – because he was either an actual or honorary “uncle” to the Allred, McClain and McCormack families. What is important to our story is that William F. and Nancy Jaine McClain McCormack were the parents of three children, the youngest of which was Eldora McCormack, born about 1860. She married young, perhaps as young as 16, and moved to Texas. Her father, “Old Uncle Will” visited her there and came back to Missouri “crusading for Texas as the land of milk and honey”!

What happened next is described in a delightful little book⁴ by Earl Emmett McClain, a great grandson of Jeremiah McClain, written in 1961. Based on the stories in this booklet, “Uncle Will” must have been much loved and well respected as

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well as a terrific salesman because, on his word, several of the pioneering families, including the Allreds and their extended family, left Jefferson County and moved to Lamar County in Northeast Texas.

The year of this mass migration appears to be about 1878, based on the year and place of children births of those families that moved. It is not clear who all went because many of those who did so soon came back to Missouri and, according to Emmett McClain, were “cursing Uncle Will and Texas” upon their return. Some, including the Allred extended family, stayed.

The Allreds quickly settled in. The 1880 census shows that Coleman and Alcy McClain Allred were listed next to their son, William Russell and his new wife, Emma Ashley Allred. Emma’s mother Caroline Ashley Crosslin and her son, John Byron Ashley, were also listed as head of household in adjacent residences. Not far away, Hardy Constantine and Mary Clarissa (Clara) Allred McCormack were listed with six children. John Wesley, eldest son of Coleman and Alcy, and his family were in a neighboring precinct.

The serenity of East Texas was not to last. During the 1880s, a series of tragedies hit the Allred family. The mother, Alcy McClain Allred, died in 1884 a year after her daughter, Mary Clarissa Allred McCormack died at the age of 37. Even more tragic was the death of Alcy Ann McCormack Bancraft⁵ who died at the age of 21, probably in childbirth. Meanwhile, back in Jefferson County, Missouri, there were two individuals, born with the surname of Allred, who chose not to be part of the great migration to Texas.

James Franklin Allred stayed in Jefferson County until his death in 1908. Margaret Allred, who had married Peter Alexander McCormack in 1861, lived in DeSoto, Missouri until she died in 1916. With her death, the Allreds disappeared from Jefferson County after being residents there for almost a century.

But by then, the Allreds were flourishing in Lamar County, Texas. The transition was complete.

“Old Uncle Will” was William F. McCormack, b. 1827 to Hardy Watson McCormack. He married Nancy Jaine McClain, daughter of Jeremiah and Nancy McClain and sister of Alcy McClain Allred. It was Uncle Will that convinced the pioneer families in Jefferson County, Missouri, that Texas was the place to go!



End Notes

¹ See *The Heritage News, Jefferson Heritage and Landmark, February, 1993*. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mojchs/HeritageNews/HeritageNews/10February1995.pdf>

² The land area that eventually became known as the Louisiana Purchase belonged to Spain from 1763 until 1800 when France’s Napoleon Bonaparte reacquired Louisiana from Spain but the arrangement was kept secret for some two years because of Napoleon’s ambitious plan to build a new empire west of the Mississippi. Napoleon did not have the money to carry out his grandiose plan and, in fact, was so short of cash that the United States was able to buy the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 for \$15 million.

³ Peter Patrick McCormack and Isabella Alexander Hynes married in Jefferson County, Kentucky, on March 20, 1800

[*Kentucky Marriages, 1802-1950*]. Both were widowed and each had two children.

⁴ “The Jeremiah McClain Family” by Earl McClain was self published and had a limited distribution. It is available in the DeSoto, Missouri City Library where we found it and perhaps the Los Angeles, California, and the Saint Louis, Missouri Public Libraries where it was deposited by Earl Emmett McClain.

⁵ “Annie” McCormack married Elmer T. Bancraft on October 11, 1883, in Paris, Lamar County, Texas. She died three years later; her tombstone had the name “Alcy Bancraft” even though census and marriage records recorded her name as Ann, Anna or Annie. Most likely, she was named Alcy Ann after her grandmother, Alcy Ann McClain Allred but was not called Alcy as long as her grandmother was alive.

Isaac Allred, Son of James and Elizabeth Allred, 1813-1859 Book to be Reprinted

The popular second edition biography of *Isaac Allred, Son of James and Elizabeth Allred, 1813-1859*, is out of print. The biography will soon be reprinted for those who want to purchase a copy. The price will be determined as soon as the number of orders are known.

This volume is basically the same as the first edition published in 2009 but contains fewer pages. The family group sheets have been eliminated from this printed version. However, there is a pocket in the cover of the second edition that contains a CD. The family group sheets are on this CD.

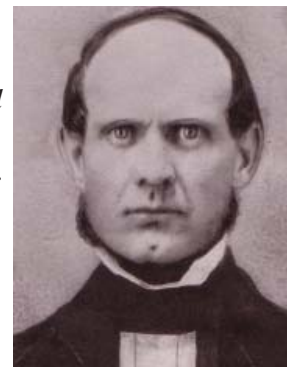
This saved huge printing costs as well as mailing for the book. The book weighs less and is easier to handle than the volume published in 2009.

The book has the history of Isaac Allred, his family and his children. There are photos of various family members.

Isaac Allred played the violin and his violin has been passed to various family members over the years. It is played today by Linda Isom, see page 5.

If you would like to order this edition, please contact Larry Allred at larrycallred@msn.com, 801-558-6753 or 801-451-2742.

Isaac Allred, son of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred was born in Bedford County, Tennessee, June 28, 1813. He died near Mt. Pleasant, Utah, May 12, 1859.



Missionary Diary: Companion to the Isaac Allred Book

There is also a missionary diary of Isaac Allred's three missions in the United States. He served a fourth mission to England, but no diary has been found. Each page of the diary was photographed and digitally enhanced. There is also a transcription of what he wrote. Period maps of Missouri and Kentucky are highlighted in this volume.

The book is \$22.00 plus \$5 shipping and handling.

If you are interested in his missionary diary, please send a check for the diary made payable to the Rocky Mountain Allreds to Larry C. Allred, 447 North 200 East, Farmington, UT 84025.

James & Elizabeth Allred Book

The story of the more than 60-year journey of James and Elizabeth Allred from the Carolinas to Spring City, Utah is told in Linda Allred Steele's book. The focus is on James and Elizabeth Allred, but tells the story of his brothers, sisters and their families as they moved from the Carolinas to Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and then to Utah. Price is \$30 and \$6 for shipping. Contact Larry Allred at the address in the above article to purchase this book.

Please Check Your Mailing Label

If the expiration date is **April 2013, May 2013 or June 2013**, this is the last issue of the Allred newsletter you will receive until your membership is made current. Please send your \$20 check made to the Allred Family Organization, to Joyce Allred, AFO Treasurer, 11707 Indian Ridge Road, Reston, VA 20191.

Significant Wedding Anniversaries and Birthdays for AFO Members

The 50th Wedding Anniversary announcement for Jim and Joyce Allred, see page 3, begins a new feature for the Allred Family Newsletter. It is limited to dues paying AFO members only. **Wedding anniversaries for AFO members celebrating a 25th, 50th, 75th only will be announced in the newsletter. Also birthday announcements for 80th, 85th, 90th, 95th and 100th birthdays will be announced.**

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Allred Obituaries

A.V. Allred

1930—2013

A.V. Allred, Jacksboro, Tennessee, died May 4, 2013. He was of the Baptist faith. He was born February 7, 1930, in Scott County, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his parents, Corbitt and Marie Allred; sister, Willa Sexton; a brother Flem Hazen Allred. His survivors are a brother J.C. Allred and his wife, Barbara, W. Carrollton, Ohio; sisters: Anna Lay, Clinton, and Virgie House and her husband, Vernon, Tullahoma; several nieces and nephews. He never married and had no children. Funeral services were May 7, 2013, at Cross-Smith Chapel with the Rev. Tim Dupuy officiating. Interment was the next day in Campbell Memorial Gardens. *A.V., Joseph Corbitt, Virgil, Martha Hartele, Stokley, Theophilus, Francis, Solomon.*

Richard Dennis Watson

1945—2013

Richard Dennis Watson, *R. Dennis, Genniel, Enid, Margaret Bridget, James Tillman Sanford, James, William, Thomas*, a Spring City native, died June 20, 2013. He was born to Frank C. and Genniel Baxter Watson May 22, 1945, in the old Mt. Pleasant hospital. He attended local schools, graduating from North Sanpete High. Last month he met with many old friends from his class of '63 in their 50 year reunion. During his teen years he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He loved playing baseball as catcher, and basketball and chess. A few years later he left for an LDS Mission to New Zealand. In 1969 he enlisted in the Utah Air National Guard, later achieving the rank of Major and serving for 21 years. As fate would have it, Alice Kaye Calhoun, was employed at the Guard Base, where they met and later married in the Salt Lake Temple. A Salt Lake apartment was their first home and their son, Roger, was born in Salt Lake. In 1980 they moved to Spring City where they were joined for a few moments by tiny Christine and later by son, Eric. He operated the family farm until the day he died, with his dad giving orders until he got too old, and his younger brother, Donald, also being involved in the farm's operation. He spent many summers, beginning when he was young, herding sheep on the mountains. He knew those mountains like the "back of his hand." During

his many years of camping near the canyon road there were many who stopped to see him to tell him the news—this exchange of information evolved into what became known as the "shepherd's net." Kaye always noted that during the summer he knew more about what was happening in Spring City than she did. When he was no longer able to ride or hike up those mountains he had to hire a herder, but he still made many trips to help the herder, or give instructions or move from area to the other. He served in the old Spring City 1st Ward with Bishop Darrel Olson and Bishop Richard Hansen. He also served as Elder's Quorum Secretary, Primary teacher, member of the Scout committee and home teacher. Civically, he followed in family footsteps, serving eight years as City Councilman, trying to be financially conservative. His grandpa Baxter was a four-term mayor, his grandpa Watson and his father, Frank, also served on the City Council. The Planning Commission, and Senator Hatch's task force were part of his service as well. He is survived by his wife, sons, Roger Watson (Holly) and Eric Watson (Janielle) five grandchildren, his brothers, F. Michael of Bountiful and Donald of Spring City and his sister Pam Jorgensen of Glenwood and all their families scattered around the U.S. He was predeceased in death by his parents, daughter, Christine, and sister, Noreen Jorgensen. Funeral services were June 26, 2013, in the Spring City Rock Church. Interment was in the Spring City Cemetery.

Barbara Hall Allred

1929-2013

Barbara Hall Allred, 84, died June 25, 2013. The daughter of Horace and Leona Pickett Hall, she was born April 20, 1929, in Burley, Idaho. She grew up with two older brothers. Reading books, riding horses, playing piano and spying on her brother, Forrest, were her young priorities. After graduation from Burley High School she earned a degree at BYU, majoring in English. Barbara also obtained a teaching certificate from the University of Utah. She ended a brief stint teaching high school when she married her principal, *Elwood Malcom Allred, Elwood Malcolm, Elwood Byron, Byron Harvey Jr., Byron Harvey, William Moore, Isaac, William, Thomas*, on August 5, 1954. They raised three sons

as she followed his career to Cocolalla and Boise, Idaho, then Greeley, Colorado, and finally in 1961 to Logan, Utah, where they lived for 52 years. Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Malcom Allred and their son, Kent Everett Allred and a great grandson, Joseph Gordon Allred. She is survived by three sons: Bruce and Marjorie Allred of Fruit Heights, Douglas and Linda Allred of North Logan, and Gordon and Irene Allred of Providence; 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren; as well as two older brothers: Rex and Betty (deceased) Hall of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Forrest and Kathryn Hall of Burley, Idaho. Funeral services were June 29 at the Hillcrest First Ward in Logan. Burial followed at the Logan City Cemetery.

Mary John Gray Allred
1947—2013

Mary John Gray Allred, 66, a resident of Windsor Road, Thomasville died July 7, 2013, in the Hospice Home at High Point, North Carolina. She was born April 28, 1947 in Davidson County, a daughter of John Gray and Dorothy Conrad Gray. Mrs. Allred was a retired employee with the Davidson County Health Department. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Connie Gray. On March 22, 1970, she was married to Joseph Michael Allred, who survives of the home. Also surviving are a daughter, Kelle Hearn and her husband Mark of Lexington; grandchildren, Connor Hearn and Logan Hearn; brothers, John Gray and wife Vicky and James Gray and wife Alice, all of Lexington; niece, Corinne Gray; nephews, John Elliott Gray, Samuel Gray, Scott Gray, E.J. Allred, Corey Allred, Lucas Allred and Josh Allred; and an aunt, Mrs. Carolyn Ward. A memorial service was held, July 10, 2013, in J.C. Green & Sons Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dr. D. Lee Jessup, Jr. and Chaplain Craig Walker officiating.

Blanche May Hobbs Allred
1933-2013

Blanche May Hobbs Allred, 80, died Monday, July 22, 2013. A funeral services were July 25, 2013, at Ramseur, North Carolina, Wesleyan Church. Arrangements by Ridge Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Franklinville, North Carolina. She and her late husband, James Eugene Allred, *James Eugene,*

William Carl, Dennis Monroe, Elisha S., "Tennessee" John Jr., John, William, were members of the Allred Family Organization. They were also active in the East Coast Allred Family Association. They always attended the reunion in Randolph County and had traveled to the Allred Reunion in Spring City, Utah.

Lou Jean Morgan Allred
1931—2013

Lou Jean Morgan Allred, 81, died Wednesday July 24, 2013, from complications of breast cancer. She was born to Evan William Morgan and Lela may Saunders Morgan in Liberty, Bear Lake County, Idaho, December 19, 1931. She attended elementary school in Liberty and graduated from Fielding High School in Paris, Idaho, in 1950. She married her high school sweetheart Jack Rich Allred on August 11, 1950, in the Logan LDS Temple. She served faithfully in every calling extended to her. Early in her working career she was the assistant manager at the F.W. Woolworth store in Sugarhouse. When children came, she became a full time mother and care giver at home. After the children were in school she was employed by Mountain Fuel Supply Company, later Questar Corp. and retired in 1994 as supervisor of compensation. After retiring she and Jack decided to travel and enjoyed cruising so much that they kept going and finished their last cruise just two weeks before she went to the hospital. She has traveled to all seven continents and numerous countries and formed lifelong friendships with traveling companions. She is survived by her husband Jack Rich Allred, *Jack Rich, Ernest Rich, Ernest Wilkes, William Lansing, William Moore, Isaac, William, Thomas,* three children, Julie Wetzal, Darren Jack Allred and Blair Morgan Allred. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Tyler Jack Wetzal, Jared Craig Wetzal, Jessica (Matt) Disturnell, Karisha Long, Deidre Gressman and Amanda Alley; two great granddaughters, Milla and Emma Jean. Also survived by sisters Verla (Bruce) Todd and Carolyn Park. Brothers Neil (LaNae) Morgan and Grant (Diane) Morgan. Preceded in death by her parents and Brother Doyle Morgan. Funeral services were July 29, 2013, at the Wilford Ward LDS Chapel. Interment was at Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park, Salt Lake City.

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President's Message

“Now, you know the rest of the story,” was Paul Harvey’s favorite saying. But do we?

What were your grandparents and great grandparents really like? Sure, we know when they were born, the dates of their deaths and how many children they had. But, what do we know about their skills and their habits?

All I know about my great grandfather Lewis Patterson Allred is that he was a farmer. In the winter, he traveled the countryside selling picture frames.

That’s why I’ve started writing a series of stories about my grandparents, my uncles and aunts. I encourage everyone to do the same so that your descendants can see more than just dates of births and deaths.



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