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President's Precept

GREETINGS COUSINS! THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING!

Welcome aboard to the new members since our last newsletter. What took you so long? For all members, draw up a chair. And you shall hear more about Alford, far and near (apologies to Longfellow). That is, if the ambitious plans of our Association for nationwide Alford research begin to bear fruit.



*Captain Lodwick H. Alford
U.S. Navy, Retired
AAFA President*

You will remember that at our first annual meeting in Atlanta last October, we reached a consensus that the focus of our Association in 1989 would be two-fold: build our membership base and pool our efforts in Alford research. Increase in membership is coming along nicely but could be better. Encourage your kinfolks to join and tell your cousins how they can stand taller if they know where they came from. Be generous with gift memberships. About Alford fever! Catch it!

But our Alford research has not progressed as much as our membership drive. While a lot of progress had been made, it has largely been by way of gearing up for research. One of the things which has become apparent is the need to split off the job of Association Genealogist from that of Historian. We are in the process of doing that now. More on this later. We may combine the job of Librarian with that of Historian.

Meanwhile, a comprehensive research resource questionnaire has been prepared and will be sent out soon to all members to find out what research talent we have, what records members may have in their possession now, what research facilities members may have access to and if members are willing to do research for AAFA.

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Treasurer's Report

	1988 ACTUAL	1989 BUDGET ORIGINAL	1989 BUDGET REVISED	1989 ACTUAL TODATE
REVENUE				
REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 700.00	\$1200.00	\$1400.00	\$ 230.00
INITIAL DUES	560.00	750.00	1120.00	184.00
RENEWAL DUES	320.00	784.00	896.00	120.00
DONATIONS	682.57	1000.00	1200.00	250.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2267.57	\$3734.00	\$4616.00	\$ 784.00
EXPENSES				
POSTAGE & PO BOX	\$ 653.97	\$1439.00	\$1500.00	\$ 208.36
STATIONERY	817.01	0.00	400.00	69.95
PRINTING	337.84	1510.00	1500.00	71.71
RESEARCH		340.00	360.00	60.16
LIBRARY			340.00	
FAM. SEAL & RIBBON				
FAMILY EMBLEM	200.00			
MISCELLANEOUS	241.37	445.00	516.00	4.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2250.19	\$3734.00	\$4616.00	\$ 414.68
NET WORTH	\$1399.26			

Members who desire complete financial records may obtain a copy by sending the treasurer \$2.00 to cover the cost of making copies and mailing.

CORPORATE STATUS

By letter dated Feb. 21, 1989, from Department of the Treasury, we were advised that the Alford American Family Association is exempt from Federal income tax. This does not mean that donations to the organization are tax deductible.

If our source of support, our purposes, character, or methods of operation change, we must advise the IRS. If there are changes in our articles of incorporation or bylaws, they must receive a copy. We will be required to file an annual report to the IRS on form 990, but only if and when our annual gross receipts exceed \$25,000. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of \$10 per day until the report is filed—up to \$5000 or 5 percent of the gross receipts.

A copy of our Exemption Application must be made available to the public on request according to federal law. A copy will be available at all annual meetings for members' inspection. Federal law prohibits the Association from engaging in any political or legislative activities.

Julius M. Alford
AAFA Treasurer

Is It Time to Renew?

You can expect to receive your AAFA renewal notice 30-60 days before your membership expires.

Don't let your membership lapse! Show your continued support of our great organization by sending your check promptly.

To date all members but one have renewed their membership. AAFA can be proud of such an outstanding renewal rate. Thank you!

New Member Lineages

Beginning with this issue, *AAFA ACTION* will publish as much as is known of the direct Alford lineages of all new members. Names, addresses, and ultimate Alford ancestor will be printed in *About Alford's*, with more extensive queries being included in that publication only when warranted. Listed below are the membership numbers and names of new AAFA members who have not yet appeared in *About Alford's*. Numbers printed before the names of the ancestors are the numbers on the members' pedigree charts.

#115 James P. Alford and Nina Mae Garrett Alford

(2) Paul Julius Alford, (4) Julius S. (?) Alford, (8) Erasmus L. Alford, (16) Lodwick Pierce Alford, (32) Lodwick Alford, (64) Julius Caesar Alford, (128) Lodwick Alford, (256) James Alford [b. ca 1687 probably New Kent Co. VA]

#116 Roderick (Rod) Fortson Bush

(25) Mary Alford, (50) Jacob Alford, (100) John Alford, (200) Julius Alford, (400) James Alford [b. ca 1687 probably New Kent Co. VA]

#117 John David Alford and Charlene Patricia Alford

(2) Lynn Bruce Alford, (4) Leland Golden Alford, (8) William H. Alford, (16) Stephen Alford, (32) Erwin or Irwin Alford, (66) John Alford [m. Margaret Wilson]

#118 Clarence Floyd Hewitt and Sherry Rex Lindeman Hewitt

(5) Lorena Cumine Alford, (10) Erasmus Cade Alford, (20) James Andrew Jackson Alford, (40) Lodwick Alford [b. 2 Feb 1775 Wake Co. NC; m. Judith Jackson] Member stopped lineage here. See #115 above to continue.

#119 Russell Alger (R.A.) Alford and Sue Martin Alford

(2) Russell Alger Alford Sr., (4) William James Alford, (8) George M. Alford, (16) Elijah Alford [b. 1793 New York; m. Sahra Nekebacher]

#120 Richard Arnold Stoewer and Euphamie Sally Bateman Stoewer

(3) Audelle Alford, (6) Alonzo Seaborn Alford, (12) Jephtha Martin Alford, (24) John Seaborn Alford, (48) Jacob Alford, (96) Julius Alford, (192) James Alford [b. about 1687 probably in New Kent Co., VA]

#121 Jean Mangham Holzapfel and George W. Holzapfel

(9) Emily Alford, (18) John Quincy Adams Alford, (36) Cullen Alford, (72) James Alford, (144) Lodwick Alford, (288) James Alford [b. about 1687 probably New Kent Co., VA] Dates and place added from #36 to end by AAFA.

#122 Glen Arthur Holmes and Lena Rowehl Holmes

(19) Cordelia Alford [b. 15 Jul 1815 Waterbury, CT; m. George Andrews]

#123 Lonnie Ray Alford and Mildred Bowden Alford

(2) Lonnie Durand Alford, (4) Alonza Alfred Alford, (8) Jesse Alford [b. May 1830; m. Della Ann Downing 4 October 1859 Edgecomb Co. NC]

AAFA Growth

Our Association is growing at a phenomenal rate! At the end of September AAFA had 75 principal members. In this issue of *AAFA ACTION* we are welcoming member #140, nearly doubling our membership in six months!

As our membership grows, the amount of available Alford data increases. New information on Alford families is added with each new member, and some members have other research data to contribute. With more to print, *AAFA ACTION* has tripled in size, going from 8 pages in its first issue to 24 in this last issue of its first year! Congratulations to everyone who has been a part of AAFA!

Donations

To all members who have recently made donations, AAFA thanks you. In 1988 we were unable to get our annual plea for donations off the ground, but in spite of that, donations of \$682.50 exceed the projected budget figure, thanks to Raymond Alford who made two generous donations totaling \$582. Others whom we would like to thank for their donations were Herman W. Alford, Dr. C. D. Alford, C. A. Alford, Sr., and Hazel Rea.

As a result of the article in the previous issue, donations of \$250 have been received from twelve members, with an average of just under \$21 each. Those making donations were Bryant J. Alford, Donald Ray Alford, Ira Alford, James P. Alford (#021), Dr. M. E. Alford, Col. Truman Alford, Robert L. Alford, W. Joseph Alford, Ann (Mrs. Donald) Baird, Margaret (Mrs. Carl) Bumgardner, Pat (Mrs. Lloyd) Fite, and Edythe Tippet.

We hope that many more of you will consider making donations so that AAFA can meet its 1989 budget.

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- #124 Bryant J. Alford and Mary Louise Alford**
(2) Robert Henry Alford [b. 1 Apr 1856 El Dorado, AR; m. Helen Magleana Harms]
- #125 Harvey Dale Alford and Betty Barrett Alford**
(2) Charles Bryant Alford, (4) Bert Clark Alford, (8) Russell Alford, (16) Clark Baker Alford, (32) Ashley Ol Alford, (64) Benedict Alford, (128) Benedict Alford, (256) Jeremiah Alford, (512) Benedict Alford, (1024) Thomas Alford, (2048) John Alford, (4096) Alexander Alford [b. about 1520 England; m. Agnes _____] AAFA added from 256 on, but believe members knew about them. Our forms have limited space.
- #126 Deena Beth Smith Cross and Richard Lee Cross**
(13) Lavina Alford, (26) Thomas Jefferson Alford, (52) James Alford, (104) John Alford, (208) Thomas Alford, (416) John Alford [d. 1748 Frederick Co., VA; m. Mary Dawson??]
- #127 Mariwynn (Mrs. Russel B., Jr.) Alford Watson**
(2) Jesse Burks Alford, (4) Egbert Benson Alford, (8) John Rogers Alford, (16) Kinchin Alford, (32) James Alford, (64) Lodwick Alford, (128) James Alford [b. about 1687 probably New Kent Co., VA] Member probably generally knew ancestry from 8 on, but it was added by AAFA.
- #128 Willie Marshall Alford and Beatrice Ponder Alford**
(2) Nathan Bell Alford, (4) Warren Jefferson Alford, (8) Warren Jefferson Alford, (16) Spier Washington Alford, (32) Brittain Washington Alford, (64) Isham Alford, (128) Lodwick Alford [probably was his father] Member stopped lineage at #4, balance added by AAFA.
- #129 George Chester Alford and Verna Loy Bobbitt Alford**
(2) Chester Alford, (4) Sigmond Wolf Alford, (8) George Wiley Alford [b. Jun 1840 TN; m. Mary Jane Chandler]
- #130 Evonne Lynn Alford Almons**
(2) Philip Alford, (4) Halcut Alford, (8) Richard E. Alford, (16) Halcut Alford, (32) Julius C. Alford, (64) Lodwick Alford, (128) James Alford [b. about 1687 probably in New Kent Co., VA]
- #131 Bessie Lou Rayford**
(3) Josie Beall Alford, (6) Egbert Benson Alford [b. 14 Apr 1858 Chamber Co., AL; m. Ella A. Overton] See member 127 above for a continuation of this line.
- #132 Dr. Robert Mark Alford and Patricia Tyson Alford**
(2) Robert Atticus Alford, (4) Robert Atticus Alford, (8) Halcut Alford [b. 27 Nov 1854 Burleson Co., TX; m. Mary Jane Scott] See member 130 above for a continuation of this line.
- #133 Vera Vistoula Alford Heise**
(2) Homer Marshall Alford, (4) Marshall Thomas Alford, (8) John Seabron Alford [b. 11 Oct 1807 Washington Parish, LA; m. Margaret Brumfield] See #120 above for a continuation of this line.

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Another questionnaire will attempt to identify potential project officers for such categories as census, marriage, military, wills and estate records, etc. I trust you will all answer these questionnaires to the best of your abilities. And for those whose only contribution will be a donation, please do so.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is an obituary of a magnificent Alford—Rear Admiral John Morris Alford II, US Navy Retired. I first knew him when I entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1934. He was two years ahead of me and had already acquired a reputation which stayed with him the rest of his career. He was smart and a "Star" man at USNA (equivalent to Phi Beta Kappa) and in his senior year was the Five Striper (top midshipman of the regiment). In the Fleet he was efficient, tough (some would say mean), strict (some would say martinet). But personally and privately he was a warm, cordial individual, a good shipmate. It was a high honor to have known him. While living he was the senior Alford in the Navy. Now that distinction has passed to me and everybody now has to do as I say. You hear!

Now, about the myth that Alfords have similar attractive physical characteristics, listen to this. One of my Alford nephews in Jacksonville, Florida, recently went to a farmers market and at a fruit stall behind the counter, was a little lady he had never seen before. She looked at him in a rather funny way and he looked at her the same way. Then she said, "You have got to be an Alford." She was An Alford too, and he is trying to find out more about this family we had not known. Put this down in the "Gee whiz" and "Believe it or not" categories. Can you top that?

Lodwick H. Alford
AAFA President

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Alford Reunions

The following are known Alford branch family reunions scheduled for this year. If you know of a reunion that is not listed, please let AAFA know about it.

Descendants of William Riley Alford (1842-1917)

April 16, 1989 (3d Sunday each April)
Fort Jessup, Sabine Parish, Louisiana
(5 miles from Many on highway 6)
• Oscar W. Alford, Rt 3 Box 1387,
Many, LA 74449

Descendants of Jeptha Martin Alford (1862-1948)

April 22, 1989
Percy Quin State Park, Pike County,
Mississippi
• Mrs. Judy Alford Maples, General
Delivery, Mt. Hermon, LA 70450

Descendants of William L. H. Alford (1863-1931)

April 23, 1989
Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia
• Capt. L. H. Alford, P. O. Box 742,
Sea Island, GA 31561

Descendants of Julius Caesar Alford (1803-1899)

August 5, 1989
Gallman, Copiah County, Mississippi
(Camp Wesley Pines 1.5 miles NW of
Gallman (follow signs)
• Julius M. Alford, P. O. Box 489,
McComb, MS 39648

If you will be attending a family reunion in the near future, write to AAFA for materials that you can hand out to other Alford who might be interested in joining our Association. Encourage them to support the only organization devoted to learning about and preserving Alford heritage!

Library Progress Report

The Alford Library has gathered a substantial amount of new material during the last quarter. Those of you who have contributed, THANK YOU!

There is evidently a lot of Alford data in genealogical record books, local histories, and biographies, and with your help we are rapidly accumulating and cataloging it.

Last quarter we published AAFA book holdings for North and South Carolina. In this issue you'll find our holdings for Georgia and Maryland, with a new format which should be more helpful in your research. Instead of simply listing the pages AAFA holds, the contents of the pages are now briefly listed. In addition, you'll find a notation indicating whether we hold all the pages that contain Alford or spelling variations from that book, as found in the index. The books have been grouped by county and city as well.

This format should enable you to easily determine if you'd like to order copies of pages from the Librarian, Nancy Dietrich. When you write to Nancy, let her know the author and name of the book as well as which pages you need. Please include a stamp or a quarter for every five pages to cover postage. At this time, Nancy is not charging for the copies themselves, but that may change!

The Book List is currently over 20 pages, all in the new format, and it is being updated constantly—as you send in copied pages and transcriptions. An

additional "No Listings Book List" is about 5 pages. Nearly all the states represented are in the southeastern U.S. If you would like a copy of either or both of the Book Lists, send \$1 to cover copying and postage to Pam Thompson, Publications Editor.

If you would like to contribute to the Alford Library, these pointers will make your work easier and more valuable:

- contact Nancy Dietrich if you're going to do a lot of work in one state or county so she can steer other contributors to different states—or let you know that someone else is already working heavily in that area
- check the Book Lists first so you don't duplicate
- xerox the title page, making sure it contains all the relevant publication data
- check the index for all Alford and spelling variations, including Olford
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- include all title page info when you transcribe by hand.

We hope everyone who has access to genealogical references will periodically spend an hour or two copying Alford data. Help contribute to this impressive resource—and don't forget that Gil Alford is adding every single reference you find to the AAFA Alford database!

