

AAFA Census Project

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Alicia Ann Roundy was born 1957 in San Francisco, CA. She began working with our Alford group in 1983 and when she heard about the association she was the very first one to join. She and Gil Alford collaborated on our first unpublished book in 1986 "About Alford's In Oregon and Washington" which emphasized the descendants of Thoms Alford b. 1802 VA. At the time she lived in Washington State but later moved to Pennsylvania. When we began the organization of AAFA and began matching members to work she asked to be the census project officer. At the meeting in Houston in 1989 we announced her 15 year plan to extract all the Alford's from all censuses from 1790-1910. The 1920 census was subsequently released and has been included.



Little did our governmental forefathers know that with the creation of a Federal Census, instead of merely counting its citizens for taxes and representation, they would be creating a comprehensive collection of information on the composition, migration and ethnic background of individual American families spanning over two centuries. Through the census, we find American history reduced to communities and families of "just plain folk" who, collectively, performed great tasks and caused great change, culminating in a society where we have greater wealth, better education, and more free time to pursue individual interests. Partly because our current prosperity was built on the backs of these valiant ancestors, we look to them to find the best in ourselves.

When one begins the odyssey of researching family history, it soon becomes apparent that the US Federal Censuses are the place to begin - after, of course, one has exhausted the collective memory of the eldest family members and all those old papers stored in trunks and shoeboxes! Genealogists are the most prominent users of the

Federal Census and clamor for more (- and easier!) access to the available information.

The early census records (1790-1840) help us find where our ancestors lived, know how they were grouped in families, and provide characteristics to distinguish them from others with the same names. In later census (1850-1870) we discover actual ages, occupations, land ownership, prior

The chart on the facing page shows by year and state the status of each of the census units. Those who have worked on the project take great pride in their accomplishments. Some of you are missing the opportunity of a lifetime - being part of the AAFA census team. If you would like to enjoy participation in this effort - there is some work involved - then contact Alicia Houston via e-mail <ARHouston@aol.com> or write to her in care of AAFA, Inc., POB 1586, Florissant, MO 63031

residences and paths of migration. The most recent census available (1900-1920) add depth and personality to our forbears. Through these latest

records we find street addresses and house numbers, the country of origin (in the case of immigration) and dates of naturalization, number of children born to a family, and many other details regarding living conditions and personal characteristics.

As you know, AAFA was formed with the intent and goal of linking families between generations and preserving family history. To this end, we began in 1989 to systematically extract all Alford's from the available census records. The purpose of this project was to help our members find connections to the past and map branches of the Alford tree.

The results to date are impressive. Using available census indexes and the volunteer hours of many faithful members, we have identified and extracted all Alford's (under multiple spelling variations) from 1790 through 1850. Almost all those counted in 1860 and 1870 have been extracted also. Volunteers have extracted from the soundex almost every state enumerated from 1900 to 1920.

After close inspection and a second viewing of original microfilm to verify completeness and accuracy, we have published results of the entire decade for 1790, 1800, 1810 and 1820. Most of the 1850 and many of the 1860 state units have also been published in the AAFA Quarterly. In the not-too-distant future, we hope to publish a single volume containing all of 1780-1840, and a second volume containing all of 1850. 1860 and 1870 are also progressing toward completion and publication will follow shortly.

Lest one think the task is complete, let me say that in our efforts to make the extraction meaningful, we have much work to do. Although the initial extraction has been completed for almost all units between 1830 and 1870, many need to be revisited to resolve questions resulting from unintelligible handwriting, poor microfilming and index errors. We hope by performing this extra step, the quality of our published work is worthy of the time and energy spent.

None of this would have been possible without the dedicated and conscientious efforts of AAFA volunteers. Many have been with the program from the start and others have given assistance over several years. Others have contributed their own research or assisted with a particular state of interest. To all of you - we owe a great debt of gratitude.

As the new Century opens, let the work continue!

Sincerely,
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AAFA 1850 Census Data

MARYLAND



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These census reports are products of the AAFA census team. The initial list of names to be extracted was prepared from a published census index. The every name extraction was performed using the Federal microfilm as a source, then verified for completeness and accuracy.

The following data is not intended to reflect either the "true" facts or what descendant families believe to be the facts. It is also not guaranteed to be without error. Nevertheless, every attempt has been made to provide a complete and faithful representation of the information recorded on the original enumeration forms.

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The categories on each line appear in the following order: name, sex, age in years unless stated as months, color (assumed to be white unless shown otherwise), birth place, *MSR, occupation, and property. Birthplace is shown with the approved postal abbreviation for states in the U.S. Foreign places, if applicable, were abbreviated as follows: EN= England, GM= Germany. NR means Not Recorded.

* There may be any one of three entries:

M= married within the year

S= attended school within the year

R= can't read or write (or just W if can read but not write)

The order of the information in the two-line family header is, on the first line, the name of the political subdivision or enumeration district and the enumeration date; on the second line is the census page number, census dwelling or house number, census family number (if provided) and the county.

The association acknowledges the efforts of the volunteers shown on this page in the preparation of this report.

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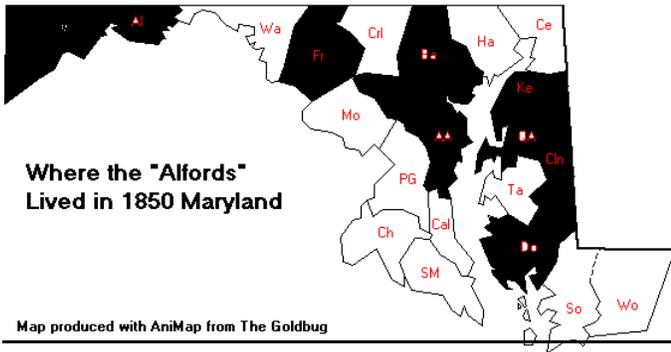


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Maryland was one of the original colonies and it was admitted as the seventh state in 1788. There was a respectable Alford presence in Maryland in Colonial days, and AAFA has one member from those early Alfords. From 1790 through 1840 Maryland had from five to ten Alford families in each census. It comes as no surprise then that we have these Alfords in 1850. None of these have been connected to an AAFA member.

Map produced with AniMap from The Goldbug

Column headings not meant to line up exactly over the data but rather to give position relationship

NAME SEX AGE AGE COL BP M S R OCCUPATION PROPERTY
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Allegheny County

Microfilm Series M432 - Roll 277

4th Election Dist - Enumerated Oct 9 1850
Page 127 - House 1746 - Family 1764 - Allegheny County

Pat	Hammill	M	32		MD	Merchant	
Isabelle	Hammill	F	28		MD		
Maryann	Hammill	F	5		MD		
Rebecca	Hammill	F	3		MD		
G Semmes	Hammill	M	2		MD		
Mary	Albright	F	18		MD		
Daniel	Offutt	M	14		MD		
Frank	Hammill	M	11		MD		

4th Election Dist - Enumerated Oct 9 1850
Page 128 - House 1767 - Family 1785 - Allegheny County

Owen D	Downey	M	39		PA	Taylor	500
Elizabeth	Downey	F	39		NR		
Stephen	Downey	M	10		MD	S	
G W	Downey	M	8		MD	S	
Sarah	Downey	F	4		MD		
Wm. O	Downey	M	2		MD		
Hugh	Lynch	M	45		MD	Stone Cutter	
Horace	Pierce	M	25		MA	Stone Cutter	
Josiah	Pierce	M	28		MA	Stone Cutter	
Thos	Langdon	M	25		NR	Stone Cutter	
Thornton	Affutt	M	20		NR	Clerk	
Thomas	Davis	M	23		EN	Stone Cutter	

5th Election Dist - Enumerated Sep 13 1850
Page 93 - House 1246-Family 1256 - Allegheny County

Susan	Affutt	F	40		MD	Teacher	700
Susan M	Affutt	F	11		MD	S	
Julia	Affutt	F	8		MD	S	

Anne Arundel County

Microfilm Series M432 - Roll 278

FEDERAL CENSUS PROGRAM

With this issue we will begin to provide you information about the Federal census program as well as report Alford census data.

Article I. Section 2, the Constitution of the United States states: *Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several states which may be included within this Union according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three-fifths of all other persons. The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent ten years, in such manner as they shall by law direct.*

The census began in 1790 and has taken place every ten years since. While the purpose was representation and taxes the most prominent users of the published census are genealogists.

Each of the census from 1790 through 1920, except 1910, have been indexed in one fashion or the other and are available all over the country on microfilm. We are told now that they will all be on CD by the time you are reading this.

In the years before 1850 the census for some states or counties are lost for one year or the other. In a few cases tax records have been substituted. The 1890 census was accidentally destroyed.

The details of the censuses cannot be made available to the public for 72 years from the date of the census. In a couple of years the 1930 census

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Page 76 AAFA 1850 Census Data
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Howard District - Enumerated Oct 28 1850
Page 489-House 1110-Family 1120- Anne Arundel County

Robert	Alford	M 44	B MD	R Labourer
Susan	Alford	F 39	B MD	
Lyde	Alford	M 18	B MD	Labourer
James E	Alford	M 13	B MD	
Presley	Alford	M 11	B MD	
Caroline	Alford	F 8	B MD	
Susanna E	Alford	F 9	B MD	

Baltimore County

Microfilm Series M432 - Roll 281

Baltimore, 1st Ward - Enumerated Aug 16 1850
Page 133 - House 1421- Family 1927- Baltimore County

David H	Alferd	M 21	MD	Mariner
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Enumerated in a Sailor's Home

Baltimore, 3rd Ward - Enumerated Aug 3 1850
Page 296-House 119- Family 138 - Baltimore County

Jas. E	Alford	M 27	MD	Tobacconis
Mary I	Alford	F 27	MD	
Geo C	Alford	M 2	MD	
Jas.	Alford	M 1	MD	
Mary	Alford	F 55	MD	

Baltimore, 4th Ward - Enumerated Jul 15 1850
Page 25-House 272 - Family 320 - Baltimore County

William	Alfold	M 26	GM	
Mary	Alfold	F 26	GM	
Mary	Alfold	F 1	MD	

Baltimore, 6th Ward - Enumerated Jul 25 1850
Page 225-House 994 - Family 1106 - Baltimore County

Charles	Witts	M 32	MD	Shoemaker
Margaret	Witts	F 45	MD	R 2000
Margaret	Alford	F 36	MD	

Caroline County

Microfilm Series M432 - Roll 288

No district listed - Enumerated Sep 18 1850
Page 126- House 880 - Family 880 - Caroline County

Mahaly	Alfred	F 40	NR	
Samuel	Alfred	M 23	NR	Carpenter

No district listed - Enumerated Oct 1 1850
Page 156- House 1315 - Family 1315 - Caroline County

Sarah	Turner	F 45	NR	600
Harriett	Turner	F 14	NR	S

data can be made available.

In each of the census years, except for 1800 and 1810 the questions asked on the census have been different. The thrust of this census piece is to tell you about the questions asked each year in the censuses from 1790 through 1870.

1790 census day 2 August

Place of residence; name of head of household; numbers of free white males of 16 years of age and up including head, of free white males under 16, and of free white females including head; number of all other free persons; number of slaves.

1800 census day 4 August

Place of residence; name of head of household; numbers of free white males and of free white females under 10 years of age, 10 and under 16, 16 and under 26, 26 and under 45, and 45 years and upward; number of all other free persons, except Indians not taxed; number of slaves.

1810 census day 6 August

Place of residence; name of head of household; numbers of free white males and free white females under 10 years of age, 10 and under 16, 16 and under 26, 26 and under 45, and 45 years and upward; number of all other free persons, except Indians not taxed; number of slaves.

1820 census day 7 August

Place of residence; name of head of household; numbers of free white males and of free white females under 10 years of age, 10 and under 16, 16 and under 26, 26 and under 45, and 45 years and upward; number of free white males between 16 and 18 years; number of foreigners not naturalized; number of persons (including slaves) engaged in agriculture, commerce, and manufacture; number of male slaves, of female slaves, of free colored males, and free colored females in four age groups; number of all other free persons, except Indians not taxed.

1830 census day 1 June

Place of residence; name of head of household; numbers of free white males and of free white females in 5-year age groups to 20, 10-year age groups from 20 to 100, and 100 years and over; numbers of male slaves, of female slaves, of free colored males, and of free colored females in six age groups; numbers of white persons deaf and dumb, and blind; numbers of colored persons deaf and

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Ann C	Turner	F 12	NR	S	
Edney	Turner	M 10	NR	S	
Martha A	Turner	F 8	NR	S	
Lovice	Connelly	F 70	NR		
Andrew	Connelly	M 14	B NR		
William	Alfred	M 23	NR		Labourer
Mary	Alfred	F 18	NR		

dumb, and blind; number of foreigners not naturalized.

1840 census day 1 June

Place of residence; name of head of household; numbers of free white males and of free white females in 5-year age groups to 20, 10-year age groups from 20 to 100, and 100 years and over; numbers of male slaves, of female slaves, of free colored males, and of free colored females in six age groups; number of persons employed in each of seven classes of occupations; name and age of each pensioner for Revolutionary or military service; numbers of white persons deaf and dumb, blind, and insane or idiotic; numbers of colored persons deaf and dumb, blind, and insane or idiotic; numbers of students in primary and common schools, academic and grammar schools, and universities or colleges; number of white persons over 20 who cannot read and write.

Dorchester County

Microfilm Series M432 - Roll 291

1st District - Enumerated Sep 27 1850
Page 322 - House 419 - Family 419 - Dorchester County

Daniel	Alfred	M 51	MD	R	Farmer
Catharine	Alfred	F 47	MD	R	
Loueza	Alfred	F 16	MD		
Algernon	Alfred	M 14	MD	S	
Mary	Alfred	F 12	MD	S	
Sarah A	Alfred	F 9	MD	S	
Daniel	Alfred	M 6	MD	S	
William	Husbock	M 28	MD	R	None
Mary *	Camper	F 63	MD		

* listed as blind

1850 census day 1 June

Place of residence; name of each person; age; sex; color (white, black, or mulatto); profession, occupation, or trade for each male over 15; value of real estate owned; place of birth (state, territory, or country); whether married within the year; whether attended school within the year; whether unable to read and write for persons over 20; whether dead and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.

1st District - Enumerated Jul 24 1850
Page 380 - House 92 - Family 92 - Dorchester County

Henry	Alfred	M 42	MD		Mariner
Elizabeth	Alfred	F 32	MD		

Frederick County

Microfilm Series M432 - Roll 293

8th Election Dist - Enumerated Aug 17 1850
Page 430- House 318 - Family 322 - Frederick County

David W	Naill	M 52	PA	Farmer	18600
Susanna	Naill	F 44	PA		
William W	Naill	M 21	MD	S	Labourer
Henry C	Naill	M 19	MD	S	Labourer
Jacob S	Naill	M 12	MD	S	Labourer
Theodore	Naill	M 6	MD		
John E	Naill	M 4	MD		
Mary E	Naill	F 17	MD		
Margarett S	Naill	F 14	MD		
Susanna	Naill	F 10	MD	S	
Martha	Naill	F 8	MD	S	
Isabella B	Naill	F 1	MD		
Owen	Alford	M 47	B MD M		Laborer

1860 census day 1 June

Place of residence; name of each person; age; sex; color; profession, occupation, or trade for each male over 15; value of real estate owned; value of personal estate; place of birth; whether married within the year; whether attended school within the year; whether unable to read and write for persons over 20; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.

1870 census day 1 June

Place of residence; name of each person; age; sex; color (including Chinese and Indian); profession, occupation, or trade of each person; value of real estate owned; value of personal estate; place of birth; whether father or mother foreign born; month of birth if born within the year; month of marriage if married within the year; whether attended school within the year; whether unable to read or write for persons 10 years and over; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic; whether U.S. citizen for males 21 years and over; whether the right to vote of a male citizen has been denied or abridged on

Kent County

Microfilm Series M432 - Roll 294

1st Election Dist - Enumerated Aug 14 1850
Page 260 - House 776 - Family 776 - Kent County

Ann	Alferd	F 48	DE		500
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Sarah	Alferd	F 26	DE	
John W	Patten	M 23	MD	Farmer
John W	Alferd	M 6	MD	S
Owen	Hutchens	M 13	MD	S
Mary A C	Alferd	F 4	MD	
Catharine	Warner	F 4	MD	

grounds other than rebellion or crime.

The censuses for 1850-1870 were every name enumerations and indexes have been prepared that, in most cases, list only the head of the household. The 1880 and 1900-1920 censuses were indexed differently using the Soundex method.

Queen Annes County

Microfilm Series M432 - Roll 296

1st Election Dist - Enumerated Jul 24 1850
Page 125- House 25 - Family 25 - Queen Annes County

David	Townsend	F 44	MD	R Farmer550
Sarah	Townsend	F 34	MD	
George	Townsend	M 4	DE	
James	Alfred	M 2	MD	
Nathaniel	Stapleford	M 27	MD	Labourer
John	Townsend	M 65	MD	Labourer
Henrietta	Stanley	F 19	MD	

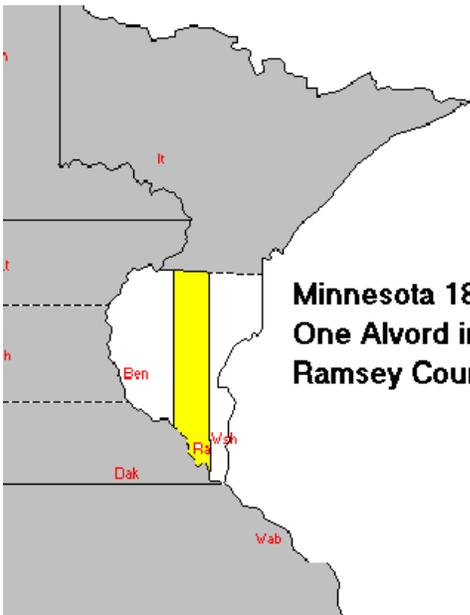
In the next census report we will look at the content of these 1880+ censuses and describe the Soundex system.

If you have not participated in this census effort then you are missing one of the great Alford opportunities of all times. When it is all done we will have a set of Alford census books which will be used for centuries to come. Those who have been a part of the census work will be identified in the books and can look back upon the accomplishment with great pride.

MINNESOTA TERRITORY

Minnesota was established as a territory in 1849 and this 1850 enumeration was the first for that area. Minnesota did not become a state until 1858. Although our 1860 Minnesota census has not been verified the initial extraction shows four

Alford households: Noflet Olford 30 SC a carpenter living with the Prescott family from NH; William Allford 46 England a farmer with his NY wife and a family that was not legible in the microfilm used; Philemon Alvord 61 with the Franklin family and Robert B. Halford 29 MI a clerk who apparently was living alone.



**Minnesota 1850
One Alvord in
Ramsey County.**

Ramsey County
Microfilm Series M432 - Roll 367

Date Enumerated: Sep 15 1850
Page 48 - House 217 - Family 217 -

Isaac	Thomas	M 35	PA Laborer
George W.	Alvord	M 38	NY Laborer
O. H.	Root	M 45	NY Laborer
J. C.	Sommerville	M 33	VT Carpenter
D. H.	Jones	M 27	NY Clerk
Isaac P.	Wright	M 27	KY Carpenter
Edward C.	Bryan	M 26	IR Carpenter
John	Condin	M 32	IR Carpenter
John	Mullen	M 24	IR Carpenter
Sylvester	Booth	M 14	NY