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In the spring of 2020 Alan Fleming contacted Linda Allred Cooper for help in determining who his unknown Allred ancestor was. Alan's family folklore passed down through several generations was that his Great-Grandmother, Eliza McDaniel (1875-1928), worked a maid in "Old Man Allred's" house and they had a bi-racial son named Walter Anding (1893-1962). Eliza later married Steve Anding and they raised Walter as their own. Walter was Alan Fleming's Grandfather.

Alan's MyHeritage DNA provided the first look at proof that the family story had some Allred roots and prompted him to reach out to Linda. Linda's research into historical records of Allred families living in Lincoln County, Mississippi helped narrow it down to one of two Allred brothers living in the area at the time – James Nathaniel (1856-1939) or John Sylvester (1850-1916). Linda and Alan later asked for my help in figuring out Alan's DNA puzzle after he got his Ancestry DNA results back.

In July of this year Alan shared his Ancestry results with me and I got to work building him a DNA Family Tree to try and discover how he connected into our larger Allred Family Tree. Alan made this initial research very easy in that he had already created an extensive family tree with all of his Paternal Fleming and Maternal Anding sides. This simplified the sorting of his DNA matches to the proper paternal/maternal side and allowed me to concentrate on searching the maternal side that was connected to his Great-Grandmother Eliza. Another factor that greatly helped in building his DNA Family Tree was that many of Eliza's descendants had taken the Ancestry DNA test as well as some of the Allred descendants from the Mississippi Allred branch in question.

Five of Alan's DNA matches connected to Alan's grandfather, Walter Anding, as expected and the strength (cM) of their DNA confirmed their relational position on the tree. Next, a quick search of Alan's DNA matches using "Allred" as a filter returned multiple DNA matches. The puzzle started to become a little clearer when DNA matches with two descendants of William Wallace Allred (1880-1940) and one descendant of John McLaurin Allred (1893-1953) were found. William and John were the sons of John Sylvester Allred. The strength of these matches all pointed to John Sylvester as the "Old Man Allred" in his family stories. The next Allred DNA matches found were with the Great-Grandson of Louisa Josephine Allred (1846-1875) and with the GGG-Granddaughter of Mary Elizabeth Allred (1841-1900). The strongest case to be made that John Sylvester Allred was "Old Man Allred" instead of James Nathaniel is based upon the strength (cM) of the DNA matches with William Wallace Allred and John McLaurin Allred's descendants and their position on the family tree. As a test trial on the DNA tree Walter Anding was placed under John McLaurin. The resultant relational position of these DNA matches no longer made sense with the strength (cM) of the matches. Therefore, I believe the DNA

evidence proves Alan's Allred DNA roots as well with a great deal of certainty that his Great-Grandfather was John Sylvester Allred.