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Pendleton, Lancashire, England – The Allred Ancestral Home

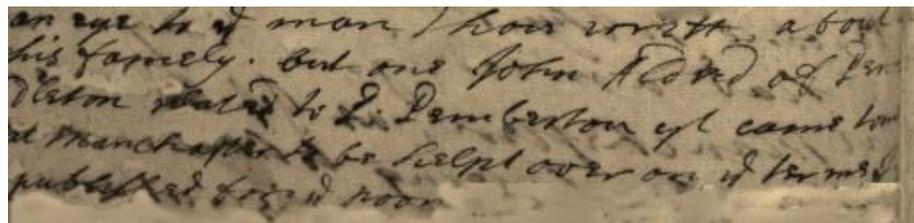
by John Allred, Dublin, Ohio

If you have a paper trail and/or DNA evidence showing you are related to the Allred brothers who settled in North Carolina in the mid-1700s, then you have a pretty solid connection to John Allred of Lancashire, England, who lived from about 1571 to 1632. That connection has been built by several people over a long period of time, as chronicled in this newsletter, edited by Alice Allred Pottmyer, and the Allred Family Organization Web site, administered by Linda Allred Cooper. In a herculean effort, Linda has created an Allred Time Line on the AFO Website that connects the dots over the four centuries of Allred family history.

The purpose of this article is to highlight the importance of the little English village of Pendleton in the identification of our early ancestors. Throughout the 17th century, Allreds and other people in their lives were listed in church records and other documents as being from this particular village. In the 1600s, Pendleton was a tiny, agricultural village located in Lancaster County (or as the English say, "Lancashire") England. While this small village had little import in the world, it is of major importance to us. It was the home of a branch, in fact *our* branch of the Allred family. The documents reviewed here confirm this historical connection previously established.

The Village of Pendleton and the Allred Connection

William Penn wrote a letter¹ on January 16, 1686, connecting the village of Pendleton to John Allred - our John Allred, Solomon's father. The letter was written from Manchester, England, to William Penn's Quaker Friend and estate manager, James Harrison, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.



¹The letter from William Penn and the abstract of the Solomon Allred letter were previously discussed by Linda Allred Cooper's article: "John Allred's Attempts to Come to America," Allred Family Newsletter, Issue 91, Summer, 2012

The letter stated "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." The P. Pemberton mentioned in the letter as John Allred's relative was undoubtedly Phineas Pemberton, the son-in-law of the recipient of the letter, James Harrison. This is significant because Phineas was a cousin to Ellen Pemberton, Solomon's mother. Thus, William Penn was clearly writing about *our* John Allred, from Pendleton, father of Solomon and husband of Ellen Pemberton.

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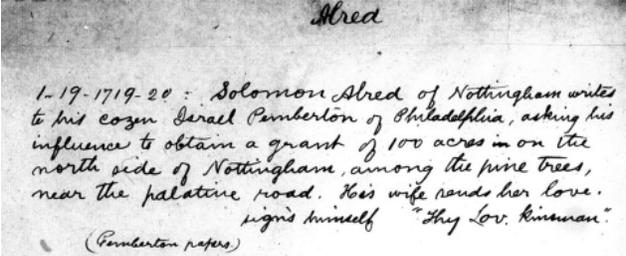
Why would William Penn, son of Admiral Sir William Penn who was a confidant of King Charles II, meet with a lowly, destitute peasant? There were two reasons. First, there was a religious connection. William Penn was a Quaker and was, in fact, a good friend to George Fox, founder of the Quaker faith. Ellen Pemberton Allred and John Allred were early participants in the newly formed Quaker faith and were both arrested because of their attendance at Quaker meetings in 1661¹. Second, there was the family connection of John Allred, through his wife Ellen, to the Pemberton family. No doubt, William Penn wanted to help anyone related to the Pembertons because they were an influential (and wealthy) Quaker family. Of course, John Allred of Pendleton was only related to the Pemberton family by marriage – Ellen was the blood relative and she had died earlier on December 21, 1684 – but even relatives by marriage deserved help in the Quaker family.

Long-term members of the Allred Family Organization know the story of “Ellin” (Ellen) Pemberton. She was born March 25, 1638, in Eccles (rhymes with “heckles”) parish, Lancashire as the illegitimate daughter of Margery (Margaret) Smith and John Pemberton. Margaret was the daughter of Anne and Thomas Smith - Thomas was the Eccles parish clerk². Margaret’s mother, Anne Smith, was buried on January 18, 1638, less than a year³ after Ellen was born, which is perhaps why Ellen was raised by the Pemberton family instead of the Smith family, although Thomas Smith remarried on June 26, 1639, to Mary Lever. Besides, it must have been embarrassing for Thomas Smith, as a long-term official of the Church, to have an illegitimate granddaughter, especially since it was his duty to record in the Church records the circumstances of her birth. It is not clear when Thomas Smith became the parish clerk but he was listed as such when he witnessed the induction of John Jones as Vicar of Eccles parish on January 18, 1610. He likely held that post until his death on March 3, 1648, ten years after Ellen was born.

John Pemberton, Ellen’s father, was born about 1617 in Lancashire, England. He was thus 21 years old when Ellen was born and Margaret (born February 18, 1620), Ellen’s mother, was about 18.

While Ellen supposedly was raised by John’s parents, William and Anne Pemberton, several sources suggest that both William and Anne Pemberton died in 1642 when Ellen was only four years old. If this is true, she may have spent the remainder of her formative years in the home of her uncle, Ralph Pemberton and his wife Margaret, since she seemed to be so close to their family in later years. In any case, it was Ralph’s son Phineas to whom William Penn referred when he identified John Allred of Pemberton as being related to “P. Pemberton.”

Finally, it was Israel Pemberton, living in Philadelphia, to whom Solomon Allred wrote on January 19, 1719, asking for help in obtaining a land grant in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Israel was Ralph Pemberton’s grandson and Phineas Pemberton’s son. Although the letter has not been found, the following abstract was found in the Gilbert Cope collection at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania:



Alred
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(Pemberton papers)

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Note, that Solomon calls Israel a cousin (cozen). This letter along with that from William Penn connect the Allred family in America to John and Ellen Pemberton Allred and their son, Solomon, and more importantly to our story, to the little village of Pendleton in Lancashire, England.

History of the Village of Pendleton

Pendleton existed as a named village for more than 1000 years. It was listed in the “Doomsday Book” as “Peniltune.” The Doomsday Book was a census of people and property ordered by William the Conqueror after he won the Battle of Hastings in 1066 to become King of England. If the village existed in 1066, it must have been there before although documentation in the form of a written record is not

available. But in fact, there is evidence⁴ of human habitation 7,000 to 10,000 years ago in the form of flint arrow-heads, scrapers and knives. The name of the village changed many times: it was known as Penelton in 1199, Pennelton in 1212, Penilton in 1236, Penhulton in 1331, Penulton in 1356 and, finally Pendleton from about 1600.

Pendleton was a small part of the ancient Parish of Eccles with Saint Mary the Virgin as the parish Church, established before the 13th-century. To illustrate how small Pendleton was, Eccles parish encompassed an area of about 22,000 acres, with just over 7,500 described as “arable” meaning that it was suitable for farming⁵. But Pendleton had only 12 of those acres that could be cultivated with another 562 acres of grassland. Twelve acres is not much to grow food on but it may have been all that they could handle unless someone had oxen to do the plowing. The more primitive method of land preparation for planting was the “foot plow” that resembled a modern spade. Grass land was used for grazing animals – sheep, goats and cattle. It is possible that land from other villages in the parish was used for food production because in 1666 the tax rolls indicated that there were 138 hearths (fireplaces) but this did not mean 138 dwellings. The manor house had nine hearths and several other dwellings had five each. The common villagers lived in a “cruck house” which did have one hearth but no chimney. The hearth, for heat and cooking, was placed in the middle of the room with a hole above in the roof. There must have been about a hundred of these cruck houses in 1666 based on the number of hearths taxed, which suggests the population may have been a few hundred people. As late as 1780, the village was described as rural with a group of cottages around a village green with a maypole.



17th Century Basic Cruck House – the wooden frame was plastered with straw, mud and manure. The roof was thatched. If there were windows, they were covered with cloth soaked in plant oil to make them somewhat transparent.

In modern times, there are two areas in Lancashire with the name “Pendleton” which can be confusing.

There is a small village named Pendleton, Whaley parish, near Pendle Hill, about 30 miles north of Manchester, apparently founded in the early 1800s. That area was known in earlier times as a wild and dangerous place and was the site of the Pendle Hill witch trials in 1613. But the Pendleton of our ancestors⁶ is in Eccles parish and is now a township about two miles northwest of Manchester in the city of Salford. The parish church, Saint Mary the Virgin, attended by our ancestors, is also located in the city of Salford.

People of Pendleton

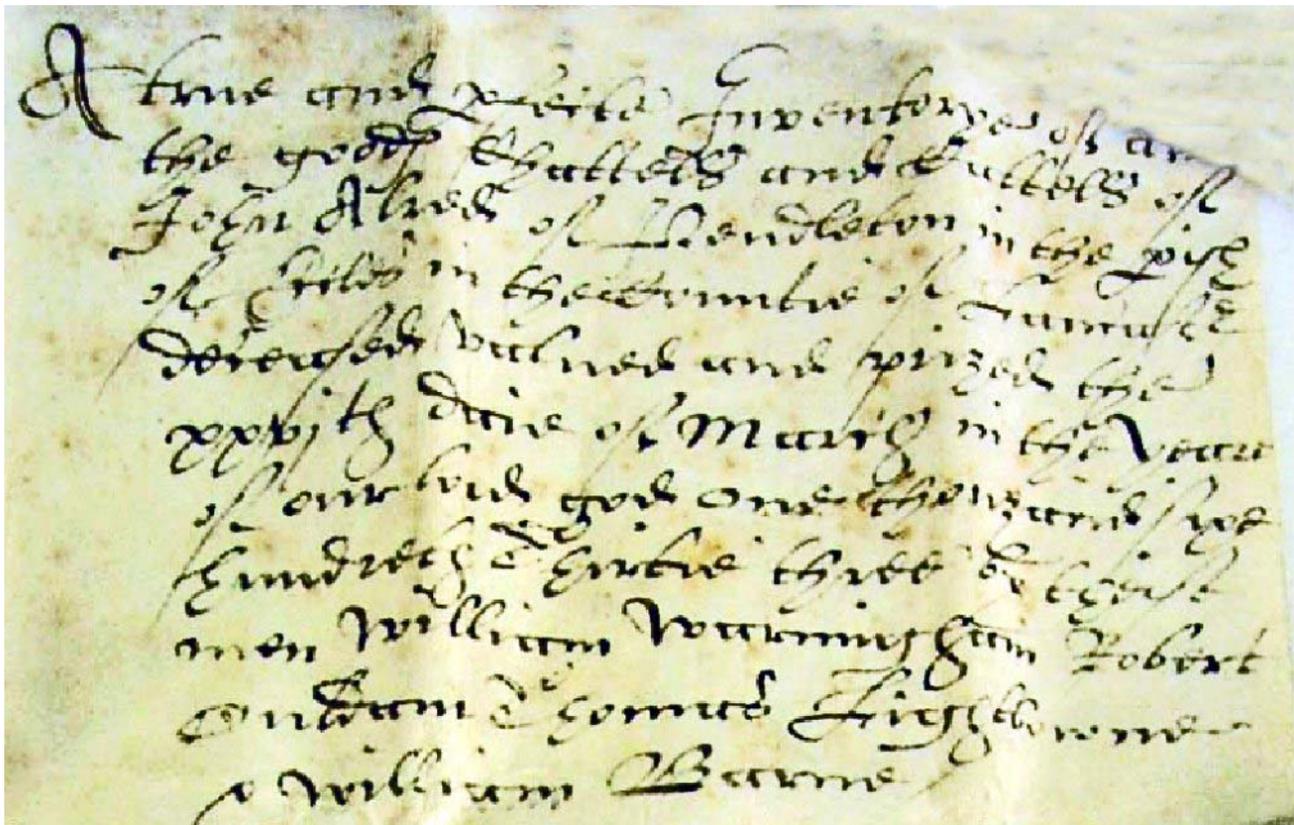
Pendleton must have been small in the 1600s or it would not have been practical to identify inhabitants with the phrase “of Pendleton.” That is, if there had been two or more Allred families living in Pendleton, the “of Pendleton” phrase would not have distinguished them. It is likely that even at this early time, the Allred family was relatively large and diverse. Since John was a popular Christian name, it stands to reason that there may have been several John Allreds. But the identifier “of Pendleton” distinguished a particular John Allred. Even so, we know that sometimes there were two John Allreds, likely father and son, living in Pendleton at the same time and they were distinguished by the adjectives “younger” and “elder.”

All of this is to say that we are very fortunate in our search for our ancestors that they lived in such a small village and that they identified with that village. William Penn’s letter, discussed on page 1, shows that late in the 1600s, John Allred, father of Solomon, still identified with Pendleton. In this section, the preamble of three probate records is presented, spanning most of the 17th century, all of whom are identified by the phrase “of Pendleton.”

The first of these is the probate record of John Allred⁷ “of Pendleton” who was buried March 20, 1632. This is one of the earliest such records available.

Transcription: A true and perfect Inventory of all the goods, chattel and cattle of John Alred of Pendleton in the (parish) of Eccles in the countie of Lancaster Inventoried, valued and prized on the 26th (xxvi) day of March in the year of our God one thousand six hundred and thirty three by these men William Warmingham Robert Oldham Edmund _____ William _____-.

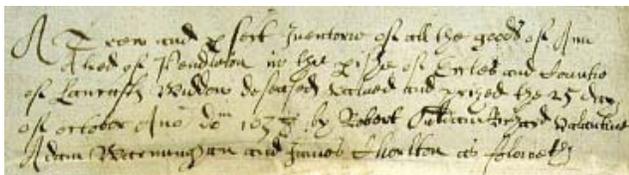
Note that John Allred’s burial date was March 20, 1632, yet the date of inventory for his probate record
See page 4 for probate record.



was March 26, 1633. The calendar in use at the time had March 25 as the New Year's Day (see endnote 4) so the probate record was made only 6 days after John was buried, not a year!

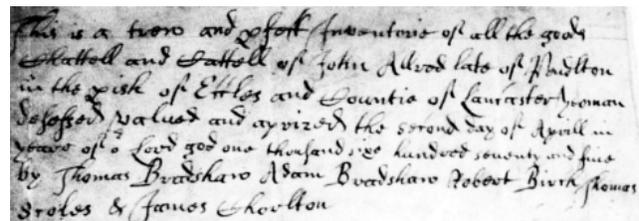
This John Allred and Ann Taylor Allred⁸ were married at the parish Church, Eccles, on May 27 1589. Ann Allred "of Pendleton" left a will dated December 13, 1637, in which she named five living children: three girls and two boys. The girls, all married, were Ann Travis (husband John), Elizabeth Bradshaw (Adam), and Katheryn Ouldham (Robert). The boys were William and John, with William being the eldest.

Ann was buried on October 23, 1638. The preamble to her probate record, prepared two days after Ann was buried in the Saint Mary the Virgin Church cemetery, is shown here.



Transcription: A Trew and perfect Inventorie of all the goods of Ann Alred of Pendleton, in the parishe of Eccles and Countie of Lancastar Widdow desessed [deceased] valued and prized the 25 day of october Anno domini 1638 by Robert Ouldam, Richard Valantine [Valentine] Adam Warmingham and James Chorlton as foloweth

Finally a probate record⁹ was completed on April 2, 1675, for another John Allred "of Pendleton" who must have died a few days earlier but is not listed in the Eccles parish records, most likely because he had left Saint Mary the Virgin Church, along with Vicar Edmund Jones. Both were arrested on October 12, 1673, for attending a Presbyterian meeting. John Allred was identified among those arrested as being from Pendleton. The preamble to his probate record reads:



Transcription: "This is a true and perfect inventorie of all the goods, chattel and cattell of John Allred late of Pendleton in the pish [parish] of Eccles and countie of Lancaster yeoman desessed [deceased] valued and aprized the second day of April in the year of [our] Lord God one thousand six hundred seventy and five by Thomas Bradshaw Adam Bradshaw Robert Birch Thomas Scoles and James Chorlton."

A case has been made¹⁰ that this John Allred was the son of John and Ann Allred whose probate records

are shown above. This conclusion is based upon the fact that this inventory record is signed by Adam Bradshaw who was most likely John's brother-in-law. Elizabeth Allred, daughter of John and Ann Allred, married Adam Bradshaw on March 19, 1632. In addition, James Chorlton, listed on Eccles Church records as being from Pendleton, witnessed Ann Allred's will and signed her probate record in 1638, as well as signed the probate record of John Allred, written in 1675.

Note that all of the preambles to wills have the same format and much of the wording is identical. There was little change in the form of these documents over more than four decades. Moreover, the people listed in these documents were neighbors. In addition to James Chorlton mentioned above, others in these documents are listed on church records as being from Pendleton. These include Richard Valentine, who signed Ann Allred's probate record as well as Richard Birch, Thomas Bradshaw and Adam Bradshaw, all of whom signed the probate record for John in 1675. Finally, John Travis, who married Ann and John Allred's oldest daughter Ann in 1621 and Elizabeth Bradshaw, second daughter of Ann and John Allred, were identified in church records with the phrase "of Pendleton."

Confirmation of the Connected Dots

There has been much evidence collected over a long period of time by dedicated researchers which

(Endnotes)

¹ Sufferings of Early Quakers by Joseph Besse. Printed and sold by Luke Hinde, London, 1753.

² Thomas and Anne Smith had another daughter, Margaret's sister, named Ellin (Ellen) which may have been the namesake of Ellen Pemberton. Church records entry: "Ellin d. of Thomas Smith, pish (parish) clerk 18 Feb 1620."

³ According to Eccles Church records. At first glance, the date of Ellen's birth of March 25, 1638 was *after* her grandmother, Anne Smith's death - she was buried on January 18, 1638. But by the calendar in use at the time, New Year's Day was March 25, Ellen's birthday and therefore the first day of 1638 and January 18, 1638 was eleven months later.

⁴ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salford,_Greater_Manchester

⁵ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eccles,_Greater_Manchester

⁶ <http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/descriptions/965510>

⁷ Listed as John Alred "theldr" (the elder) in Eccles Church records on a CD: English Parish Records, Lancashire. From Ancestry.com.

⁸ The information on Ann Allred was discussed previously by John Allred, *Ann Allred of Pendleton: Her Will (1637) and Her Probate Inventory Record (1638)*" Allred Family Newsletter Issue 86, Spring 2011

⁹ This document was also previously discussed by John Allred, *In 1673, John Allred and Edmund Jones Were Arrested for Illegal Worship – Who Were They?* Allred Family Newsletter Issue 90, Spring 2012



St. Mary the Virgin Church, Salford, England, near Manchester. Also known as Eccles Parish.

established that the Allred brothers of 18th Century North Carolina descended from the Allreds who lived in Eccles parish, Lancashire, England. The documents reviewed here seem to confirm that these Allred brothers had a great, great grandfather named John Allred "of Pendleton" who lived from about 1571 to 1632. While there are still some uncertainties in some details, if you have a documented relationship with the Allred brothers of North Carolina, then you have a pretty firm connection to 16th Century England and the village of Pendleton.

AFO is on Facebook

We're on Facebook! Come join the "Allred Family Organization" group, where we 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, contact the group administrator, Karisa Walker at fourinohio@att.net. Almost daily there are Allred questions and comments.

Randolph County 2013 Allred Reunion

by Gina Morton Smith

The 2013 Randolph County, North Carolina Allred Reunion was held Saturday, September 14, at Grays Chapel United Methodist Church. Those attending enjoyed two great presentations on genealogy and history. Our morning speaker was Larry W. Cates, genealogy librarian at the High Point Library and the Editor of the North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, who gave a presentation on the War of 1812 in North Carolina. Our afternoon speaker was Tim Rackley, past Director at Large of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, author and genealogy researcher, whose presentation was entitled "Beneath the Surface." Those attending were divided into groups and given case studies to determine if the correct conclusion was made regarding the documented information given. The objective of this presentation was to make genealogy researchers realize that just because they have documented information to support a

fact doesn't mean they have made a correct assumption from the documentation and that often more research and additional documentation is needed before a correct assumption can be made.

Alice Allred Pottmyer, AFO Secretary and Newsletter Editor, gave a presentation of the Allred Family Trails and AFO membership information. She also recognized Jim and Joyce Allred, AFO Research Coordinator and Treasurer, respectively, as being in attendance.

Of course, a reunion would not be a reunion without food, and those attending enjoyed a wonderful covered dish lunch. Many participated in the raffle after lunch and anxiously awaited the numbers to be called to see if they were a winner of one of the many items being raffled. The ECAFA would like to thank all of those attending who purchased items or made donations to support our fence fund, as well as, our general operating expenses.

Randolph County Historical 2014 Calendar Available

As many of you know, the ECAFA has been the custodian of the Billy Trogdon Cemetery (formerly known as the Allred-Trogdon Cemetery) for many years. In the past few months, efforts have been stepped up to continue the preservation efforts at the cemetery in addition to the ongoing maintenance.

A great need that has recently come about is that of a fence to enclose the cemetery. There has been an influx of wild boars in the area. A visit to the cemetery revealed where they have been walking. These are huge animals capable of doing considerable and irreparable damage to the tombstones in the cemetery. As a fundraiser for the fence, the ECAFA published a 2014 Historical Randolph County, NC Calendar. This calendar has twelve pictures of historical significance to Randolph County. They feature covered bridges, homes, churches, industries, and locations of historical significance. In the back of the calendar, there is a summary of each photograph. A view of the Billy Trogdon Cemetery is featured on the front cover of the calendar. The cost of the calendar is \$8.00 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling. All proceeds go toward the fence fund. To order a calendar, please contact Gina Morton Smith at 336-879-0408 or ginamortonsmith@yahoo.com for information on ordering a calendar. We have less than 40 calendars left so it would be best to make sure we still have these before sending an order.

If you would simply like to make a donation to the fence fund, you may send a check payable to East Coast Allreds to 886 Westmont Dr., Asheboro, NC 27205. Please put "fence" on the memo line of the check, otherwise, it will go into the general operating fund. Please note that the address for making a donation differs from the one for ordering a calendar, so please contact Gina as stated above for calendar orders.

Dorothy Allred and Jim Cruse Celebrated 50th Anniversary

We received the Fall issue of Allred Family Newsletter and saw the lovely article on Jim and Joyce Allred their 50th anniversary. We wish them well.

We are happy to share our fiftieth news with you. Jim and I met in first grade in Ojus, Dade, Florida, and kept up a friendship throughout our school years, dating on and off in high school and then marrying on July 28, 1963, one year out of high school; by then Jim was in the U.S. Navy.

Our only child is finishing her last term at American University in Washington, D.C. and has accumulated a BA, MA/Taxation, Juris Doctor from Stetson Law and will receive her LLM this December. She is also working as a Deans Fellow at the Sprague Tax Clinic in D.C. You can see we are quite proud of her accomplishments.

We celebrated our anniversary with a close family gathering here in Gainesville, Florida. Soon after this celebration, we drove to Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, Canada, to celebrate with our many cousins there. We count our eastern Allred cousins among our friends and enjoy visiting them at each Randolph County Reunion. However, this year we missed everyone at the Randolph County Reunion due to travel commitments. We appreciate the newsletter for keeping us updated with the good 'Allred' news.

Dottie Allred Cruse



Jim and Dotti Cruse celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.



Jim Cruse and Dorothy Allred as classmates in school year 1950-1951.



May Allred Bennett

AFO member Mae Allred Bennett celebrated her 98th birthday, September 30, 2013. She was born September 30, 1915, in Pickens County, Georgia. Her parents were William Isaac and Emma Clark Allred. She loves receiving the AFO newsletter and learning more about her Allred family. *Mae, William Isaac, William Brantley, Miranda, Elias, Thomas.*



Major Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Announcements for AFO Members

Significant wedding and birthday announcements will be published in the Allred Family Newsletter. This 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, through 100th and more will be announced.**

Photos and information should be sent to the editor, Alice Allred Pottmyer, 5540 32nd St. North, Arlington VA 22207 or via e-mail: pottmyera@aol.com.

The Bozza and Allred Family

by Jack Bozza

Great Grandson of Elizabeth Allred and James Bozza, Sr.

Elizabeth Allred, *Thomas, Moses, Thomas*, and her husband, James Bozza, Sr., were parents of 16 children. Several of their children died as children or youths.

James Bozza was born March 27, 1827, in Austria in what is now Italy. Elizabeth Allred was born in Tennessee April 30, 1831. After he came to America, he married Elizabeth Allred. They lived a few years along the Mississippi River in Hannibal, Missouri. Their first son, James T., was born in Hannibal. He and Elizabeth moved to Alton, Illinois, again along the Mississippi River.

He was a merchant and active in civil affairs. He laid out part of the old town of Alton. There is a Bozza Street named for him in Alton. Also, in Alton, several of their young children died and were buried in the Alton Cemetery-Old Yard. There are no stones or markers for them, but there are cemetery records.

The family moved to Nashville, Tennessee, about 1875. He and Elizabeth, also known as Betsy, are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Nashville.

James died in San Diego, California, April 29, 1903. Elizabeth died March 19, 1909, in Louisville, Kentucky. She was living with a son and his family at the time of her death.



Elizabeth Allred and James Bozza, Sr.



Home Sweet Home, the Bozza home in Alton, Illinois



Bozza family plot, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville.



Gravestones of Elizabeth Allred Bozza and James Bozza, Sr., in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee.

Gift Giving Time

If gift giving has you stumped, give a membership in the Allred Family Organization. Those you gift will receive a membership certificate and four issues of the Allred Family Newsletter in 2014. Members also receive a new member kit, voting privileges for the board of directors and special notice of Allred reports.

A membership form is on page 14. If this is a gift, please write that on the form. We will let the person know this is a gift from you. Consider giving a membership to your adult children.

Isaac Allred, Son of James and Elizabeth Allred, 1813-1859

The popular second edition biography of *Isaac Allred, Son of James and Elizabeth Allred, 1813-1859*, is reprinted. The price is \$57 plus \$5 shipping and handling.

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 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.

Missionary Diary of Isaac Allred

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 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.

How to Order the Books

If you are interested in the Isaac Allred book, his missionary diary, or the biography of James and Elizabeth Allred, please send a check for the books or book made payable to the Rocky Mountain Allreds to Larry C. Allred, 447 North 200 East, Farmington, UT 84025. If you would like further information, please contact Larry Allred at larrycallred@msn.com, 801-558-6753 or 801-451-2742.

Allred Newsletter CD Available

by Jim Allred

AFO Research Chairman

Have you read the first 97 issues of the Allred Family Newsletter? Was your Allred line the subject of an article? Mine was and it helped me immeasurably. Do you know you can own all 97 issues of the newsletter on a CD for only \$25 for AFO members and \$35 for non-members.

We offer the newsletters on a FlashDrive or ThumbDrive or whatever you call it. Of course, the 8 gb drive is red and will contain all the newsletters. This cost is \$35 for AFO members and \$45 for non-members.

The money from the sale of these CDs or drives goes directly to our research fund.

Send your order and check made to the Allred Family Organization to our treasurer, Joyce Allred. Her contact information is on page 15. Please indicate whether you want your newsletters on a CD or a drive.

Biography of James and Elizabeth Allred

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.

James Roscoe Alred

*As told to his children: Charles Douglas,
Donald Johnson, Doris Beverly*

James Roscoe Alred, known as “Roscoe,” was born September 6, 1899. He lived on his parents’ farm in Booger Hollow, Floyd County, Georgia, with his six brothers and four sisters, Lewis, Lester, Dallas, Dan, Cecil, Claude, Rovine, Estell, Dora, and Ruth.

One special memory shared was that their mother would make 100 biscuits every morning and set them at the end of the long family table. The boys would throw them instead of passing them to each other when she wasn’t looking.

After years of hard work on the farm, at 19 years old, he went to the woods to pray. It was there he felt the strong calling to the ministry to preach the Word of God to people. He also knew he had to make a living and needed some education. His next thought was to get to the place where he could get a job and find a school.

He left the family farm for Atlanta. He was told to contact the Estes family. Jade Estes was a distant relative and the Justice of the Peace in Clarkston, Georgia. He rented a room from Jade’s daughters-in-law, the Hester’s in Atlanta. He found work at City Hall and was employed by Atlanta Water Works.

It was there he was introduced to the Johnson family of three girls; Lillian, Lucille and Edna. He fell in love with Mary Lucille Johnson and married her October 1, 1924. She was the love of his life.

As the children came along: Charles Douglas, Doris Beverly and Donald Johnson, he became a wonderful Daddy. He had a house built in East Atlanta on Cameron Street #735. They started their family only two blocks from Grant Park. The years were such good years, even during the Great Depression; he did not lose his job. During these years, he and Lucille took in people who needed food and other provided things such as giving people rides to the doctor.

While living in Atlanta, he obtained a place on the Flint River so he could have retreats for young men to spend time on the river fishing. Roscoe taught them what the Bible said and how to live for God. This was a blessing for many young men.

While living in Atlanta, he attended night classes at the Atlanta Bible College where he studied Seminary. He, Lucille, and the children attended a large church, Park Avenue Baptist, where he was made a Deacon under Dr. L.E. Smith, who mentored Roscoe for years preparing him for the ministry.

About 1939, he bought a 46-acre farm for \$3,500, the old Goza home place in Chamblee, Georgia, on Henderson Mill Road. What a blessing this place was. He grew all kinds of food to can and to share with others. People from the city came to hunt and eat, ride the horses, and feed the cows, pigs, chickens and goats. He would put hay in the wagon with quilts over the hay so the children would be comfortable while the mule would take all of us for rides.

While on the farm, his mother, Olie Ander Estes Alred, widow of John Thomas Alred, would come to visit and make her famous hot rolls for us. She also made sauerkraut from cabbage grown in their fields. In the early 1940s, Roscoe retired from the Atlanta Water Works after 20 years.

After preparing for the ministry all through the years, he was called to his first church to pastor. It was a wonderful small church called Mountain View Baptist on Redan Road in Stone Mountain. They sold the farm and moved to Ellis Road to be closer to the church. He was ordained and the church grew during the years he was there. He loved the people in the church and they loved him. Lucille served along side him and they were blessed in so many ways. He resided there from 1944 to 1953.

As a grandfather, he was quite fun loving and a big cut up. He absolutely loved to buck dance even though it wasn’t seen as proper. He loved everyone, was very kind and treated everyone

equally. He used to take the grandkids down to the woods and teach them Bible stories, like David and Goliath. He would show them how to make a sling shot, like David's out of poplar wood. He also soaked the wood in water and braided it to make whips and flips and would also carve the wood into whistles. He made all of these for the kids to play with. The grandkids remember him snapping the whips to make it pop on their legs, which would make him laugh and make them holler. The most fun thing he made for them though was the zip line in his backyard in Stone Mountain. All the kids for miles around came to play on it. He was also well known for his famous tomatoes. An Atlanta newspaper even wrote an article about the tomatoes. The plants grew to be 12 feet tall and produced whopping one pound ripe tomatoes.

Roscoe was then called to a church in Rome, Georgia, named Dykes Creek Baptist. It was special to be near so many family members at this time of life since his mother was in her later years. She was able to visit the church and hear him preach. She had some special things to tell us about him. She told the adult children in a car ride home from church one day that as a child he was so honest and she could always depend on him to do what he said he would do. He was always a man of integrity and a man of his word, even as a

child. The church grew and they were surrounded by very loving people.

Roscoe was studying in his chair across the highway during a bad storm when he saw lightening strike the church. He and Lucille went as fast as they could to save everything they could, pulling out the piano and then people came to help. Unfortunately, they could not save the church and it burned.

As soon as possible, another church was built. It grew and after a few years he was called to a church in Florida called Baldwin Baptist Church. There were wonderful people there. He only stayed for one year. He felt his health failing and needed to go back to Stone Mountain. They built a house on Hairston Road on his son-in-law's property. In a few years, his health grew steadily worse and mother could not care for him as needed. He went into the Tucker Nursing Home. He was a loving father, granddad and great granddad before he passed away at 79 with his family members by his side on Easter Sunday morning in 1979.

**Note: the family name, Allred, was changed by James Roscoe to only one "L" for reasons unknown.*

James Roscoe, John Thomas, Lewis Patterson, John James

From Your AFO Treasurer

Another quarter has passed and another round of membership renewal notices were sent October 17, 26 by email and 18 by postcard. These payments were due November 1. As of November 9, eleven members who received email notices have renewed and seven members who received postcard reminders have renewed.

Sadly, those who did not renew were dropped from the newsletter mailing list. For the majority of these members, this was not the first renewal notice. Why is this happening: complacency, the economy, they moved and didn't send us a change of address, they have a new email address and didn't let us know. Or they need another kind of reminder, whatever that might be.

You can also look at your mailing label and see your expiration date and act accordingly, thus saving AFO postage.

We value everyone's membership and believe we receive good value for our dues in the form of an extremely informative, well written newsletter and Web site information. In addition to donations, the money received through memberships, over and above operating expenses, is automatically placed in escrow for research trips that provide us all with information on our family's history.

- Check your mailing label for your expiration date and send in your check when due.
- Please keep us informed of changes in your mailing and email addresses, and
- Don't be complacent and wait for a reminder notice.

Allred Obituaries

Kent Wilson Cooper **1952—2013**

Kent Wilson Cooper, 61, died October 9, 2013, at his residence in Pittsboro, North Carolina, following a period of declining health. He was the husband of Linda Allred Cooper, *Linda, Jack, Jesse Booker, George Scotton, Emsley, Jesse*, AFO vice president and Allred researcher. Kent was born in Durham County October 4, 1952, the son of Kenneth Wilson Cooper and Wynell Stout Cooper. A lifelong resident of Chatham County, Kent graduated from Pittsboro High School, where he was a member of the football team. He was also a graduate of Catawba College with a degree in business. The Cooper family formerly owned the Ford automobile dealership in Pittsboro, where Kent worked in sales. Kent enjoyed automobiles and racing, and was involved with his son Michael in Michael Cooper Racing. He was predeceased by his parents and a son, Bradley Kenneth Cooper. Survivors include his wife, Linda Allred Cooper, son, Michael Wilson Cooper; sisters, Jennifer Bouldin and Penny Boone, all of Pittsboro; “brother” Leon Williams of Pittsboro; as well as several nieces and nephews and extended family. The service to celebrate the life of Kent Wilson Cooper was, October 13, 2013, at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Pastors Dan Robinson, Ray Gooch and Wesley Thomas presiding. Burial followed in the Bynum UMC Cemetery.

Carolyn Smith Allred **1947—2013**

Carolyn Smith Allred, 66, died October 3, 2013, at her home in Franklinville, North Carolina. Her late husband, Eddie Clay Allred, *Eddie Clay, Edward Clay, Burgess Sherman, Henry Branson, Elisha, John, William*, was president of the Allred Family Organization from the fall of 2004 to the fall of 2007. She attended Allred reunions in Randolph County as well as Spring City, Utah. She was a native of Randolph County, a homemaker and former inspector at John Plant Company and a member of Franklinville Wesleyan Church. She was also predeceased by a son, Eric Clay Allred, and her parents, J.C. and Alma Snow Smith. Survivors are her son, Steven Clay Allred, his wife Melissa, and grandchildren, Shawn, Nathan, Lucas, and Wrenn Allred of Franklinville, sisters, Linda Hooker, Asheboro, Joan Shehan, Ramseur, and a brother, Harold Smith, Asheboro. Funeral Services were October 5, 2013, at Franklinville Wesleyan Church, Franklinville. Burial

followed at Whites Memorial Baptist Church, Franklinville.

Martha Jo Allred **1936—2013**

Martha Jo Allred, 77, Rogersville, Alabama, died, October 2, 2013, at Mitchell-Hollingsworth Nursing Facility. She was a member of the Allred Family Organization. She was a graduate of Phillips High School, Birmingham and attended Auburn University. She was a member of Rogersville United Methodist Church. She was employed by the U.S. Department of Labor as a federal fraud investigator and retired after 30 plus years of service. Martha was known to all for her sense of humor, independent spirit, kind heart and love for family and friends. The funeral service was October 4, 2013, in the chapel of the Rogersville Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Civitan Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Nell Allred. She is survived by her cousins, Adeline (Roger) Terry, of Moulton, Ala., Ann (Dan) Glass, of Cropwell, Alabama, Brandon Terry, of Moulton, Alabama, who was considered her special grandson. *Martha Jo, Ralph Edward, William Joseph, Joseph, Andrew, Thomas Jr., Solomon.*

Rachel Colleen Allred **1924—2013**

Rachel Colleen Allred, 89, died October 3, 2013, at Wesley Long Hospital, Greensboro, North Carolina. She was always known as Colleen. She was born on June 27, 1924, in Siler City, North Carolina, the daughter of Charlie and Ollie Allred. Rachel worked with the Internal Revenue Service until her retirement. She served as President of the local chapter of NAIRE (National Association of Internal Revenue Employees) and President of the local chapter of NTEU (National Treasury Employees Union), where she was recognized as a regional and national leader. Rachel was highly regarded by her federal employee peers for the role she played in the Bailey v. State of North Carolina case which involved the taxation of all public employee pensions. In retirement, Rachel remained active in political and current issues through her membership with NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees). She was an active member of Hinshaw United Methodist Church and held a variety of leadership positions. She was a member of United Methodist Women, where she was a member of Circle #3, and participated in bazaars, bake sales, and the annual Brunswick stew. An outing with her friends in the Methodist Adult Fellowship

was a special treat. A music lover, she sang in the Chancel Choir and enjoyed the Worship Band. Two of her favorite hymns were *Nearer, My God, to Thee* and *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*. *Colleen, Charles, George Scotton, Emsley, Jesse*

Bobbie O'Dell Allred

1954—2013

Bobbie O'Dell Allred died at the age of 59, August 24, 2013, at the Ohio State James Cancer Center in Columbus. Bobbie was born July 21, 1954, in Gallipolis, Ohio. She was the daughter of the late Robert James O'Dell and Clovis Ilene Mulford who survives her. She was married to William Allred who also survives. She is also survived by two sons, Jason E. Newman of Cheshire and Brian (Sherry) Newman of Bidwell; three sisters, Linda (Joe) Gentner of Amarillo, Texas, Debbie Campbell of Gallipolis, and Cathy (Thomas) Aaron of Vinton; and two grandchildren, Garrett Newman and Lorali Newman. She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Robert Dale Mulford; an infant brother; and by both sets of grandparents. Bobbie enjoyed sewing and was an animal lover. In accordance with her wishes, there were no services in Columbus. A memorial service was August 28, 2013, at the Church of Christ in Bidwell, Ohio.

Jimmy Allred

1948—2013

Jimmy Allred, Bruce, Mississippi, died September 4, 2013, at his home. He was born April 17, 1948, to Walter Walker Allred and Euris Murphree Allred. He was a graduate of the class of 1966 of Bruce High School. He attended Northwest Mississippi Junior College. He retired from Weyerhaeuser. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bruce. He was a member of the Antioch Masonic Lodge, 549, 32nd Degree. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Billy Allred. Funeral services were September 7, 2013, at the Parker Memorial Funeral Home in Bruce. Survivors are his wife, Vickie Bryant Allred, two daughters: Laura Allred Kimbrell (Tim) of Pontotoc, Mississippi, and Cindy Allred Calvert (Andy), Pontotoc; six grandchildren; Tori Kimbrell, Grace Kimbrell, Faith Kimbrell, Rebekah Calvert, Jim Alan Calvert, Laura Beth Calvert all of Pontotoc.

Eric Ray Allred

1945—2013

Eric Ray Allred died September 12, 2013, at McKay Dee Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. Eric was born on January 11, 1945, in Price, Utah, to Robert Clay Allred and Mildred Pearl Downard. He graduated from Bountiful High School and served an LDS Mission to New Zealand. He married his

sweetheart, Phyllis England, March 15, 1967, in the Salt Lake Temple. They shared 46 years devoted to each other and their family. Eric also served in the U.S. Army and Reserves and was very proud to have served his country. He retired from Utah Power & Light after 30 years and enjoyed working at the Salt Lake International Airport. Eric is survived by his wife Phyllis Allred and his children: Kirk (Lori) Allred, Jill (Scott) Tuttle, Wendy Allred, Sheri (Ryan) Kirkpatrick, Amy (Justin) Child and Trisha (Joe) Davidson and 14 grandchildren; his two brothers and three sisters: Dan (Deanna) Allred, Marilyn McDonald, Leanore (Ed) Dialouge, Hilary (Paul) Lessing, Edwin (Bettina) Allred and two sister-in-laws and two brother-in-laws, and many nieces and nephews. Eric was an avid Scouter and served in Scouting for 50 years and was awarded the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award. He enjoyed making and presenting Eagle feathers at Eagle Court of Honors to many young men over the years. Funeral services were September 16, 2013, at the Kaysville 7th Ward Chapel, Kaysville, Utah. Interment was in the Kaysville Cemetery. *Eric Ray, Robert Clay, Robert Hackley, Wilson Monroe, William Hackley, James, William, Thomas.*

Rachel Louise Allred Shurtliff

1926—2013

Rachel Louise Shurtliff, 87, Mt. Pleasant, Utah, died October 18, 2013, at Woodland Hospice House. Funeral Services for Rachel were October 19, 2013, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mt. Pleasant. Interment followed in Riverside Cemetery. She was born January 21, 1926, in Orangeville, Utah, to Aaron and Rachel Gunderson Allred. She married Jay Haskill Shurtliff September 3, 1948, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Rachel was a teacher with Mt. Pleasant Schools. She taught at Rosebush, Kinney and Vowles Elementary Schools until her 1968 retirement. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the CMU Faculty Dames. She enjoyed art and gardening. Rachel is survived by her children, Cindy Lu Hills (Leon Tice), Mt. Pleasant; Carla Louise (Robert) Jimison, Rexburg, Idaho; Lavana Ann Shurtliff and Jay (Julie) Shurtliff, Jr., both of Mt. Pleasant; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, William Russell Allred of Sandy, Utah; and sister, Frances Sorensen of Chester, Utah. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jay Shurtliff on December 23, 1999; brothers, Aaron Dean Allred, Anthon Venioy Allred, and Gary Allred; and sister, Jeannine Mower. *Rachel Louise, Aaron, William Alma, Wiley Payne, James, William, Thomas*

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President's Column

As I wrote in previous newsletters, I think it is a good idea to collect stories about your Allred Family so that they may be passed on for other family members. That way we will know how they lived and what they enjoyed doing. By doing this, I've discovered that I enjoy some of the same hobbies as they did. I received a story about James Roscoe Alred, my fathers brother, that was written by his children. I knew very little about Uncle Roscoe because he left this area before I was born. He would come back to Rome, Georgia, to visit his mother and family on occasions but never lived close by. See pages 10 and 11.



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