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1856 Apprenticeship of Sarah Ann Allred

by Linda Allred Cooper

Have you ever searched for something you just couldn't find, but found something else that was much more interesting? Some might call it 'being easily distracted' but I prefer to think of it as an unexpected treat. This is how the Apprentice Bond for Sarah Ann Allred was found. I don't think I ever did find the original document I was looking for and it has been long forgotten.

The Apprentice Bond was filed in Guilford County, North Carolina on August 22, 1856 (see pg 2). It states:

"...bind unto the said James Millis an orphan, named Sarah Ann Alred age 13 years the 5 day of March 1856 with the said James Millis to live after the manner of an apprentice and servant, until said apprentice shall arrive to full age; during all which time the said apprentice her master shall faithfully serve, his lawful commands everywhere readily obey; She shall not at any time absent herself from her said master's service, but in all things as a good and faithful servant shall behave towards her said master. And the said James Millis doth covenant, promise and agree to and with said Chairman that he will teach and instruct or cause to be taught and instructed, the said Sarah Jane Alred to learn to read, write & cypher well, give twenty five dollars of freedom dues when she arrives at the age of eighteen years and that he will constantly find and provide for said apprentice during the term aforesaid, sufficient diet, washing, lodging, and

apparel fitting for an apprentice; and all other things necessary, both in sickness and in health."

Thus we know Sarah Ann was an orphan and her birthday was March 5, 1843; but who was she and what happened to her parents? The 1850 Federal Census for Guilford County, NC, Sarah (Sally) Ann was living with James Millis, his wife Catherine and their son Adrian.

Millis, James	26
Catherine	24
Adrian T.	2
Alred, Sally Ann	6

The census states she was a domestic servant. I imagine she spent her days cleaning the house and chasing an active little boy around.

Sarah was living with the Millis family per the 1860 and 1870 census for Guilford County.

1860	Millis, Jas	40
	Catharine	35
	Andrian	10
	Aldred, Sarah	18

1870	Millis, James	50
	Catharine	44
	Adrian	22
	Willie	7
	Sarah Aldred	25

Per both listings she was a domestic servant. Note the Apprentice Bond stated she was only bonded until she was 18 years old, at which time

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she would receive \$25 and be allowed to leave (be free). As she was still living with the Millis family in 1870 when she was 25 years old leads me to think she was happy there. Also note a younger Millis son, Willie, was born in 1863. That is quite a time span between the births of the two sons leading me to wonder if Catherine had trouble getting or staying pregnant or if her health was fragile. If so, it is easy to see how Sarah Ann would have been a necessary helper/servant; but that is pure speculation.

Sarah Ann was still living with the Millis family per the 1880 census.

Millis, James	56
Catherine	54
William E.	17
Allred, Sarah	37

However, this time she was listed as their niece. This was my first clue about her identity. Taking a closer look at James and Catherine Millis, I found their Marriage Bond dated March 13, 1843, Guilford County, NC. Catherine's maiden name was Dixon. Catherine Dixon.

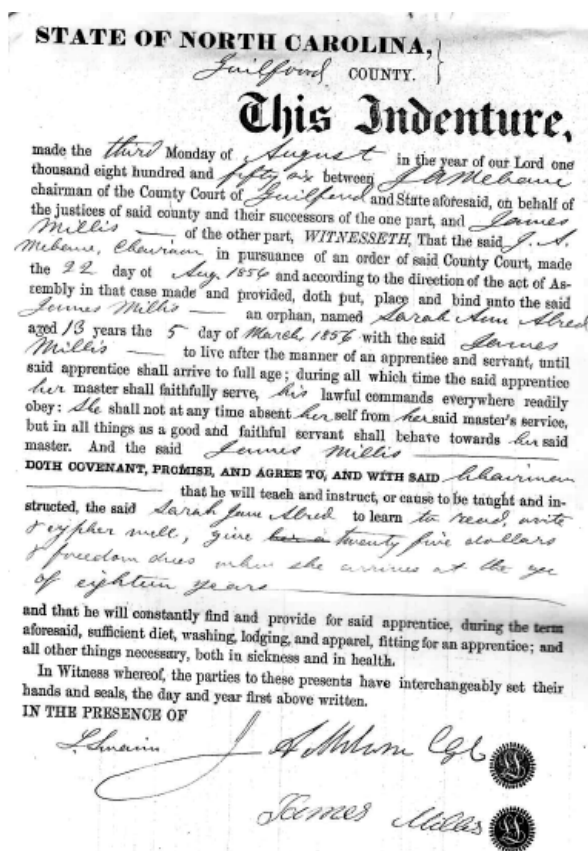
A search in the NC Archives uncovered the Estate Records of Elliott Dixon who died about 1858 in Guilford County. One of the documents in the Estate file was a Petition to the Court for permission to sell the Dixon property to raise money to pay debts. In part it read:

"The Petition of James N. Millis, Administrator of Elliott Dixon deceased – O. M. Dixon, W. R. Dixon, Hezekiah Dixon, Lewis Dixon, Betsy Gordon widow of Eli Gordon, James Millis & wife Catherine, Hannah Dixon, Luzenia Dixon, all of full age and Emily Dixon, Wesley Allred, Sally Allred and Jane Allred who are minors & sue by their next friend O. M. Dixon – all

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respectfully represent that they are the children & grandchildren of Elliott Dixon, deceased..."

Thus we have the names of Elliott Dixon's children and grandchildren including his daughter, Catherine Dixon Millis. Son-in-law James Millis was the estate administrator and, as shown in the census and the Apprenticeship Bond, taking care of Sarah Ann "Sally" Allred who we now know was his wife's niece. We also have two more Allred children, Wesley and Jane, to identify. Were they Sarah Ann's brother and sister?

The answer is yes. Looking back at the 1850 census, I found Elliott Dixon and his family living in Guilford County, NC:

Dickson, Elliott	45
Hannah	20
Luzena	17
Hezekiah	15
Lewis	14
Allred, Elenor	26
John W.	4
Jane	2

Yes, the surname is spelled different, but say Dixon and Dickson out loud. They sound the same. Also, a close study of the census and other records proved Dixon and Dickson were used interchangeably and were the same family. Thus we now know the name of Sarah Ann's mother, Eleanor, and have documented Wesley (John W.) and Jane were her siblings.

I'm sure you have heard the old saying "the more answers I get, the more questions I have". This is so true! Now the question becomes: who was Sarah Ann's father and why was her mother and siblings living with her grandfather, Elliott Dixon? A search of Marriage Bonds uncovered one filed in Guilford County, NC, on April 9, 1842 for Kingsbury Aldred and Elinor Dixon. By this we now know Sarah Ann's father was Kingsbury Allred.

Kingsbury is an unusual name so he should be easy to find, right? Wrong. There was a Kingsbury Allred on the 1850 census, but married to a different woman and had a different set of children:

Allred, J. Kingsbury	37
Cinderella	35
Margaret	9
Isaac C.	8
Miley	3
Helen	3
Susanna	1

I knew this family well having researched them several years ago. Kingsbury's (his first name was Jeremiah) lineage was Kingsbury, Thomas, Elias, Thomas. Many of you probably already know Elias Allred moved his family to Hall County, Georgia, in the very early 1800s. However, his oldest son, Thomas, was a newlywed at the time and remained behind so he could be near his bride's (Sarah York's) family. It was on the York family land that Kingsbury and family were living according to the 1850 census. The land they lived on was located on the corner boundary where Guilford, Alamance, Chatham and Randolph Counties meet. Portions of the land was actually located in all four counties which took quite a while for me to sort out since deeds were filed in all four counties.

Thus we can eliminate Jeremiah Kingsbury Allred. He was married to Lucinda "Cinderella" Campbell and living with their children on inherited family land in 1850 Chatham County, NC.

No other men named Kingsbury Allred were found on the 1850 census for Guilford or surrounding counties. As Elinor was listed on the 1850 census living with her parents, I now assumed her husband was dead. This was confirmed by Guilford County, NC, Guardian Records beginning February 1861 in which O. M. (Obed Milton) Dixon filed financial reports as the guardian of "the heirs of Kingsbury Allred, deceased".

Again, the answer to one question brings more questions. Why was O. M. Dixon the guardian of Sarah Ann, John W. and Rachel Jane Allred? Where was their mother? A search of cemeteries uncovered the grave of Elenor Dixon Allred who died June 29, 1856 (Rehobeth UMC Cemetery, Greensboro, NC).

Keep in mind Eleanor was living with her parents and her two youngest children in 1850 and possibly still living there six years later when she died. The Apprentice Bond that started this whole research project was dated Aug 22, 1856, less than one month after Elenor died. We now know Sarah Ann was apprenticed to her Aunt and Uncle, Eleanor's sister Catherine and her husband, James Millis. The 1861 Guardian record tells us Eleanor's brother, O.M. Dixon, was financially taking care of her children. The 1858 Estate Record tells us Eleanor's brother-in-law, James Millis, was administrator of her father's estate and her brother, O. M. was overseeing the legal and financial affairs of the children. This family was obviously close-knit and had stepped up to take care of the children after Eleanor and Kingsbury died.

We are left with one more question: when did Kingsbury Allred die? I was unable to find his grave or any death notice for him. No will or estate records were on file. However, I did find a Deed dated 1847 that placed him in Guilford County and trying to get out of debt.

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"Sept 23, 1847: Kingsberry Aldred (Guilford County) first part, Robert Little (same) second part, & Emsley Armfield (same) third part; Aldred owes Armfield 30 by 2 notes: one for \$20 due Mar 21, 1847 and one for \$10 due 22nd instant; to secure payment & for \$1 sold in trust his interest in crop of corn on plantation of John Bray, 6 hogs, and cow & calf; if debts aren't paid by Dec 25 next, Little can sell the property after giving 10 days notice at 3 public places in said county and use proceeds to pay debts any overplus from sale goes to Aldred. (signed) K. L. Aldred; (witness) James N. Millis (only one witness; wit. Oath Oct 29, 1847 by Jas N. Millis; Oct 9 1847 recorded book 31 p. 71." Abstracts of Deeds, Guilford County, NC; Books 30 and 31 (1845-1850); pg105 (#16068); by Dr. A. B. Pruitt.

Thus we know Kingsbury died sometime between October 29, 1847, when this deed was sworn to in Court and October 13, 1850, when the census was taken showing Eleanor and children living with her father. This matches the fact that the youngest child, Rachel Jane, was born in

1848, conceived in 1847. Why Kingsbury died and where he is buried remains a mystery.

So we have the sad saga of Sarah Ann Allred. Her parents, Kingsbury Allred and Eleanor Dixon, married in 1842 and 11 months later Sarah was born. Two more children, John Wesley and Rachel Jane, joined the family before their father died sometime between 1847 and 1850. Sarah went to live with her maternal Aunt and Uncle, James and Catherine Millis; while her mother, Eleanor and the two youngest children moved in with her father, Elliott Dixon. Eleanor died in 1856 and her brother, O. M. Dixon, and brother-in-law, James Millis, stepped in to legally and financially take care of the children.

I followed Sarah through time and she remained with the Millis family for the rest of her life except for a very brief marriage. In 1890 Sarah married William Shields Coffin (1827-1906) but, sadly, it must not have been a very happy marriage. Per the census, in 1900 William was living with his daughter, Dianna, while Sarah was, once again, living with the Millis family. William was buried near Sarah in the Rehobeth UMC Cemetery, Greensboro, NC. Sarah's tombstone documents her birth and death: March 5, 1843 – June 16, 1901.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, } Guilford County. }

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we,

Kingsbury Aldred & Peter Kirkman

are held and firmly bound unto the State of North Carolina in the full sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, current money, to be paid to the said State of North Carolina; for the payment of which, well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated the 9 day of April A. D. 1842. -

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that the above bounden

Kingsbury Aldred hath made application for a license for Marriage, to be celebrated between him and *Eleanor Dixon* of the County aforesaid; now in case it shall not hereafter appear that there is any lawful cause or impediment to obstruct said Marriage, then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Test,

M. J. Hauston

Kingsbury Aldred
Peter Kirkman



Allred Family Organization Election 2014

AFO Election Committee Chair, Larry Allred, has announced that only the current officers have announced as candidates for the 2014 election. A ballot will appear in the next newsletter. On the ballot there is an opportunity to write in a candidate, if a member so desires.

Melvin Alred

Candidate for President

It would be an honor to continue as AFO president. My interest in the Allred Family history goes back to my childhood from listening to stories told by my Allred ancestors. They told of the brothers living in North Carolina and migrating into Georgia and Alabama. It wasn't too many years later that I researched and documented those oral stories. My goal as the AFO president would be to support the mission and continue the growth and expansion of the organization. My education includes: U. S. Air Force-Law Enforcement, Carroll Lynn College-Business, Floyd College-Real Estate, and North Georgia School of Auctioneers - Auctioneer. My work experience includes four years of law enforcement in the military; 14 years with Standard Oil Company which included working in management and internal auditing. For the past 39 years, I have owned and operated my own businesses, which include: Alred Oil Company, Alred Real Estate Company, and Auctions United, Inc.

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Linda Allred Cooper

Candidate for Vice President

I hope you will re-elect me as your AFO Vice President. The Executive Vice President and Vice President positions were combined allowing me to concentrate on the AFO Web site (www.allredfamily.com). I now have more time to update and maintain the Web site and add new information to it in a much quicker manner. I strongly feel the AFO Web site should be the place for all AFO members to quickly and easily access Allred genealogy information. Currently we have over 3,000 web files and/or pages on the Web site and it is growing. Re-elect me so I can continue this valuable service. Audited

journalism at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. More recently I worked as an office manager in a law firm.

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Alice Allred Pottmyer

Candidate for Secretary

My father instilled a love of Allred family history in me as a young girl. I have traveled extensively to Allred locations on the East Coast as well as the Western states and our Allred locations in Lancashire County, England. I would like to continue to work more closely with the AFO Board of Directors to continue to enhance this organization for the betterment of all our family. My degree field is journalism. I have worked for four different Washington, DC, based trade and professional organizations in the areas of publications and more recently conference management.

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Joyce Allred

Candidate for Treasurer

I strongly support the AFO Mission and volunteer to serve again as treasurer. My experience includes:

A. 30 years administering youth sports organizations (memberships, finances),

B. 29 years as financial officer for a private school (income, payroll, taxes),

C. Finance consultant for a Title and Escrow Company, and

D. Appointed AFO Treasurer in 2000 and established a financial management system (budget, income, investments). A financial report and budget are published each year in the AFO Newsletter.

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September 13, 2014

Randolph County, North Carolina Reunion



The Billy Trogon Cemetery in Randolph County North Carolina, where William and Elizabeth Diffie Allred are buried along with many other Allreds.

Nelson Calvert and Sarah M. Nelson Allred Reunion

Descendants of Nelson Calvert and Sarah Miranda Allred plan a reunion, June 13 and 14, 2014, in St. Charles, Idaho. There is a Friday night fireside with music and light refreshments.

Saturday, there is a breakfast, presentations, cemetery scavenger hunt and children's games and activities. Lunch is Pot Luck. If you have a favorite recipe from your ancestor or something they may have eaten, please bring it.

There is time for family history sharing and a tabernacle tour. A scanner, printer, and computer are available. Bring your memories, photos and journals to share.

For further information: Mary Ellen West, mewnv1@gmail.com, Joe West, pelikan@xmission.com, or Richard West, rich.west65@gmail.com.

Submit Change of Address, Phone and Email

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.

The East Coast Allred Family Association plans a Saturday, September 13, 2014, reunion in Randolph County, North Carolina., again at the Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Randolph County has been home to the Allreds since 1752 and the reunion is an opportunity to learn about your early Allred heritage. For more information, contact Gina Morton Smith at 336-879-0408 or ginamortonsmith@yahoo.com.

For hotel and campground information check this Web site: www.chamber.asheboro.com. Then go to Membership Directory to view campgrounds and RV parks or hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts for further information on staying in Asheboro or other places in Randolph County.

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, and 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.

Articles and Photographs are Welcome for the Newsletter

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AFO Member Mary Allred Walker is 101

Celebrating Mary Walker's 100th Birthday, March 17, 2013



by Mary Allred Walker

I am sending you a picture of me that was given to people at my 100th birthday party.

I was born 17th March 1913 in Raymond, Alberta, Canada. I was the 5th child of 10 born to Marlin Park Allred and Elizabeth Rhoda Stapley of Arizona, who moved to Canada in 1903. Orley Frank and I are the only ones living in 2014.

Orley lives in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. I live in St. George, Utah. I had my 101th birthday party here.

I live with my son Dwight and his wife, Dianne, at 496 East 650 South, St. George, Utah. I married Roscoe Stringham Baker in 1935. We had four children: Faye, Shirley, Philip and Dwight.

Roscoe was born in Bicknell, Utah, and died in California February 6, 1964.

On April 6, 1978, I married Eldon Walker of Powell, Wyoming. We moved to St. George in 1989. My Allred genealogy is *Marlin Park, Reddin Reddick, Reddick Alexander, Isaac, William, Thomas*.

Mary Allred Walker's Recipe For Her Long Life

Daily taking of natural nutritional supplements (cayenne pepper, cinnamon, ginger, apple cider vinegar, honey, gelatin, potassium, zinc) to help reduce, improve or prevent one or more of the following ailments: Heart disease, cancer, circulation, stress, cholesterol, digestion, low energy, arthritic pain, bacterial and viral infections, inflammation, normal blood sugar levels, and immune system.

Daily doing crossword puzzles, Cliptiquote, genealogy indexing on computer and reading—for improved brain health.

Daily exercising and crocheting.

Socializing often.



Photo by Bill Olson

Bob Olson by the historic Spring City Chapel, the site of the 2014 Allred Reunion. Activities take place in the pavillion near the parking lot on Friday evening and in the Cultural Hall on Saturday.



Photo by Bill Olson

The Old Town Hall, now a Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum, and the Old Fire House, now Friends of Historic Spring City, contain early Spring City information that includes Allred information. Both buildings are open on Reunion Day.

Spring City, Utah, is on the National Historic Register. The town was founded March 22, 1852, by James Allred.

Reddick Newton Allred Book

Teresa Burrell, a descendant of Reddick Newton Allred, has compiled a book containing the diary or Reddick N. Allred and other writings, photos and documents. Copies will be available at the Spring City Reunion. The cost is \$25 for a softcover book and \$35 for a hardcover book.

Volunteer Assistance Needed

Three or four volunteers are needed to greet and assist with registration as people enter the hall.

In addition people are needed to help with the sales table. If you have experience handling cash and checks please contact, Larry Allred at larrycallred@msn.com or 801-558-6753.

Where to Stay in Spring City

For information on hotels and camping facilities in Spring City or Sanpete County, check this Web site: <http://sanpetecounty.org/pages/lodging>.

Also, Larry Allred has arranged for campers to park alongside a private Spring City home. For further information, contact him at larrycallred@msn.com or 801-558-6753.

Rocky Mountain Allred Reunion Spring City, Utah

Friday evening, June 27 and Saturday, June 28

The historic LDS Meeting House, 164 South Main Street in Spring City, Utah, is the new site of the 2014 Allred Reunion.

Friday evening after 6 p.m., those who are in town will enjoy hot dogs and marshmallows at the pavillion near the church parking lot.

There is always music and plenty of conversation during this gathering.

Saturday morning, registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Registration is free. If you arrive early, you have an opportunity to view various Allred information on various tables around the reunion hall.

The reunion program begins at 9:30 a.m. The reunion highlight is a presentation on Legacy Stories. This is an excellent way for anyone to document or tell a story about a person or something like your great grandmother's rocking chair or your wonderful horse.

Come to the reunion prepared to record a family history story. Bring an heirloom, keepsake or photo representing the topic of your story.

A Legacy Stories booth is available during the reunion. This information can then be loaded onto your FamilySearch Family Tree. Bring your Apple Ipad, your Smart Phone, or your laptop computer. If you don't have any of these, we can still assist you.

LegacyStories.org is a Certified Tree Connect Affiliate of FamilySearch, allowing you to link ancestories as a source in FamilySearch Family Tree.

Gordon Taylor, President of the Taylor Family Association, and Golden Adams will assist on the Legacy Stories project. Gordon descends from William and Elizabeth Patrick Taylor. The Allreds and Taylors lived nearby in the early 1830s in Monroe County, Missouri.

Isaac Allred, son of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred, married July Ann Taylor. Sarah Lovisa Allred, daughter of Isaac and Mary Calvert Allred, married Allen Taylor. The families later lived nearby in Caldwell County, Missouri, and many members of these two families later traveled together to Utah.

Linda Allred Cooper will make a presentation on the difficulties of John and Ellen Pemberton Allred in 17th Century England. Their son, Solomon, came to America in the early 1700s.

In addition, there is a children's program, saleable items and tables with information about the books being written about early Rocky Mountain Allreds.

A barbecue lunch of pulled pork, beans, chips, drinks, and ice cream is again prepared by Bob and Bill Olson. The cost is \$5 and \$3 for children.

Life Under The Horseshoe

A radio program, Life Under The Horseshoe, is family entertainment and is produced live on Saturday evenings from May 17 through August 23, 2014, in Spring City, Utah. In 2013, several Allred cousins enjoyed the show after the reunion. The radio show has live sound effects, and stories told from "Bummer Bench" at the corner of Spit-n-Whittle. Audience members can participate and lend their voices and sound effects to the program. It's Fun and Hilarious!

Come and be part of the June 28, 2014, show at Victory Hall at 35 North Main Street. You must be in your seat by 6:30 p.m. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. Sorry no children under eight years of age.

The \$10 tickets may be purchased at the Victory Hall Box Office on the day of the show from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The Web site is:
<http://lifeunderthehorseshoe.com/>



Lester Lee Allred

by *Melvin Alred*

Lester Lee Allred was the second child of John Thomas and Olie Ander Allred. Lester had made the move to Lincoln County, Alabama, in 1910 with his parents and back to Floyd County, Georgia, in 1912. He helped on his father's farm until he got a job in Rome in 1919 with Gulf Refining Company driving a one-horse wagon loaded with ten-gallon cans filled with kerosene. He would make his route around Rome each day delivering full cans of kerosene and returning with empty containers.

In 1921, he was promoted to driving a new truck with a 325 gallon tank. That's when he expanded the route out into the countryside covering Floyd and Chattooga Counties, Georgia, delivering kerosene and gasoline to farmers and country stores. Lester told me he always carried shovels and other tools to repair the roads where needed. Also, he kept a long chain for towing or being towed as the case might arise.

On November 30, 1924, Lester married Ruby House. About this time, he decided to take another big leap of faith and took a distributorship at Pam-Am Oil Company. This meant furnishing his own truck and being paid on a commission basis. Lester bought a truck with a 750 gallon tank. Like all of John Allred's children, Lester was a hard worker and his business grew rapidly.

Lester's contract stated that his commission would be paid by the gallons he sold, regardless of the price. This was very fortunate for him because, when the great depression came in 1929, the price per gallon dropped to an all-time low, but his volume increased.

On the 28th day of April 1930, their first child, Patty Ruth, was born. Twelve days later, Lester bought the property at 11 East Main Street (Deed Book 141, Page 213). He employed a contractor (Mr. Roberts) to remove the old house and build his family a new home at a cost of \$7,000 according to permit records. The house was constructed of solid brick walls and a slate-rock roof with brass gutters. At this writing, 84 years later, the roof and gutters are still in tact.

Recessed steam heaters warmed the house in cold weather. The daylight basement provided parking for two cars. It took the construction crew fourteen months to complete the job. No mortgages were recorded against the property. Remember this was during the depression.

A second child, Barbara Anita, was born July 18, 1933.

In 1935, State Congressman Frank L. Baker convinced Pan-Am Oil to cancel Lester's contract and award it to him. Lester found another gasoline supplier and was able to convince twenty-six of his twenty-seven retail outlets to make the transition with him.

Lester and Ruby's third child, Lester Lee, Jr., was born August 9, 1937.

Lester remained in the oil and gasoline business the rest of his business career, retiring in his mid-seventies.

As fate would have it, I, Lester's nephew, was hired by Pan-Am (now American Oil Company), to work in the same building where Lester had been a Commission Agent. In 1971, I became a Commission Agent for Gulf Oil Company working in the same building where Lester made deliveries in 1919. Both places of business were only a short distance from Lester's house. He would come by often, and I would encourage him to tell me about his experiences in the gasoline business.

A few funny and interesting things I remember about Uncle Lester were: I remember Uncle Lester stepping on children's toes and then



Lester Allred

apologizing, pretending he didn't know; Bobby, my four-year-old brother retrieving a hammer from the tool shed and breaking a bone in Lester's foot, because he (Lester) had stepped on his (Bobby's) injured toe; How he handled his competition when they repeatedly undercut the price of gasoline; the fruit jar of refreshments he kept under the truck seat to share with friends; Making it clear he wanted his losses refunded when he caught a man using loaded dice in a crap game; Forgetting about time when he was challenged to a game of checkers.

Some comments from his three children:

Patty Ruth: "My dad said that he knew very early on that farming was not for him. He was fascinated by the automobile and wanted to learn to drive. By the time he was courting Mother, he was driving a sporty touring car. Daddy developed an interest in flying and planned to buy an airplane, but Mother must have convinced him to build a house first. We moved into our new house when I was 14th months old. Daddy never got his airplane, but he often took us to the Old Rome Airport to watch an air show on Sunday afternoons. He took us up in an airplane when I was very young. He was an adventurous fellow. We have a picture of him standing on the frozen Oostanaula River circa 1940. He was a loving and devoted father. Mother and Daddy played golf in the early years of their marriage. One of my special memories of Daddy was when he was visiting us at our beach home. We missed him one day, and I found him enjoying the view of the Atlantic Ocean from his perch on an old palmetto log. We sat and watched a ghost crab trying to take a stick of gum into his den. Finally, the tide drove us back."

Barbara Anita: "Daddy always carried his gun with him on his service trips so he could hunt for quail. He would stop on a service trip to Curryville to play checkers with his friends. On trips to the chicken farm, he would take the grandchildren with him, which they loved. He loved watching ballgames and attending the ones at Celanese and Lindale and sometimes to Atlanta to watch the Atlanta Crackers. He was able to stay in his home, which was built in the latter part



The Rome, Georgia, home of Lester Lee Allred

of the depression, until his death August 31, 1979. I would always meet him when he came home and ride from the street to the back of the house where he parked. Mother said I would tell him, everything that had happened that day. I have to add the time Daddy couldn't get his truck started and when he had it checked, they said it had sand in the gas tank. Lester, Jr., was playing in the sandbox near the truck. Daddy didn't believe that Lester, Jr. could get the cap off and asked him to try to see if he could. Lester, Jr. did get it off, and then he confessed that he put the sand in the gas tank."

Lester Lee, Jr.: "My memories consist of as a kid going with Daddy on the oil truck. It was exciting to get to find something to do while he would play checkers with all on-takers at John Bolt's one-gas-pump grocery store. We are talking hours. The only thing that made it a little bearable was having a lunch of a can of sardines with soda crackers, and a big orange filled with a pack of salted peanuts. (No Moon Pie.)

At least two days were spent at Lindale going through all the alleys between the houses. The alleys served as a place for five-gallon cans for heating oil as well as two-seater outhouses. On one of those days, we were unlucky enough to get behind the wagon that emptied all those big oaken buckets from the outhouses.

When we traveled in the country delivering gas for tractors to farmers, we would play Cow Poker. Daddy would count the ones on his side, and I on my side. If we passed a cemetery, it cancelled the count of the one, depending on the

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side, and he had to start from zero. The only problem was I didn't get a prize when I won.

Occasionally, a one-gas-pump grocery or beer joint would run out of gas before their scheduled delivery by oil companies and would call Daddy. One time, we were at this type store near the Georgia-Alabama line. It would take at least a half hour to empty Daddy's truck, so I would find things to kill time. At that time, gas for your car cost about 15 cents a gallon. I happened to look at the pump where we were and the price was almost one dollar a gallon. I asked Daddy how they managed to sell much of that price. His answer was: "The condition they are in when leaving, they don't have a clue what they are paying."

Some of the mountain roads we would travel were so curvy that Daddy would have to go a little forward and a little backward several times to make a curve. As I looked out my window and saw the drop off, it would be so scary I would not only close my eyes, but try to crawl under the seat.

When it came time to make the ticket for a delivery, Daddy could do that figuring as fast in his head as most people could with an adding machine or calculator. Do you think there might be a connection between that and Patty and I becoming math teachers?

Lester Lee Allred was born October 21, 1897, in Floyd County, Rome, Georgia. He died August 31, 1979. Ruby House Allred was born January 20, 1909. She died November 24, 1994.

Allred Obituaries

Francis M. Rogers

1926—2013

Francis Myron Rogers, 87, died December 24, 2013, in Clackmus, Oregon. He was born to Isaac Higbee and Myra Irene Sanders Rogers, July 6, 1926, in Chino Valley, Arizona. He was the youngest of 10 children. At age 18, he was drafted and joined the U.S. Army. He served in Germany during World War II where he was a rifleman in the 78th Infantry Division. After he was discharged he served an LDS Mission to the Texas-Louisiana Mission. After his mission, he attended Utah State Agricultural College in Logan Utah. There he met Darlene Tingey and they were married in 1950 in the Logan LDS Temple. They had six children. He received his bachelor's degree in Industrial Education and taught school in Salt Lake City, Utah and LeGrande, Scappose, Tigard and Woodburn, Oregon. Camping and fishing were always a love for Francis. He enjoyed the lakes and streams of Oregon and Idaho. He and Darlene served a full-time mission to the Philippines, Quezon West Mission in 1989. He is survived by his wife, Darlene, children: Gary Rogers (Becky), Longwood, Florida; Jean Baird (Adrian), Rexburg, Idaho; Patricia Garner (Loren), North Pole, Alaska; William Rogers, Evan, Georgia; Alan Rogers (Nancy), Troutdale, Oregon; and David Rogers (Maria), Sandpoint,

Idaho, 22 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and a sister-in-law, Leah Rogers, Safford, Arizona. Funeral services were January 4, 2014 at the Bull Mountain Ward Chapel. Burial was in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Oregon. *Francis M. Myra Irene, John Franklin, Jr., John Franklin, Moses Martin, Mary, William, Thomas and Myra Irene, Hanna Elmina, William Alma, Isaac, James, William, Thomas.*

John McClellan Allred

1943—2014

John McClellan Allred passed away on February 17, 2014, in Orem, Utah. He was born in Provo, Utah, on November 6, 1943, to Eldred and Reva Allred. He was married to Joan Allred on November 15, 1968, in the Salt Lake Temple. John graduated from Brigham Young University in 1970 and lived in San Carlos, California, for a time. He was a retired captain in the Army Reserve and served in the Utah National Guard. He was an avid reader and hiker. John is survived by his wife Joan, sons Michael and Jeff, daughter Anna and grandson Jonathan. John was preceded in death by his parents Eldred and Reva Allred. Funeral services were February 20, 2014, at the Park 10th Ward in Orem, Utah.

Temper Temper!

by Linda Allred Cooper

I found this article on page 1 of the *Greensboro Patriot* newspaper (Greensboro, North Carolina) dated June 1, 1916. I have not been able to identify Dobbin or Dobson Allred. If you can identify him, please let me know.

Two Neighbors in a Fight

One of them in hospital with crushed skull and the other in jail. Messrs. W. J. Church and Dobbin Allred, two well known citizens of Pleasant Garden, became engaged in a quarrel Monday afternoon, and as a result of an altercation that followed, Mr. Allred is in St. Leo's hospital with a crushed skull and Mr. Church is being held in the county jail without bond to await the result of the injury.

The two men were neighbors and it is said the quarrel and fight followed the action of Mr. Allred in digging a ditch under a fence that is the dividing line between their properties. During the progress of the quarrel it is said that Mr. Allred called Mr. Church a liar, whereupon the latter jumped over the fence that separated them and the two neighbors went together. It seems that Allred struck Church with a shovel and that Church struck Allred over the head with a mattock.

Mr. Church came to Greensboro early Tuesday morning and reported to Squire Collins that he had engaged in an affray with Mr. Allred, but did not think he had seriously injured him. Squire Collins issued a warrant and held Mr. Church under a bond of \$100.

Later it was ascertained that Mr. Allred was injured more seriously than had been thought at first and had been brought to Greensboro for treatment. Sheriff Stafford then went to Pleasant Garden and placed Mr. Church under arrest.

Mr. Allred underwent an operation at the hospital yesterday and a portion of his skull was removed. While his injury is not considered necessarily fatal; his condition is naturally serious, and it may be several days before the physicians are able to give an opinion as to the result of the wound.

Author's Note: Dobson Allred survived his injury but didn't stay out of trouble. According to the 1920 Federal Census, Dobson (age 65) was an inmate in the Guilford County, North Carolina Jail located in Gilmer.



Allreds on Facebook

There is an Allred Family Organization group on Facebook. Information on upcoming events, projects we are working on, photos, stores and much more. All those with Allred ties are welcome. If you have questions, contact the group administrator, Karisa Walker at fourinohio@att.net. Almost daily there are Allred questions and comments.
<https://facebook.com/groups/251626831520359/>

Rocky Mountain Allred Group on Facebook

There is also a page geared for the Rocky Mountain Allreds. These are the descendants of William and Elizabeth Thrasher Allred. Several of their children and many grandchildren went to the Rocky Mountain West from 1847 through the 1850s. This is the link:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rockymountainallreds>.

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President's Column

Members like you are the reason we are able to do research for the Allred Family Organization. Most of the monies for research comes from the twenty dollars a year dues paid by the members who subscribe to the newsletter. We would ask all members to encourage anyone interested in further research of the Allred family to join. That way they will be the first to read about any new research information we discover.

Congratulations to all Allreds/Alreds/Aldreds/Allreads. The next newsletter will be No. 100! Thanks to all who have contributed to the newsletter over the years.



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