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REVIEW: The Allred History Zooms – The American Revolution is a 4 Part Series and Follow-Up to the presentation on the Battle of Alamance in which our Allred ancestors fought on May 16, 1771. Part I - The Home Front and discussed what our ancestors experienced during the War years and how some of them provided goods and services to the American Patriots. Part II featured 5 Allred men who served in North Carolina's Militia: 1 who

fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain (October 7, 1780) and 4 brothers who fought in the Skirmish at Trading Ford (February 3, 1781).

I originally thought some of our Allred ancestors served in the Continental Army, however additional research proved those ancestors also served in North Carolina's Militia and are featured in this presentation.

Revolutionary War Pensions

Not every Revolutionary War soldier received a pension. Keep in mind the newly formed American Government did not immediately have money in the coffers or a budget for paying its military. Along with literally fighting a War for Independence, it had to figure out a way to pay for everything. During the war, the promise of pensions was used to encourage enlistment and acceptance of commissions and to prevent desertion and resignation. After the war, they became a form of reward for services rendered. Individual States as well as the Federal Government offered and awarded pensions based on participation in the Revolutionary War.

August 26, 1776	The First Pension Act - allowed pensions for soldiers and sailors who had been injured in the service of the colonies and were therefore incapable of earning a living. All others were excluded.
May 15, 1778	To encourage officers and enlisted men to serve for the duration of the conflict, the Continental Congress passed a resolution allowing half-pay for all officers and a set gratuity of \$80 to all enlisted men who remained in service to the end of the war.
August 24, 1780	The Continental Congress passed the first act offering pensions to widows and orphans of Revolutionary War soldiers.
1818	Congress passed a pension law granting pensions to Revolutionary War veterans who had not been disabled. These pensions, based on financial need, were granted for life. A larger-than-anticipated number of applicants led to financial difficulties for the young nation. Congress amended the 1818 law in 1820 and again in 1822 making it very confusing to determine who qualified and who did not.

June 7, 1832 The 1832 Pension Act gave full pay for life to officers and enlisted men who had served for two or more years and partial pay for service of six months to two years

Unfortunately, by 1832 many veterans who survived the War were no longer alive or able to prove their Military Service. Consider a 20-year-old in 1776 was 76 years old in 1832 during a time period when the average male lifespan was 60.¹ To add to our genealogical research problems today, a fire in the War Department on November 8, 1800, destroyed all Revolutionary War pension and bounty land warrant applications and related papers submitted before that date.² Thankfully two of our Allred ancestors filed Pension Applications that still exist today.

Elias Allred



Lineage: Elias, Thomas, Solomon born 1680 England

First Lesson: Never totally trust what is written on a tombstone. Elias Allred was buried at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Lula, Hall County, Georgia. Per his tombstone, he was born 1758, died 1840, and served in the Georgia Cavalry during the Revolutionary War. Sadly, this is wrong.



¹ Mapping History <u>https://mappinghistory.uoregon.edu/english/US/US39-01.html</u>

² Information on the Revolutionary War Pensions is abstracted from *Using Revolutionary War Pension Files to Find Family Information,* by Jean Nudd; Summer 2015, Vol. 47, No. 2, Prologue Magazine online at https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2015, Vol. 47, No. 2, Prologue Magazine online at https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2015, Vol. 47, No. 2, Prologue Magazine online at https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2015/summer/rev-war-pensions.html



During an Allred Cousins trip to Hall County, GA in November 2000, I met Jackie Allred Cooley and her brother, David Allred, of Gainesville, GA who told me Elias' original grave had been unmarked, but the exact

location of the grave was noted in church cemetery records. Elias' descendant, (Jackie and David's Aunt) Martha Lucille Allred Pyatte placed a tombstone on the grave in the 1950's. No doubt Martha used the very best information available to her at the time, but Elias did not serve in the Georgia Cavalry and did not die in 1840.

As you saw in the previous Allred History Zoom: Part II - Allreds in the Militia, Elias fought during the Skirmish at Trading Ford near Salisbury, NC on February 3, 1781. He was a member of the Randolph County, NC Militia unit led by Captain John Hinds. Elias' name, along with the names of 3 of his brothers (John, James and William), appear on Captain Hinds' list. Elias detailed his service in his Revolutionary War Pension Application filed June 7, 1833.³ As required by law, he described (to the best of his memory) his military service, adding as many details as possible. Transcription (spelling as written) follows:

³³ Elias' Revolutionary War Pension Application is available online at <u>www.fold3.com</u> and <u>https://myallredfamily.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Elias-Allred-Pension-Application.pdf</u> A transcription of the application page is available at <u>https://myallredfamily.com/front-page/what-states/north-carolina/american-revolution/elias-rev-pension/</u>

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State of Georgia County of Hall

On this the 7th day of June eighteen hundred and thirty three personally appeared before John Bates, John M McAffee, & Wiley E. Wood, Justices of the Inferior Court of Said County Elias Allred Senr. a resident of Hall County & State of Georgia and Seventy five years the 6th day of May last agreeable to a record of his age Kept by his parents who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein stated:

That he was drafted into the Service of the United States about the first of December in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty for a three months tour of duty under Capt John Hines who commanded a Company of Horse (deponent furnishing his own horses) and was attached to Col. John Littrells Regiment Major Ghotston (sp?) also belonged to the said regiment and also marched to where Gen'l Green's army was stationed near the Cheraw Hills in the State of South Carolina from thence we marched up Peedee River to Salisbury in North Carolina leaving Gen'l Green with his army to follow. We made a rapid march to meet with and assist Col. Morgan who was retreating from Wallis (after having defeated Tarlton at the Cowpens) when we reached Salisbury we found Col. Morgan with his army marching through town.



Who placed the company of Calvary to I belonged together with about eighty of his riflemen to Guard until the main army could be ferried across the Yadkin River. But just about the time the last baggage waggon got onboard the Flat a party of Wallis men Said to be about one thousand came upon us. We fired two rounds and retreated and on the next joined Col. Littrel marched to the Barracks and in two or three days was discharged tho time for which I was drafted

having expired.

Just a few days after getting my discharge I substituted in place of a man by the name of John Sitten for a three months tour of duty in the Cavelry again and under the same officers and was marched to & fro through the State of North Carolina keeping down the tories and was in one pretty smart skirmish with the like which were commanded by a Col. Fanning a noted tory. I think this tour of duty was commenced about the first April 1781. Having



Served out this tour of duty. I with several others of the same company agreed to stand as what was termed minute men subject to the call of the same Captain and was frequently called on and was out



sometimes two or three days at a time. I have no documentary evidence and know of no person by whom I can prove any service except John Duncan whose affidavit is annexed. I hereby relinquish my claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that his name is not on the pension roles of the agency of any State.

1st I was born the State of North Carolina but am not positive whether in Randolph or

Orange County on the 6th day of May 1758.

2nd I have no record of my age though have seen one made in Book Kept by my father which is worn out or lost

3 I was living in Randolph County, North Carolina when called into service. I remained in the State of North Carolina until the year 1815 then removed to the State of South Carolina Pendleton District remained there until the year 1827 then removed to Hall County State of Georgia where I now live.

4 I was drafted into the first tour of duty and the Second I substituted

5 I recollected to have seen Green a Capt Skinner a Gen'l Stephens from Virginia but cannot say whether Gen'l Stephens was a regular officer or not.

6 I received a discharge from Capt Hines for my first tour of duty which is lost

7 John E. Brown, James Russel, Esqr, Simon Lerrell & the Reverend sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Elias (his EA mark) Allred John Bates JJC



Thus we know Elias fought with Captain John Hinds and the Randolph County Militia at Trading Ford. But there were other several skirmishes and battles fought in Randolph County, NC between American forces and David Fanning's Tory Militia during the time period Elias served his second Tour of Duty in Randolph County's Militia (April – June 1781). It is very possible Elias was involved and fought in each one: **April ??, 1781 at Hanging Tree, Randolph County, North Carolina** - Sometime in the Spring of 1781, probably April, and the location not clear, but probably in Randolph County, Capt. David Fanning and his men were surrounded at a house of a friend by 14 whig militia under a Capt. Hinds, with both sides losing a man killed. Fanning and most of his men apparently were forced to retreat and made their escape. One of the Fanning's men was captured by Hinds, and says Fanning in his Narrrative, hanged "on the spot where we had killed the man [a whig] a few days before".⁴

May 9, 1781, Deep River, Randolph County, North Carolina - Capt. David Fanning and eight men were camped at a friend's house on Deep River. Capt. John Hinds of the local Patriot militia learned of this and they rode hard with eleven men to surprise Fanning and pin him down in the house. As Capt. Hinds moved closer to the house, Fanning and his men burst out, firing as they ran. They rushed past the Patriots, killed one, and fled into the nearby woods. The Loyalists were able to capture several horses and weapons. Patriots suffered 1 killed, unknown wounded, 0 captured. Loyalists suffered 2 killed, unknown wounded, 0 captured. ⁵

May 11-12, 1781, Buffalo Ford, Randolph County, North Carolina - Loyalist Capt. David Fanning was bent on revenge after Capt. John Hinds had hanged two of his men at Deep River on May 9th. He focused his revenge on the regiment of Col. John Collier and Col. Andrew Balfour of the Randolph County Regiment of Militia since they were Capt. Hinds's superiors. Capt. Fanning gathered seventeen men and set up an ambush at Buffalo Ford on the Deep River. Two hours later his scouts reported that Col. Collier's militia had been delayed because they had plundered a Loyalist home along the way. Capt. Fanning and his men immediately rode to the house and attacked the Patriots. Within a half hour, the Loyalists had killed the Patriot captain and a private, wounded three others, and captured two more. They also seized eight horses and several swords. This group of Loyalists pursued another group of Patriots and caught up to them the next morning. Capt. Fanning also defeated them, killing four, wounding three, capturing one man and their horses. He continued to pursue the survivors, killing one and capturing two more. Patriots suffered 7 Killed, 6 wounded, 5 captured. Loyalists suffered unknown.⁶

May 11-12, 1781, Cox's Mill, Randolph Co., North Carolina - A small group of whigs were raided by Capt. David Fanning's and 17 tories some three miles from Cox's Mill (below modern Franklinville.) The rebels lost 2 killed, 7 wounded, and had 18 horses taken. The following day (the 12th) a similar raid took place and 4 whigs were killed, 3 wounded, 1 captured, and a number of their horses taken. Fanning then

⁴ Revolutionary War Raids & Skirmishes in 1781 online at <u>https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/1781-skirmish/</u>

⁵ The American Revolution in North Carolina, Deep River skirmish online at

https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_deep_river_1.html ⁶ The American Revolution in North Carolina, Deep River skirmish online at

https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution deep river 1.html Note the dates for the skirmish at Buffalo Ford and Cox's Mill are the same. It is possible they took place on the same date, but more likely (this author's opinion) that the dates for one or both are slightly wrong and the skirmishes took place consecutively, one after the other; meaning one may have taken place the day before the other. Sadly, exact dates were not recorded for these events and the documentation we have today is based on the memories of veterans who filed Pension Applications 40-50 years after the events.

returned to his base at Cox's Mill. Sometime later the same month, in a similar foray, Fanning captured 3 more men and 9 more horses. Patriots suffered 0 killed, unknown wounded, 0 captured. Loyalists suffered 2 killed, 6 wounded, 6 captured.⁷

Of these skirmishes, the one at Cox's Mill was the most violent and may be the one Elias described as "one pretty smart skirmish". Regardless, as a member of Randolph County's Militia, there is no doubt Elias fought in most, if not all the battles/skirmishes listed above.

Elias also stated he served the rest of the War as a Minuteman, called out when needed and serving 2-3 days at a time. Randolph County's Militia was known to be involved in the following skirmishes and battles so Elias may also have fought at:⁸

Aug 4, 1781 **Beatti's Bridge** - Occurred where modern day Richmond, Moore, Cumberland and Scotland Counties meet just west of today's Ft. Bragg. Patriots suffered 1 killed, 4 wounded, and unknown captured. Loyalists suffered 12 Killed, 15 wounded, 0 captured.



- Sept 1781Beck's Ford on Deep River. Patriots suffered 0 killed, 0 wounded, 0 captured. Loyalists
suffered 0 killed, 1 wounded, 0 captured
- Sept 13, 1781Battle of Lindley's Mill, Alamance County. Patriots suffered 25 killed, 90 wounded, 10
captured. Loyalists suffered 27 killed, 90 wounded, 0 captured
- Sept 1781 **Brown Marsh**, Bladen County. Patriots suffered 20 killed, unknown wounded, 25 captured. Loyalists suffered 3 killed, 5 wounded, 0 captured
- Oct 1781 **Brush Creek**, Randolph County. Patriots suffered 1 killed, several wounded, 0 captured. Loyalists suffered 3 killed, 3 wounded, 0 captured
- Oct 15, 1781 **Raft Creek**, Robeson County. Patriots suffered 1 killed, 0 wounded, 0 captured. Loyalists suffered 16 killed, 50 wounded, 20 captured
- Oct 19, 1781 British General Charles Cornwallis surrendered his army of some 8,000 men to General George Washington. Although this effectively ended the war the British Army was defeated it took time for word to spread throughout the colonies and some factions of Loyalists/Tories continued the fight, refusing to admit the Americans had won.
- March 1782 **Forks of the Yadkin**, Davie County. Patriots suffered 1 killed, 0 wounded, 0 captured. Loyalists suffered 2 killed, 0 wounded, 0 captured
- Mar 10, 1782 **Balfour's Plantation**, Randolph County. Patriots suffered 2 killed, 0 wounded, 0 captured. Loyalists suffered 0 killed, 0 wounded, 0 captured

⁷ Revolutionary War Raids & Skirmishes in 1781 online at <u>https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/1781-skirmish/</u>

⁸ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc randolph county regiment.html

- Mar 13-14, 1782 Randolph County Courthouse. Patriots suffered 1 killed, 0 wounded, 0 captured. Loyalists suffered 0 killed, 1 wounded, 0 captured
- May 1782 Andrew Hunter's Plantation, Randolph County. Patriots suffered 0 killed, 1 wounded, all Hunter's slaves captured. Loyalists suffered 0 killed, 0 wounded, 0 captured
- Sept 22, 1782 **Faith Rock**, Randolph County. Patriots suffered 0 killed, 1 wounded, 0 captured. Loyalists suffered 0 killed, 0 wounded, 0 captured.



Sept 3, 1783 the Treaty of Paris was signed, formally recognizing the United States as a free and independent nation after eight years of war.

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Carolina Pendleton District remained there until the year 1827 then removed to Hall County State of Georgia where I now live."



only researcher to make this mistake. In the 1930's, J. Urban Allred and Buell Allred, both of Utah, made the same mistake when requesting copies of Elias' Revolutionary War records. I've been told they did a lot of the research that went into the book *The Allred Family In America* written by Rulon C. Allred.⁹ Thus we have proof that he spent his entire military service years in Randolph County, North Carolina's as part of the Militia, not the Georgia Cavalry as stated on his tombstone. The question becomes: why did Elias' descendant, Martha Lucille Allred Pyatte, think he served in Georgia? The answer is, possibly, because he applied for his Pension and received payments while he was living in Hall County, Georgia. Mrs. Pyatte certainly wasn't the

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⁹ This book is available on my website at <u>https://myallredfamily.com/front-page/allred-family-in-america-by-rulon-allred-pdf/</u> Please read the disclaimer as, although it is a fabulous collection of Allred genealogy, there are a lot of mistakes. As always, I urge everyone to never trust anything without working to find documentation to prove it is accurate.



Now the question is: when did Elias really die? Although Elias' tombstone gives a death date of 1840, his last Pension Payment was picked up on September 3, 1844. His exact date of death is not known but the pension was paid monthly, telling us he died sometime during the month of September 1844. Perhaps Mrs. Pyatte never saw the pension payment record. Maybe she noticed he disappears from Federal Census records after 1840 so

assumed he died at that time. That is my guess regarding why she put the 1840 death date on his tombstone.¹⁰

Thus, we have proof of when/where/how Elias served during the Revolutionary War, when he really died and an example of why tombstones cannot always be trusted to have accurate information.

John Allred 1764 – 1849

Lineage: John, William, William, Solomon born 1680 England

Although the Revolutionary War Pension Act was passed into Law by Congress in 1832, John Allred waited until April 11, 1846 to file his Application for Pension. Why he waited so long remains a mystery that might be explained by his diminished



memory problems. In 1825 when his father died, John as the oldest son, inherited 1/3 of the estate plus an additional 30 acres. John had already been living on the land, married and raising a family, so probably felt financially secure and, perhaps, felt no need to file for the additional revenue a Revolutionary War Pension would provide. However, based on court records filed in 1848, he had developed some sort of mental issue, perhaps Dementia or Alzheimer's. Per the court records, John's mental capacity had failed so much that his son, Elisha, and son-in-law, Solomon Free, petitioned the court to be appointed his guardians, equivalent to today's Power of Attorney. The court papers filed November 8, 1848 state that Elisha and Solomon had declared John "non compus mentis" and the Sheriff was ordered to summon 12 jurors to look into the matter. The sheriff acted quickly and court papers dated the next day (November 9, 1848) state that the 12 jurors agreed, John was mentally incapable of handling his affairs and they declared him a "lunatic".¹¹ Yet, two years earlier, John and his family felt he qualified as a Veteran and deserved to receive a Pension, thus he filed an Application. I

¹⁰ Elias' Revolutionary War Pension Application and Pension Payment Record can be found online at <u>www.fold3.com</u>

wonder if John was in the beginning stages of "non compus mentis" in 1846, perhaps no longer able to farm or generate revenue to provide for himself and family, thus decided to apply for the Pension and receive the revenue it would provide. However, this is just a guess.

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John Allred (his mark)

Perhaps knowing there may be questions as to the accuracy or honesty of the Pension claim, Thomas Branson, the same Justice of the Peace who accepted the Application, included his own statement of validity.

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I Tho's Branson do certify that I have been well acquainted with the above declarant John Aldred for many years and know him to be a man of good moral character and impeachable varasity and is under the character of being a revolutionary soldier and I am fully of the opinion that he was a soldier in the revolution & that from oald age reumatisson and furinity of body is unable to attend Coart to make the above declaration given under my hand and seal this the 11th of April 1846. Tho's Branson (JP)

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John's brother, William (1765-1849) also contributed an affidavit backing up John's claims of being a Revolutionary War veteran.



State of North Carolina Randolph County On this 11th day of April 1846 personally appeared before me Howgil Julian one of the acting Justices of the Peace & for said County William Alldred a resident of said County aged Eig tity years and made oath in due form and said that he well remembered of John Aldred serv

ing as a Private in Cavelry in the North Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary War and is under the impression he was under the command of Capt Thomas Doogan and served in the latter part of the War and was after one Coln' Fanning who was opposed to American Liberty and cau sed great disturbance in our section of coun try but he is unable to say the length of said Aldred's service in the Revolution Sworn to & subscribed this 11th day of Apr il 1846 before me William Allred (seal) Howgil Julian JP

John's friends and neighbors, Thomas York and Eli Burgess, also appeared in front of the Justice of the Peace to testify as to their knowledge/memories of John's Revolutionary War service. In addition, William Collier, Comptroller of Public Accounts in Raleigh, NC, sent in an affidavit stating there were records proving John Allred had received payment for his service in the Militia.

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n. NC. Compt Office J. Collier Comptroller of Public Acc nd for the State of North Carolina do by certify that the name of John Aldred ears upon the records of this office as having had the following specie certificates issued in his name for Militia Service viz One for Elev Milita Service viz One for Eleven Pounds Two Shillings (£11.2) See Book A No 11 page 40 Also in same book page 39 another for thirteen pounds thirteen shillings (£13.13) Also another in Book Vo 10 page 2 of another certificate was issued in the name of J. Aldred for six Pounds Eight Shillings (£6.8) given under my hand and seal the 8th day June A.D. 1846 Wm Collier Compt

Raleigh, NC Compt Office I William J. Collier Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the name of John Aldred appears upon the records of this office as having had the following specie certificates issued in his name for Militia Service viz One for Eleven Pounds Two Shillings (£11.2) See Book A

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This affidavit detailing 3 payments for Militia duty (3 month terms of duty X 3 payments) proved John had served at least 3 terms of duty. However, the Congressional Commission in charge of approving Pension Applications had some doubts and questioned the accuracy of John's statement that he served a 12 month tour of duty:

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John died in August 1849 without ever receiving a Pension or seeing his Application approved. However, his son, also named John, continued the fight to win his father's recognition as a Revolutionary War Veteran and Pension recipient.

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T. Neey of Washington City and District of Columbia my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to examine onto and prosecute any claim that may be due or found to be due the children and legal representatives of John Allred and Sarah Allred in virtue of John Allred's services in the Revolutionary War, and the several Acts and resolutions of Congress relative thereto and that might have occurred to either of the said parties, and not drawn during their lifetimes, and now due to their legal representatives, and to name the certificate of Pension, IE, when pair by the Department: I hereby confirming whatsoever my said attorney may do or cause to be legally done, either in person or by substitution in the prosecution of said claim, except drawing money on the said claim, I revoking any other authority I may have given to any other person or persons in the premises whatsoever. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 17th day of December A.D. 1852 John Allred (seal) Signed in the presence of Tho's Brandon (JP)

Know all men by these presents that I John Allred of the County of Randolph and State of North Carolina and one of the children and legal representatives of John Allred, a revolutionary Soldier and Sarah Allred his wife who is now deceased do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint John

Sadly, in the end, John's Application for Pension was denied and he received no Revolutionary War Veteran recognition or pension.

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We can only guess why his application was denied. Was this the case of an overly nit-picky Commissioner hung up on John's statement that he served for 12 month, knowing Militia Tours were typically 3 months? Hung up on the 12-month tour statement although the Comptroller clearly offered proof that at least 3 payments were issued to a man named John Allred? We have all had experiences with or heard of anal government officials getting stuck on one statement and wreaking havoc with paperwork and filings. We will never know....

However, based on the number of witness statements, given under oath in front of Justices of the Peace combined with the Comptroller's records proving a John Allred was paid, I believe he did serve and his Pension was wrongly denied. Sadly, John and his children died without receiving his official recognition as a Revolutionary War Veteran.

I will admit that, while doing this research, I questioned if two different men named John Allred really served in Randolph County's Militia during the war. However, further examination of the documents prove they were two different men.

#1: In the previous Allred History Zoom you learned about John Allred who fought with his 3 brothers (William, Elias and James) at Trading Ford. Their names appear on the private military records of Randolph County Militia Captain John Hinds. However, this John Allred stated he fought under Captain Doogan. Randolph County's Militia had 5 Captains during the war, each in charge of his own unit of men and each charged with different tasks/duties. Two of those Captains were John Hinds and Thomas Dougan.¹²

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¹² <u>https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/patriots nc capt thomas dougan.html</u>

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#2: John Allred who served in Captain John Hinds' unit (brother of William, James and Elias) married Ruth Lane where they settled on land located along Solomon's Branch (of Deep River) near today's Ramseur. Per Dawnell Hatton Griffin's book "From England to America, Our Allred Family", John and Ruth raised 5 children.¹³ John Allred who served under Captain Thomas Dougan was married to Sarah Spencer as stated in his son's petition while continuing the fight

to prove his father's service.

Also, John's grandson, Brazilla C. Allred, wrote in his 1922 memoirs: "My grandfather, John Allred, was born and reared in this same house. In the same home my father, Claiborne Allred, who was the youngest son of John Allred and Sarah Spencer, his wife..."¹⁴

Thus, we have proof that two different men, both named John Allred, served in Randolph

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County's Militia during the Revolutionary War. One served in Captain John Hinds' unit and the other served in Captain Thomas Dougan's unit.



Patience (Julian) 1772-1856 and their father William Allred 1732-1836 The questions become: when did this John Allred die and where is he buried? The answer to that is another example of why you should never completely trust tombstones and Memorial Plaques. In Grays Chapel United Methodist Church cemetery¹⁵ you will find the tombstones/graves of:

John Allred 1764-1850 his brother William Allred 1765-1849 and his wife

¹³ From England to America, Our Allred Family by Dawnell Hatton Griffin, pages 227-228

¹⁴ <u>https://myallredfamily.com/front-page/what-states/north-carolina/nc-family-histories/brazilla-caswell-allred/</u>

¹⁵ Grays Chapel UMC is located at the intersection of Hwy 22 and Old Liberty Road in northeast Randolph County, NC. Address: 5056 NC-22, Franklinville, NC 27248





There is also a very impressive monument honoring all Military Veterans buried at Grays Chapel UMC who served. Under the Revolutionary War are the names of William and John Allred.¹⁶

William Allred, the Revolutionary War Veteran/Patriot, was NOT buried in this cemetery and those are not his real birth/death dates. Let me explain:

Note the tombstones of his son, William and his wife Patience. There is a large, modern, granite tombstone in the middle between their original tombstones. The new tombstone was placed there in

¹⁶ Tombstone and Monument photos contributed by Jan Allred Best.

1957 by their descendants Governor James V Allred and Colon T. Redding. Governor Allred recorded this fact in his Family History written in 1961.¹⁷

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The William Allred, with the flat memorial/tombstone marker, was the father of the younger William

(husband of Patience Julian) and his brother John who is featured in this presentation. William's exact birthdate has not been documented. Yes, I know there are dozens, maybe hundreds of family histories and family trees floating around the internet that claim this birthdate or that birthdate. In truth, there is no documentation to prove any of those dates. He was probably born 1735-1740 based on when he first appeared in land records (a man had to

be 21 years old to own land) and when his children were born (assuming he was 20 years old when he married and began having children).

With regard to his death date: William's will was written October 14, 1822 and proved during the May Term of Court 1825¹⁸. These dates correspond with the death date on his REAL tombstone: May 3, 1825. He is buried next to his wife, Elizabeth Diffee Allred in the Billy Trogdon Cemetery, Cedar Falls, Randolph County, NC.¹⁹ Therefore we have proof that William Allred, father of John (husband of Sarah Spencer) and William (husband of Patience Julian) did not die in 1836 and is not buried in the cemetery at Grays Chapel UMC.

Sadly, John's grave/tombstone has not been found. However, per family stories including the memoir written by his grandson Brazilla C. Allred²⁰, John was born and raised in his father's home. This agrees with the fact that John inherited 1/3 of his father's land plus an additional 30 acres when his father died.²¹ Land records prove this home was located on the original land John's grandfather, also named William Allred, bought in 1762 "on Bush Creek of Deep River". This land was directly across the river from William Trogdon's land and where the Billy Trogdon Cemetery is located. Consider: There is no record that John or his wife, Sarah Spencer Allred, attended services or belonged to Grays Chapel UMC. With this in mind, why would John's family travel 6 miles north to bury him at Grays Chapel UMC when they could just go across the river and bury him in the Billy Trogdon Cemetery where other family

¹⁷ An Allred Family History Book *Allred 1553-1961* by Governor James V Allred (Texas), page 11, available online at <u>https://www.myallredfamily.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Gov-Allred-Book.pdf</u>; Colon's Lineage: Colon, Lucinda, Susan, William, William, Solomon born 1680 Lancashire, England

¹⁸ The original will is on file in the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC. You can view photos of the will and read a transcript at <u>https://myallredfamily.com/front-page/what-states/north-carolina/originals-2/william-william-jr/william-2/</u>

¹⁹ Photos of the tombstones and more from the Billy Trogdon Cemetery are available online at <u>https://myallredfamily.com/front-page/what-states/north-carolina/billy-trogdon-cemetery/</u>

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²¹ John's father's original will is on file in the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC. You can view photos of

the will and read a transcript at https://myallredfamily.com/front-page/what-states/north-carolina/originals-

members, including John's parents, are buried? However, until John's grave is found, this is just a theory²².

We do know the approximate date of John's death. Per his estate papers, he died sometime between August 10 and August 30, 1849.²³ This is proof that death date 1850 on the tombstone at Grays Chapel UMC is wrong.

We now know William and most likely John are not buried at Grays Chapel UMC and their names on the Veterans Memorial Monument (honoring veterans buried there) are also wrong – HOWEVER it is still a wonderful tribute to our ancestors who were Revolutionary War Veterans.

Sadly, I do not know who placed those tombstones (memorial markers) at Grays Chapel UMC's cemetery. The church does not have any records for their placement. I wonder if Colon T. Redding and Governor James V Allred may have placed them when they placed the granite monument on William and Patience Julian Allred's graves. Maybe they searched but were unable to find the actual graves and figured they probably were buried at Grays Chapel UMC since the younger William Allred and his wife Patience Julian Allred were buried there. However, that is just a guess. Regardless, this is another excellent example of why tombstones and monuments are not always accurate.



Some of you have expressed interest in joining the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and/or the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Using information and documentation cited in this Revolutionary War zoom series, you should be able to complete your lineage application.

The official Revolutionary War years are 1776 – 1783. Sadly, the Allreds who were Regulators and/or

fought at the Battle of Alamance do not qualify for DAR or SAR. The War of the Regulation was 1761-1771 and the Battle of Alamance fought on May 16, 1771 but this time period and service is not officially recognized as part of the American Revolution. However, those same ancestors and more did serve in one capacity or another during the American Revolution.

At this time, the DAR recognizes 5 Allred men as Approved Patriots:

Elias Allred	Ancestor #A002010	1758-1844, son of Thomas who died 1810
John Allred	Ancestor #A002011	1764-1850, son of William (featured above)

²² Researchers estimate there are 200+ graves in the Billy Trogdon Cemetery but most are unmarked and many are marked with field stones that either never had writing on them or the writing/carving has faded away. If John is in one of these unmarked graves, we may never be able to prove it. You can view photos of the cemetery at https://myallredfamily.com/front-page/what-states/north-carolina/billy-trogdon-cemetery/

²³ John's estate records are on file in the North Carolina State Archives. You can read about them online at https://myallredfamily.com/front-page/what-states/north-carolina/originals-2/william-william-jr/william-2/ <a href="https://www.son-of-william-william-jr/william

John Allred	Ancestor #A002012	died 1792, grandson of Solomon born 1680
		son of Solomon's daughter and Samuel Finley
Jonathan Allred	Ancestor #A002013	1758-1822, son of Solomon who died 1782
William Allred	Ancestor #A002014	died 1825, father of John 1764-1850

The SAR recognizes the same men. Neither organization has recognized ALL the Allreds who served and were/are discussed in these Allred History Zooms. If you decide to apply for membership in the DAR or SAR and need help with your documentation, especially if applying through a "new" Patriot, please let me know. "New" Patriot simply means no one has been approved for membership through that specific ancestor.

This is the complete list of Allred Ancestors who have been documented as Revolutionary War Patriots:

Thomas	died 1810	received 2 Pay Vouchers
William	died 1825	received Pay Vouchers (DAR Ancestor #A002014)
John	1764-1850	Militia (DAR Ancestor ##A002011)
John	died 1792	received Pay Vouchers (DAR Ancestor #A002012)
Jonathan	1758-1822	Militia (DAR Ancestor ##A002013)
Elias	died 1844	received a Pay Voucher AND served as Militia AND
		as a Minute Man (DAR Ancestor #A002010)
William	died 1824	Militia (son of Thomas died 1810)
James		Militia (son of Thomas died 1810)
John		Militia (son of Thomas died 1810)

To help you understand who these men were and how they were related to each other:



The black stars indicated men who have already been accepted/approved as Patriots by the DAR and SAR. William Allred, denoted by the red star, may have been one of the men who received a Pay Voucher and thus a Patriot. His death has not been documented so we don't know if he was alive during the Revolutionary War years or not. However, his son, also named William, has been accepted as a Patriot by the DAR and SAR using those same Pay Vouchers so I advise not "rocking the boat" by trying to claim the elder William was a Patriot – there are too many unanswered questions about his death to say definitely he participated.

Solomon Jr will be featured in my next Allred History Zoom: American Tory.

For more information about the Allreds in the American Revolution, visit my website at <u>www.MyAllredFamily.com</u>

