

Book Holdings — Georgia & Maryland

GEORGIA

Statewide or Multiple Counties

• Austin, Jeannette Holland. *GEORGIA INTESTATE RECORDS*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1986. [This book contains abstracts of intestate records of 57 Georgia counties formed before the 1832 Land Lottery, plus Fulton, White, Dawson, and Webster counties. The author abstracted from the first extant record book in each county. Title page, Table of Sources, Explanation of Abbreviations, and all pages that list Alford or variations: Benjamin, 5 (intestate, 1852, DeKalb Co.); Bynum, 5 (intestate, 1852, DeKalb Co.); G.B., 164; Halcott, 49 (guardian of Robert Brown, orphan of Robert Brown, 1819, Morgan Co.); James Andrew J., 108–109 (security for guardianship, Troup Co., 1849); John Q., 27 (administrator, 1838, Fayette Co.); John T., 5 (administrator, Benjamin); Julian, 162 (appraiser, 1790, Greene Co.); Ludowick/Ludwick, 5 (guardian of Zadock's orphans), 49 (security, Robert Brown, 1819, Morgan Co.), 327 (letter of administration, 1818, Morgan Co.); Zadock, 5 (intestate, 1824, Morgan Co.); Eliza, James, Mary G., Nancy, Sarah, & William C. ALFRED, orphans of Haywood ALFRED, 5 (1849, Cherokee); Matilda ALFRED, 5 (guardian of Haywood's orphans).]

• Austin, Jeannette Holland. *INDEX TO GEORGIA WILLS*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1985. [This book indexes the earliest surviving will books of Georgia counties formed before the 1832 Land Lottery, listing only the county and the dates of the will book in which the will was copied.]

Title page, Note to the Reader, and p. 2, the only page that lists Alford or variations:

Brittain Sr.	Pike Co.	1844–76
Henry	Putnam Co.	1823–56
Jeptha	Carroll Co.	1852–96
Julius	Greene Co.	1817–42
Thomas J.	Pike Co.	1844–76
Abram ALFRIEND	Hancock Co.	1836

• Bryan, Mary Givens. *PASSPORTS ISSUED BY GOVERNORS OF GEORGIA, 1810–1820*. Washington, DC: National Genealogical Society, 1964. [Title page and the only page that lists Alford (no variations): William, 86 (of Hancock Co., issued a passport, 1811, to travel with William Miller “through the Indian Nations to the Western Country.”)]

Davis, Robert Scott, Jr. *THE GEORGIA BLACK BOOK; Morbid, Macabre & Sometimes Disgusting Records of Genealogical Value*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1982. [Introduction to chapter “Racial Incidents, 1865–1868,” p. 229, and the following pages that list Alford or variations: Jeff, 267 (attacked two men with knife in Harris Co.); John ALLFORD, 232 (murdered by Smart Cummings, Chatham Co., Sept 1865). All other Alford or variations are designated as Black and are on lists of convicts: Alex; Cezar; Doc; Caesar ALFRED.]

• Davis, Robert Scott, Jr. *THE GEORGIA BLACK BOOK, Volume II; More Morbid, Macabre & Sometimes Disgusting Records of Genealogical Value*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1987. [Title page and all pages that list Alford or variations: Edna Louis, 34 (changed name from Edna Louis Temple); Edward, 241 (Pardon and Parole Files, of Bibb Co.); Emily, 45 (changed name to Emily Howell); Fred, 241 (Pardon and Parole Files, of Stewart Co.); Henry, 241 (Pardon and Parole Files, of Dougherty Co.); James, 82 (defaulted on Federal Tax of 1812); James A.J., 25 (husband of Martha E.); John, 82 (defaulted on Federal Tax of 1812), 241 (Pardon and Parole Files, of Treutlen Co.); John L., 34 (father of Edna Louis); M.J., 241 (Pardon and Parole Files, of Chatham Co.); Martha E., 25 (wife of James A.J., *feme sole*); R.L., 241 (Pardon and Parole Files, of Hart Co.); William W., 34 (changed name from William W. Edwards); ? ALFRED, 146 (Report of Outrages, 1868, of Sumter Co.); James ALFRED, 87 (defaulted on Federal Tax of 1812).]

• Davis, Robert S., Jr. and Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr., comps. *THE GEORGIA LAND LOTTERY PAPERS, 1805–1914*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1979. [This book contains data from the loose land lottery papers filed in the GA Surveyor General Office. Title page, Introduction, and all pages that list Alford or variations: Jefferson, 301 (res. Meriwether Co., lot in Monroe Co.); Jimerson/Jemerson, 301 (res. Meriwether Co., lot in Monroe Co.); Willie, 105 (res. Chambers Co., lot in Floyd Co.); Abram & Sarah ALFRIEND, 117 (res. Hancock Co., lot in Cherokee Co.).]

• Gentry, Lelia Thornton, comp. *HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS OF THE GEORGIA CHAPTERS DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, VOLUME IV: OLD BIBLE RECORDS AND LAND LOTTERIES*. Vidalia, GA: Georgia Genealogical Reprints, 1969; originally published in 1932 “under the auspices of the Lucy Cook Peel Memorial Committee.” [The index to this book lists only the first owners of Bibles. The land lotteries are alphabetical and

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contain no Alford's or variations. Title page and Bible record, pp. 309-310, of **Green Haywood Alford**, 1820-1877, which lists his marriage to Rebecca Jones, his children's births (7), the marriage of his daughter **Salina Blanche** to Fernando Keitt Godwin, the Godwin children's births (6), and the deaths of **Elin Linyear Alford** and **Charley E.J. Jones**.]

• Lucas, Silas E., comp. *SOME GEORGIA COUNTY RECORDS, VOL. 1 Being Some of the Legal Records of Columbia, Hancock, Jefferson and Warren Counties, Georgia*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1977. [Title page, Introduction, Table of Contents, Index for Alford, and all pages that list Alford's and variations: **Benjamin E.**, 67 (m. Ann Wilkerson/Wilkinson, 1827, Columbia Co.), 70 (m. Phebe Burbidge, 1835, Columbia Co.); **Cullen**, 183 (m. Pheriby Wooten, 1801, Warren Co.); **Greene B.**, 77 (m. Martha Arnett/Amett, 1851, Columbia Co.); **Handy**, 65 (m. Dicey Fleming, 1823, Columbia Co.); **James**, 90 (grantor, Hancock Co., 1792), 238 (or **Wilkes Co.**, grantor, Warren Co., 1788); **James H.**, 75 (m. Emily Prior, 1845, Columbia Co.); **Luraner**, 90 (signed deed with James, Hancock Co., 1792—a misreading by recorder of either Luraner or Suzanna since Suzanna, listed as James' wife, and Luraner can't both be correct); **Suzanna**, 90 (wife of James, grantor, Hancock Co., 1792—see Luraner); **E.W. ALFRIEND**, 368 (witness to will, 1848, Warren Co.—says "Hlfriend(?)", but is indexed under Alfriend as well as Hlfriend), 369-370 (witness to will, Warren Co., 1850).]

• Lucas, Silas E., comp. *SOME GEORGIA COUNTY RECORDS, VOL. 2 Being Some of the Legal Records of Clarke, Jasper, Morgan, Putnam, Oglethorpe and Greene Counties, Georgia*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1977. [Title page, Introduction, Table of Contents, Index for Alford, and all pages that list Alford's and variations: **?**, 169, 204, 206, 229, 269, 277, 293, 304, & 305 (adjoining land, Greene Co., 1790-1793, 1796, 1797, 1800), 311 (adjoining land, Greene Co., 1801—see James, p. 311); **Bertus**, 364 (m. Mary Boone, 1801, Greene Co.); **Byans**, 96 (m. Suckey Harvey, Morgan Co., 1813); **Bymun**, 88 (m. Nancy Thompson, circa 1814, Morgan Co.); **Collin**, 286 (witness to deed, Greene Co., 1800); **Faithy**, 37 (m. John Webb, 1811, Clarke Co.); **Farrel**, 330 (bought at estate sale, Greene Co., 1791); **Henry**, 137-138 (will, Putnam Co., 1850; names daughters **Alletha**, **Alvira Ann**, **Avy A.**, **Mary Jane**, **Almanda E.**, son **Henry William**, sons-in-law, and two grandchildren); **Henry William**, 138 (son of Henry, Putnam Co., named in will); **James/Jas.**, 167 (grantor, Greene Co., 1790), 169 (grantor, Greene Co., 1792), 174 (grantor, 5 deeds, Greene Co., 1787), 175 (of **Wilkes Co.**, grantee, land in Greene Co., formerly **Wilkes**, 1787), 178 (grantor, Greene

Co., 1787; adjoining land, **Greene Co.**, 1788), 185 (grantor, **Greene Co.**, 1788), 201 & 239 (witness to deed, 1790 & 1792, **Greene Co.**), 286 & 300 (of **Hancock Co.**, grantor, **Greene Co.**, 1800), 311 (adjoining land, **Greene Co.**, 1800), 320 (administration of estate, **Greene Co.**, 1788), 321 (appraisal, **Greene Co.**, 1789); **John/Jno**, 233 (adjoining land to **William Alford**, **Greene Co.**, 1790), 293 & 309 (grantee, **Greene Co.**, 1800 & 1802), 302 (of **Hancock Co.**, grantee, **Greene Co.**, 1796), 336 (appraisal, 1794, **Greene Co.**); **Julian**, 319 (appraiser, **Greene Co.**, 1790); **Julius**, 7 (the elder, named as friend in will, 1820, **Clarke Co.**), 303 (grantor, 2 slaves, **Greene Co.**, 1801), 320 & 340 (bought at estate sale, **Greene Co.**, 1788 & 1801); **Lodowick**, 7 (named as executor in will, 1820, **Clarke Co.**), 296 (witness to deed, **Greene Co.**, 1800), 362 (m. **Judith Jackson**, 1798, **Greene Co.**); **Martha**, 233 (wife of **William**, grantor, **Greene Co.**, 1790); **Polly**, 361 (m. **Reubin Reid**, 1788, **Greene Co.**); **Sally**, 300 (witness to deed, 1899, **Greene Co.**); **William**, 175 (grantee, land in **Washington Co.**, 1788), 233 (grantor, **Greene Co.**, 1790), 335 (appraisal, **Greene Co.**, 1793); **Winny**, 360 (m. **John Bush**, 1787, **Greene Co.**); **Henry ALLFORD**, 129 (mentioned in will, **Putnam Co.**, 1831), 133 (mentioned in and witness to will, **Putnam Co.**, 1839).]

• Lucas, Silas E., comp. *SOME GEORGIA COUNTY RECORDS, VOL. 3 Being Some of the Legal Records of Bibb, Butts, Fayette, Henry, Monroe and Newton Counties, Georgia*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1978. [Title page, Introduction, Table of Contents, and all pages that list Alford's and variations: **A.**, 288 (tax return, 1845, **Griffin**); **Cullin**, 37 (mentioned in inventory of estate, **Butts Co.**, 1830); **Emily L.P.**, 264 (m. **J.H. Cunningham**, 1823, **Fayette Co.**); **Halcut**, 244 (witness to deed, **Monroe Co.**, 1822); **James**, 264 (m. **Dorcas W. Pegg**, 1826, **Fayette Co.**); **John Q.**, 272 (administrator of estate, **Fayette Co.**, 1838); **J.Q.A.**, 288 (tax return, 1845, **Griffin**); **Julius C.**, 244 (witness to deed, **Monroe Co.**, says 1872 but should be 1822); **William**, 151 (of **Hancock Co.**, grantor, **Henry Co.**, 1822); **Edward D. ALFRIEND**, 205 (witness to deed, **Henry Co.**, 1826).]

• R.J. Taylor, Jr., Foundation. *AN INDEX TO GEORGIA TAX DIGESTS*. 5 vols. Spartanburg, SC: The Reprint Company, 1986. [Title page to Vol. 5; Introduction and Notes on the Index (4 pages), which are reprinted in each volume; and for each volume, separate "Notes on the Tax Digests" and "Abbreviations and Symbols" (3 pages for each volume except Vol. IV, which has 2 pages, and Vol. V, which has 4 pages).]

Vol. I, 1789-1799, p. 2:

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Greene Co. James, John, Jul., Wm
Hancock Co. Cullen, James, John, William
Wilkes Co. Isham, Teryl

Vol. II, 1800–1802, p. 2:

Greene Co. John, Julius, Julis, Lodwick
Wilkes Co. Isham

Vol. III, 1804–1806:

Greene Co. Baldy, 1; Cullen, 1; Isham, 1; John, 2;
Julius, 2; Lodowick, 2; Spire, 2
Hancock Co. James, 1; Kinchin, 2; Owin, 2; William, 2
Jefferson Co. Beas ALFRED, 2; Needham ALFRED, 2

Vol. IV, 1809–1811, p. 2:

Greene Co. Collin ALFIRD, Hal., Jno., Julius,
Lodowick, Zadock
Jefferson Co. Benjamin, Bias, Needham
Jones Co. Gredridge
Morgan Co. Baldy, Robert

Vol. V, 1814–1817, p. 2:

Greene Co. Allen, Collin, Holcut, James, John, Julius,
Kinchen, Lodowick, Zadock
Jefferson Co. Bias ALFRED, Handy ALFRED,
Needham ALFRED
Morgan Co. Baldry, Robert, Zadock
Putnam Co. Henry

• *SECOND OR 1807 LAND LOTTERY OF GEORGIA, THE*.
Vidalia, GA: Georgia Genealogical Reprints, 1968. [This
book lists the militia district and county where the lottery
winner lived, and the lot and district numbers in the county
where he drew the land.]

Title page and the only page that lists Alford's or
variations, p. 4:

Greene Co.: John ALFRED, drew in Wilkinson
Co.
Hancock Co.: Jacob, drew in Wilkinson Co.
Kinchin, drew in Baldwin Co.
Owen, drew in Baldwin Co.

• Wood, Virginia S. and Ralph V. Wood. *1805 GEORGIA
LAND LOTTERY*. Cambridge, MA: The Greenwood Press,
1964.

Title page and all pages that list Alford's or variations—
name, prize or blank draw, county of residence:

p. 3: Burtis, blank, Greene
Ferrel, prize, Montgomery

Jacob, blank, Montgomery
John, blank, Greene
Julius, blank, Greene

p. 4: Lodowick, blank, Greene
Owen, blank, Hancock
W. Spin, blank, Greene
William, Sr., prize, Hancock
William, Jr., blank, Hancock
Cullen ALFRED, blank, Hancock
James ALFRED, Sr., prize, Hancock
Kinchen ALFRED, blank, Hancock

Elbert County—established from Wilkes, 1790

• Davidson, Grace Gillam, comp. *HISTORICAL COLLEC-
TIONS OF THE GEORGIA CHAPTERS DAUGHTERS OF
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, VOLUME III: RECORDS
OF ELBERT COUNTY, GEORGIA*. Atlanta, GA: Stein
Printing Company, 1930; reprint ed., Vidalia, GA: Georgia
Genealogical Reprints, n.d. [Title page and all pages that list
Alford's (no variations): James, 151 (of Greene Co., deeds
land in Wilkes Co., 1791), 170 (of Green Co., deeds land in
Elbert Co. in 1794, originally granted to him in 1786), 176
(mentioned in deed as being original owner of land in Elbert
Co.); Luraner, 170 (wife of James).]

Upson County—established from Crawford and Pike, 1824

• Nottingham, Carolyn Walker, and Evelyn Hannah. *HIS-
TORY OF UPSON COUNTY, GEORGIA*. N. p.: J. W. Burke
Co., 1930. [Title, Contents, Index of Alford's, and all pages
that list Alford's or variations: Benjamin, 250 (heir of
Barbra Harrell); Brutus, 621 (graduate of R. E. Lee Institute
in 1887), 747 (original stockholder, Thomaston Bank); C.
C., 508 (private in Upson Guards); Clinton, 183 (marriage to
Martha Slaughter); George W., 239 (marriage to Mahana
Elizabeth Page); J. C., 508 (private, Upson Guards); Julius
C., 93 (lottery winner), 215 (Justice of the Peace); Spencer,
248 (witness to will); Turner, 184 (marriage to Elizabeth
Moore); William H., 195 (marriage to Elizabeth Stilwell);
Guilfred ALFRED, 68 (lottery winner); Edward D.
ALFRIEND, 274 (of Greene Co., deeds), 492 (mentioned).]

Wilkes County—established from Washington, 1777

• Davis, Robert Scott, Jr., comp. *THE WILKES COUNTY
PAPERS 1773–1833*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press,
1979. [All pages that list Alford's or variations, typed
transcription on one page by Pamela Thompson: ?, 78
(adjoining land, 1792 deed); Isham ALLFORDS, 290
(defaulter who paid double tax for 1788).]

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MARYLAND

Statewide or Multiple Counties

• Barnes, Robert, comp. *MARYLAND MARRIAGES, 1634-1777*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1978 (first printing, 1975). [Contains a compilation of all marriages recorded in church records and other documents on deposit at Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore or the Hall of Records in Annapolis. Title page and all pages that list Alfords or variations: **Edward**, 3 (m. Mary Dawson, 23 Apr 1715, Talbot Co.); **Elizabeth**, 79 (m. Edward Hardikin, 8 June 1718, Talbot Co.); **George**, 3 (m. Elizabeth Wilson, 3 May 1725, Kent Co.); **Maccabees**, 3 (m. Rachael Bozman, 6 Aug 1774, Caroline Co.); **Mosess**, 3 (m. Mary Staple, 25 May 1704, Kent Co.); **Ruth**, 9 (m. Frances Barney, 3 Aug 1714, Kent Co.); **Rachel OLFORD**, 86 (m. Thomas Hinesly, 16 Nov 1743, Queen Anne's Co.).]

• Brumbaugh, Gaius Marcus. *MARYLAND RECORDS: COLONIAL, REVOLUTIONARY, COUNTY AND CHURCH, FROM ORIGINAL SOURCES*. 2 vols. Baltimore, MD: N. pub., 1915 (Vol. I) and Lancaster, PA: N. pub., 1928 (Vol. II); reprint ed., Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1975. [The only page that lists Alfords or variations, typed transcription by Pamela Thompson: **John ALFORT**, 499 (m. Margaret Ashman, 19 Aug 1780, Frederick).]

• Maryland Historical Society. *MUSTER ROLLS AND OTHER RECORDS OF SERVICE OF MARYLAND TROOPS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION 1775-1783*. Originally published as Volume XVIII of the Archives of Maryland, Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1900; reprint ed., Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1972. [Title page and all pages that list Alfords (no variations): **John**, 474 (Frederick Detachment, Maryland Line); **Thos.**, 424 (enlisted in Maryland Line, 1782); **William**, 273 (5th Maryland Regiment, enlisted 31 Dec 1776, deserted).]

• Meyer, Mary Keyson. *DIVORCES AND NAMES CHANGED IN MARYLAND BY ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE 1734-1854*. N. p.: N. pub., 1970. [The only page that lists Alfords (no variations), typed transcription by Pamela Thompson: **James**, 9 (of Baltimore, divorced **Jane Alford**, 1836).]

• Newman, Harry Wright. *MARYLAND REVOLUTIONARY RECORDS*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1980. [The only page that lists Alfords or variations, typed transcription by Pamela Thompson: **Thomas ALFRED**, 85 (listed under Maryland soldiers in pension

applicatons).]

• Wright, F. Edward. *MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE VITAL RECORDS*. 5 vols. Silver Spring, MD: Family Line Publications, 1982.

Title page and all pages that list Alfords (no variations):

Vol. I, 1648-1725:

Edward, 67 (m. Mary Dawson, both of Dorch Co., 23 Apr 1716, listed under St. Peter's Parish, Talbot Co.); **George**, 13 (m. Elizabeth Wilson, 3 May 1725, St. Paul's Parish, Kent Co.); **Moses**, 13 (m. Mary Staple, 25 May 1704, St. Paul's Parish, Kent Co.), 13 (buried 29 Jan 1708, St. Paul's Parish, Kent Co.); **Ruth**, 15 (m. Frances Barney, 3 Aug 1714, St. Paul's Parish, Kent Co.).

Vols. II-V, 1726-1825: No listings

Frederick County—established from Prince Georges, 1748

• Weiser, Frederick Sheely, trans. and ed. *RECORDS OF MARRIAGES AND BURIALS IN THE MONOCACY CHURCH IN FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND AND IN THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION IN THE CITY OF FREDERICK, MARYLAND 1743-1811*. Washington, DC: The National Gelealogical Society, 1972. [Title page and the only page that lists Alfords or variations: **John ALFORT**, 27 (m. Margreth Hirschmann, 20 Aug 1780, in Lutheran Church).]

Cities

• Barnes, Robert. *MARRIAGES AND DEATHS FROM BALTIMORE NEWSPAPERS, 1796-1816*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1978. [Title page and the only page that lists Alfords (no variations): **John**, 4 (m. Margaret Austen, both of Baltimore, 19 Apr 1812).]

• Hollowak, Thomas L., comp. *INDEX TO MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN THE (BALTIMORE) SUN, 1837-1850*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1978. [Title page and all pages that list Alfords or variations: **Elizabeth A.**, 154 (m. 3 Oct 1844 to Charles Dickson); **James**, 8 (d. 12 Feb. 1839); **James E.**, 8 (m. 6 Oct 1847 to Mary J. Edmundson); **Margaret**, 8 (d. 5 March 1845), 637 (m. 14 June 1840 to Charles Weltz); **Elenora M. ALFRED**, 664 (m. 29 Apr 1845 to Thomas H. Wood); **Uriah ALFRED**, 8 (d. 6 Dec 1844).]

Biography: Daniel Lee Alford

The following was copied from the *Burleson County Texas History*. D. L. Alford, Jr. and several of his close kin are members of AAFA. D. L. is the leader of our effort in Texas.

Lee Alford, the eldest child of Halcut and Mary Jane Scott Alford, was born 12 December 1876, in a log cabin on his Grandfather Scott's farm in Elizabeth Chapel Community. As was the custom, he was named for his paternal grandfather, Daniel Lee, of Aberdeen, Mississippi. Life was simple and times were difficult when Lee was a boy. He recalled that sugar was a precious commodity, to be carefully stored, and that shoes were hard to come by. He said that the prairie grasses were as high as a horse's stomach and that he could remember the wild turkeys roosting in rows along the rail fences.

As soon as Lee completed his schooling in the Elizabeth Chapel Community, he moved into Caldwell and went to work, doing whatever he could. Until his parents moved to town, he boarded with family friends. Afterward, he worked for his father at his livery stable; he said that when salesmen came to town, he drove them all over the county to call on their customers.

In 1901, Lee bought a confectionery store from the Boswell Brothers. In the meantime, he had been courting Anna Frantiska "Annie" Klukan, a local belle. Annie, the daughter of Frank and Theresa Schiller Klukan, was born on 15 November 1879 in Wesley, Texas, where her father was a merchant. Her maternal grandparents were Vincent and Frances Schiller, who came to Texas from Czechoslovakia in 1853 and settled in Industry, Austin County. During the Civil War, Grandfather Schiller joined a group of freighters who hauled cotton to Mexico in wagons drawn by four or more yoke of

oxen. Annie was baptized and confirmed in the Moravian Brethren Church in Wesley and could remember watching Reverend B. E. Laciak paint the interior of the church in 1889. Her father died in 1889; shortly after, Mrs. Klukan sold their store and moved to Burleson County. She and her three younger children, Vlasta (Lester), Annie, and Frank lived with her oldest daughter, Lillie, and her husband, Dr. B. O. McLean.

When Annie graduated from Caldwell Public School in 1897, her mother sent her to Kidd-Key College in Sherman, a fashionable boarding school for girls. Upon her return to Caldwell, she taught at "Red Hollow" until her marriage to Lee on 22 June 1903. They were married in Brenham in the home of Annie's cousin, and returned to Caldwell on the night train. The young couple rented an apartment in the residence of Judge A. W. McIver on South Echols Street. Annie always said that there was a Chinese laundry across the street from Judge McIver's home and that the old Chinaman played Chinese music all day long. In 1904, Lee and Annie built a home at 703 West Buck Street.

Lee prospered in the confectionery. He sold candy, cigars, peanuts, popcorn, fruits in season (he ordered apples by the carload), lemonade, glaces, and ice cream which he made himself—in fact, he milked his own cows. Later, when soft drinks became the vogue, he sold them, too. The ice cream parlor was a popular rendezvous for everybody in town, young and old alike. Lee liked to tell about the time his popcorn machine exploded. At that time, his wife's cousin was working for him. When the noise had subsided, and the steam began to fade, Lee began looking for the boy. He found him still crouching under a counter. The young man later joined the Signal Corps of the United States Army and carved a distinguished

career in the service. He rose to the rank of brigadier general and participated in the African and European campaigns during World War II. Lee always said he received his baptism of fire when the popcorn machine exploded!

After twelve years of marriage, Lee and Annie became the proud parents of a son, Daniel Lee Alford, Jr., born in January 1915. When the news spread around town on that cold, snowy Sunday, one of Lee's friends arranged for the fire whistle to blow to let everybody know that the couple had a boy. In 1917, Lee sold the confectionery because it kept him away from home so late each night. Although he had begun farming and raising cattle, Anne didn't want to move to the country. Lee established a wholesale gasoline agency, representing Gulf Oil Company and, later, Sinclair Refining Company until the late 1940's. He also built and operated a cotton platform between his office building and their home. After the birth of their boy, Annie devoted her energy toward the care of their son, their home, and her flowers. She, along with her family, joined the Presbyterian Church in Caldwell to be with Dr. & Mrs. McLean, her sister. Lee, reared a Methodist, later joined the Presbyterian Church with Annie and D. L., their son.

Lee, like his father before him, was active in the life of the community. He was appointed to the board of the Caldwell Public School in 1919 and served through 1930. It was during his term as president of the board that the third public school building in Caldwell was constructed in 1922.

When the depression hit in 1929, Lee suffered severe losses in investments and in his farming operation. In addition to this his gasoline customers

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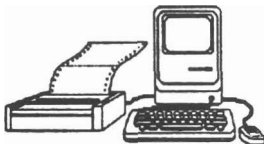
had a very hard time paying their accounts. He believed in them, though, and said he never lost any money there. He refused to give his creditors the opportunity to foreclose on his property and by the late 1940's had paid every dime that he owed. He and Annie always lived simply. She was very frugal, and Lee was content to stay in Burleson County and work from daylight to dusk—and they were able to send D. L. to college when he graduated from high school.

After he sold his gasoline agency, Lee devoted his time to his cattle, and until he was 85 rode horseback regularly, checking the pastures. He died on 15 September 1964 and was buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Caldwell. Annie, who had never stayed alone in her life, determined to live by herself, and did, until she had to have a companion. In November 1972, she left her home for the last time, subsequently spending ten months in the Goodnight Memorial Hospital and the remaining months in the local nursing home until her death on 10 February 1975. She was buried beside her husband in the Masonic Cemetery.

Write Your Bio

Three biographies appear in this issue of *AAFA ACTION*, two which pertain to ancestors of members. As biographies and autobiographies are submitted, they will be printed in this newsletter; eventually we will probably publish them in book form.

This is one of the most important contributions you can make towards preserving your Alford heritage. If you haven't already, start writing today!



Research Plans

AAFA is accumulating Alford data at a rate greater than ever before.

Although some of you may believe that there is no on-going research effort at this time, and although we do not presently have a professional researcher engaged, some of the members are hard at work in the research area.

After trying several approaches, including a paid researcher, the Association at the 1988 annual meeting in Atlanta voted to proceed with internal research and to engage a professional researcher only when that seemed to be the best alternative.

Internal Research

The internal research involves three things. First, obtaining information already in the hands of members and others interested in Alford family history. A wealth of information has been made available from new members and potential members just this year. When considering the cost of finding new members vs. the cost of a paid researcher, the cost of finding new members returns much more Alford information than has been available through professional researchers! Every Alford has some valuable information, even if it's just on his family.

The second part of the internal research is new information found by members by doing research on their own or by reviewing publications. The activity in the library effort is an indication of the success of this to date. The Association plan and organization for internal research is just being implemented and you will be receiving personal contact on this later.

The third part of the internal research is the purchase of data already compiled and available from a variety of sources, such as National Archives Microfilm of indexed data, and companies which sell

marriage lists, such as Hunting for Bears, Inc., and SQS Enterprises.

Professional Research

Before we engage a professional researcher, it should be ascertained that we have already accumulated and studied all the readily available information about the place, time period, or person to be investigated. When a researcher is hired, a specific and well-defined objective should be given. These objectives must be selected so that the results will benefit the most members.

Some members have written that they prefer to donate to AAFA for research when there is evidence of further research effort. We believe that at this time the best value for our research dollars is obtained by working with the members to gather data that is readily available. When it becomes evident that a paid researcher must be engaged to locate obscure or difficult-to-find records, then we will do so. Remember, it's expensive!

Now, however, our research dollars are being spent on administering the internal research, reimbursing members for expenses (postage, copies, etc.), and especially reaching the new members. AAFA depends on donations to support all phases of its operations, so members are encouraged to continue their generous giving and to count on the Association to use its best judgment in executing the research effort.

One of the more significant problems at this time is how best to disseminate information collected. One of the reasons for Gil Alford continuing his quarterly, *ABOUT ALFORDS*, is because it will take two newsletters plus supplemental publications several years to publish all the information available.