

THE IMMEDIATE DESCENDANTS OF SOLOMON ALLRED: A Reconsideration

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Compiling information on entire American families from the time of their colonial immigrant origins has always been a mammoth and difficult task. Colonial families present daunting challenges, like large numbers of children and grandchildren, repeat given names honoring ancestors, and frequent migration spurred on by low-cost land and expanding frontiers. Inheritance laws privileged oldest sons and obscured younger children, particularly daughters. Marriage records prove to be rare before the 19th century below the Mason-Dixon Line. Migration often proceeded through localities where documentation is incomplete or missing. Individuals sometimes lived in large jurisdictions far from governmental centers, and those daunting distances impeded registration of documents. All of these factors complicate the task of tracing descendants. Then too, pioneer researchers found themselves juggling numerous, sometimes contradictory strands of evidence and struggled to differentiate people of the same name. They had to confront prolific errors and faulty traditions that had become hallowed tenets of faith through repetition and publication. In our modern era, the tools available to researchers have proliferated out of all precedent over the last few decades. These evolving resources include mass digitization and indexing of records, artificial intelligence applied to rote research processes, collaborative possibilities offered by digital media, and DNA evidence. Under those circumstances, revisions to old verities become inevitable. Only when we are willing to entertain new evidence and to approach old evidence with reinvigorated vision will we reap the full benefits of this knowledge revolution.

What follows is a reevaluation of the evidence presented by Dawnell Griffin in her highly respected and impressive publication *From England to America: Our Allred Family* (2015) regarding one major branch of the Allred family—the immediate descendants of Solomon Allred (wife Mary; d. 1782, Richmond Co., NC). Solomon was one of four progenitors of the Allred family in central North Carolina. The others were Thomas Allred, William Allred, and their illegitimate nephew John Allred (d. 1792). Solomon, his two brothers and sister (the mother of John Allred)

are all believed to have been children of a Solomon Allred, Sr. who lived in Chester County, Pennsylvania in the mid-18th century. Solomon the Younger (it seems strange to call him that) differs from his brothers in that he did not remain in what is now Randolph County, North Carolina (and was then part of Orange County), but continued further south after a short sojourn.

The evaluation below proceeds on the assumption that the Allreds who moved to Anson County (later became Richmond County in 1779) near the present border with Montgomery County in the vicinity of Mangum and Ellerbe, North Carolina, are likely more associated with Solomon than with his brothers and nephew, whom he left behind. Solomon may have been the first-born of his brothers. He certainly had some of the oldest children of any of his siblings. Unfortunately, they later traveled to places where records are somewhat harder to come by, like Overton County, Tennessee whose courthouse burned in 1865. That makes them more difficult to trace. But it is not impossible to come up with a reasonable picture of the family. That is what this paper sets out to do.

The author recognizes the challenge of this task. He also understands that he will inevitably make new mistakes while attempting to correct the errors of others. For that reason, he encourages anyone with differing primary source evidence or with additional private evidence such as contemporary letters, family records, and private copies of public documents to contact him. Revisions are expected. His aim is not to defend and fortify his own conclusions, but to increase accurate knowledge about this particular family.

SOLOMON THE YOUNGER'S BRIEF STORY

Solomon Allred, the progenitor, acquired land in what is now Randolph County near his nephew John Allred on Sandy Creek via Granville grant in 1757. But he had been living there somewhat prior to that. His nephew John was living nearby and was known to have been present prior to 1755. In a warrant dated 17 Nov 1757, Solomon Allred petitioned to survey 640 acres in Orange County on Deep River including his own improvement. On 26 October 1759, 400 acres were laid out to him in Orange County on both sides of the mouth of Sandy Creek adjacent



Figure 1: Solomon Allred's signature from his Granville grant.

John Hopkins¹ and the various courses of Deep River. This was apparently the fulfillment of his earlier entry. His nephew John Allred was one of his chain bearers on the survey. Probably, his own children, including his own son named John were too young to serve such a purpose at the time, which suggests that none of them were born before the 1740s. Also, on 7 November 1757, Solomon Allred obtained a warrant for 640 acres in Orange County on Brush Creek including improvements purchased from a prior occupant, Alexander McDaniel. But this grant was apparently sold by Solomon to Luke Smith before it was surveyed and the grant issued to Smith prior to 1 August 1760. From his prior survey for the 400 acres on Sandy Creek, dated 1 August 1760, we can also see that Solomon Allred was able to sign his name. He was apparently literate, at least to the extent that he could manage a signature.²

In 1762, when Hercules Ogle obtained a grant on the south side of Deep River opposite Sandy Creek adjoining Ogle's Creek and the river, among his chainers was Solomon Allred, Jr. along with Samuel Ghislin. It was about this time, then, that Solomon Allred's son, also named Solomon, arrived at an age to be a chain bearer, indicating that he was born in the mid to late 1740s. The evidence here comports with the age of a later Solomon Allred who shows up in the records of Overton County, Tennessee.³ (See below.) Taking into consideration also that the 1755 tax list of Orange County shows Solomon Allred with only one taxable male, the obvious conclusion is that none of his sons were born before 1740.⁴ But seven years later, his oldest sons were beginning to arrive at maturity. That is an important parameter to keep in mind.

¹ John Hopkins's warrant for his adjacent land, 300 acres in Orange on the north side of Deep River about a mile above Solomon Aldridge is dated 3 Feb 1756 and included William Croddin's improvement. Solomon was already there. Margaret M. Hofmann, *The Granville District of North Carolina, 1748-1763, Volume V* (Self published, 1995) 181. In December 1762, Hopkins got a further 206 acres in Orange County adjacent Solomon Alred and Hercules Ogle with Dennis Hopkins as chainer and witness. Margaret M. Hofmann, *The Granville District of North Carolina, 1748-1763, Volume II* (Self published, 1987) 277. This material came from Grant Book 11.

² See Margaret M. Hofmann, *The Granville District of North Carolina, 1748-1763, Volume V* (Self published, 1995) pp. 132, 226. Also *Orange County Records: Granville Proprietary Land Office: Deeds & Surveys, 1752-1760, Volume V* (Raleigh, NC: Privately published, 1989), 384.

³ Hofmann, *Granville District of North Carolina, Volume II*, p. 79. Hercules Ogle, who founded a gristmill on Deep River in 1759, later removed to Grayson County, Virginia where he died with a will around 1804. He still had kin, whom he mentions, in Randolph County. Hercules Ogle was the son of John Ogle of White Clay Creek, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania who died in 1741 and his wife Elizabeth. He was born 6 April 1731 in New Castle Co., DE. Interestingly, he had a sister named Mary who was born there 18 Jun 1726. As Solomon's wife was named Mary, there is just a faint possibility that there was a family connection. See J. F. Engler, *Looking Back at the Ogle Families: A Comprehensive History and Genealogy of the Ogle Families in America* (2012), 201-202.

⁴ Memory Aldridge Lester, *The First Tax List of Orange Co., NC* (Chapel Hill, NC: 1963), 3.

It was not long before Solomon Allred decided to remove further south. There is no record of his having participated in the Regulation movement in Randolph County in the late 1760s, so we cannot be sure whether the conditions associated with that conflict prompted his move, but they certainly could have given the timing. On 12 August 1771, Solomon Allred and his wife Mary sold to John Lewis 400 acres for £125 on Deep River, adjacent Hopkin's line on both sides of Sandy Creek at its mouth. This time, he signed by mark ("S") and so did his wife Mary ("Me"). This is our first encounter with her. It is uncertain whether she was his first wife and mother to all of his children, but she could have been. A reference is made to his Granville grant dated 1 August 1760 having been registered in Orange County Deed Book F, page 53. Jeremiah Reynolds and Isaac West stood as his witnesses. At this time, Randolph County had not yet been formed from Guilford County (see Guilford County Deed Book 1, p. 58.)

It is apparent that when Solomon Allred departed Randolph, he took most of his children with him, but his eldest son Theophilus Allred certainly remained behind.⁵ Theophilus Allred had married Margaret Cheney, the daughter of Francis Cheney, by this point and probably stayed put because of his wife's connections locally. We know that Theophilus was the eldest son because when Solomon the Progenitor died in Richmond County about a decade later, Theophilus's eldest son (also named Solomon) inherited and then sold his paternal grandfather's land in Richmond County from his residence in Randolph County. There may also have been another child left behind in Randolph, perhaps a daughter or daughter-in-law named Betty or Elizabeth who married an Allred cousin. DNA and naming practices in that line suggest as much. Then too, we have some reason to believe that James Allred, a nephew of Solomon through his brother Thomas, may also have married another of Solomon's daughters and remained behind for at least a time in Randolph before moving south to Richmond in his uncle's wake for a short interlude around 1800. atDNA is, again, an important element of the case. Many of James Allred's descendants continued to have connections to the northern panhandle of Richmond County long after most of Solomon's family had proceeded further south and west.

Solomon Allred's acquired his Richmond County land by purchase of 100 acres on 10 Sep 1774 of £30 from Stephen and Anne Touchstone in the predecessor county of Anson (Anson

⁵ One of the only known references to Theophilus Allred is in the list of the debtors of Col. John McGee in the part of Orange Co., NC which became Randolph, dated around the time of his death in 1773. The list includes both Solomon Allred and Theophilus Allred as well as James, John, William and Thomas Allred. See, Jo White Linn, "1773 Debtors of Col. John McGee, Orange Co., NC" in *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* Vol. 1, No. 1 (January 1975) 38.

Deed Book K:249). The land was on the northeast side of Pee Dee on Mountain Creek and had been obtained originally by a grant by the King to Touchstone on 14 May 1771. The witnesses to Solomon's deed were Ezra Bostick and John Allred. John Allred proved the deed in question, meaning he was already 21 years of age at the time, so born prior to 1753. John Allred was likely another son of this Solomon. We also have a record, on 3 January 1775, when both John and Solomon Allred were witnesses to a deed from Neill Brown to Daniel McDuffie for a small tract on Mountain Creek (See Anson County, NC Deed Book K:332).

The tract of land Solomon Allred the Progenitor purchased remained in his family long past his death. He left a brief estate file in 1782 in the newly-formed county of Richmond which mentions his wife Mary. His administrator was Benjamin Beard, Esq., secured by Joseph Hinds, in a bond dated 30 Dec 1782. It was a small estate, probably valued in the range of £25, given the £50 penal sum on the bond. Was Beard related to Solomon Allred? Why didn't Solomon's sons serve as his administrators? Part of his estate consisted of a horse requisitioned by Gen. Henry William Harrington and a rifle requisitioned by one Thomas Jennings, so we know that Solomon's farmstead had been touched by the Revolutionary struggle, then just coming to an end. The purchasers at his estate sale held 17 January 1783 were his widow Mary Allred, Edward Williams, Solomon Gross, Solomon Allred (his son), Jonathan Harry, and Ezra Bostick, as we have already seen, a near neighbor. We can also divine from the court minutes of Richmond County (June Term 1783, p. 103), that William Ashley owed the estate a debt which Beard sued to collect.

The widow remained in the vicinity. She is listed as a head of household in the 1790 census of Montgomery County, NC as Mary Aldred, with two males under 16 years of age and one female, suggesting that she could have been living with a couple of her youngest sons or two grandsons. Mountain Creek runs very close to the border with Richmond County, and there was ambiguity at the time about the exact boundary between the two counties.⁶ But she was probably deceased by the point that her late husband's grandson, Solomon Allred of Randolph County (son of Theophilus) sold the land belonging to the estate as the natural heir by primogeniture in 1797.

⁶ The line was not properly surveyed and marked until 1822. See David Leroy Corbitt, *The Formation of the North Carolina Counties, 1663-1943* (Raleigh, NC: Division of Archives and History, 1975), 181-182.

7 Dec 1797 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book C:806) Solomon Allred, Jr. of Randolph Co., NC to Solomon Allred, Sr. [his uncle] of Richmond Co., NC, for £30, 100 acres on Mountain Creek, granted to Solomon Allred [their grandfather and father] on 14 May 1797 [sic]. w/ David (X) Smith, Francis Allred, Fineha (X) Allred, John Allred. [*Metes and bounds comparison shows these two tracts to be identical.*]

Note that even though primogeniture had been abolished by the time this younger Solomon sold the property, what counted was that his grandfather had died in 1782, before the older inheritance regime had been abolished in 1784.⁷

Given that my own father and uncle have several Allred-related atDNA clusters at AncestryDNA, and that one of these focuses almost exclusively on Solomon's descendants, particularly descendants of Rachel Allred Looper, of John Allred (m. Phoebe Thompson, to AR), of William Allred (of Solomon, Jr.), and also of John Allred and Isabella Burt (a son of Jonathan Allred, of Solomon), and that there are also numerous descendants of Tobias Long of Randolph County, NC in the same cluster, it is my belief that the first wife of Solomon Allred, Sr. of Richmond Co. (d. 1782), perhaps Mary (wife of Solomon Allred), could have been a descendant of the Long family of Cecil Co., MD and a close relative of Tobias Long who later moved to early Randolph County, NC. Tobias had a close relative, probably a brother named John Lang (aka Long), who left a will probated in 1741 in Cecil County. Their father Edward's will also spells his name as "Lange." John Lang's will mentions his sons by name, but his estate account lists his daughters Rachel and Mary, among others.⁸ It is my working theory that Mary Long became the wife of Solomon Allred and that Rachel may have become the first wife of Thomas Allred, his brother, leading to the common use of the given name "Rachel" in subsequent generations. None of this can be proven at this point. It remains merely a theory in search of substantiation or refutation.

⁷ Nancy Judd Martin was responsible for making this connection. She carefully compared the deed of acquisition's metes and bounds from 1774 with those of the deed of sale made by Solomon Allred (of Theophilus) and found that the properties were identical. See, Nancy Judd Martin, "Possible Family of Theophilus Allred of Randolph County, North Carolina," *Allred Family Organization Newsletter* no, 81 (Winter 2009), 7-9.

⁸ See Administration Accounts of the Prerogative Court of Maryland, Vol. 18, p. 503 (John Lang) estate. The executrix is given as Sarah Lang and the children as Mary, Sarah, John, Leah, Daniel, Rachel, and Esther. The will, which mentions the daughters not at all, is found in Maryland Calendar of Wills, Vol. 22, p. 341. This John Lang owned a tract of land in neighboring Baltimore (now Harford) Co. called "John's Beginning." The Register of St. Mary Ann's Parish shows this Mary was born 5 Mar 1725, so certainly old enough to be the identical Mary. Her brothers John Lang (b. 1728) and Daniel Lang (b. 1734) and the burial of her older sister Catherine (1722), are all noted in the register. See Henry C. Peden, Jr., *Early Anglican Church Records of Cecil County, Maryland* (Westminster, MD: Willowbend Books, 1990) 77.

Given that Solomon Allred died intestate well before the 1790 census or even the 1787 state census, there is no absolute proof of his heirs. But if we take as our guide the connection with some of the family left behind in Randolph, and the ones who accompanied and associated with him in Richmond County, we can arrive at some excellent possibilities in defining his children. The birth order is only approximate.

THE PROPOSED CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

(1) **Theophilus Allred** (b. 1740s—d. aft. 1775 and bef. 1783) m. Margaret Chaney, daughter of Francis Chaney and Sarah Orrick (Allrich?), originally from New Castle Co., DE. Theophilus was alive around 1773 when he was listed as a debtor to Col. John McGee’s estate in Orange County (later Randolph) and signed a petition to remove the public buildings of Guilford County nearer the geographical center. But he died at least by 1783, and possibly as early as 1779, because he does not appear in the Randolph County tax list of that latter year. His wife Margaret is called the “widow Margaret Allred” when William Horner sold her his land warrant on the west fork of Solomon’s Branch in Randolph County on 31 January 1783. Undoubtedly, they had at least three children. There is no doubt that Theophilus was the eldest son of Solomon the Younger, and that Theophilus’s son Solomon Allred was the eldest grandson because that Solomon, Jr. inherited all of his grandfather’s Richmond County land and sold it from his then residence in Randolph County (see above). We do know that Margaret Allred’s house caught fire at some point. Her brother John Chaney’s Revolutionary War Pension application (S32177) states that his father’s family record was lost in that conflagration. It would appear that all three sons removed to Overton County, TN with the family of their uncle Solomon Allred, Jr. This chronology of records is applicable to the family as a whole.

1790 Census of Randolph Co., NC, p. 285

Margaret Allred

2 M >16 (Solomon, Jonathan)

1 F (Margaret)

1 M < 16 (Francis)

1800 Census of Randolph Co., NC p. 306

Margaret Allred

2 M 16/26 (Solomon, Jonathan Allred?)

1 F 10/16 (Rachel Stillwell?)

1 M 26/45 (John Chaney?)

1 F 16/26 (Margaret Stillwell?)

1 M > 45 (Francis Chaney?)

1 F > 45 (Margaret Allred?)

Francis Allred

1 M 16/26 (Francis Allred)

1 F 16/26 (wife of Francis)

26 Apr 1801 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 8:232) Francis Chaney to his daughter Margaret Allred, for love and affection, 100 acres adjoining grandson Jonathan Allred. w/ William Hinshaw.

26 Apr 1801 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 8:232) Francis Chaney to Jonathan Allred, 100 acres on the west end of the Chaney land on a fork of Richland Creek. w/ William Hinshaw.

6 May 1804 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 8:424) Francis Chaney to grandson Jonathan Allred, for love and affection, 100 acres, part of a grant to Chaney by Lord Granville, on the west end of Chaney's old original deeded land on Richland Creek, adj. Thomas Cox, Thomas Stroud, Abraham Ratliff. w/ Charles Duncan.

6 May 1804 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 8:431) Francis Chaney to Margaret Allred, his daughter, for love, 100 acres joining the 100 acres Chaney allotted to his grandson Jonathan Allred on Richland Creek, adj. Thomas Stroud, Alex'r. Ratliff, Thomas Cox, from a Granville Grant. w/ Charles Duncan.

27 Sep 1804 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 8:500) Francis Chaney, Sr., Francis Chaney, Jr., Michael Harvey, Sr., Margaret Allred and Margaret Stillwell⁹ to John Chaney, for £100, 100 acres on Richland Creek adj. Thomas Cox. w/ Samuel Aston. *This deed proves that one Margaret Stillwell was somehow closely related to the Chaney's. Perhaps she was a surviving daughter of Margaret Chaney Allred's deceased sister. Margaret did have a sister Elizabeth who married Michael Harvey.*

16 Oct 1804 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 8:438) Jonathan Alred to Isaac Julian, for £150, 100 acres on Richland Creek, part of a tract Granville granted to Francis Chaney. w/ Francis Allred.

14 Jun 1805 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 11:23) Margaret Allred to Benjamin Hinshaw, for £150, 160 acres on Deep River granted William Horner, transferred to Margaret Allred as will more fully appear by reference to the original grant, adj. Thomas Hinshaw, Benjamin Hinshaw, bearing date 1799. *Horner's grant states that this property (originally given as 300 acres) was on the west fork of Solomon's Branch and included Margaret Allred's improvement. The warrant was sold by Horner to Margaret Allred "widow" on 31 Jan 1783. It was surveyed 26 Nov 1793 with Elias and Eli Allred, chainers.*

19 Oct 1805 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 11:18) Margaret Allred of Randolph County to Joseph Cox, for £100, 100 acres on Richland Creek adj. Isaac Julian, Thomas Cox, granted Francis Chaney 30 Jun 1762 and given by Chaney to Margaret.

The children of Theophilus Allred and his wife Margaret Chaney seem to have been:

⁹ The Bible of Jonathan Allred, the son of Margaret Chaney, originally in possession of F. R. Aldridge of Nashville, TN, lists birthdates for two Stillwell women, Margaret Stillwell (b. 16 Nov 1784) and Rachel Stillwell (b. 1 Mar 1786). Doubtless this is the Margaret of the deed and the only surviving granddaughter through an unknown daughter of Francis Chaney who married a Stillwell.

i. **Solomon Allred** (b. c. 1770, named for his grandfather) m. Sarah.

Probably the Solomon Allred who appears on p. 188 of the 1830 census of Overton Co., TN with 1 male 5/10, 1 male 10/15, 1 male 15/20, 1 male 50/60, 1 female < 5, 1 female 10/15 and 1 female 30/40 and the individual on p. 24B of the 1850 census, aged 80 with wife Sarah, aged 58. Also living with them, **Daniel Allred** aged 31 and **Abner Allred** aged 17. He evidently had other sons born between 1810 and 1815 and between 1820 to 1825. The older of these two sons might have been **Theophilus Allred** (b. c. 1815) m. Elizabeth of the 1850 Census of Overton. This individual was frequently known as Theophilus M. C. Allred.

ii. **Jonathan Allred** (named for his uncle) (b. 16 Nov 1772) m. Nancy Walker (b. 22 Mar 1785). Moved to Overton Co., TN. His Bible records survive and refer to his collateral kin through his mother, the Stillwell family. (See the chronology above.) Children were: **Robert Allred** (b. 26 Oct 1803) m. Ann (Moredec?) (b. 13 Feb 1813); **Bailey Allred** (b. 15 Jan 1806) m. Sarah Copeland (b. 10 Jan 1810); **Charles M. Allred** (b. 19 Feb 1809) m. (1) Anna Speck (b. 13 Feb 1814), (2) Epsey Ramsay (b. 29 Mar 1831); **John Allred** (b. 9 Mar 1814)¹⁰; **Jonathan Allred** (b. 5 Jul 1816)

iii. **Francis Allred** (b. c. 1770/80—d. c. 1826/1830, Overton Co., TN) (named for his maternal grandfather) m. Rachel (some have given her surname as “Allison”). He is listed in the 1800 census of Randolph County next to his mother Margaret Allred. Apparently, he had only recently been married. He witnessed his brother Jonathan’s deed of conveyance to land inherited from their grandfather Francis Chaney before their departure from North Carolina. He later moved to Overton Co., TN with his brothers. Overton County Deed Book E, p. 563 was a conveyance of land from Francis Allred to his son (?) Theophilus dated 20 October 1826 which was completed by the administrator Rachel Allred, indicating Francis had died. He had a son born 1802 to 1804 and two sons born between 1810 and 1820. The older son was probably **Theophilus Fleming Allred** (b. c. 1802; m. Elizabeth Bowman) who moved to Fentress Co., TN, next door to Overton.

¹⁰ Is this the John Allred aged 35 with wife JulyAnn and children Charles, George, Morgan, Sarah and Nancy in the 1850 census of Overton Co., TN, p. 31?

That individual's name and age in the 1850 census has frequently been misread to make him much older (see Griffin's book on this subject) than he actually was. The other sons, born between 1810 and 1820, are difficult to determine.

(2) **Solomon Allred, Jr.** (1740/50—aft. 1830, Overton Co., TN). His wife and family are extremely difficult to define. We know as early as 1762 he was a chainbearer on a land grant for his father's neighbor Hercules Ogle. He served several times on juries in Richmond County Court through the 1780s, once in 1789 with his brother Jonathan. Per the 1830 census of Overton Co., TN, he was likely born in the 1740s and probably later in that decade. What follows are additional records pertaining to him and his extended family in Overton Co., TN where he came with the sons of his brother Theophilus before 1810. There is doubt as to where they may have lived between 1800 and 1810.

1787 State Census of Richmond Co., NC

Solomon Alred

1 M 21 to 60

4 M < 21 or >60

3 F

Oct Term 1789, Richmond Co., NC Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

Ordered that Jonathan Alred be overseer in conjunction with the Montgomery County's hands, from Isaac Armstrongs to McClains and that Solomon Alred, John Ewen, Mr. Haskins's hands, John Gillis, Henry and Robert Stringfellow, Solomon Sprawls, John Jenkins, Duncan McInnis, Phoenias Alread, Samuel Boykin work there on &c.

Jan 1790 Richmond Co., NC Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Minutes

Ordered that the following persons be appointed to lay off of a road, from Matthew Raiford ford on Little River the nearest and best way to the widow Kachea Bridge, to wit, Joseph Tarbutton, John Crouch, Daniel McDaniel, Wm. McCaniel, Richd. Ussery, James Bostick, Thos. Jowers, James McKachea, John McKachea, Sampson Sellars, Solomon Alred, Jonathan Alred, John Ewen, Joseph Hines, Nath'l. Chairs Esqr., Robert Stringfellow, Henry Stringfellow & John Jenkins, and that they make report to the next court &c.

1790 Census of Richmond Co., NC [next door to Jonathan Alred]

Solomon Allred

3 M > 16

2 M < 16/>60

4 females

22 Dec 1792 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book C:69) Archibald McDuffie of Cumberland Co., NC to Solomon Allred of Richmond Co., for £30, land in Montgomery and Richmond, the balance of a 200-acre survey. w/ Malcolm Monroe, Jonathan Allred. *In May 1773, McDuffie received 400 acres from the State on the western side of*

Mountain Creek adj. William McDaniel and on the north side of the road to Colson's Ferry. It was surveyed in 1772 with Stephen Touchstone and Daniel McDuffie as chain bearers. The 200 acres was probably the remnant of this 400-acre tract.

7 Dec 1797 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book C:806) Solomon Allred, Jr. of Randolph Co., NC to Solomon Allred, Sr. [his uncle] of Richmond Co., NC, for £30, 100 acres on Mountain Creek, granted to Solomon Allred [their grandfather and father] on 14 May 1797 [sic]. w/ David (X) Smith, Francis Allred, Fineha (X) Allred, John Allred.

1798 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book E:218) Solomon Allred to Sherrod Harris, for £60, part of a tract granted Stephen Touchstone (14 May 1779) on Mountain Creek, 100 acres. w/ Roderick McLeod, John Aldred, Silas (X) Sellers. [*Apparently, his father's old tract purchased from his nephew.*]

4 Oct 1798 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book E:221) Solomon Aldred to John Morris for £70, part of a 400-acre survey for Archibald McDuffie (10 Oct 1779) in both Richmond and Montgomery counties on Wells Branch, 200 acres, except for 25 acres taken by John Ervin's survey. w/ Roderick McLeod, John McCaskill.

7 Nov 1809 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book A:144) William Bunch signed a power of attorney to Solomon Allred to sign his name to any document by which he conveyed a certain tract of land to Solomon Allred and David Smith. w/ Abner Smith, Abraham Carlock.

18 Jun 1818—A grant issued to Jonathan Allred as assignee of Benjamin J. Jeffreys (for his military service; warrant 22 Dec 1796, entered 9 Nov 1814) for 9 acres, part of the warrant in Overton in the 3d district on the West Fork of Obed's River, adj. James Armstong.

18 Jun 1818—Jonathan Allred, as assignee of John Philips, clears 200 acres part of a warrant (24 Jun 1807) falling to Phillips as assignee of Moses Ferguson, a sergeant of the guard to the commissioners. In the 3rd District of Overton, including two improvements by Fancher and Moore Matlock, adj. the bottom near old Mr. Fancher's. Surveyed 3 Nov 1814.

1820 Census of Overton Co., TN [*Clearly, this enumeration missed many families.*]

p. 253

Solomon Allred

2 M < 10

2 F < 10

1 M > 45 [Solomon of Theo.]

1 F 26/45

1 F > 45 [Margaret Cheney Allred?]

p. 262

Jonathan Allred

2 M < 10

1 F 26/45

2 M 10/16

1 M 26/45

1 M > 45 [Jonathan of Theo.]

p. 264 [adjacent households]

Francis Allred

2 M < 10

1 F < 10

1 M 16/18

1 F 10/16

1 M 16/26

1 F 26/45

1 M > 45 [Francis of Theo.]

John Allred

3 M < 10 [Temple, Allen, John?] 1 F < 10

2 M 10/16 [Samuel] 1 F 26/45 [Phoebe]

1 M > 45 [John]

13 Apr 1822 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book E:537) Reuben Carlock to Solomon Allred, for \$200, 100 acres, adj. the west side of the West Fork of Obed's River, at the foot of a mountain, adj. Carlock's father's survey. w/ David Jackson, John Jackson.

9 Jul 1822—Solomon Allred clears 61 ½ acres, part of a warrant (6 Dec 1797) issued to the heirs of Jobe Cale for military service, surveyed 1 Jul 1812, West Fork of Obed's River, in the third District of Overton, a cove of Cumberland Mountain, known as Sink Cane, near where Allred now lives, the path leading from Allred to John McNatty, a spur of the mountain, the foot of another mountain.

9 July 1822—Solomon Allred clears 25 ¼ acres from a patent for the Heirs of Jobe Cole, military bounty warrant, surveyed 1 Jul 1812, on the West Fork of Obed's River including where Allred now lives, near the foot of Cumberland Mountain, the top of the Cliff.

9 Jul 1822—Solomon Allred clears 13 ¼ acres from a patent for the Heirs of Jobe Cole (military bounty land), surveyed 1 Jul 1812, in the 3rd Dist. of Overton, on the West Fork of Obed River, including where John Allred now lives, a bluff of Cumberland, spur of the mountain, the beginning corner of his 25.25 acre tract.

23 Sep 1823—A grant issued for 40 acres originally entered by James Boswell (7 Mar 1815; surveyed 4 Sep 1815) and assigned to Francis Allred, on the West Fork of Obed's River, including Francis's improvement.

23 Sep 1823—A grant issued for 10 acres originally entered by James Boswell (25 Feb 1813; surveyed 4 Sep 1815) and assigned to Francis Allred on the West Fork of Obed's River, near an old Indian camp, on the south side of the Fork, mentions a cliff.

23 Sep 1823—A grant issued to Solomon Allred for 25 acres as assignee of Gideon Pillow (part of his 120-acre survey) on Obed's River, near the head of a small spring, the north boundary of William Bunch. Surveyed originally 17 Feb 1813.

19 Jan 1824—Francis Allred, as assignee of Samuel Miller, clears 8 acres (surveyed 13 May 1823) in the 3rd Dist. on the waters of West Fork, Obed's River, the Flier Flat, involving a cucumber tree as a mete.

19 Jan 1824—Francis Allred, as assignee of Samuel Miller, clears 10 acres (surveyed 15 May 1823) in Overton, waters of West Fork of Obed's River, near the spring where Freelin Williams formerly lived.

19 Jan 1824—Jonathan Allred, as assignee of Samuel Miller, clears 2 acres (surveyed out of 25, 13 May 1823) in the 3rd District, waters of East Fork of Obed's River, including a millseat where Allred is now building a mill.

15 Apr 1824—Robert Allred as assignee of David Smith's entry, 55 acres, surveyed 27 May 1825, on the West Fork of Obed's Run, adj. a 25-acre survey, a mountain, the corner of William Bunch's 100-acre survey. Issued 23 Sep 1829.

5 Jul 1824—Solomon Allred, Jr. enters 30 acres (surveyed 28 Oct 1824) on the West Fork of Obed's River, adj. Sunk Cove, the foot of the mountain, Solomon Allred, Sr.'s line, down the Hollow. Issued 27 Oct 1835.

7 Oct 1825—Jonathan Allred, assignee of James Welch, surveyed 50 acres in White County, on Drowning Creek, below Cumberland Mountain. Issued 17 Oct 1826.

2 Jan 1826—Baily Allred entered 100 acres (surveyed 8 Jun 1826) in White County on Drowning Creek and on Cumberland Mountain, near a spring where William C. Harges lived, below Graham's, 2 small branches. Issued to him 22 Feb 1845. This is probably an assignment of an earlier grant.

2 Jan 1826—Jonathan Allred entered 50 acres in White County on Lick Creek and on Cumberland Mountain, the road. Surveyed 7 Jun 1827. Issued 2 May 1828.

23 Jan 1826—Solomon Allred entered 75 acres (surveyed 6 Dec 1833) on the West Fork of Obed's River, on the line of his own tract. Issued 20 Jul 1836.

24 Jan 1826—Solomon Allred entered 100 acres, surveyed 7 Dec 1833, on the West Fork of Obed's River, adj. the boundary of a 25-acre tract belonging to him, a 100-acre tract belonging to him, the Big Road leading to Monroe. Issued 23 May 1837.

2 Jan 1826—Jonathan Allred entered 50 acres in White County (surveyed 8 Jun 1827) on Caney Fork on Cumberland Mountain, where George Gardnhire cut some logs near the road leading from Johnstons to Sequatchey Valley. Issued 2 May 1828.

16 Jan 1826—Jonathan Allred entered 50 acres on the Dripping Spring Creek of Obed's River adj. James Peek's 10-acre survey, Butler and Marchbank's Turnpike, including the house and improvements formerly occupied by John Kearby and now by Allred. Surveyed 4 Mar 1830. Issued 12 Oct 1831.

14 Feb 1826—John Allred entered 30 acres (surveyed 16 May 1827) on West Fork of Obed's River, at the foot of a mountain, near a ledge of rocks, the bluff of a branch. Issued 13 Jun 1832.

20 Oct 1826 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book E/563) Francis Allred to Theophilus Allred, for \$60, 10 acres on the West Fork of Obed's River, adj. a cliff. Signed by Rachel Allred, administratrix.

2 Jan 1827—Jonathan Allred entered 50 acres in White Co. on the waters of Lick Creek near the head and on Cumberland Mountain, near the road, Allred's east and west lines. Issued 2 May 1828.

23 Mar 1827—John Allred enters 30 acres on the West Fork of Obed's River, surveyed 16 May 1827, adj. his own land, the bluff of a branch. Issued 23 Sep 1829.

7 Jan 1828—Jonathan Allred enters 150 acres (surveyed 6 Sep 1835) west fork of Obed's Creek, adj. a 200 acre tract belonging to Allred, a 100-acre tract in Larkin Cox's name, William Chaney, a 25-acre survey. Issued 19 Dec 1835.

20 Feb 1828 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book G:90) David Smith to Robert Allred, for \$525, acres in the Third District on the West Fork of Obed's River adj. the road leading from Monroe up the West Fork, on the north boundary of a 100-acre survey to William Bunch, now occupied by David Smith, the hill above Moredock's Mill. w/ William Walker, Solomon Allred.

26 Apr 1828 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book G:91) David Smith to Robert Allred, for \$425, 50 acres on the west side of the West Fork of Obed's River, adj. the sectional line of the 12th section, near the big road. w/ Richard Winningham, Jesse Ashburn.

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Solomon Allred [of Theophilus?]

1 M 5/10 [Daniel]	1 F < 5
1 M 10/15	1 F 10/15
1 M 15/20	1 F 30/40 [Sarah]
1 M 50/60 [Solomon]	

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Robert Allred [could this be a son of Solomon, Sr.?)

2 M < 5	3 F < 5
2 M 5/10	1 F 5/10
1 M 15/20	2 F 10/15
1 M 20/30	2 F 15/20
1 M 40/50	1 F 20/30
	1 F 30/40

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William Allred [son of Solomon, Sr.]

3 M < 5 [Daniel, William C., ?]	1 F 5/10
2 M 5/10 [Jonathan, ?]	3 F 10/15
1 M 15/20 [Thomas B.]	1 F 15/20
1 M 40/50	1 F 30/40

Solomon Allred, Sr.

1 M 80/90	1 F 20/30
	1 F 70/80

Solomon Allred, Jr. [Son of Solomon, Sr.]

1 M < 5	1 F < 5
1 M 5/10	2 F 5/10
1 M 20/30	3 F 10/15
1 M 40/50	2 F 15/20
	1 F 40/50

John Allred [Son of Solomon, Sr.]

2 M 5/10 [Allen, Aaron?]	1 F 15/20 [Mary]
2 M 10/15 [John, Jr., Solomon]	1 F 40/50 [Phebe]
1 M 15/20 [Temple]	
1 M 50/60 [John]	

Rebecca Stringfellow

1 F 70/80

Samuel Allred [son of John of Solomon, Sr.]
1 M 20/30 1 F 20/30

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Bailey Allred [son of Jonathan of Theophilus]
1 M 20/30 1 F 40/50
near John, William and James Cheney

p. 210 [adjacent]

Theophilus Allred
1 M 5/10 2 F < 5
1 M 20/30 1 F 15/20
 1 F 20/30

John Allred

1 M < 5 1 F < 5
1 M 20/30 1 F 20/30

Solomon Allred

1 M 5/10 1 F < 5
1 M 10/15 1 F 20/30
1 M 20/30

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Jonathan Allred
1 M < 5 1 F 5/10
1 M 5/10 1 F 30/40
1 M 40/50

17 Mar 1830—Robert Allred assignee of Joshua Wright, 200 acres surveyed 3 Oct 1838, on the West Fork of Obed's Creek, on the west side of the McIver Tract (40,000 acres). Issued Jun 1840.

19 Mar 1830—Charles M. Allred, as assignee of Peggy Murphree and Charles Murphree (their entry), obtained (through survey dated 22 Jan 1836) 200 acres on the West Fork of Obed's River, adj. Samuel Stout's survey. Issued 13 Oct 1837. Also, on the same day, Charles M. Allred as assignee of Peggy and Levi Murphree, 200 acres by survey dated 22 Jan 1836, on West Fork of Obed's River. Issued 13 Oct 1837.

10 Oct 1830 John Allred and Mounce Gore, 10,000 acres in Overton County on Cumberland Mountain adjacent the Walton Road, the Dripping Spring, Emery Road.

18 Dec 1830—Eleazer Allred entered 200 acres (surveyed 14 Jan 1836) on the East Fork of Obed's River on Little Hurricane Creek near a ridge. Issued 23 May 1837.

15 Mar 1830—William Allred entered 30 acres (surveyed 19 Feb 1831) on the waters of Obed's River, adj. a 30-acre tract, the foot of a mountain, near a spring, Solomon Allred, Sr.'s line. Issued 12 Jun 1832.

18 Jul 1831 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book F:512) William D. Bunch of Crittendon Co., Arkansas Territory to Solomon Allred of Overton Co., TN, for \$150, 50 acres in the Third District, on the West side of the West Fork of Obed's River, at the beginning corner of his other entry No. 251, adj. the northern boundary of the twelfth section, adj. a conditional corner with David Smith, the big road that leads up the West Fork, the mountain side. Surveyed 27 Mar 1810. w/ Samuel Bowman, Elijah (X) Thompson.

30 Jan 1832—Robert Allred entered 21 acres, surveyed 9 Nov 1834, on the west fork of Obed's River, adj. Solomon Allred, David Smith's old line, a beech on the cliff of the River, north to the bluff of the river. Issued 21 Dec 1836.

26 Mar 1832 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book G:142) Jonathan Allred of Overton Co., TN to Bailey Allred of the same, for \$900, 141 acres on the West Fork of Obed's River at the foot of Cumberland Mountain, adj. John Christian, David Collier, Joseph Linder, the line of a 23-acre survey. w/ David Collier, Thomas Boman.

30 Apr 1832—Robert Allred entered 25 acres, surveyed 15 May 1834, on the West Fork of Obed River, adj. the mountain, a deep hollow. Issued 26 Oct 1835.

30 Oct 1832—Solomon Allred entered 50 acres, surveyed 15 Jan 1836, in the Sunk Cane, near Solomon Allred, Sr.'s line, at the foot of a mountain, top of a bluff, including a ten-acre survey now occupied by said Solomon Allred.

11 Jan 1834 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book G:28) Jonathan Allred to Thomas H. Fancher, for \$700, part of a 200-acre grant to Jonathan Allred on the waters of Obed's Creek (No. 12177), 80 acres, on the Sinking Cain Bottom, adj. William Cheney. William Cheney made himself security to this deed 11 Jan 1834 with James C. Officer, John S. Walker.

2 Feb 1835—Solomon Allred entered 35 acres, surveyed 15 Jan 1836, on the west fork of Obed's River and on a mountain, the eastern line of a 100-acre survey for John Allred. Issued 21 Dec 1836.

2 Mar 1835—William Allred entered 20 acres on the West Fork of Obed's River (surveyed 10 May 1835), adj. the east side of a mountain, a cucumber of the spur of the mountain. Issued 24 May 1837.

11 May 1835—100 acres surveyed to Rebecca Allred¹¹ on the waters of West Fork of Obed's River, adj. 25-acre tract of Solomon Allred, Sr., a chestnut on the spur of the mountain, the foot of a large bluff, the corner of two tracts owned by Solomon Allred, Alred's Spring (near the head of). Issued 3 Nov 1838.

26 Aug 1835, Robert Allred entered 350 acres by survey dated 10 Mar, on the West Fork of Obed's River, adj. the tract he lives on, the foot of a mountain. Issued 20 Dec 1836.

12 Nov 1835—Robert Allred enters 500 acres as assignee of Charles Allred (surveyed 25 Sep 1838) on the West Fork of Obed's River, adj. Solomon Allred, a spur of Cumberland Mountain. Issued 9 Dec 1839.

12 Nov 1835, Robert Allred entered 500 acres as assignee of Charles Allred (surveyed 25 Sep 1838) on the West Fork of Obed's River, near on a drain on a spur of Cumberland Mountain. Issued 9 Dec 1839.

¹¹ Was this actually Solomon, Sr.'s sister, Rebecca Stringfellow?

29 Sep 1836 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book I:63) Jarrett T. Cox to Robert Allred, a bond to make title to 25 acres adj. Jesse Roberts's 15-acre tract, adj. Jarrett Cox's home tract. w/ Solomon Allred, Wm. Chinglongt [?].

1836 Tax List (District 9) [*Mostly Solomon Allred and his children and grandchildren, and also his sister Rebecca Stringfellow, listed as an Allred*]

Solomon Allred, Sr.	10 acres	315 acres (school lands)
Solomon R. Allred	40 acres	740 acres (school lands)
Samuel Allred	10 acres	100 acres (school lands)
John Allred, Jr.	8 acres	100 acres (school lands)
John Allred, Sr.	25 acres	205 acres (school lands)
Sally Allred		24 acres
Rebecca Allred		100 acres (school lands)
Charles M. Allred		250 acres (school lands)
Theophilus Allred M.C.	10 acres	25 acres (school lands)
Thomas B. Allred		
William Allred	25 acres	218 acres (school lands)

(District 10) [*These entries are mostly referring to the children and grandchildren of Theophilus*]

Theophilus Allred, Jr.		
Theophilus Allred, Sr.		50 acres (school lands)
		30 acres (school lands)
Baley Allred		140 acres
Robert Allred	50 acres	55 acres (school lands)
	25 acres	40 acres (school lands)
	23 acres	25 acres (school lands)
		25 acres (school lands)
		500 acres (school lands)
		350 acres (school lands)
Solomon Allred	100 acres	25 acres (school lands)
	50 acres	100 acres (school lands)
	25 acres	75 acres (school lands)
Charles Allred		

There is also an 1837 list

25 Jan 1837 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book G:437) John and Thomas K. McDonnald to Robert Allred, 70 acres adj. McIver, Wm. Haytor, Jobe Carlock, Dillon. w/ J. Roberts, Jared T. Cox.

1 Jan 1838 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book G:524) William Allred to Thomas Brown, for \$250, 27 acres surveyed 12 Dec 1817 in the 34d District on Puncheon Camp Creek, waters of the West Fork of Obed's River, including the place where William Brown lived, adj. the mountain. Acknowledged.

1 Jan 1838 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book I:20) William (X) Allred to Thomas Brown, for \$200, 50 acres in the Third District, on Puncheon Camp Creek, adj. William Brown, the Mountain, the improvement where Thomas Brown lives. Acknowledged.

6 Sep 1838 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book I:316) Theophilus Mc. Allred to John Allred, for \$250, 50 acres on the West Fork of Obed's River, adj. the bank of Puncheon Camp Creek, a ledge of rocks, a conditional line between Wright and Andrew Boswell. w/ Robert Allred, C. M. Allred.

3 Oct 1838 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book J:175) Solomon R. Allred to Evan Jones, hs attorney, to convey to William Phillips, a tract in Overton County, 40 acres on the West Fork of Obed's River. Specifies the consideration for two notes executed by Phillips to Allred on 26 Jan 1838 and 25 Dec 1839. He empowers Evan Jones also to transfer a certain entry and copy for 640 acres of land entered 16 Jan 1836 (No. 1435). w/ W. B. Richardson, A. Daugherty.

20 Apr 1839 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book I:110) Jonathan Allred to William A. Officer, for \$900, several tracts on the West Fork of Obed's River and in Sinking Cane Valley: 120 acres, part of a 200-acre tract (Grant Number 12177) adj. Officer; 9 acres adj. this tract and the western boundary of the same; 80 acres, part of a 150-acre tract (Grant 4866) adj. a ridge between Allred and Larkin Cox, a ridge or spur of a Mountain. w/ Thomas H. Fancher, James C. Officer.

25 Jul 1839 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book I:343) John Allred to Magness Looper, for \$100, 100 acres granted by Tennessee to John Allred (No. 4858), adj. a 13-acre survey made by Solomon Allred, Sr., the Pouring Spring, including the house and part of the improvement where Allred now lives. w/ Thomas (X) Boman, William Boswell.

9 Oct 1839 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book I:225) John Christian, Sr. to Robert Allred, for \$1,000, 141 acres held as part of Grant No. 4552 (for 200 acres) on the waters of the West Fork of Obed's River, at the foot of Cumberland Mountain, adj. 23 acres conveyed to Jonathan Allred by John Christian, Jr., a dry branch forming a conditional boundary between David Collier and John Christian, Sr., a conditional line between Joseph Lister and Christian. w/ James C. Officer, Thomas H. Fancher.

14 Dec 1839—Bailey Allred issued 10 acres as assignee of James Morrow in the 3rd District on the Wet Fork of Obed's River, the corner of a survey occupied by John Christian, a mountain. (Surveyed 5 Feb 1819; part of 640 acres entred 1 Jun 1818).

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Robert Allred

2 M 5/10	1 F 5/10
1 M 10/15	1 F 15/20
1 M 30/40	1 F 30/40

Theophilus Mc Allred

2 M < 5	1 F 10/15
3 M 5/10	1 F 15/20
1 M 15/20	1 F 30/40
1 M 20/30	
1 M 30/40	

Solomon Allred, Jr. [Son of Theophilus]

1 M 5/10 [Abner]	1 F 40/50
1 M 15/20	[it is difficult to discern younger females here]
1 M 20/30 [Daniel]	

1 M 60/70 [Solomon]

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Solomon Allred, Jr. [of Solomon, Sr.]

1 M 10/15	1 F 10/15
1 M 15/20 [Solomon m. Sarah]	1 F 15/20
1 M 50/60 [Solomon]	4 F 20/30 [Melinda, Rebecca, Sarah]
	1 F 50/60 [Anneritta]

William Allred [of Solomon, Sr.; to Reynolds Co., MO]

3 M 10/15	2 F < 5
2 M 15/20	1 F 5/10
1 M 50/60	1 F 20/30
	1 F 40/50

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Charles M. Allred

1 M 15/20	1 F < 5
1 M 30/40	1 F 10/15
	1 F 20/30

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John Allred, Jr.

1 M < 5	1 F 20/30
1 M 20/30	

Bailey Allred

1 M < 5	1 F 30/40
3 M 5/10	
1 M 15/20	
1 M 30/40	

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Jonathan Allred

2 M 5/10	1 F < 5
1 M 15/20	1 F 15/20
1 M 40/50	1 F 50/60
1 M 60/70	

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Thomas B. Allred

2 M < 5	1 F < 5
1 M 20/30	1 F 30/40

26 Aug 1840 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book I:346) William Allred to William Looper, for \$100, two tracts both on the West Fork of Obed's River: (1) 30 acres adj. the Mountain and Solomon Allred, Sr.—the same tract granted by the State of Tennessee to William Allred (No. 2558; 12 Jun 1832) including where Allred now lives; (2) a tract on a bluff of the mountain including where Catherine Weeks now lives, granted by

the State to William Allred (No. 3218), 24 May 1837 [acreage not given]. w/ Charles M. Allred, John (X) York.

26 Aug 1840 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book I:354) William Allred to William Looper, for \$200, the following tracts: (1) [unspecified acreage] on the West Fork of Obed's River and Sunk Cove, adj. Solomon Allred, Sr., deceased's 63-acre tract, William Allred's fence, Magnus Looper; (2) a tract where William Allred formerly resided, adj. the foot of the Mountain, the corner of an old field formerly occupied by John Allred, a small drain in the cliff, to include the improvement formerly occupied by William Allred, it being the same or part of the same that descended to the said William Allred by his father by division and to John and Solomon Allred, all heirs of William Allred, bearing date 27 Sep 1837. w/ Charles M. Allred, John (X) Yourk.

16 Apr 1841 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book J:249) Robert Allred to Joseph G. Murphey, 35 acres adj. Solomon Allred's field, David Smith's 25-acre entry, the high water mark on the bank of the West Fork, William Bunch's survey, a conditional line between Robert Allred and Solomon Allred. Acknowledged.

6 Jul 1843—Solomon R. Allred issued 579 acres on the West Fork of Obed's River, as assignee of George Phillips (surveyed 23 Jan 1839), mentions a mountain, Pine Hollow, the end of Flyer Mountain, a cliff of rocks.

21 Sep 1843 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book J:280) Charles M. Allred and his wife Ann to Isaac Speck, for \$84, all their interest in a tract 51 ½ acres of land on the West Fork of Obed's River, adj. Benjamin Ray, John France, a survey formerly occupied by Isaac Carlock (now by B. Ray) at the foot of Cumberland Mountain. Acknowledged.

5 Aug 1844 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book J:388) John Allred of Fentress Co., TN to George Phillips of Overton Co., for \$125, 100 acres on the West Fork of Obed's River, at the foot of the Mountain, adj. a bluff. Acknowledged.

13 Feb 1847 (Overton Co., TN Deed Book K:278) Jonathan Allred to Abraham Conatzer, for \$50, 50 acres on the East Fork of Obed's River, adj. James Peck, Butters and Marchbanks Turnpike. w/ C. M. Allred, John Allred.

It would appear that it was mainly Solomon Allred, Jr.'s family and the sons of his brother Theophilus Allred, along with Rebecca Allred Stringfellow, who ended up in Overton Co., TN. The other siblings moved further south and west. From these limited records we can adduce the following children:

i. *male Allred* (b. 1766/1774) Eleazer Allred? Only one land grant has been found referring to him (see above). Presumably, he died young and without children, for no other trace of him has been located.

ii. *male Allred* (b. 1766/1774) **John Allred** (b. 1770/80 d. 1840/1850, Newton Co., AR?)¹² of Overton Co., TN. Presumably the individual who married Phoebe Thompson (b. c. 1785, NC) a few counties away in Grainger Co., TN on 5 Aug 1806. He lived for many years in Overton. He later ended up in Newton Co., Arkansas, apparently having followed the Bunch family to that place. There may have been kinship ties between the two families. Many of Solomon Allred, Sr.'s early interactions in Overton County were with the Bunches, his near neighbors. Among John's sons apparently were: **Samuel Allred** (1809-1857; of the 1830 census of Overton, above) m. Anna; **Templeton Allred** (b. c. 1811); **Solomon James Allred** (1812-1846, Carroll Co., AR) m. Martha Weeks (daughter of Gamblin Weeks); **Allen Allred** (b. c. 1814) m. Mary M.; **Jonathan W. Allred** (1817-1895, Newton Co., AR) m. Susan A. McCollough; **John J. Allred** (1817-1908, Yavapai Co., AR) m. Ursula Morgan (he trailed the others from Overton to Newton Co., AR); **Aaron E. Allred** (1824-1891, Newton Co., AR).

iii. *male Allred* (b. 1774/1787) **William Allred** (b. c. 1788, NC). He apparently sold his property in Overton per the deed sequence above around 1840 and moved his family to Reynolds County, MO, where he died.¹³ He lived there very near several members of a Weeks family from his same neighborhood in Overton Co., TN, children of Gamaliel and Martha Weeks (Gideon, Jared, and Gamlin Weeks—a sheriff of the county). William's children probably included: **Thomas B. Allred** (?) (b. c. 1813, TN; d. prior to 1860, Madison Co., MO) m. Eliza B.; **Jonathan Allred** (b. c. 1823); **William C. Allred** (b. c. 1826) m. Jane Reese (?); **Sarah Allred** (b. c. 1814) m. 14 Oct 1841 (Jefferson Co., IL) Brooks Boswell, to Reynolds Co., MO; **Daniel Allred** (b. c. 1829); **Amanda Allred** (b. c. 1833) m. Nathaniel Asberry; **Nancy Allred** (b. c. 1837); **Martha J. Allred** (b. c. 1839).

¹² We know that John was one of the sons of Solomon because of a deed that refers to a land division in Overton Co. involving him and his brothers Solomon and William. He was the only John of an age in the county to be involved. Our knowledge of John's heirs is presumptive, however, based on geography and migration patterns and pre-1850 census entries. Newton County, though formed from Carroll County in 1842 has lost all of its early records due to an 1866 courthouse fire.

¹³ Once again, we are the victims of record loss in this case. Reynolds County Missouri records were largely destroyed in several courthouse fires from 1863 to 1872.

iv. *male Allred* (b. 1774/1787) **Solomon Allred, Jr.** (b. c. 1778-1784 d. aft. 1860, Carroll Co., AR) of Overton Co., TN m. Anneritta (LNU). Appears in the 1850 census of Overton Co. He always lived very close to his father. His children probably included: **John Allred** (b. c. 1804, NC) m. Rhoda Adkinson (of Fentress Co., TN)¹⁴; **Sarah Allred** (b. c. 1814); **Melinda Allred** (b. c. 1818) m. Elder Teague (of Carroll Co., AR); **Rebecca Allred** (b. c. 1819); **Solomon A. Allred** (1823-15 Sep 1887, Van Buren Co., AR) m. Sarah Jane Weeks (daughter of Gamblin Weeks). There was yet another son born between 1825 and 1830 who is unidentified.

v. *male Allred* (b. 1780/90) Could this be **Robert Allred** of the 1830 census of Overton (p. 204)? There were many younger males in his household. Could one of them have been **Solomon R. Allred** (b. c. 1809) m. Mary (to Carroll Co., AR)? Is the middle initial "R." really a reference to his father's name?

v. *female Allred* (b. bef. 1787) **Martha Allred** (?) (b. c. 1775) m. Gamaliel Weeks. Her children appear to have been close associates of the Allreds and several of her sons accompanied William Allred to Reynolds Co., MO by 1850, where one of them became Sheriff. Also, this same William Allred allowed Catherine Weeks, probably of this family, to reside on his land in Overton County per a deed above.

vi. *female Allred* (b. bef. 1787)

v. *female Allred* (b. 1787/1790) **Mary Allred** m. Solomon Albertson (b. 31 Jan 1781, per his father Early Albertson's pension application; Mary was his first wife?). They were inhabitants of Overton Co., TN, then Fentress Co.. But according to most accounts, Mary Allred died young and Solomon took a second wife named Rachel before 1830. He died about 1845.

¹⁴ The 1837 tax list puts this John Allred's 100 acres very close to his father and grandfather. He was known as "John Allred, Jr." to distinguish him from his uncle, John Allred, Sr.

vi. **Rachel Allred** (b. c. 1795, NC—aft 1850, Overton Co., TN) m. Samuel Looper. Her inclusion in this family is clear through the involvement of her children in the estate of her aunt Rebecca (Allred) Stringfellow.

(3) **John Allred**. He is a somewhat nebulous figure, but definitely associated with Solomon Allred. He witnessed and proved Solomon's acquisition of land in Anson County from the Stringfellows in 1774. In 1775, he proved another deed from Neill Brown to Daniel McDuffie for land on Mountain Creek. His presumed father Solomon was also a witness to this deed. (See above) It is evident that he owned land. One of his tracts was the 200-acre grant issued 24 May 1773 in Anson County, NC to John Allred on the northeast side of the Pee Dee on the east side of Mountain Creek. Another 300-acre grant was issued to him on 4 Mar 1775 in Anson (entered 22 Jul 1774) on the waters of Buffalo Creek.¹⁵ This is the tract that was later seized. The land was lost in connection with a suit brought against him by his own likely brother Jonathan Allred at Richmond County Court in April of 1788 to pay the thirty-pound judgment that Jonathan Allred won against him. Jonathan Allred then purchased his land at auction.

10 Mar 1790 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book B:456) William Wall Shff to Jonathan Allred, based on an execution obtained by Jonathan Allred against John Allred, for £30—from the estate of John Allred, sold a tract on Big Buffalo Creek of 300 acres on 22 Aug 1788, and Jonathan Allred became the highest bidder adj. Stephen Touchstone's 500-acre tract, Luke Robinson. It was a grant to John Allred. For £33.12.3. w/ George Swink, Benjamin Long.

It would seem that John Allred may have moved along to Anson County for a short time. A John Aldred appears in the 1800 census of Anson in the vicinity of the Rushings, Huntleys and Gaddys. He is 26/45 with a wife 16/26, a female under 10 and a male 10 to 16. It may or may not be the same John.

(4) ? **daughter Allred** m. James Allred (d. aft. 1810, Randolph Co., NC). James Allred was the son of one of the original North Carolina progenitors, Thomas Allred—a brother to the original Solomon Allred of this study. Interestingly, James removed from Randolph County, NC to the

¹⁵ The shucks for these land grants survive, but the original warrant and survey within do not. The 300-acre grant was on Buffalo Creek of Little River adjacent Stephen Touchstone, Luke Robinson per North Carolina Patent Book 25:194.

same area of Richmond County, then to Montgomery County as his uncle Solomon had around 1800, as per these records.

11 Apr 1801 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 9:366) James Allred to Jabez York, 116 acres on Mt. Pleasant Creek, part of a tract James acquired from Thomas Allred, who had purchased it from John Allred, the original grantee (1756) via Granville. w/ Jeremiah York.

19 May 1801 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book F:231) Moses Grantham of Richmond Co., NC to James Allred of Randolph Co., NC 275 acres between Great Pee Dee and Great Buffalo Creek of Little River adj. William Pelham, John McHenry and McPherson, part of a tract originally granted Ezra Bostick by the King in 1770. w/ Thomas Bostick, James Bostick.

10 Dec 1804 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book H:16) James Allred of Montgomery County, NC to James Bostick of Richmond Co., 137 acres of the aforementioned tract adj. William Pelham, John Ussery and Chunn McPherson.

James Allred then seems to have returned to Randolph County by 1810, for he cannot be traced further in the records of Richmond and Montgomery counties aside from some potential appearances as a chain bearer on certain land grants in Montgomery County. But some of his children did remain in the Pee Dee region. I suspect he followed his uncle south to the Pee Dee because he had married his cousin, one of Solomon's daughters, prior to Solomon's removal southward into Anson County. I feel bolstered in this idea because atDNA kits for my paternal uncle, father and paternal aunt all show three DNA clusters related to Allred. One is dominated by descendants of John Allred (d. 1792), chiefly through his daughters who went to Tennessee. Another is dominated by descendants of Thomas Allred (chiefly through his son William, ancestor of the Utah branch of the family). But a third cluster includes numerous descendants of Solomon Allred and of the Tobias Long family. The most prominent lines of descent in this cluster of matches are through John Allred m. Phoebe Thompson (son of Solomon Allred, Jr.), through John Allred of Amite Co., MS (son of Jonathan Allred), through William Allred of Reynolds Co., MO (son of Solomon, Jr.), and through Rachel Allred Looper (of Overton Co., TN, daughter of Solomon Allred, Jr.). My father and his siblings are descended on their paternal side from a marriage of cousins, the union of Joseph Allred (son of John Allred, d. 1792, probably by his second wife, a member of the Julian family) with Rachel Allred, daughter of James Allred and his wife. Joseph and Rachel were second cousins for sure because Joseph Allred's paternal grandmother was a sister of Rachel Allred's paternal grandfather Thomas Allred. But I think it is likely that Rachel's maternal grandfather was another sibling to John Allred's mother and

Thomas Allred, namely Solomon Allred of this study. In that case, Rachel would have been a double-second-cousin to her husband Joseph with added Long-family relationship as well. There were numerous cases of physical and mental impairment among the immediate descendants of Joseph and Rachel (Allred) Allred, probably because of these ties, but far more individuals who were quite normal.

For further information concerning the descendants of James Allred, who have been very much obscured over the years because of their unusual migration patterns and sojourns in counties with lost records, see my additional paper—“No Leaf Unturned: Revised and Revisited: Further Evidence as to the Ancestry of Rachel Allred (1773-1856), Wife of Joseph Allred of Randolph County, North Carolina.”

The children of James Allred and his wife posited in that article were: **Rachel Allred** (c. 1773-3 Mar 1856, Randolph Co., NC) m. Joseph Allred (15 Sep 1772-27 Feb 1856); **John Allred** (1770/80—d. 1840/50 Montgomery Co., NC) m. Jeanette ---; **Martha Allred** (28 May 1776-12 Aug 1846, Henry Co., IN) m. Joab Raines; **Margaret Allred** (11 May 1778-18 Mar 1855, Wayne Co., IN) m. Thomas Allred; **Delilah Allred** (2 Jan 1780—9 Nov 1861, LA) m. Stephen Williams (1774-1830, Montgomery Co., NC); **James Allred** (c. 1784—Nov 1863, Marion Co., IN) m. 6 Nov 1801 (Richmond Co., NC) Anne Grantham; **William Allred** (1780/90-c. 1837, Montgomery Co., NC) m. Mary; **Eve Allred** (3 Apr 1788—13 May 1847, Darke Co., OH) m. 2 Jun 1807 (Butler Co., OH) James Emerson; **Elizabeth Allred** (c. 1790—aft. 1870, Montgomery Co., NC) m. James Armstrong (d. 1849, Richmond Co., NC); **Mary Allred** (c. 1792—aft. 1870, Morgan Co., IN) m. Allen Harbert. These last two were married in Richmond Co.

(5) ? **son Allred** m. Elizabeth “Betty” Allred, perhaps a daughter of William Allred? Elizabeth or Betty Allred appears on both the 1790 and 1800 censuses of Randolph County. She had a son named Solomon Allred, and her family had long-standing associations with the William Allred, Sr. family. It would appear she was a widow, probably becoming one during the period of the Revolutionary War. Some of her children have been mistaken for children of the original Solomon. But they were decidedly not his children. They were of an age to be his grandchildren. On one occasion, I was privileged to examine the autosomal DNA matches of one of Betty’s descendants from a Blount County, Alabama branch. In my opinion, that individual was closely related to both the Solomon line and the William Allred line, per her separate, relevant Allred

clusters. My suspicion is that either Elizabeth Allred or her husband, whose name remains uncertain due to his early death, was a child of this Solomon, and that the other partner in the marriage may have been a child of the original William Allred. This would have been one of two first-cousin marriages I suspect in this family. For her descendants in detail, see my associated paper, “The Mystery of Betty Allred.”

(6) **Jonathan Allred** (b. 1755/60 d. c. 1822, Clarke Co., GA) m. Margaret Burt (b. 1760/70 d. aft. 1835, Newton Co., GA). While in Richmond County, NC he was strongly associated with Isabella, wife of William Burt of Richmond Co., NC, in the year 1789 (see below). Jonathan was a frequent pick for petit juror in Richmond County through the 1780s into the early 1790s. He also appears in the following record sequence.

22 Sep 1778 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book B:14) Jonathan Allred witnesses a deed from Jacob and Mary Cockraham to Sampson Sellers for land on Mountain Creek. William McDaniel and Jonathan Tunner or Tunnen were co-witnesses.

1787 State Census of Richmond Co., NC

Jonathan Allred

1 M 21 to 60 years old

4 F

July 1789—Richmond Co., NC Court of Pleas

A power of attorney from Isbel Burt to Jonathan Alred acknowledged in open court by the said Isbel Burt. The original document was not found in the deeds of the county. Isabel was the widow of William Burt who died about 1782. This instrument is actually found in William Burt’s estate file, dated 1 Jun 1789. In it she made her “trusty and loving friend” Jonathan Allred her attorney to represent her claim in Virginia for Negroes stolen from William Burt’s estate. John Burt was the witness. John Burt married Elizabeth Bostick with Ezra Bostick bondsman about 10 Dec. 1783.¹⁶

Oct Term 1789, Richmond Co., NC Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

Ordered that Jonathan Alred be overseer in conjunction with the Montgomery County’s hands, from Isaac Armstrongs to McClains and that Solomon Alred, John Ewen, Mr. Haskins’s hands, John Gillis, Henry and Robert Stringfellow, Solomon Sprawls, John Jenkins, Duncan McInnis, Phoenias Alread, Samuel Boykin work there on &c.

Jan 1790 Richmond Co., NC Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Minutes

Ordered that the following persons be appointed to lay off of a road, from Matthew Raiford ford on Little River the nearest and best way to the widow Kachea Bridge, to wit, Joseph Tarbutton, John Crouch, Daniel McDaniel, Wm. McCaniel, Richd. Ussery, James Bostick, Thos. Jowers, James McKachea, John McKachea, Sampson Sellars, Solomon Alred, Jonathan Alred, John Ewen, Joseph Hines, Nath’l. Chairs

¹⁶ See Myrtle N. Bridges, *Estate Records, 1772-1933: Richmond County, North Carolina, Vol. I (Adams-Harbert)* (Franklin, N.C.: Genealogical Publishing Service, 2001), 156.

Esqr., Robert Stringfellow, Henry Stringfellow & John Jenkins, and that they make report to the next court &c.

1790 Census of Richmond Co., NC

Jonathan Allred

1 M < 16 or under 60

1 M 16/26

[8?] F

10 Mar 1790 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book B:456) William Wall Shff to Jonathan Allred, based on an execution obtained by Jonathan Allred against John Allred, for £30—from the estate of John Allred, sold a tract on Big Buffalo Creek of 300 acres on 22 Aug 1788, and Jonathan Allred became the highest bidder adj. Stephen Touchstone's 500-acre tract, Luke Robinson. It was a grant to John Allred. For £33.12.3. w/ George Swink, Benjamin Long.

10 Jan 1798 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book C:775) Jonathan Allred to Phoenis Allred, for £50, a tract granted to John Allred for £50, between Buffalo and Mountain Creek adj. the dividing line between John and Jonathan Allred, 50 acres. w/ James T. Sandford, John (X) Ewin, Nathaniel (X) Elkins.

1800 Census of Richmond Co., NC, p. 249

Jonathan Allred

1 M 10/16

3 F < 10

1 M 26/45

2 F 10/16

1 F 16/26

25 May 1801 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book G:54) Jonathan and Phineas Allred to Hubbard Williams, Sr., for £45, 150 acres on Buffalo Creek adj. Jonathan Allred near Skinner's corner, and Phineas Allred. w/ John Skinner, James Skinner.

21 Mar 1804 (Barnwell Co., SC Deed Book B:131) Lovick Pierce to Jonathan Allred for \$500, part of 657 acres on Tinker's Creek, granted to Pierce, 2 Sep 1793. In actual fact, 400 acres adj. David Foster, granted to George Carter on Booth's Branch. w/ James Skinner¹⁷, Lewis Weathersbee.

21 Mar 1804 (Barnwell Co., SC Deed Book B:122) Lewis Weathersbee to Jonathan Allred for \$25, 23 acres of 400 acres granted to George Carter on Booths Branch of Tinker's Creek adj. Lovick Pierce. w/ James Skinner, John Allred.¹⁸

8 Mar 1809 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book L:219) Jonathan Allred of Barnwell Dist., SC to Stephen Williams of Richmond Co., NC, for \$500, 200 acres on the west side of Big Mountain Creek adj. Isaac Ewing, Luke Robinson, Hubbard Williams "near the old lick on the road above the plantation, an old lane between Ewin and Alred. w/ Isaac Ewin, John Harris.

17 May 1809 (South Carolina Land Grants) 75 acres surveyed for Jonathan Alred on Tinker's Creek in Barnwell Co., SC adj. R. Prince.

¹⁷ Did any Skinners accompany Jonathan Allred from Richmond County to Barnwell? Frederick Stringfellow and Henry Touchstone also went to Barnwell from Richmond. A community-level migration seems to have taken place.

¹⁸ Was this John Allred Jonathan's only son of age at the time?

1810 Census of Barnwell District, SC, p. 89 (337)

Jonathan Allred

1 M < 10	1 F < 10	
1 M 16/26	2 F 10/16	
1 M > 45	2 F 26/45	2 slaves

15 Sep 1812—William Stringfellow a longstanding neighbor appointed his wife Rebecca and his worthy friend Jonathan Allred his executors. Will Book A:177. This was Jonathan Allred's brother-in-law.

1820 Census of Barnwell District, SC p. 2

Jonathan Allred

1 M 18/26	2 F 16/26	
1 M > 45	1 F > 45	6 slaves

1 Apr 1822—(Clarke Co., GA Will Book B:1) Jonathan Allred's will was signed in Clarke Co., GA. It was probated in July of that year. He gave his estate to his wife Margaret for life, then to his sons William and John Allred except for four slaves which were to go to his daughters Charlotte Coward, Isabell Stringer, Lavinia Coward, and Elizabeth Alred. Son William and son-in-law Stephen Coward were his administrators.

24 Sep 1835 (Meriwether Co., GA Deed Book E>371) Margaret Allred of Newton Co., GA, to Answorth Hardaway of Newton Co., GA, for \$225, 202 ½ acres in Troup County, now Meriwether, in the 7th Dist. (No. 165). w/ William B. Allred.

Based on these records, we can identify the following children. There were also some daughters, apparently, who died young and without issue.

i. *female Allred* (b. bef. 1787) **Charlotte Allred** (9 Sep 1780—21 Nov 1840, Pike Co., AL)

m. Jesse Cowart

ii. *female Allred* (b. 1784/1787) **Isabella Allred** (b. 1780/1790—d. 1840/50, Pike Co., AL)

m. (1) James Stringer, (2) 6 Sep 1829, Montgomery Co., AL, John Spear (b. c. 1773).

iii. *female Allred* (b. 1784/1787)

iv. *male Allred* (b. 1787/1790) **John Allred?** Must be the older son who witnessed Lewis

Weathersbee's deed to Jonathan Allred in 1804 (see above). This is certainly the same

John Allred "from Barnwell District, South Carolina" who with George Clay was given a

pass by the Governor of Georgia 15 Nov 1810 to travel through the Creek Nation. He is

likely certainly the individual who ended up in Amite Co., MS and married Isabella Burt

there with William Bates his bondsman 16 Nov 1812. The Burts were longstanding

associates of the Allreds from their Richmond County days. She was likely his cousin. He

and his wife Isabel were buried at the Allred Cemetery in Copiah Co., MS. He was born 10 Oct 1787 and died 2 Jan 1843. His wife Isabella Burt was born in 1791 and died around 1830. They were parents of Louisa Allred, William Burt Allred, James H. Allred, Jennings J. Allred, Rainey Elizabeth Allred, John Sexton Allred, Martha B. Allred, and Sylvester Allred.

v. *female Allred* (b. 1790/1800) **Lavinia Allred** (22 Aug 1799—11 Nov 1862, Pike Co., AL) m. Stephen Cowart

vi. *female Allred* (b. 1794/1800)

vii. *female Allred* (b. 1794/1800)

viii. *male Allred* (b. 1800/1802) **William Burt Allred** (22 May 1801, Richmond Co., NC—16 Mar 1878, Troy, Pike Co., AL) m. 23 Feb 1825 (Greene Co., GA), Jane Owen Park (13 Aug 1807—13 Apr 1885, Pike Co., AL). Living in Newton Co., GA in 1830 with his wife children and mother, Margaret. He was father to Dr. John Park Allred (29 Dec 1826—25 Feb 1895) m. Marie Antoinette Fielder, and Martha Allred, who died aged 11 years.

ix. *female Allred* (b. 1800/1804) **Elizabeth Allred** (c. 1800, GA—aft. 1870, Jefferson Davis Co., MS) m. 16 Nov 1823 (Clarke Co., GA), Timothy Swinney. Lived in Tishmingo and Prentiss counties also.

(7) **Phineas Allred** (b. aft. 1755—d. 1810/1820 Barnwell District, SC) m. Barshaba “Bashaby”. He appears in the following record sequence.

1787 State Census of Richmond Co., NC

Phenias Alred

1 M 21/60

3 M < 21 or over 60

2 females

1790 census of Richmond Co., NC near Solomon and Jonathan.

Phineas Allred

1 M > 16 or < 60

4 M < 16

1 F

3 Jul 1794 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book C:418) Nathaniel Powell to Phineas Allred, for £10, 20 acres on Great Buffalo Creek adj. Burt, Powell dividing line and John Allred's old line. w/ James Smith, Sampson Sellers.

10 Jan 1798 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book C:775) Jonathan Allred to Phoenis Allred, for £50, a tract granted to John Allred for £50, between Buffalo and Mountain Creek adj. the dividing line between John and Jonathan Allred, 50 acres. w/ James T. Sandford, John (X) Ewin, Nathaniel (X) Elkins.

1800 Census of Richmond Co., NC

Finias Allred

3 M < 10	3 F < 10
1 M 10/16	1 F 26/45
2 M 16/26	
1 M 26/45	

25 May 1801 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book G:54) Jonathan and Phineas Allred to Hubbard Williams, Sr., for £45, 150 acres on Buffalo Creek adj. Jonathan Allred near Skinner's corner, and Phineas Allred. w/ John Skinner, James Skinner.

13 Aug 1804 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book I:12) Phineas Allred to Robert J. Steele, for £10, 10 acres on the east side of Big Buffalow adj. Benjamin Chairs. w/ Thomas Ragsdale, Thomas (X) Gately.

5 Dec 1805—State of North Carolina issued a grant for 60 acres to Phineas Allred which he had entered 19 October 1800. It lay on the northwest side of Big Mountain Creek adjacent his own lines, Sprowl's 25-acre survey. The chainers on the survey in 1802 were Jonathan Allred and Phineas Allred.

24 Dec 1805 (Richmond Co., NC Deed Book H:343) Phineas (X) Allred to Robert J. Steele, for \$160, five tracts east of Little River, waters of Big Buffalo Creek, 180 acres (in five tracts or portions of tracts) adj. Sellars, Sprowls, R. J. Steele, John Skinner, Chairs. w/ Nathaniel Chearis, V. T. Chearis.

1810 Census of Barnwell District, SC, p. 99 (357) adj. William Stringfellow

Phinehas Allred

1 M 16/26	1 F < 10
1 M > 45	2 F 10/16
	1 F > 45

Strangely, there are no land records in Barnwell District for Phineas Allred, which is very puzzling. He was not bereft of land in Richmond County. It is thought perhaps the family lived on the land acquired by his son Ezra Allred in Barnwell. However, in Volume VII (1979) of the *South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research* appear transcriptions of some of the early records of Rosemary Baptist Church (formed around 1809) near Williston, SC. It would seem that some of Phineas Allred's family members (and perhaps some of Jonathan's) were members of this church.

19 Jul 1817—Resolved that Bro. Powel be appointed to cite Bro John Allred to attend next conference for non attendance. At 20 Sept. conference, Brother Allred's case was taken up again, and Brethren Powell and Easterling were asked to cite him to attend. At 18 Oct 1817 meeting, it was determined that Bro. Allred had issues with another of the brethren and individuals were appointed to find out why he refused to take gospel measures to resolve the matter. Powell and Woodward were appointed to labor with him and give him special direction. At December meeting he was excommunicated for his obstinacy.

15 Jan 1820—Sister Mary Alred made application for a letter of Dismission which was granted

16 Sep 1820—Sisters Barshaba and Sarah Allred made application for Letters of Dismission which were granted.

14 Oct 1820—Sister Elizabeth Alred made application for a letter of Dismission which was granted.

19 May 1821—Sister Armstrong made application for a letter of Dismissal for Sister Margaret Aldred which was granted.

1820 Census of Barnwell District, SC, p. 11

Bashaby Allred

1 M 26/45

3 F 16/26

1 F > 45

1832—Barshaba Allred, widow, got lottery land in Gwinnett Co., GA.

From these records, we can presume the following children by age and gender category and assign tentative identities to several given that the family of brother Jonathan Allred is pretty well defined by his will. The family seems to have removed to Gwinnett County, Georgia, in part, whose records are largely lost for this period of time.

i. *male Allred* (b. 1778/1780) Ezra Allred m. Celia Bolling. On 27 Feb 1809, one “Israel Allred” was granted 404 acres in Barnwell District on a branch of Tinker’s Creek, waters of Savannah adj. James Stringer and vacant land. I suspect this is Ezra Allred, actually. He left South Carolina without disposing of the property and it fell to his heirs. Perhaps, his parents lived there in the interim. In November 1809, “Azariah” or Ezra Alred was granted a pass through Creek Territory by the Governor of Georgia along with John Bolling, a relative of his wife’s. This couple appears in the 1816 tax list of Amite Co., MS. He died within the next few years. His wife appears as a widowed head of household by 1830. On 12 May 1836, Celia Allred, Mary Allred (m. John Washington Wilson of Catahoula Parish, LA), Ezekiel Allred and Ezra Allred, as heirs of Ezra Allred, sold to Wilson Hightower, for \$150, 300 acres on Tinker Creek. (Barnwell District Deed Book V:427).

ii. *male Allred* (b. 1780/1784) John Allred (b. c. 1780/90—d. aft. 1840, Gwinnett Co., GA) m. Mary (b. c. 1792, SC—aft 1880, Floyd Co., GA). This individual was still in Barnwell

after the other John, son of Jonathan, had moved along to Amite Co., MS around 1810. In 1815, he obtained a grant of 152 acres in Barnwell on Buck Creek of Great Saltcatcher adj. Easterling, John Lard, John Walker with John Allred (himself?) and Henry Easterling as his chain carriers. On 16 Dec 1816, Henry Easterling sold to John Allred for \$90, an additional 180 acres, part of 1,000 acres granted to John Holder adj. Absalom Tyler, John Burt. w/ Abel Peacock, Jonathan (X) Holder (Barnwell Co., SC Deed Book J:275). In 1817, he was cited for non-attendance at Rosemary Baptist Church and was later excommunicated for obstinacy. What happened to him afterward? He was listed in the 1820 census (p. 148) of Hall County, Georgia, living not far from his presumed brother Aaron. He is 26/45 and he has three sons under 10 (James, Pinkney, William N.), two daughters under 10. His wife is 16/26. After this, he appears in the county just to the south—in Gwinnett County. Unfortunately, this county's records were devastated during the Civil War. The John Allred there in 1830 (p. 309) was 50 to 60. His sons included one aged 15/20 (James Allred, later of Forsyth Co.), two aged 10 to 15 (Pinkney and William N.) and two under 5 years of age (Mastin and John). His wife is 30 to 40 years old with daughters, one under 5, one 5 to 10 (Harriet) and one 15 to 20 (Charity?). In 1840, he is in the same county, aged 60 to 70 (p. 67) with a wife aged 40 to 50. The sons at home were: one under 5 (Henry); two 5 to 10 (Seaborn and Noah); two aged 15 to 20 (Mastin and ?); one aged 20 to 30 (Pinkney). The daughters listed were one under 5 (Kindness); one 5 to 10; one 15 to 20 (Harriet). Though they have not been found in the intervening year, it is likely this family which appeared in Polk County, with several brothers living side by side in 1860, along with their widowed mother. John was likely the father of: **Charity Allred** (b. c. 1815, SC) m. John Driscoll; **Pinkney Allred** (b. 1819; m. Martha) of Gwinnett and later Cobb County (by 1850), who fought in the Creek War; **James Allred** (b. c. 1820) of Forsyth Co. and then Cobb Co., GA m. Polly Leach in 1838 in Gwinnett Co., GA; **Harriet Allred** (b. c. 1820), living with her brother W. N. Allred in Calhoun Co., AL, 1860; **William Nathaniel Allred**¹⁹ (b. c. 1824/1827, GA) m. (1) ?, (2) Saphrona Bowling—a mechanic who lived in Benton (Calhoun Co.) AL, Lawrence Co., AL, Marshall Co., AL, Morgan Co., AL; **Mastin Allred** (b. c. 1825, GA) m. Sarah Driscoll,

¹⁹ His 1880 census entry in Marshall Co., AL (as "Nathaniel Allred") gives his birthplace as GA and both his parents' birthplaces as SC.

both inhabitants of Gwinnett in 1850; **John J. Allred** (b. c. 1827) m. Lucinda, (2) 8 Nov 1865 (Floyd Co., GA) Mary Maroney; **Seaborn Allred**²⁰ (b. c. 1830) m. (1) Araminta (2) 23 Apr 1865 (Polk Co., GA), Eliza Roberts-- lived in Cobb Co., GA in 1850 and later in Cleburne Co., AL.; **Permelia Alled** who married Bluford J. Bailey in Gwinnett Co., GA, 22 Jun 1845--she must have died prior to 1850, for he remarried in that year to Hannah Ann Cannady; **Noah Chesley Allred** (22 Apr 1833—20 Mar 1869, Polk Co., GA) m. 29 Aug 1858 (Floyd Co., GA) Nancy Ann Youngblood; **Kindness B. Allred** (b. c. 1834) m. 1 Feb 1848 (Calhoun Co., AL) Aaron P. Bolling, living in 1870 adjacent her brother William Nathaniel Allred in Lawrence Co., AL; **Henry Allred** (b. c. 1838—1880, Cleveland Co., AR) m. 19 Apr 1860 (Polk Co., AR) Frances Rogers.

iii. *male Allred* (b. 1780/1784) **Aaron Allred**. He is referenced several times in the court records of Barnwell Dist., SC. On 1 Apr 1817, he sued John Holder successfully there for \$18.43 ³/₄ with interest from 1 Dec 1818. On 5 Nov 1817, both he and William Allred, his presumed brother, were sued by Joseph Eastland, who won both cases. Those last two records are adjacent entries in the minutes. Finally, also in November of 1817, he and George Sizemore were jointly prosecuted for vagrancy in Barnwell District. Both men were discharged, there being no grounds for their prosecution. Aaron got land in Hall County in the 1832 lottery and also in the 1827 lottery of Gwinnett Co. In the 1820 census (p. 148), he is found in Hall County, GA, aged 26 to 45, with a wife 26 to 45, two sons under 10, a daughter 10 to 16 and a daughter under 10. He is listed next to John Ussery in this year and only a few entries from his likely brother John. In 1830, it is likely he is the Aaron Aldridge who resides in Richmond Co., GA, directly across the river from Barnwell. He is 40 to 50 and his wife is 30 to 40. His sons are 5 to 10 (Ansford) and 10 to 15 (William McNatt Allred). His daughters are under 5, 5 to 10 and 10 to 15. He appears in Meriwether County, Georgia in 1840, aged 50/60, as a head of household. He has a wife 40 to 50 years old. His sons are 20 to 30 (1, William McN.), 15 to 20 (2; Ansford and ?), 5 to 10 (1), under 5 (1). His daughters are 15 to 20 (1), 10 to 15 (1), and 5 to 9 (1). Maybe one son was **Ansford Allred** (b. c. 1823; m. Sarah), a shoemaker of Meriwether Co. There was

²⁰ His 1880 census entry states that both his parents were born in South Carolina.

also a **William McNatt Allred** who married Lucinda Kight or Knight in Meriwether Co., GA, 25 Oct 1840.

iv. *male Allred* (b. 1787/1790) **William Allred** (c. 1788, NC—d. 18 Feb 1869, Thomas Co., GA) m. (12 Apr 1820, Barnwell Dist., SC) Elizabeth Dixon. Lived in Lowndes Co., GA in 1850. Went to Thomas County by 1857. He served in the War of 1812 from Barnwell Co., SC per his pension application. Father of **James Irwin Allred** (b. c. 1828); **Rebecca A. Allred** (b. c. 1832); **Roland W. Allred** (b. c. 1834); **Charlotte J. Allred** (b. c. 1838); **Lucinda A. Allred** (b. c. 1840); **Malvina M. Allred** (b. c. 1842).

v. *female Allred* (b. bef. 1787; married or died by 1790)

vi. *male Allred* (b. 1790/1800)

vii. *male Allred* (b. 1790/1794)

viii. *male Allred* (b. 1790/1800) **James Allred** (?), who got Lottery Land in Gwinnett Co. in 1832.

ix. *female Allred* (b. 1790/1800) **Sarah Allred** (of the Rosemary Church records)?

x. *female Allred* (b. 1794/1800) **Mary Allred** (of the Rosemary Church records)?

xi. *female Allred* (b. 1794/1800) **Elizabeth Allred** (of the Rosemary Church records)?

xiii. *female Allred* (b. c. 1800/1805) **Margaret Allred** (of the Rosemary Church records)?

(8) **Rebecca Allred** (1750/1760—aft. 1 Aug 1847, Overton Co., TN) m. **William Stringfellow** (d. 1812, Barnwell Dist., SC). She may have died c. 1856, but she has not been found in the Overton Co. census of 1850. William Stringfellow's Barnwell District will mentions many of his children, but since none of them seem to have accompanied Rebecca westward to Overton County, TN,

and because her beneficiaries were her Allred relations, we can be pretty sure that she was a last, childless wife to William Stringfellow and only the stepmother to his children. Jonathan Allred was Stringfellow's executor in Barnwell District, along with Rebecca.

The matter of Rebecca's Tennessee will, which does not survive, became a point of controversy among the Allreds at her death. It is very unfortunate we don't have a more complete list of her heirs, for if such were given in the records, we would have a far greater understanding of the children and grandchildren of her likely father, the Solomon Allred of this piece. Note the following records related to her estate settlement.

Oct 1856—Overton Co., TN County Court Minutes, p. 299 [image 392 on Family Search film] “Uppon Motion and it appearing to the court that Rebecca Stringfellow a Resident of this County has died in said County leaving a last will & testament and that said will is in the hands of Riley Miller and that William Looper Sen'r of said County are the subscribing witnesses to the said will It is ordered by the court that a writ of Subpna Decristecum [?] Issue commanding the said Miller and Looper to appear before this Court at next Term and bring with them the said last will & Testament and present and file the same before this court for probate to be further Delt with according to law and that they give testimony on the probate thereof.”

Nov 1856 Overton TN County Court, p. 210 [image 398 on FamilySearch]
Rebecca Stringfellow's will This day a Paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Rebecca Stringfellow Dated August 1st 1847, signed sealed and by her and attested by Riley Miller and William Looper as subscribing witnesses was produced in open court by said Riley Miller and the Due Execution thereof was Duly proven by the oaths of the said subscribing witnesses and It appearing to the court that the said Rebecca Stringfellow was a Resident of Overton County that she was of sound mind and Disposing memory at the time of the Execution of said will and that she Subsequently died in this county. It is therefore ordered on motion that the said paper writing be admitted to record as the last will and testament of the said Stringfellow and that it be placed upon Record by the Clerk of this court and it appearing to the Court that Samuel A. Looper has heretofore been appointed administrator of the Estate of the said Decedent It is ordered that the Clerk of this Court issue to him citation Requiring him to appear before this Court at next term to show cause why the letters of administration heretofore issued to him should not be revoked....

June Term 1858, Overton County TN Circuit Court Minutes (Oct 1856-Jan 1860), p. 204

Bailey Allred

Vs.

S. A. Looper

This Cause Came on to be heard before the Honorable E. L. Gardenhire Judge &c Presiding and the parties agree that the Judge decide the case upon the Statement of facts in the record Certified from the County Court of Overton County, and it is therefore ordered and Adjudged by the Court that the proceedings in the County Court revoking the Letters of administration to S. A. Looper be set aside, and for nothing held and that Samuel A. Looper is the Administrator of Rebecca Stringfellow Dec'd and that the Petition of Baily Alred be dismissed in this cause and that he pay the costs of the suit and that Execution issue.

From Overton Co., TN County Court, Jan 1857, p. 331 [Image 408 on FamilySearch film]

It is apparent that original letters of administration on Rebecca Stringfield's estate were issued at March Term 1856, the will was found and presented at November Term 1856, and letters of administration for Samuel A. Looper were revoked, then reinstated. He made bond at this term with W. W. Goodpasture his security in the sum of \$1,000. The court then heard a contest as to whether letters to Looper should be revoked and passed over to Bailey Allred.

June 1857 Overton County TN Court Minutes, p. 467 [Image 427 on FamilySearch film]

In the case Bailey Allred v. S. A. Looper, it was determined that Looper's bond was in question because he was insolvent and had only one security. On p. 470, we see that Bailey Allred was kin the deceased and that he was the largest creditor and thus claimed administration on that basis.

At July Term 1857, p. 443 [Images 429-430]

Joseph J. Tompkins was considered a suitable person to be selected administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of Rebecca Stringfellow.

FINAL THOUGHTS

In her exceptional work on the extended Allred family, Dawnell Griffin seems largely in accord with the above record of the family. Where she chiefly loses her way, in this writer's opinion, is in her failure to discern the family of a second Allred widow (in addition to Margaret Cheney Allred) in early Randolph County. That individual was Betty or Elizabeth Allred, who appears as a head of household in both the 1790 and 1800 censuses and in some other limited records. By not recognizing the presence of this family, she moved to make certain of its members a part of the Solomon Allred, Sr. family instead, like Isaac Allred, Thomas and Solomon Allred of Anderson Co., TN and Blount Co., AL, and Catherine Allred who married Nehemiah Odell. In doing so, she obscured some of the actual members of the family. If we follow her logic, we would have to think of Solomon, Sr.'s family as extremely fractured and dispersed. In order to make room for Solomon Allred of Anderson County, Mrs. Griffin booted Solomon Allred, Sr.'s actual son Solomon Allred, Jr. into the family of his brother William Allred, even though Solomon, Jr. accompanied with his father to Richmond Co., NC and was associated strongly with him and his brothers from the beginning. That misidentification occurred even though Overton Solomon continued to associate with the elder Solomon's daughter Rebecca (Allred) Stringfellow in Tennessee. The records can actually be interpreted in a much more linear and straightforward manner when we take Betty Allred fully into account. (See my associated paper, "The Mystery of Betty Allred.")

Mrs. Griffin certainly did not have access to in-depth research in Barnwell District and Georgia which would have revealed more about Phineas Allred's descendants there. We have to keep in mind that Phineas never acquired land in Barnwell. His children did, and he seems to

have resided with them until the family's move to Georgia where even his widow eventually acquired land of her own, albeit in a location where records have been mostly destroyed. Circumstances and bad luck have obscured Phineas. The lack of probate records and insufficient research in Barnwell for other Allred names there not associated with Jonathan Allred have allowed attribution of stray children to Phineas that he could not possibly have had.

Then, Mrs. Griffin conflates certain members of John Allred, Jr. (wife Lillie Ann)'s family, the eldest son of John Allred (d. 1792), with descendants of Solomon. This is entirely understandable (aside from the geographic incongruities) because that family went through many financial woes and became extremely difficult to trace. I have also written a paper about his line (See "Which John Was That?").

Finally, Griffin was not very aware of the descendants of James Allred (of Thomas), whose line largely fell through the cracks of everyone's research because he left no probate records and traveled into a burned county. Instead, Mrs. Griffin erroneously equates him with a James Allred who died suddenly and unexpectedly in Blount Co., AL in 1847 (per a letter in an Anderson Co., TN family) when he would have been nearly 100 years old if not older had he been the Progenitor Thomas's son. Instead, the James who died in 1847 was the son of the elder Thomas Allred then in Blount County, who later died and was buried in 1859 in Knox Co., TN.

But I must honor Dawnell Griffin's work. In the spirit of her intrepid Utah ancestors, she proved herself a true genealogical pioneer. She herself admitted in her book that further evidence would inevitably come to the fore with time to either verify or revise what she at first proposed. This process is unavoidable for any trail-blazing researcher. And it is the outcome that any conscientious investigator would expect and desire. Trail-blazers tend to lay down the foundations and erect a skeletal framework to build upon. They overturn many of the obscuring myths and false identifications that help their successors see a bit more clearly. It is for those who follow to restructure and improve the initial edifice with time and patient study. It is only through an iterative and dialogic process of research that we ultimately attain a closer reconstruction of the facts. The process is "iterative" in that each researcher treads over the old ground repeatedly looking for new clues, oversights, inconsistencies, and perspectives. It is "dialogic" in that they share and bounce ideas off one another and push each other to do better. This research is yet another step in that process, not its endpoint.