

THE MYSTERY OF BETTY ALLRED of Randolph County, North Carolina

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By this point, many researchers are familiar with one early Randolph County Allred widow. Margaret Allred, daughter of Francis Cheney and Sarah Allrichs, and widow of Theophilus Allred, is well-documented through census reports and land records that demonstrate her father's generosity toward both her and her children. She is even mentioned in the Revolutionary War pension application of her brother John Cheney. It would appear she later removed to Overton County, Tennessee with her sons and brother-in-law, Solomon Allred, Jr. But there was another Allred widow contemporary with Margaret and far less well-attested in the record, yet undeniably present. Her deceased husband remains unknown. But through failure to recognize her existence, her children have proven stumbling blocks for many. They have been assigned various parents over the years and through mis-assignment, the families into which they have been transplanted have also been obscured. This is a brief attempt to lay out the evidence we have concerning her and her children to correct these errors, even though we cannot speak definitively about her place in the broader Allred family tree.

Her name was Betty or Elizabeth Allred, and she appears in both the 1790 and 1800 censuses of Randolph County as follows.

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

Elizabeth Aldridge

2 M > 16

4 F

2 M < 16

1800 Census of Randolph Co., NC, p. 297

Betty Allred

1 M < 10

2 F 16/26

1 M 10/16

1 F 26/45

1 M 16/26

1 F > 45

She also appears in one additional record. But her children were very prominent locally in later generations. This sequence of records applies to the family as a whole.

Jun 1788 (Randolph Co., NC Bastardy Bonds) Catherine Allred charges Williams Duskins for an illegitimate child [i.e. Jeremiah Duskins]

Jun 1788 [related to the previous matter] A presentment filed against William Richards, Esq. and William Duskins, laborer, for taking a striped frock from Catherine Allred. Witnesses summoned: Elizabeth Allred, George [Wright?], Solomon Allred. [Found in Randolph County Criminal Action Papers C.R. 081.326.3, File marked 1788.]

23 Dec 1793—A capias issued against Solomon Allred on the complaint of Isaac Odell [who would soon marry Catherine Allred] for an assault, which involved taking Odell by the throat on the 21 December. Solomon Allred bound to appear and answer the charge with Thomas Allred, his security. Found in Randolph Co., NC Criminal Action Papers C. R. 081.326.4 (first folder marked 1793). Also two witnesses were called in this case, William Cox and John Allred (son of William). [The summons is specific about the father of John Allred.]

1802 Catherine Allred marries Isaac Odell. She subsequently has a daughter named Delilah Odell by him. A bond survives, but the date is not exact.

Note that the summons for witnesses in the William Duskins theft case is the only other reference to Betty Allred found in Randolph County records. Could Duskins and Richards have entered the Betty Allred home to take back the frock out of spite for Catherine's bastardy accusation, or as evidence she had been seeing another man who gave her the frock, thus strengthening Duskins's defense against the charge? I interpret the later interactions between Solomon Allred and Isaac Odell as an attempt by Solomon to defend his sister's honor against yet another paramour (since Odell married Catherine a few years later). Thomas Allred, Solomon's brother, backed him up in this matter, as one would expect. Both men reappear in the Anderson Co., TN 1802 tax list just a decade later. In fact, it would appear Solomon Allred was in Tennessee by 1794 when he married Mary Alldridge by bond in Jefferson County. Could these legal issues have driven them west? They are widely recognized by their descendants to have been brothers and letters preserved in Solomon of Anderson County's family prove the connection.

Looking again at the census entries with this sequence of records in mind, we can assign credible identities for everyone in Betty's household.

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

Elizabeth Aldridge

2 M < 16 [Jeremiah Duskin, Isaac Allred]

4 F [Betty, Catherine, Diana, Delilah]

2 M > 16 [Thomas Allred, Solomon Allred]

1800 Census of Randolph Co., NC, p. 297

Betty Allred

1 M < 10 [John C. Allred]

1M 10/16 [Jeremiah Duskins]

1 M 16/26 [Isaac Allred]

2 F 16/26 [Diana Allred and Delilah Allred]

1 F 26/45 [Catherine Allred]

1 F > 45 [Betty Allred]

Later interactions and naming practices in this family support these identifications, although, admittedly, the evidence is thin. But when we have a middle-aged, landless widow with children, we might not expect a great deal of evidence. There is, however, a strong relationship to the William Allred family and to his son John Allred. They certainly lived in his neighborhood. To me this suggests that either Elizabeth or her husband was a child of the pioneer William Allred. After suffering the loss of a husband, we would expect a daughter to cling to her father's and brothers' shadows. William and John are particularly closely linked to Isaac Allred below. Also linking Isaac into this family is his association with Diana Allred and the naming practices in his family and that of his brother Solomon, who named a son Isaac. Here we run down what we know about the presumed children of Betty Allred.

(1) **Catherine Allred** (c. 1766-1850/60, Randolph Co., NC) m. 1802 (Randolph Co., NC) Isaac Odell (29 Jul 1765—Nov 1845). They are both likely buried at the Odell-Trogdon Cemetery in Randolph County. In 1788, Catherine Allred was questioned concerning an illegitimate child she had borne. She identified William Duskins¹ as the father. In June of that year, the alleged father and William Richards, a justice of the peace, were accused by Catherine of taking one of her striped frocks. Was this a reclaimed love token or an attempt to seize evidence to defend Duskins from her claims? Among the witnesses called were Elizabeth Allred (presumed to be her mother), George [Wright?], and Solomon Allred (presumed to be her brother). A few years later, Isaac Odell, Catherine's future husband, was allegedly attacked by Solomon Allred who seized him by the throat on 21 Dec 1793. Among the witnesses here was John Allred (son of William). Solomon Allred's appearance in court was secured by Thomas Allred, his brother.

A bit later in the 1790s, it is alleged that Catherine had another illegitimate child by a member of the Cude family (per the yDNA results of a descendant). This child was John C. Allred,

¹ yDNA testing of direct male line descendants suggest that the actual father could have been an Ellis, unless William Duskins himself was the product of illegitimacy either in his parents' generation or that of a father or paternal grandfather.

later a magistrate in Randolph County of some prominence. Catherine married Isaac Odell in 1802 as his second wife. She had two known children by him, a girl named Delilah Odell², probably named for her sister, and a son named Isaac Odell, Jr. Delilah Odell never married. After Isaac Odell's death, both Catherine and Delilah Odell both lived with John C. Allred.

(a) **Jeremiah Duskins** (19 or 20 Feb 1788—30 Jun 1867, Wayne Co., IA) m. 14 Aug 1812 (Randolph Co., NC, Reuben Allred³, bondsman), Dorcas Trogdon.

(b) **John C[ude?] Allred** (20 Jun 1794—23 Aug 1873) m. 31 Oct 1815 (bond, Randolph Co., NC; bondsman John Farlow⁴) Eleanor Diffie (8 Dec 1798—25 Apr 1866). Bur. Giles Chapel UMC. A long-time magistrate in Randolph County residing on Haskett's Creek and Deep River. He along with William Allred, William Trogdon and others are said to have built the Cedar Falls covered bridge about 1837. yDNA testing of direct patrilineal male descendants has proven John C.'s father was probably a Cude. Clearly he was born out of wedlock, though there is no bastardy case to prove it. Catherine (Allred) Odell and Delilah lived with him in 1850 and 1860. The following deeds seem to apply to him:

31 Jul 1817 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 13:359) John Allred and his wife Eleanor to Goshen Jennings, for \$100, 100 acres adjacent "the River," Diffie. w/ William Laughlin, Elizabeth (X) Laughlin.

5 Apr 1854 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 29:330) John C. Allred to Milton Hinshaw, for \$500, 112 acres on Deep River adj. Adam York. w/ Joseph Pritchard, Jesse J. York.

26 Feb 1859 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 31:375) John C. Allred to Jesse F. M. Conner, for \$7, 5 acres on the north side of the creek. w/ Isaac Allred, Delila Allred.

13 Jan 1866 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 35:375) John C. Allred to Catherine Allred, widow of Elisha Allred, dec'd, for \$150, 84 acres on Hasket's Creek adj. a rock on the south bank of Hasket's, the old field, a branch, Joseph Hasket's 25-acre survey, Joseph Conner. To belong to Catherine for her lifetime and then to the five children: Hannah L. Allred, Joseph C. Allred, Nancy E. Allred, Susan Allred and Araminta C. Allred. w/ J. W. Steed, A. G. Davis.

² Isaac Odell, Sr. was apparently married to a woman named Martha prior to Catherine, who died in 1800 and is buried at the Odell-Trogdon Cemetery. So his relationship with Catherine would have potentially been adulterous if it began before 1800.

³ This was likely William Allred and Patience Julian's son of that name. He was the grandchild of the original William Allred, yet another tie to that family.

⁴ The actual date of marriage according to the family bible was 5 Nov 1815.

17 Jan 1866 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 35:421) John C. Allred to Lemuel Davis, for \$100, 64 acres on the south side of Hasket's Creek,, adj. a big rock, the Mill Road, Catherine Allred, old Mill tract. w/ A. M. Diffiee.

12 Aug 1868 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 35:405) John C. Allred to John W. Allred, for \$250, 75 acres on Haskett Creek, adj. a big rock on the south side, Diffiee, the Sandy Creek Road. w/ J. M. Conner.

His children, per his extensive estate record, were:; **Moses Allred** (24 May 1816—3 Jun 1870, Grant Co., IN) m. 16 Nov 1843 (Randolph Co., NC), Elizabeth J. Cruthers; **Diana Allred** (22 Nov 1817—13 Apr 1887; bur. Giles Chapel UMC) m. 3 Apr 1851 (Randolph Co., NC), Lemuel Davis (1831-1895); **Aaron Allred** (16 Feb 1819—9 Feb 1894; bur. Giles Chapel UMC) m. 17 Dec 1842 (Randolph Co., NC), Elizabeth Pritchard (1827-1914); **Elijah Allred** (29 Dec 1820—19 Mar 1869) m. 15 Aug 1846 (Randolph Co., NC), Orpha Scarlett (1827-1894); **Elisha Allred** (29 Dec 1820—bef. 1866) m. 19 Apr 1847 (Randolph Co., NC) Katharine Steed; **Jeremiah Allred** (9 Mar 1824—12 Apr 1901) m. 26 Jun 1849 (Randolph Co., NC), Eliza Scarlett; **Catherine Allred** (1 Oct 1826—28 Jan 1903; bur. Giles Chapel UMC) m. 3 May 1853 (Randolph Co., NC), Henry M. Conner (1823-1862); **John W. Allred** (b. 24 Mar 1827) m. Jane Redding (to Tuscola, Douglas Co., IL); **Nancy Allred** (9 Jul 1831—8 Oct 1851) m. 12 Apr 1851 (Randolph Co., NC), Henry Conner; **William Allred** (28 Jul 1833); **Delilah Allred** (b. 22 Mar 1836) m. Jonathan Rollins (to Henry Co., IN, later back to Randolph); **Lucy Eleanor “Ellen” Allred** (8 Dec 1843—7 Jan 1870; bur. Giles Chapel UMC) m. Alson G. Davis.

There are two children in John C. Allred's 1860 household who aren't later listed among his heirs. They were Isaac Allred (b. 6 Aug 1839) and James M. Allred (b. 1845). James Allred could be the son of Elijah Allred, who is listed in his household in 1850 but not in 1860.⁵ But Isaac is listed normally in birth order in the family bible before Eleanor Allred. Is it possible he predeceased his father?⁶

(c) **Isaac Odell, Jr.**⁷ (c. 1802—aft. 1870, Morgan Co., IN) m. 31 Jan 1839 (Morgan Co., IN) Lydia Brewer (b. 1824, VA). She married secondly, 5 Jun 1887, to John Whitt. They were

⁵ Elisha also had a son James M. Allred of nearly the same age, but he is listed with his father in both 1850 and 1860. Not that he couldn't have been listed twice in 1860.

⁶ See Dawnell H. Griffin, “John C. Allred, 1794 – 1873” at the MyAllredFamily.com website.

⁷ At least three of Isaac Odell, Jr.'s descendants appear in an Allred-related cluster of matches for my atDNA correspondent from the Thomas Allred (of Anderson Co., TN and Blount Co., AL) lineage, albeit at low levels of

parents of: Lindsay Odell (b. c. 1840) m. 21 May 1865 (Putnam Co., IN) Rebecca Page; Agnes Odell (22 Apr 1844—21 May 1893, Morgan Co., IN) m. 17 Mar 1863, Allen R. Wheeler; Nathaniel Odell (b. c. 1847); Isaac Odell (b. c. 1850) m. 12 Mar 1878, Mary E. Todd; Margaret Odell (c. 1851—19 Mar 1930) m. (1) John Jasper Harrison, (2) Elisha Whitt; Lydia Keziah Odell (8 Apr 1852—9 Jul 1901, Morgan Co., IN) m. 26 Nov 1868 (Morgan Co., IN), Henry Tilghman Bradley; George Odell (b. c. 1847); Hannah Odell (25 Mar 1859—25 Oct 1882, Morgan Co., IN).

(d) **Delilah Odell** (b. c. 1806—aft. 1860, Randolph Co., NC). Never married.

(2) **Thomas Allred** (2 Apr 1771—28 Apr 1859) m. Margaret Alldridge, daughter of Nathan Alldridge. He lived for a time in Anderson Co., TN, near his brother Solomon, then in Blount Co., AL. He then returned to Knox Co., TN to live with his daughter “Vanie” Wood. There he died and is buried at Glenwood Cemetery in Powell, Knox Co., TN. He is most elusive in terms of documents, but the following records refer to him.⁸

1802 Anderson Co. TN Tax List

Solomon Allred and Thomas Allred are listed near their father-in-law Nathan Alldridge.

13 Jun 1804 (Anderson Co., TN County Court Minutes, p. 134)

John Stone and Doherty Devises v. Thos. Allred, Wm. Harris & David Shoemaker [to whom was added as a defendant Elizabeth Reed, minor with Jacob Gibbs, guardian]. This was in regard to disputed land which Samuel Crawford was appointed to survey. *There are no other mentions of Thomas Allred after this. Did the disputes cause his removal to Alabama?*

1850 Census of Blount Co., AL, p. 141B

Thomas Allred b. 1775, living with Elizabeth Gunter (aged 36) and her children.

He was father to: **Thomas Allred** (b. 1790s) of Jefferson Co., AL; **Lemuel Allred** (b. c. 1795, TN) of Blount Co., AL m. Sarah; **James Allred** (d. 1847, Blount Co., AL) m. 12 Sep 1833 (Jefferson Co., AL) Eliza Watts; **Solomon Allred** (b. 1800/1810 d. 1840/50, Blount Co., AL) m. 25 Nov 1830 (Blount Co., AL) Nancy Naylor; **William Allred** (b. c. 1806, TN) m. 27 Jan 1829 (Blount Co., AL)

shared DNA with the highest amount being a 21 cM segment. But this is clear evidence of Allred ancestry for a family that departed Randolph County early and had no other known connections to the place. The shared matches were Allred descendants through other lineages principally the Thomas Allred line but also through Solomon Allred, Sr. and Delilah Allred m. Stephen Williams (a daughter of James Allred perhaps through a daughter of Solomon Allred, Sr.)

⁸ As of this writing, the deeds of Anderson Co., TN are not yet on FamilySearch. They have not been digitized, which suggests they may never be. Research should be done to expand what we know of this family. But it will have to be done in the county or in Salt Lake City at the FamilySearch Library.

Elizabeth Brown; **Nathan Allred** (b. c. 1810, TN d. aft. 1900 Garland Co., AR) m. (1) 19 Aug 1828 (Blount Co., AL) Lucinda Brown, (2) 23 Feb 1860 (Marshall Co., AL), Keziah Isabel Coker; **Mary Allred** (b. c. 1815, TN) m. (3 Jan 1833, Blount Co., AL) Samuel Fortner; **Sylvania Allred** (16 Apr 1819—13 Sep 1885, bur. Glenwood Cem., Knox Co., TN) m. 19 Jun 1840, Alfred Wood (1813—1882). Perhaps there were others.

(3) **Diana Allred** (c. 1773—1850/1860, Randolph Co., NC). Appears to have been an unmarried woman. She lived with her presumed brother Isaac Allred in the 1840 and 1850 censuses of Randolph County. The only reference to her apart from her 1850 census appearance is a criminal action against Robert Allred in 1837. John S. Elliott accused Robert of perjury in a case brought before September term 1837. Other witnesses included: David, Joshua and Nancy Jennings, Andrew Burgess, John Redding, Gaines Winningham, Hugh McCain, Reuben Giles, Samuel Trogdon and Joseph Pritchard (Randolph Co., NC Criminal Action Papers, Box 081.326.30. Nothing further is known of her.

(4) **Solomon Allred** (b. c. 1775, d. c. 1857, Anderson Co., TN) m. 17 Dec 1794 (Jefferson Co., TN) Mary Alldridge⁹ (b. c. 1776 d. 1860/70), daughter of Nathan Alldridge. He lived his entire life after Randolph County in Anderson County, TN, near his father-in-law, Nathan Alldridge. He appears in the following records after his early adventures in Randolph Co. as described above.

1802 Anderson Co. TN Tax List

Solomon Allred and Thomas Allred are listed near their father-in-law Nathan Alldridge.

17 Sep 1807 (Anderson Co., TN Court Minutes, p. 256) Ordered by the court that Solomon Allred be overseer of the road instead of Charles Weeks and have the same hands and bounds.

12 Sep 1808 (Anderson Co., TN Court Minutes, p. 347) Ordered by the court that William Boyd be overseer of the road from Alldridge's ford to William Standefer's instead of Solomon Alred and have the same hands and bounds.

14 Apr 1818 (Anderson Co., TN Court Minutes, p. 201) Ordered that Solomon Allred be overseer of the road in place of John Hoskins and have the same bounds and hands.

14 Jul 1818 (Anderson Co., TN Court Minutes, p. 232) Ordered that Moses Duncan be Overseer of the road from John Dunevans to Thomas Frost and to have all the hands in Capt. Galbreaths Company that live North of Wallen's Ridge to open and keep the said road in repair and that Solomon Allred and the hands that work under him as overseer of the road work on the above described road one day in helping to clear it out.

⁹ Her name is garbled as "Mary McDonaldridge" in the record.

14 Jul 1818—(Anderson Co., TN Court Minutes, p. 235) State vs. **John H. Allred**. He pleaded not guilty and was found not guilty.

1830 Census of Anderson Co., TN, p. 185

Solomon Allred

1 M 5/10

1 F 50/60

1 M 50/60

1840 Census of Anderson Co., TN, p. 21

1 M 10/15

1 F 60/70

1 M 60/70

1850 Census of Anderson Co., TN, p. 19A

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Solomon Allred

75

farmer \$600 RE b. NC

Mary Allred

74

b. NC

Several family letters survive from this connection which illuminate the issue of Solomon Allred and his brother Thomas somewhat. They have also been misinterpreted from time to time. In one instance, for example, James Allred, the son of “uncle Thomas Allred” identified as having died suddenly and shockingly in the woods in Blount County, AL in 1847 was mistaken as identical with the James Allred who was born prior to 1755 and son to Thomas of Randolph County, NC who died around 1809.¹⁰ The latter James remained in Randolph County and died between 1810 and 1830. Solomon and Mary (Alldridge) Allred’s children included: **John H. Allred** (?) of the 1818 court case; **Mahala Jane Allred** (b. c. 1800, TN) m. c. 1817, John Key (remarried 5 Nov 1846 in Anderson Co., TN to Elizabeth Tiller); **Andrew Allred** (b. c. 1801, TN) m. (1) Elizabeth Roden (2) c. 1827 (Blount Co., AL) Letia Yielding (3) 6 Aug 1833 (Blount Co., AL) Lucinda Fortner, (4) 21 Mar 1843 (Blount Co., AL) Delilah Cox; **Isaac Allred** (b. c. 1805; of Ozark, Greene Co., MO and later, Webster Co., MO) m. c. 1835, Mary Howe; **Thomas Allred** (b. c. 1809, TN) m. 24 Jan 1838 (Shelby Co., IN), Rosannah Montgomery.¹¹ There may have been other children.

¹⁰ See Linda Allred Cooper, “Who Was Thomas Jr.?” *Allred Family Newsletter* No. 87 (Summer 2011) 4-5 and Dawnell Griffin, “Solomon and Mary Aldridge Allred,” *Allred Family Newsletter* No. 98 (Spring 2014) 1- 6.

¹¹ The Joseph Wesley Allred (b. c. 1812/1817, NC d. 12 Aug 1893, Anderson Co., TN) m. (1) 13 Mar 1846 (Knox Co., TN), Mary Ann Wilkerson; (2) Amanda C. often attributed to this family could not in fact be the son of Solomon Allred. Solomon Allred was in Anderson County from at least 1802. There is no evidence he went back to North Carolina. And yet, Joseph Wesley Allred consistently says he was born in North Carolina in census records. Probably Joseph Wesley is associated with the family of John Allred, Jr. (wife Lillie Ann) and his son James Allred, for their descendants too came to Knox Co., TN. Joseph Wesley Allred is associated with James Allred’s (of John, Jr.) son John in Knox County. Wesley, in fact, purchased John (of James)’s forfeited land after a foreclosed mortgage. I believe these two were brothers, sons of James (of John, Jr. and Lillie Ann). Their grandfather John may even have come with them for there is a John Allred, Sr. in that neighborhood with a male aged 80 to 90 according to the 1830 census of Knox. I have added these individuals in an update to my prior report, “Which John Was That?”

(5) **Isaac Allred** (c. 1777—Aug 1859,¹² of palsy, Randolph Co., NC—per 1860 Mortality Schedule, Federal Census) m. Rachel Trogdon (c. 1777-1870), daughter of Samuel Trogdon. Isaac was a denizen of Deep River near the mouth of Bush Creek. He intermarried with the Trogdons there. But the Odells and Diffees were also evidently within his daily orbit. He appears rather early on as a chain bearer on some of their land grants, as well as the land transactions of William Allred (m. Elizabeth Diffee) and his sons, from the William Allred, Sr. family.

11 Nov 1794—Isaac Allred and Solomon Trogdon were chainers on a grant to John Trogdon, 100 acres on Bush Creek.

12 Mar 1796—Isaac Allred and Tobias Long were chainers on a grant to Thomas Benson (Beason?) at the head of Bush Creek.

15 Mar 1796—Solomon Long sold Isaac Allred his interest in a land entry for 100 acres on Deep River with Joseph Elliott, a witness. The tract was surveyed 26 Mar 1796 with Tobias Long, Jr. and Isaac Allred, chainers.

13 Apr 1796—Isaac Allred and Tobias Long were chainers on a grant to George Wright on Hicks Branch of Deep River near Annis Cox.

18 Dec 1801 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 15:94) NC to Isaac Allred for 30 shillings per hundred paid by Solomon Long, 100 acres on the north side of Deep River adj. Job Simons. Entered 4 Aug 1794.

24 Oct 1803 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 8:419) John Mangum to Isaac Allred, for 235 silver dollars, 214 acres on Deep River, part of a grant to Herman Husbands and willed to John Husbands who sold to Mangum. w/ William Trogdon.

Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 9:103, State to Isaac Allred for an entry made 23 Jun 1792, 100 acres on Millstone Creek adj. Barker, Latter.

8 May 1804 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 13:204) George (W) Wright to Isaac Allred, for \$100, a parcel surveyed 12 Aug 1796 for Wright (assigned by Samuel Hemphill to John Sims and from Sims to Wright) 150 acres on Hick's Branch of Deep River, adj. Isaac Allred. w/ Isaac Trogdon, James Hislop.

29 Nov 1817 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 15:98) NC to Isaac Allred, 300 acres on Deep River adj. Mangum. Entered 11 Feb 1802 and 22 Jan 1803. Surveyed 3 Nov 1803. Chainers: William Trogdon, William Allred.

30 Nov 1819 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 15:97) NC to Isaac Allred, 150 acres on Deep River adj. Laughlin, Diffee, entered 14 Sep 1816. Surveyed 23 Oct 1819 with chainbearers: John Allred and John Allred.

30 Nov 1819 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 10:423 ½) John Allred recorded a grant for 109 acres on Deep River adj. Trogdon, Swafford. He had entered the land 8 Oct 1817. It was surveyed 9 Oct 1818 with John Allred and Isaac Allred chainers.

1820 Census of Randolph Co., NC, p. 156
Isaac Aldredge

Who was **Enoch D. Allred** in relation to this family. Is he the youngest child? A grandchild? Was he the young man living with Solomon Allred in 1830 and 1840? He was born about 1825 and married Lucy of Liza Fielding 8 Jan 1846 in Anderson County. His family later lived in Knox Co., TN.

¹² His estate file also places his death in August of 1859.

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

27 Nov 1829 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 15:627) NC to Isaac Allred, 60 acres on Deep River adj. Glasgow. Entered 27 Oct 1828. Surveyed 29 May 1829. Chainers: Jeremiah Duskins, Solomon Allred.

1830 Census of Randolph Co., NC, p. 59
 Isaac Allred

1 M 10/15	1 F 10/15
1 M 15/20	1 F 20/30
1 M 20/30	1 F 50/60
1 M 50/60	

2 May 1837 (Randolph Co., NC Deed Book 21:25) Isaac and Rachel Allred to John Trogdon, for \$80,100 acres on Gabriel's Creek. w/ Benjamin Swaim.

1840 Census of Randolph Co., NC, Northern Division, p. 109
 Isaac Allred

1 M 60/70	2 F 60/70 [Diana and Rachel]	
	1 F 15/20	2 enslaved males

1850 Census of Randolph Co., NC, p. 246B

1233	Isaac Allred	73	Farmer	\$600 RE
	Rachael	73		
	Rachael	30		
	Deanna	77		

1859—Isaac Allred's estate file in Randolph County specifies that he had 833 acres of land in Randolph County adjacent the lands of John Allred and others. John M. Odell was his administrator.

Isaac Allred's male descendants match the true Allred signature in terms of yDNA typical in Randolph County. Thus, he and his siblings were undoubtedly the legitimate issue of an Allred father back to William, Thomas or Solomon. His closest association is with Diana Allred who apparently lived with him in 1840 and 1850. But he also seems associated with John C. Allred, who was his nephew, and with neighbor John Allred, son of William. His children are easily discoverable through his estate file. Note the son named Solomon Allred, after his brother who went to Tennessee. Children: **Calvin Allred** (allegedly went west); **Rachel Allred** (30 May 1820—20 Apr 1892, bur. Cedar Falls UMC) m. 15 Oct 1868 (Randolph Co., NC), Julius Cicero Gregson (1812—28 Jan 1883); **Levinia Allred** (27 Jun 1803—30 Jun 1880, Randolph Co., NC) m. 8 May 1824 (Randolph Co., NC) William Diffie (14 Nov 1801—30 May 1873; bur. Giles Chapel); **Mary Allred** (c. 1807--1884) m. 19 Mar 1831 (Randolph Co., NC) David Jennings (1811--1885 Randolph Co., NC, bur. Brickyard Cemetery); **Solomon Allred**; **Anderson Allred** (23 Nov 1809—31 Jan 1851, Randolph Co., NC; bur. Billy Trogdon Cem.) m. 12 Aug 1831 (Randolph Co., NC bond), Sabina McMasters (5 Sep 1813—22 Jul 1891).

(6) **Delilah Allred** (7 Oct 1783—2 Aug 1832) m. Col. Benjamin Caviness (25 Nov 1788—15 Oct 1869, Randolph Co., NC; bur. Rains-Caviness Cemetery). His second wife was Nancy Brady and his third Hannah Macon. Her only clear association with this family is her geographic proximity, the fact that she fits into Betty Allred's census in 1790 and 1800, the use of the names Delilah and Diana for daughters in John C. Allred's family, and her presumed sister Catherine's naming of a daughter Delilah. Benjamin and Delilah were the parents of: **Rev. Alfred Harris Caviness** (4 Jan 1816- 7 Mar 1902) m. (1) Eliza Craven, (2) Eliza Jane York; **Rebeca Caviness** (4 Oct 1817—14 Jun 1893, Graves Co., KY) m. Alfred D. Moffitt; **Isaac Fields Caviness** (7 Jan 1821— 18 Oct 1847, Randolph Co., NC) m. Nancy A. Craven; **Benjamin Sanders Caviness** (25 Jun 1825—26 Oct 1896, Bennett, Chatham Co., NC) m. (1) 21 Dec 1852, Sophia Craven, (2) 30 Sep 1860, Sarah Elizabeth Allred; **Mary M. Caviness** (7 May 1827—21 Feb 1895, Robbins, Moore Co., NC) m. 21 Sep 1846, Stephen M. Carter (1824—1882); **John Randolph Caviness** (9 Oct 1829—12 Apr 1905, Randolph Co., NC) m. Mahala Adeline Moffitt.

While it is impossible to determine with any clarity the name of Betty Allred's husband, it seems reasonable that he must have died during or just after the Revolutionary War. He could have died of natural causes or as a consequence of combat or internecine fighting among neighbors. It is interesting that there were two men with the name Allred or Aldridge involved on the Loyalist side during the Southern campaigns.¹³ They were:

***Edward Allred**, part of Capt. James Kerr's Co., Queen's Rangers, under Lt. Col. J. Graves Simcoe. He was captured in 1781 or 1782 in South Carolina and died 29 Jan 1782.

***Isaac Aldridge**, a private in Camden, SC in Col. William Ballentine's Regiment, 2nd Rgt. of Camden Militia from May to August 1782. He is reported deserted on the roster.

¹³ See Murtie Jane Clark, *Loyalists in the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1981) Vol. 1, 136; Vol. II, 371-387, 389.

One of these men may be associated with this family. On the other hand, neither may be connected. But it is interesting that the given name of the second individual is Isaac, a favorite among Betty Allred's descendants.

A third possibility is presented by an early tombstone that once stood at the Billy Trogdon Cemetery but was removed by an unknown party when that person moved out of a local apartment, was then reclaimed, and has since disappeared again. It was made of native stone and took the form of an upward pointing arrow bearing the simple initials, "S.A." There were many early tombstones made in Randolph County from local slate and soapstone by craftsmen in the area. Many examples are to be found at the McMasters Cemetery as well, and some do date back to the eighteenth century. Since other members of the William Allred family are buried at the Trogdon Cemetery, certain descendants have posited that this was the monument of one Solomon Allred who could have been Betty Allred's husband. Of course, we cannot be sure of that identification and the stone is no longer around to examine, though a photograph does exist. But let us say for argument that this is correct. If Betty's husband was named Solomon, it would almost certainly be that *he* was a lost child of William Allred, Sr., for we know that Thomas had no son Solomon, and the Solomon, Jr. son of the original Solomon in North Carolina went to Overton County, TN via Richmond Co., NC. ¹⁴

In the last few years, I was privileged to view the atDNA results of a descendant of Thomas Allred (m. Margaret Alldridge). Interestingly, I found an Allred cluster whose dominant pattern were matches with descendants of Solomon Allred the Progenitor through Georgia and Overton County, TN lines. There were also several descendants of John C. Allred of this write-up, an illegitimate child of Catherine Allred. This pattern suggests there is a primary relationship to the Solomon Allred line, either through Betty or her husband. And given that they named a son Solomon, that is not a surprising conclusion to reach.

But because of their proximity to and interactions with the William Allred family in the records, I believe one of the members of the founding couple was one of his children and thus, that it may have been a marriage of cousins. To back this up, I also found a cluster of genetic matches

¹⁴ On the other hand, there is even a possibility that the stone belonged to the first American Solomon, the father and grandfather of the four Allred progenitors in North Carolina. He may have accompanied his family South and died in North Carolina in that very early period. In extreme old age, he would have had no need to acquire his own land, and could have died before good records were being kept locally. So many records were lost when this region was part of Orange County (destroyed during the Revolution by burying in the ground) and Guilford County (destroyed by the British), and those courthouses were quite far removed from Deep River and Sandy Creek.

in my collaborator's results involving descendants of Jeremiah Duskins which included folks tracing their lineage back to William Allred the Progenitor, particularly through Mahlon Allred who traveled to Iowa. Mahlon was a son of William Allred and Patience Julian. But the Solomon aspect was far stronger. It is my belief that Elizabeth "Betty" Allred would have decided to remain with her father when her husband died, and, therefore, that she is the likely connection to William Allred. That would make her husband the connection to Solomon Allred. If Solomon had been her father, one would expect her to be inclined to move near him and her brothers when she was widowed given that she had no land of her own. She must have been living on someone's land. But it could be either way, really. It is also possible that her father-in-law could have persuaded her to keep his grandchildren close to him with a promise to provide for them.