

## *The Whit Alford Family*

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**Columbus Washington (Lum) Alford Family - Made about 1903 - 1904**

**Front Row Left to Right**

Edward F. Alford - b 23 Feb. 1877 AL, d 16 May 1940, m 22 Dec. 1897 MS  
 Laura Hollingsworth Alford - b 13 Aug. 1863 MS, d 2 Sep. 1942 - wife of above.  
 (Sitting in lap of her mother)  
 Columbus W. (Lum) Alford - b 17 Jan. 1850 GA - d 29 Nov. 1936 - m 17 Sep. 1871 AL  
 Maryann Mollie Glover Alford - b 11 Aug. 1855-57 - d 27 Jan. 1944 (wife of Lum) (in  
 chair)  
 Jacob Columbus (Lum) Alford - b 17 May 1899 - living - m 1 Apr. 1923 (son of Whit)  
 (in chair)  
 Maude Milinda Alford - b 23 Nov. 1897 - living - m 22 Nov. 1919 (dau of Whit)  
 Virginia Amanda Hollingsworth Alford b 16 Sep. 1875 - d 10 Aug. 1932 - m 24 Oct.  
 1896 (wife of Wilburn Whitfield Whit Alford)  
 In Mother s lap - Mary Elizabeth Matt Alford - b 14 Jan. 1903 - living - m 17 Aug.  
 1924 (dau of Whit Alford)  
 Wilburn Whitfield Whit Alford - b 5 Sep. 1875 AL - d 21 May 1962 - m 24 Oct. 1896  
 (Subject of the article)  
 Whit holding - Minerva Ann (Dolly) Alford - b 10 Mar. 1901 - d 29 Oct. 1969 - m 6 Dec.  
 1925 (dau of Whit)

**Second Row, Left to Right**  
 Samuel Hamilton Sam Alford (Ruby s father) b 2 Jan. 1893 - d 14 Feb. 1971 - m 23  
 Sep. 1913  
 Ellar Cornelius Nealie Alford - b 14 Mar. 1890 - d 27 Sep. 1915 m 18 Mar. 1906  
 Susan Ealy Susie Alford - b 16 Apr. 1884 - d 26 June 1950 - m 6 May 1906  
 Nellie Ann Alford - b 19 Feb. 1888 - d 3 Oct. 1954 - m 26 June 1906, 4 May 1919  
 Ular Valeria Alford - b 8 Feb. 1896 - d 6 Jan. 1962 - m 11 Dec. 1913

***First Whit Alford Reunion***  
***By Ruby Alford Heard, AAFA #0137***

**Sunday Sept. 3rd, 1989 Carthage, Leake Co., MS**

The children and grandchildren of Wilburn Whitfield Alford and Amanda Hollingsworth Alford had been talking reunion of the family for several years but could not get dates or a time set for it. Wilburn Whitfield, known to all as Whit Alford was the first son of Columbus Washington Alford and Maryann "Mollie" Glover Alford. He had four brothers and seven sisters, and was the father of thirteen children by "Mandy" and three by Mallie Kate Morrow Alford, his second wife.

Three of his grandchildren, Louise Alford Grimes, Kate Myrick and her twin May Myrick decided it was time to organize a reunion so back in July they started working on it. Louise said she got plenty of exercise going house to house letting cousins know about it plus her ear was numb from so much phone work. Kate and May called, wrote cards and spread "the word" from the Hinds county area. All their effort paid off with one hundred twenty eight present; had all of them shown up there would have been over two hundred. Seven of Whit's children were there. Two, Mattie Elizabeth Alford Watkins age 87 and Dossie J. Alford age 79 could not make it due to very ill health. Four of the thirteen children have died. The oldest grandchild there was Nanny Lou Gill age 67, dau. of Maude Alford Watkins and the youngest was a great great grandchild, William Joel Clack age 3 months, son of Wayne Clack who married a great grand-daughter of Whit. The oldest child of Whit was Maude Alford Watkins age 92, his first child.

Everyone really enjoyed getting to know cousins they had not known or seen in years and they plan to get together every year from now on. All relatives are invited, just bring a picnic lunch, old pictures and any family literature that could be used in family genealogy.

Everyone registers and this year they plan to elect officers for the group. Pictures are made of groups or single families. The list of names are so many there was no attempt to name all of them on this but anyone interested in having the list may contact Miss Kate Myrick, Route 2 Box 191 B., Mendenhall, MS 39114. She is an AAFA member [#0288] and has done a lot of research on the Alfords for me and at present she is doing research on the Myrick line.

Amanda Hollingsworth Alford died 10 Aug. 1932, Freeny, Leake Co., MS. Wilburn Whitfield Alford died 21 May 1962, Freeny Leake Co., MS

Written by Ruby Alford Heard-May 18th 1990-Niece of Whit Alford and MS Rep. of AAFA and a member of AAFA.

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***WHIT ALFORD REUNION Oct. 21, 2001***  
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During the month of Oct. 2001 there were two Alford reunions. The Alford American Family Association, known as the AAFA, was held in N.C. and the Wilburn Whitfield Alford reunion was held in Carthage, MS at the Community Center. This was number 12 for them, as the children and grand-children of Whit Alford organized it and had the first reunion Sept. 3, 1989 at the Community Center in Carthage, MS (see previous article).

Wilburn Whitfield Alford was the oldest son of Columbus Washington Alford, born 17th Jan. 1850 in Troup Co., GA and Martha Maryann Glover Alford born 11 Aug. 1857 in South Carolina. Lum and Mollie were married 17th Sept. 1871 in Tallapoosa Co., AL and had 12 children. Whit was born in Reeltown Tallapoosa Co., AL 5th Sept.

1875 being the third child. Two girls had been born before him.

The family moved to Mississippi in 1880 and Whit married Virginia Amandy Hollingsworth 24th Oct. 1896 in Freeny, MS. He and Mandy had 13 children including a set of twin boys. There were three children still living when this re-union was held, however, Robert Samuel Alford, died 3rd Nov. 2001. The two youngest, Royal Chadwick (R.C.) and Susie Cornelia (Nealie) Alford Fisher are still with us and were at the re-union. There were three daughters born to Whit and second wife Mallie Kate Wright Morrow and one of them was present at the big feast.

There are a lot of good cooks in this Alford group, you should have seen all the good food and the amount was enough to feed twice the people there. The register was signed by 105 but we aren't sure everyone signed the book. The family hope to keep this going every Oct. with the grand children getting involved and getting their families interested enough to carry on each year. The reunion is not for the Whit Alford families only, it is for any descendants of Lum and Mollie Alford and you are most welcome to come. Bring your relatives and enjoy the other relatives and the food. Pictures are taken of each family group or representatives of any Alford family. Bring pictures with you for your cousins to see, and pictures of your fathers and mothers. A lot of visiting, getting acquainted and finding out we have relatives we did not know highlights the event. The weather was great and we hope everyone enjoyed it. Please come again this Oct. and bring another to meet and enjoy their "kin-folks". We had a great time.

Written by Ruby Alford Heard, first cousin of the Whit Alford Children.