
P R E F A C E

T O R E P R I N T

This book is an edited reprint of the first edition. It is not the long awaited “Second Edition” that the author had been working on for years. The main body and text of the book is substantially the same. Different and included in this printing are a foreword and fully documented family group sheets of the entire James Allred family prepared by Dawnell H. Griffin¹. The editor has added this “Preface to Reprint,” “Acknowledgments,” a short biography “About the Author,” added some pictures, and a full index. The changes referred to in the original Eratta sheet along with some minor grammatical, spelling and citation corrections have been silently made. After the first printing, the author made written comments. The editor has chosen to add some of these to the footnotes in [brackets.] Other notes and changes made are also included in [brackets].

In 1995, after ten years of research, Linda Allred Steele, reluctantly stopped her research and published this book, the first edition of *James and Elizabeth Allred*. Linda did not want to stop her research because there was more to discover. She wanted her book to include all possible discoverable facts. There will always be more research to do. Family, friends, and colleagues persuaded her to stop and write the book.

A review of the book in *The Journal of Mormon History* stated:

Although neither James nor Elizabeth left any personal writings, Linda Steele has been resourceful in using the *Mormon Redress Petitions*, the *History of the Church*, memoirs by associates and descendants, parallel accounts by fellow travelers and townspeople, land records, minutes, and tax records.²

A review of the book in the *Genealogical Journal* stated:

This book is a well researched and documented treatment of the life of James Allred and his wife Elizabeth Warren. James, an 1832 convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, lived on the frontier of the United States all of his life. As the frontier moved west so did he.

1 **Dawnell H. Griffin** has been a professional genealogist for over 25 years. She attended Utah State University and Brigham Young University. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, the League of Utah Writers, and the Utah State Poetry Society. She has been on research excursions to Ireland and Denmark. She has written and published: “Kiss the Babies for Me;” Jonathan Allred 1772 - 1850; Jonathan Allred 1774 - 1826; and Tapestry. She has published “Ploughboy,” a poem submitted to the Music and Cultural Arts Division of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She received a 2006 Deseret Dramatic Recognition Award. In June 2007, the Friend published her short story “Caught in the Act.” She is married to Wade and has had eight children. Ms. Griffin graciously agreed to include her work in this book.

2 “Book Notices,” *Journal of Mormon History*, Fall 2001, 300.

Mrs. Steele is meticulous in placing James and Elizabeth in the history of this country and the early days of the LDS church. She states: "James and Elizabeth and their family had great strength - physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. They had to be strong in order to accomplish what they did and to live through the experiences they had."

Stories of James Allred have circulated among family members for many years. In this work we find the stories fully documented. Descendants of Mr. Allred can rely on the information given by the author as she has thoroughly documented all of the family traditions. Where she has found no verification for a particular story she gives a complete explanation leaving the reader with a good idea of what is true and what may not be true.

Beginning in North Carolina, with the birth of James in 1784, the son of William and Elizabeth (Thrasher) Allred, the migration of his parents and later James and his wife are followed to their last home in Sanpete County, Utah. Historical events and the activities of James fit together, and provide a personal look at history. Her style of placing the two together serves as a model for others who plan to write a personal history of an ancestor.

Mrs. Steele gives her descent from James and Elizabeth in a well defined pedigree in the front of the book. A complete list of contents follows. The appendix includes maps of Allred migrations, family group sheets, and finally a complete list of works cited. The book is highly recommended to any who may be related to James and Elizabeth Allred.³

The review continues with recommendations on fixes. It recommended the author eliminate double spacing and add an index. Spacing has been reduced and an index included.

Inspite favorable reviews, Linda was not satisfied with the first edition. She threw herself back into the research. After ten more years of work, the expenditure of a small fortune, thousands of miles and hours, after accumulating over ten large binders of notes and data and shelves full of books, Linda once again questioned whether to do more research or start writing. During the summer of 2005, Linda took a research trip with Alice Allred Pottmyer, Dawnell Griffin and Dawnell's daughter, Amanda. They followed James and Elizabeth's westward route to answer some final quesitons. As her teaching term at Northwestern Community College ended in December 2005, Linda announced she was finished with her research and ready to start writing the second edition. She reduced her teaching load for the following term to give her more time to write. On December 19, 2005, before she was able to start writing, she unexpectedly passed away.

It is my desire to capture Linda's years of work and make it available to the family and public through a second edition or new book. I hope to elicit the assistance of others in accomplishing this work and to give credit to those who contribute. This should be a family project. After reviewing Linda's research and notes, I have realized a second edition or new work will take substantially more time and effort than originally contemplated. Realizing the amount of work that lay ahead and the time it will take, I have decided to make the first edition available to those who may be interested while I strive to complete the new book. I thank you for your interest in this project.

—Larry A. Steele, *Editor*

3 Elaine Justesen A.G., "James and Elizabeth Allred," Genealogical Journal, Volume 24, 1996, Number 1, 44.



Linda Allred Steele

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Linda Allred Steele was born October 7, 1951 in Rangely, Colorado. Linda was the daughter of Earl and Gladys Allred. She grew up as the only sister to three husky rough and tumble brothers. She spent most of her young years in Rangely, Colorado and married her childhood friend, Larry A. Steele in the LDS Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah, December 8, 1972.

Linda devoted her life to her family, friends, the Church, teaching the youth, and to the research and writing of history. She has four children, Michael Allen Steele (Deanna), Aaron Dean Steele (Mandy), Sterling Brooks Steele (Kristin), and Benjamin James Steele, who is deceased. Linda has six grandchildren, Sydney, Adielle, Hayden, Luke, Lauren and Madison.

In 1974, Linda graduated Magna Cum Laude from Brigham Young University receiving a degree in History. She was a teacher in the Uintah School District for many years. At the time of her death, she was teaching history at Northwestern Community College in Rangely, Colorado and was working on a Master's Degree in History from Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Linda was president of the Uintah Schools Foundation, a member of the Uintah County Fair Board, a leader in a political party, held numerous leadership positions in church, scouting and was engaged in many other community activities.

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Linda craved adventure and loved to share her stories in the class room. In college, she spent thirty days on a wilderness survival trip. She booted up in pink laces and rode dirt bikes with her husband and sons throughout the western states. She scaled the Wind River Mountain Range in Wyoming with four other women, sliding down the face of a glacier on a plastic sack. Linda took thirty college age men and women to China for four months to teach English to Chinese students. She hiked King's Peak, the highest mountain in Utah. Linda bicycled down the Oregon coast numerous times. Her travels took her to New Zealand. Linda traveled extensively throughout colonial, southern and western America studying history and American life.

—Larry A. Steele

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