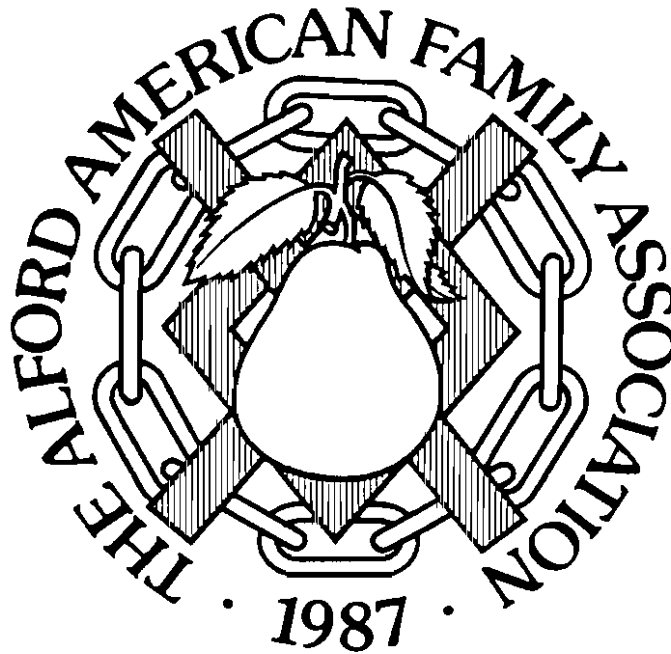


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President's Precept

THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING!

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS! I am glad you did the right thing. As we start the New Year, you are just in time to join with us and share what promises to be an exciting time.

Many of us are now settling in and digging into reaseach in the various fields or special areas of genealogy—of our own choosing. Results are beginning to come in, and we are gratified to see the willingness to share all such information turned up by our research. We hope that you too will pick a field and help us turn over a few more rocks to see what's under there.

But most exciting of all is the prospect of holding our annual meeting this year in Raleigh, North Carolina. The meeting will most probably be the first or second weekend in October. Details are being worked out now and will be announced later as to locations and dates. Most Alfords we know about trace their ancestors back to North Carolina, and many of us actually have roots there. My father was born in Wake County. It will indeed be a sort of "homecoming" for many of us. Several members will be concentrating on North Carolina research during the year. The Census Committee and the Wills and Estates Committee are making a special effort to find and present data from the state. And a special effort is being made to reach all Alford families or cousins in North Carolina. Anything you can do to further this effort will be appreciated.

For information, a Nominating Committee will be formed soon for the purpose of proposing candidates for officers of the Association. It is expected that a slate of candidates will be presented in the newsletter in the summer or fall and will be voted upon at the meeting in Raleigh in October.

About Alford Fever! Catch it! (Apologies to baseball.)

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Treasurer's Report

	1988 Actual	1989 Budget Original	1989 Actual	1990 Tentative Budget	1990 Actual To Date (1-31-90)
REVENUE					
REG FEE (INITIAL)	\$ 700.00	\$1200.00	\$1580.00	\$1150.00	\$35.00
INITIAL DUES	560.00	750.00	1264.00	3450.00	61.00
RENEWAL DUES	320.00	784.00	749.00	3450.00	339.00
DONATIONS - GENERAL	682.57	1000.00	1348.00	1500.00	52.00
BUDGETED REVENUE	\$2262.57	\$3734.00	\$4941.00	\$9550.00	\$487.00
CARRYOVER FROM PREVIOUS YEAR					
	\$1381.88		\$1394.26		\$1716.24
REG FEE (MEETING)			357.00		
DONATIONS - MEETING			1324.00		
DONATIONS - COMPUTER FUND			235.00		\$50.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$3644.45	\$3734.00	\$8251.26	\$9550.00	\$2253.24
EXPENSES					
POSTAGE & PO BOX	\$ 653.97	\$1439.00	\$1805.96	\$3650.00	\$394.80
STATIONERY	817.01	0.00	291.20	500.00	106.01
PRINTING	337.84	1510.00	2028.97	3300.00	780.94
RESEARCH		340.00	144.02	400.00	57.95
FAMILY EMBLEM	200.00				
MISCELLANEOUS	241.37	445.00	764.93	300.00	46.98
ADVERTISING				300.00	
SUPPLIES				700.00	45.94
NON EXPENDABLE ITEMS				400.00	13.50
BUDGETED EXP'S	\$2250.19	\$3734.00	\$5035.08	\$9550.00	\$1446.12
MEETING & RECEPTION					
			1499.94		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2250.19	\$3734.00	\$6535.02	\$9550.00	\$1446.12
NET WORTH	\$1394.26		\$1716.24		\$807.12

Note that the above report is as of the end of January. Because the newsletter is now being more economically printed in Missouri, causing the submissions deadline to be a month earlier than it has been in the past, the financial report this quarter represents only two months of expenses and revenue since the last report.

In order to make the report clearer, a new line has been added: "Carryover from Previous Year." These funds represent the difference between the Association's revenue and expenses in one year which are available the following year.

As you can see, we are somewhat low on funds. Printing and mailing this newsletter will reduce our net worth by about \$700. You can help by sending your renewal in on time and recruiting a new member or two!

1990 Meeting: Raleigh, NC

This year our annual meeting will be held October 12-14 at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel and Conference Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. Festivities will begin with a reception at about 6:00 P.M. on Friday, October 12. Dress will be casual—there will be light refreshments and a cash bar.

On Saturday there will be the annual meeting beginning at 9:00 A.M. followed by an organized Alford workshop in the afternoon. Saturday evening there will be an optional sit down dinner or buffet.

On Sunday morning there will be state-oriented informal work groups if you'd like to work with others who have Alford in states where your ancestors were found. AAFA state books, containing extensive data on Alford of the particular state, will be available at each of these tables. An attempt is being made to arrange for an optional tour that will take members to some of the historic "Alford" areas in the vicinity of Raleigh.

You need to do two things immediately to insure if you plan to attend:

(1) Phone the hotel at (919) 872-2323 or toll-free at (800) 872-1982 and make your hotel reservations. The Association has rates of \$57 (plus 8% tax) per

night for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Most major credit cards are accepted.

(2) Register with AAFA by sending your registration fee of \$25 to the Association post office box. The registration fee covers the cost of the food on Friday evening (you pay for your own drinks at the cash bar), breaks on Saturday morning and afternoon and on Sunday morning. If you plan to include the Saturday evening dinner, that will be an additional charge of \$14-17 per person plus tax. Indicate with your registration if you wish to include the Saturday evening meal and you will be advised further on the matter.

Delta Air Lines is offering our members a discount of 40% off all unrestricted (totally refundable) round trip fares or coach fares, and 5% off all other (discounted) fares for travel to Raleigh during the period of October 6-22. We allowed a week before and week after the meeting for those who may wish to spend time at the North Carolina Archives doing research. Phone toll-free (800) 221-1212 and ask for the Special Meetings Network and give them file number L33016. Reservations must be made at least seven days in advance, but don't wait that long. Expect further information in the next issue and/or special mailings.

Family Reunions

James Barney Alford

The descendants of James Barney and Ettie (Warner) Alford (1870-1956) will hold their first annual reunion at the New Orleans Country Club at noon on Saturday, May 12, 1990. For more information contact Bill & Gary Baker, 4925 Chestnut Street, New Orleans, LA 70115.

William Riley Alford

The descendants of William Riley Alford (1842-1917) will meet April 15 (3rd Sunday each April) at Fort Jessup, Sabine Parish, Louisiana (5 miles from Many on highway 6). For more information contact Oscar W. Alford, Route 3, Box 1387, Many, LA 74449, (318) 256-9515.

Jeptha Martin Alford

The descendants of Jeptha Martin Alford (1862-1948) will meet April 28 at Percy Quin State Park (Main Lodge) in Pike County, Mississippi. For more information contact Mrs. Crystelle Alford Traina, 5017 Soldier Street, New Orleans, LA.

William L. H. Alford

The descendants of William L. H. Alford (1863-1931) will meet April 22 in Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia. For more information contact Captain Lodwick H. Alford, P. O. Box 742, Sea Island, GA 31561, (912) 638-9266.

Membership Report

AAFA membership continues to grow. Some loss is coming about from a few members who choose not to renew their membership, but we're still gaining new members. There are now members in 39 of the 50 states. Those with three or more members are shown on the chart on the last page. The states with an "*" on the chart have AAFA State Representatives, and Texas with the "#" has a complete state organization.

Representatives are needed for the other states. Any volunteers?

Remember: Try to add one new member during this year—someone from your family branch or community. The more members we have, the more Alford information we can gather and disseminate. The more members we have, the more likely YOU are to find someone else researching your line.

And the more members we have, the more services we can provide and fund. The easiest way to add a member is with a gift membership, but if YOU show your enthusiasm for our family organization, other Alford are bound to want to join! If you need AAFA information leaflets and application blanks, drop a line to the AAFA post office box and ask for them, indicating how many.

Alfords in the News

NEWS & OBSERVER

Raleigh, NC—8 Sept 1946

CIVIC LEADER WINS PRAISE

by Bloys W. Britt

Henderson. Sept. 7—Every community has its "civic handyman," but few North Carolina towns and cities can boast of one who carries the title as literally as does Sam Alford of Henderson.

As a matter of fact, Sam Alford's influence and activities in civic and humanitarian affairs extends not only through Henderson and Vance County, but through North Carolina and the nation. That covers a lot of territory, but so do the certificates of merit that blanket the walls of his business office here and the walls of his study in his beautiful suburban home.

Began in Depression

A printer and merchant by trade, and a widely-known amateur magician and entertainer during the few odd moments he gets during a 16 hour day, Sam Alford first became interested in helping his fellow man back in 1933, when the depression was at its height.

"Times were tough then," Alford recalled, "and not everybody was enjoying life. There was a great opportunity to serve humanity, and few organizations were around at that time to adequately handle the situation. Just as did hundreds of others, I joined in an effort to make the plight of others easier."

That year Sam headed a drive to strengthen the Salvation Army in this area, and that first taste of civic work started him on a crusade which hasn't let up in the slightest in nearly 15 years and which frequently takes several hours a day away from his business. He was elected chairman of the Salvation Army in Vance County and was held the post continuously since that first

year.

With that step into the civic field, other opportunities to serve his fellow man followed. He single-handedly organized Henderson's Community Chest after other group and individual efforts failed. He's still connected with that organization. At one time or another from 1935 to 1940, he headed every civic and charitable drive in Henderson and Vance County, including Boys and Girl Scouts, March of Dimes, Red Cross, War Relief, USO, Civilian Defense, and others of minor and major nature. He is now State chairman of the White Cane sale being sponsored by North Carolina Lions Clubs and the State Association for The Blind.

Mr Alford was the chairman of the Red Cross in Vance County during the recent war, being elected in 1939, and is still county chairman. He has handled all home service activities of the Red Cross, and spent an average of six hours daily, much of it at night, in pushing Red Cross affairs. He headed the medical division of Vance County's Civilian Defense organization, and at one time had 27 first aid stations in operation in the county and city.

Apart from his home service activities with the Red Cross and Civilian Defense during the war, Sam found time to serve as a member of the Vance County Ration Board, and as a member of the gasoline ration panel. That unit met daily for several years, taking another hour and a half of Sam's lengthening day.

In 1943-44, while already overburdened with civic and charitable affairs, he found time to serve as president of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce. In that connection, he has served as head of almost every major division of the chamber, and still is frequently called upon to contribute time and effort in the organization's behalf.

During the war he worked to

mould North Carolina Lions Clubs into a war machine all its own. Through the various clubs, he organized war bond drives which netted the United States government millions in war bond sales. For that service, he added certificate of merit to his wide collection.

He first became interested in work for the blind back in 1933, when he was elected chairman of Lions Club blind work in Vance County. From that beginning, he branched out and organized campaigns for the blind in the adjoining counties, then on a State-wide basis. He still is president of the Vance County blind work. This year, he was named to head the State White Cane sale, from which all funds other than state funds are derived to carry on North Carolina's extensive blind rehabilitation program.

He was one of the first directors of the North Carolina Association for the Blind, and still remains a director. He is a former district governor of North Carolina Lions Club.

Honored by Henderson

Recognizing his invaluable work in civic and charitable affairs, he was awarded a "certificate of merit" by the town of Henderson in 1938, a certificate which he prizes most among his huge collection.

Sam's most recent recognition came from national headquarters of the Red Cross. He is one of two Southerners who are members of a national committee appointed by Red Cross Chairman Basil O'Connor to study the powers of the national Red Cross convention with a view to enlarging the convention's effectiveness in assisting the National Red Cross governing body.

Sam, who is 45 years of age, and who frequently rolls up his sleeves and mixes with the ink in his print shop above his office supply store here, lives with his wife in a well kept suburban

home. During the few hours he can spare from his business and extra-curricular work, he works among the shrubbery in his gardens and lawns. He even goes in for chicken raising and usually has one of the best family gardens in Henderson.

Altogether, Sam spends a busy life. But, he's always got the time to try anything new which benefits the fellow next door, or the fellow who lives thousands of miles away.

THE NEWS AND OBSERVER
Raleigh, NC—Wed., 10 Aug 1949

FRANKLIN COUNTY MAN IS NAMED TO HIGH OFFICE

Dr. Frank O. Alford of Charlotte, North Carolina, a Franklin County man, was installed as President of the Southern Academy of Periodontology at the close of the Meeting of the Academy which has been held at The General Oglethorpe Hotel in Savannah.

Dr. Alford is a leader in dental circles, has served as President and Secretary of the Charlotte Dental Society. President and Secretary of the Second District Dental Society, President and Secretary of the North Carolina State Dental Society. He has served as chairman of numerous committees in the North Carolina State Dental Society, and given papers and clinics in other states.

He is now secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners and a member of the Council of the National Board of Dental Examiners of the American Dental Association.

Dr. Alford has served on the Dental College Advisory Committee of the University of North Carolina. He graduated from Emory University and the Atlanta-Southern Dental College, serving as president of the Atlanta-Southern Dental College Alumni Association.

He was president of the Xi Psi Phi

fraternity, is a member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon, honorary fraternity, and President of the Mecklenburg Chapter Sons of American Revolution.

Dr. Alford is a Fellow in the American College of Dentists and a member of the Federation Dentaire Internationale.

THE NEWS AND OBSERVER
Raleigh, NC—Wed., 10 Aug 1949

MRS. FRANK O. ALFORD RESIGNS FROM COLLEGE EXTENSION STAFF—With 18 years; Joining Charlotte Organization in November

Mrs. Frank O. Alford, who has been a member of the State College Extension staff for 18 years, has resigned, it was announced today, effective September 1. She will begin work as administrative assistant for Vocational Associates, an educational organization with headquarters in Charlotte, November 1, at a salary of \$7,500.

In her position as district supervisor of State College Extension Service, she has been in direct supervision of Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington and Wilson counties, responsible for employing and supervising personnel, directing the program of work, and for the budget for the 52 home agents and assistants supervised.

Only four counties were organized on a yearly basis when Mrs. Alford assumed the position as District Agent. Therefore, her first work as the new supervisor was not only organizing new counties but for arousing of public-spirited citizens to secure reinstatement of appropriation for home demonstration work—no easy task in the days of low incomes and before the work was recognized as an essential part of the State's educational program.

The home demonstration work was

reorganized in the eleven eastern counties while work continued on new organizations. Special work on organization was assigned to her in the Central, Southeast and Mountain Districts, also. Forty of the North Carolina counties now having home demonstration agents were organized or reorganized under the supervision of Mrs. Alford.

At the time Mrs. Alford began work as District Supervisor, counties then organized were appropriating only a total of \$3250 for the support of home demonstration work. Today the total amount appropriated for home demonstration work by the Boards of Commissioners in the Northeastern counties amounts to \$62,850, an increase of \$59,600 in county support.

ARKANSAS MAGAZINE
18 Oct 1987
by Robbie Moreland

ALFORD MAINTAINS INTEREST IN POLITICS

For more than two decades, Dr. Dale Alford's time was divided between politics and medicine.

A few years after he opened his ophthalmology practice in Little Rock, Alford came on the political forefront when he ran for Congress as a write-in candidate in 1958. He defeated the late Rep. Brooks Hays, a Democrat. After serving two terms in Washington, D.C., Alford returned to Little Rock to begin his campaign for the 1962 Democratic gubernatorial nomination. He was defeated that year and, again, in 1966.

It was eight years before Alford took a break from the full time practice of medicine to run for Congress again. The 1984 2nd Congressional District race pitted him against four other candidates, including Pulaski County Sheriff Tommy Robinson who won the seat.

Despite the fact that he finished

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last, Alford, 71, said recently that he has no regrets about hitting the come-back trail.

"I consider it an honor to be elected to Congress two times and I wanted to return, but I'm not disappointed with how things turned out," he said. "I enjoyed meeting old friends and making new ones."

Although he's said he doesn't plan to seek political office again, Alford's interest in politics is apparent. The issues with which he is concerned come across in his smooth, oratorical manner of speaking, perhaps a carry over from the five years he spent as a play-by-play announcer for the Razorback Radio Network.

"You have to have a tremendous sources of money to finance a campaign, which my organization didn't have. But, as far as politics is concerned, I still have interest," he said.

Alford's first bid for Congress, in which he supported state's rights, came on the heels of the Central High School desegregation crisis. When Alford sought a third term, the controversy over school consolidation, which was just beginning, became an issue in his campaign. He found himself defending his earlier stand and trying to overcome the segregationist stigma which had followed him through the years. The racist label was unfounded, Alford said.

"Integration was never the issue. I felt at the time and it's still my opinion that certain judicial orders were violation of the U.S. Constitution."

Because both of his parents were teachers, he has always been concerned with issues affecting education, Alford said. Commenting on the recent strike by teachers in the Little Rock School District, Alford offered a possible alternative to settling the dispute over teachers' salaries.

"It's a tragedy that the schools had to close, but I am totally sympathetic with the teachers," he said. "But, if we're not always allowed to guide our own schools because of the federal government's control, maybe the

schools should be nationalized so that teachers would be civil service employees. Salaries and benefits could be made equal to those of other government workers."

"But I'm not running for public office, I'm enjoying my practice," Alford said.

Alford, a native of New Hope (Pike County), received his medical degree from the University of Arkansas School of Medicine. He served a preceptorship at the Army & Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs before becoming a medical officer in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II. He entered private practice as assistant to the professor of ophthalmology at Emory University in Atlanta before returning to Little Rock to set up private practice as associate clinical professor of ophthalmology at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

A history buff, Alford enjoys reading about early American History. "The development of our country never ceases to fascinate me," he said, noting that he still subscribes to the *Congressional Record* to keep informed on current events.

Alford and his wife, the former L Moore Smith of Sardis, Miss., have three children and three grandchildren.

THE PARIS NEWS
Paris, Texas—_____ 1989

PHOTOGRAPHER COMES HOME
Dallas Photographer Jess Alford Returns to Paris for PJC Festival
By Paul Balley

Jess Alford has spent more time in Paris in the past few weeks than he has in the previous 30 years, and he's enjoying it.

The Paris native, an award winning advertising photographer who lives in Dallas, is involved in the Northeast Texas Heritage Festival that is being held at Paris Junior College. His part in the festival has brought him back to his

Paris and Lamar County roots.

"I have a lot of friends here, and coming home is a pleasant reprieve from life in the big city," he said as he sat comfortably in a chair in the Jess B. Alford Center for Lifelong Learning on this PJC campus. The building is named for his father.

Alford said it felt good to return to Paris and be a part of a project that focuses on the history and heritage of the area in which he spent his childhood.

"I was especially interested in the fact that they chose Mr. (William A.) Owens as the featured personality for the Heritage Festival," Alford said. "I've read his book, *The Stubborn Soil*, and I have learned to really like the man, although I didn't know him when I was growing up in Paris."

Alford, an easy going man who would rather spend his time behind a camera or in the wilderness areas of East Texas than in the public eye, has also been a featured attraction at the Heritage Festival this weekend. His award winning photographs—including his picture of an egg suspended in mid-air above a skillet, entitled "Raw Energy," that won the CLIO award—are on display in the Alford Center and will remain there through Aug. 19.

The Paris High School graduate will tell you, if you ask, how and why he took the picture. He likes to talk to people, but doesn't consider himself a celebrity.

"I'm a professional photographer who has been fortunate enough to have some clients who allow me to be creative," he said. "But I volunteered to help with this festival for the opportunity to return to Paris and to learn from it, and from the writings of Mr. Owens. I think this is something in which everyone in the area should have an interest."

Alford called Barry Russell, Director of Resource and Development at PJC, when he heard about the festival, and volunteered to help. He was immediately commissioned to take the picture for the poster, which was

used to publicize the event throughout the area.

Although Alford has always been fascinated by photography, he has not always enjoyed it as his main profession. As he put it, he was "stuck in a world of big business" for a number of years after earning a business degree from the University of Texas in Austin. He attended Paris Junior College for one semester.

"I guess you could say I changed horses in mid-stream," he said with a smile. "It was just short of my 38th birthday that I shed my pin-striped suit and donned my faded jeans to get into the graphic arts and advertising business with my photography."

Alford adapted quickly to his new profession, but only because of the solid support he received from "several mentors, talented advertising directors and designers," he said.

Outfitted in his faded jeans, Alford has produced advertising photographs for Frito Lay, Minute Maid Orange Juice, Halliburton Oil Co. and other clients that are familiar to the general public.

His "Raw Energy" picture that won the top national advertising award was not done for any of his clients. He produced that picture to advertise his own business.

"It was a stroke of luck," he said.

Others familiar with Alford say it is typical Alford. "Whatever he does, he puts everything he has into it," Heritage Festival coordinator Pam Drake said.

In addition to working for advertising clients, Alford also does photography work for design firms, magazine and book publishers. He has also taught photography classes, including beginning and advanced lighting techniques, at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Alford is the title photographer for a book entitled, *Realms of Beauty—The Wilderness Areas of East Texas*. The book is written by Edward Fritz, chairman of the Texas Committee of National Resources and an activist in

the preservation efforts of Texas' forest land.

Alford, also a preservationist and a board member on at least two natural resources organizations, said he attributes a lot of his interests to his father's influence.

"My interests don't exactly coincide with those of my father, but I do remember his involvement in civic affairs in Paris, and his love for the schools, especially the development of Paris Junior College," he said. "I also remember his love for the outdoors and his gift for creativity."

Alford's father, Jess B. Alford, was a trustee in the Paris Independent School District when the college was organized. During his six years as trustee, he was chairman of the junior college committee that found the site for the college, initiated tax support and constructed the building for the college.

He continued to pursue his dream that Paris Junior College would be the education center for people in the Red River Valley. For his dedication and personal support of the college, the Jess B. Alford Center for Lifelong Learning was dedicated to the late Mr. Alford in 1980.

"He was particularly interested in agriculture and spent many hours developing that program at PJC," Alford recalls. "We often had students out at our farm studying the cattle and using the facilities for classrooms."

Alford is proud of his legacy and hopes to learn more about others who have contributed to the heritage of Paris and Lamar County as he looks at the area through his camera lens.

"If I can contribute just a small part to this festival and to the historic insight of the area, I will be delighted," he said. "My greatest joy, though, is learning about others."

ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL
McComb, MS—Sun., 15 Jan 1989

ALFORDS EARN DESIGNATION

Two appraisers with Alford Realty Co. in McComb have been designated certified real estate appraisers.

Julius M. Alford and Gary C. Alford received the designation from the National Association of Real Estate Appraisers, the largest appraisal association in the United States.

The two qualified for the designation through education, experience and professional standards set by the association.

In a related article, no source:

On Monday night the Southwest Mississippi Board of Realtors had their Christmas dinner and December meeting. Brenda Rollinson Board president presented Julius "Pooley" Alford of Alford Realty a certificate and plaque in recognition of 25 or more years in the real estate business.

THE TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT
Tallahassee, FL—4 March 1989

A TWICE-TOLD STORY OF LOVE
Blountstown Unites to Help Special Couple

The love story—actually two of them—continues. And with a little help, it will soon have a new home.

Eighteen months after their story gained national attention—including from then-President Ronald Reagan—R. H. and Hilda Alford are just a few more months from moving out of their trailer and into a more spacious wood frame home.

The home is being built by volunteers in this small town just west of the Apalachicola River. The effort is a second love story: the love of neighbors one for another.

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"(The Alfords') love has reached out in many ways," said Rev. Richard Waterman, of Blountstown's First Church of Nazarene. "Now it's coming back to them."

The love started when the Alfords were married in 1956. A scant 10 months later, an automobile accident left Hilda a quadriplegic, legally blind and unable to do anything for herself.

Ever since, R. L. has remained her faithful husband and nurse, washing, feeding and dressing her. He carries her in his arms everywhere they go.

"In this day and age when a man will leave a woman because she's gained a couple pounds, R. L. has had a very special love that makes others look shallow," said longtime friend Jim Kearce.

For years R. L. bore his burden with little complaint or help. Though an insurance settlement of \$210,000 in 1959 helped pay Hilda's medical bills, R. L. had to work as well as care for his wife.

He farmed, operated a lawn service business, and for many years owned a service station and was a jobber for Texaco products. His industriousness earned enough to buy a home for his wife, and eventually two children, as well as homes for his mother and mother-in-law.

But as his oil business declined and Hilda's care increased, R. L. 52, struggled to find enough time and money to meet his responsibilities. Eventually he had to sell his business and his house and move the family into a trailer. In November 1987, the Alford's struggle came to the notice of neighbors. Many had been moved by Hilda's condition and impressed by R. L.'s cheerful stoicism. But few had suspected until then the family's financial difficulties—and thus began the second love story.

Lead by Waterman and Kearce, a committee was formed and the community began vigorously soliciting money to help the Alford's.

The effort attracted media atten-

tion. Newspaper stories about the Alfords went all over the nation. Letters, calls and checks came from California, New England, the Midwest—and the White House. Reagan called and spoke to R. L. for 20 minutes, then sent a \$500 check.

Eventually, the drive produced \$25,000, which was put in a trust fund from which the committee disperses \$800 a month to the Alfords. The stipends, which cover basic expenses, have been gratefully—if grudgingly—accepted.

"I'm not use to taking help. I've always been able to help others," R. L. said. "But the Bible says it's more blessed to give than to receive. And to give, you have to have someone to receive. So I guess this gives some people a chance to be blessed.

"I know we've been blessed by all this help. And this gesture now well..."

The gesture now is the new house, which is being built in front of the Alford's trailer.

When completed, the home will cover more than 1,600 square feet. With central heat and air, wide hallways, a giant shower and wheel chair ramps, it will relieve many of the problems R. L. faces daily in the cramped trailer.

"I'll be able to use her wheelchair more, instead of carrying her. I'll be able to roll her right into the shower," R. L. said. "(Now), every time we walk down the hall, I scrape my back and bump her shoulder."

The house, though is being built in stages as money is donated. So far, about \$2,000 has been donated. About \$1,000 of that was spent to dig the foundation, pour the concrete floor slab and install some plumbing.

The next step will be to put up the walls, roof, windows and doors. Donation of materials have been promised but it will still cost about \$4,000 to \$6,000 to complete the second stage, and more to finish the house.

"If you or I were building that house it would cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 just for the second stage because of

material and labor," Kearce said. "Every dollar we've given is worth \$5 to \$6 because of the free labor."

The labor is being provided by many volunteers, including students, postal workers and members of the First Church of the Nazarene, to which the Alford's belong.

But most of the work is being done by members of the two Mennonite Churches in the Blountstown area, and spearheaded by Jones Bontrager, a Mennonite dairy farmer who lives just down the road from the Alfords.

"Most of the farmers in our church have building experience," Bontrager said. "We are depending heavily on church members but it is open to whoever wants to help. And we've had help from a lot of people."

And it is that spirit, as much as the prospect of a comfortable home, that R. L. is moved by.

"It's incredible," he said. "When you think of all the things you hear about people, to realize how many people are willing to help."

DAILY STAR

Hammond, LA—Wed., 21 June 1989

Accompanied by his picture, AAFA Member #72, Dr. C.D. Alford gives a testimonial for The Baby Place:

"As the 'senior' OB/GYN doctor in the area, I'm always pleased by the work performed by the staff of the Baby Place at Seventh Ward General Hospital. I've participated in quite a few deliveries at the Baby Place, and each time the staff here provides the experience and care new parents rely on."

Dr. C.D. Alford
Fellow of the American College of
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Membership in the DAR

Membership in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
by Lucy Shull Stevens

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is classified as an educational, nonprofit organization because the fundamental purpose of the DAR is to promote good citizenship through education.

The NSDAR is nonpolitical. Each member, chapter and State Society is cautioned to refrain from any political activity performed in the name of the NSDAR which might be construed as political. The National Society maintains no lobby at national, state or local levels, contributes to no political party nor to candidates in anyway, initiates no legislation, and does not have a legislative chairman. The DAR is interested in preserving and maintaining our Constitutional Republic, and does urge its members, as good American citizens, to be informed and to vote.

An applicant for membership must be eighteen years of age or over. She must be a lineal descendant of an ancestor who assisted in the achievement of the American Independence.

Applications should be typed (black inked ribbon) in duplicate on official blanks (forms). Experience has shown that inks fade quickly and since most of the applications are on microfilm or microfiche, it is imperative that the darkest copy should be submitted. If there is a good original, a good Xerox copy may be used (this is a recent ruling), since no carbon copies are allowed.

If an applicant has more than one Revolutionary ancestor, a separate set of applications must be submitted for each ancestor. All applications, both

original and supplemental, must be signed before a notary, or official with seal. All applications must conform to present day requirements as to lineage and service even though the records of the Revolutionary ancestor were accepted in early days with less proof.

An applicant for membership through a chapter must be approved by a majority vote of the chapter, or board of management or both, the chapter bylaws deciding which group shall vote upon the name of the applicant. Papers must bear the signatures of Chapter Regent, Recording or Corresponding Secretary, and Registrar of the current year. Papers must be endorsed by two members of the chapter who are in good standing and to whom the applicant is personally known, such endorsement to be in the handwriting of endorsers, with their addresses.

Applicants for membership at large must be endorsed by the State Regent and by two members in good standing who are residents of the state in which the applicant wishes to become a member and to whom the applicant is personally known.

I will not quote the fees currently required because I am not currently involved with this facet and would not want to lead someone astray. Like everything else, fees have risen too. It is customary for an applicant to pay the required application fee, plus one year annual dues, and the latter varies from chapter to chapter.

Applicants generally do some preliminary preparation on their own lineage research; however, if they know of a nearby society, the registrar of that chapter should be able to assist prospective new members. The State Registrar can assist with any problems encountered.

You must work back from yourself through your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc., to the Revolutionary ancestor, naming full maiden names of spouses, and giving places and dates (in the format 27 September 1919) of birth, marriages, and death if known or available. You may use the abbreviation of "ca" for circa (about), as in "ca 1799," when a date can only be approximated. Wills and settlements of estates provide clues if no date is known.

The *DAR Patriot Index, Vols. I, II, and Supplement* may be consulted at a library or at a local chapter if the Registrar should be fortunate enough to have a set. Several publications are available on request from the Office of the Secretary General, NSDAR 1776 D Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006-5392. Also, applicants may write directly to this address for application papers and information for their preparation.

There are so many committees, both national and state, that members can be as active in the society as they wish. Certainly there are meetings at local, state and national level that many people thoroughly enjoy attending.

This issue of *AAFA ACTION* arrived late for 2 reasons, both related to keeping costs down:

1. We are mailing at the Special 4th Class book rate, which of course is slower than 1st Class.
2. We have begun using a reasonably priced printer in Missouri who requires a month lead time, giving us only two months to get this issue ready.

Obituaries

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT
Wed., 11 Oct 1989

T. D. ALFORD JR., PRODUCER OF FILMS, HOT SPRINGS NATIVE

Southbury, Conn.—Thomas Dale Alford Jr., 46, of Southbury, Conn., formerly of Little Rock, a native of Hot Springs, and an independent film producer formerly with Disney Studios Inc. and Bing Crosby Productions, died Monday.

Alford was writing plays and books for production and publication. He was a member of Parish Vestry at Church of the Epiphany, Southbury, Conn., and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Little Rock.

He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Arrangements are by Ruebel Funeral Home of Little Rock.

The family will be at 12 Ozark Point, Little Rock.

Survivors are his wife, Kay Shamburger Alford; a son, Thomas Dale Alford III of Southbury, Conn.; his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Dale Alford of Little Rock [AAFA Member #268]; and two sisters, Anne Alford Winams of Little Rock and L'Moore F. Alford of Beverly Hills, Calif.

In a related article:

COURIER DEMOCRAT
Russellville, AR—11 Oct 1989

ALFORD'S SON KILLED IN I-40

Flagstaff, Ariz. (AP)—Thomas Dale Alford Jr. of Southbury, Conn., son of a former Arkansas congressman, was killed early Monday when he was struck by a tractor-trailer rig while standing next to his car along Interstate 40, about 12 miles east of Williams, Ariz. Alford, 46, was a former Little Rock resident and a native of Hot Springs. He was the son of Little Rock

ophthalmologist Dale Alford Sr., who served two terms, 1959-62, in the state House of Representatives from the 5th Congressional District.

Alford was an independent film producer formerly associated with Disney Studios Inc. and Bing Crosby Productions.

HOUSTON POST
No Date

Georgia Alford Gill, 72, died Thursday, September 7, 1989 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Gill was the former owner and founder of Georgia Gill Electrolysis Clinic and a charter member and Past President of the Association of Texas Electrologists. She is survived by: a daughter and son-in-law, Genevieve and Todd Sorenson of Hollis, New Hampshire; son and daughter-in law Robert and Cheryl Gill of Pine, Colorado; grand-children, Bobby and Lindsay Gill; brother, Edward Alford of Bogalusa, La.; sister, Jessie Chetta of Metairie, La. Mrs. Gill was preceded in death by her former husband, Robert I. Gill, Sr. Friends may call at Geo. H. Lewis and Sons, 1010 Bering Dr., after 12 noon Friday, where funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday with Rev. Joe Drummer officiating. Interment to be in Ponemah Cemetery, Bogalusa, La. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Friday.

HENDERSON DAILY DISPATCH
Henderson, TX—Fri., 26 Dec 1986

HENDERSON CIVIC, BUSINESS LEADER DIES AT AGE 85

"Sam" Alford, a local printer and merchant and a long-time civic leader,

died early this morning at the Louise Parham Health Care Complex in Oxford following an extended illness. He was 85.

Born Clarence Parker Alford in Franklin County, he held several different occupations throughout North Carolina and other southern states before establishing Alford's Printing & Office Supply Company on Garnett Street in Henderson in 1930. He was also the owner and operator of Alford's Poultry Enterprise from 1942-45, and the owner and operator of Beech Spring Farms in Kittrell from 1942-68.

Described as a "civic handyman" in a news article in 1946 in the State magazine, Alford began his civic work in the community through his involvement with the Salvation Army Corps. He served as chairman of the local advisory board of the corps from 1933-55, and he was also a life member of the board.

During 1935-40, Alford headed several civic and charitable drives in Henderson and Vance County, including fund-raisers for Boy and Girl Scouts, March of Dimes, War Relief, USO, Civilian defense and others.

Other organizations Alford was involved in included: Vance Chapter of the American Red Cross chairman for 12 years, 1939-51; Henderson Chamber of Commerce—president from 1943-44; N. C. Master Printers Association—vice-president from 1934-37; and several others. Alford also was accorded many honors in the local area, state and nation for his civic contributions.

A member of the Henderson Lions Club since 1930, Alford held several state and district offices in the club and organized many new clubs across North Carolina. He was honored in September of 1985 for his services to the Lions and organizations for service of the blind.

Over \$2000 was donated in Alford's name by fellow Lions and

friends to the National Society to Prevent Blindness—N. C. Affiliate Inc.

Alford organized the N. C. Lions Association for the Blind, of which he served as president from 1947-49. He is also credited with originating, in 1946, the Lions White Cane Drive, an annual fund-raiser to benefit visually impaired.

Alford also served as chairman of the N. C. Commission for the Blind in 1968-70.

A resident of 205 Willowood Drive in Henderson, he was married to the late Eleanor Alford.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced Saturday by Davis Funeral Home. [See "Alford's in the News," page 4 this issue, for related article.]

LAKELAND LEDGER

Plant City, FL—15 Apr 1989

Mr. Ronnie Denver Alford, a relative of several Plant City residents, died Friday (April 14, 1989) in Lee. He was 40.

A native of Opp, Ala., he came to Lee from Plant City a short time ago. He was a construction worker. He was Pentecostal.

He is survived by his wife, Joy Alford, Plant City; daughter, Jessica Alford; sons, Joshua Alford and Ronnie Denver Alford Jr., both of Plant City; mother, Evelyn Alford, Plant City; sisters, Patsy Hutchinson, Plant City, and Paula Cobb, Cortland, N.Y.; and brother, Larry Alford, Plant City.

STAR-TELEGRAM

Fort Worth, TX—29 Dec 1989

William R. "Bill" Alford Sr., a retired captain with the Fort Worth Fire Department, died yesterday at a Fort Worth hospital. He was 67.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. today in Ash Creek Cemetery near Azle. Shannon North Funeral Chapel is

in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Alford was born in Lindsay, Okla., and moved to Glendale, Ariz., in 1924. He had lived in Fort Worth 44 years.

He joined the Fort Worth Fire Department in 1949 and retired as a captain after 31 years. He was at Fire Station 22 when he retired.

Survivors: Wife for 44 years, Ruby Alford of Fort Worth; three sons, Ray Alford and Robert Alford, both of Fort Worth, and Jack Alford of Corvallis, Ore.; one daughter, Lynda Walker of Fort Worth; one brother, Charles K. Allford [sic] of Marina, Calif.; three sisters, Lorene Krall of Maple Valley, Wash., Helen Boltinghouse of Sacramento, Calif., and Ruby Fowler of Riverside, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

AAFA Member #059 Donald R. Alford of Russellville, AR, sent the following notice of his father's death:

COURIER DEMOCRAT

Russellville, AR—29 Jan 1990

William Preston Alford, 84, of Russellville died Saturday, Jan. 27, at AMI St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.

He was a native of Pike County, a retired peach orchard manager and operator, son of the late William Anderson and Sarah Adeline Barrentine Alford, and a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Lydia Adeline Dowdy Alford. [See AAFA ACTION, Vol 1, No. 4, March 1989 page 14.]

Survivors include two sons, Donald R. Alford and Roy Alford of Russellville; a daughter, Martha Williamson of Lima, Ohio; a brother, Alva Alford of Nashville; two sisters, Thera Dosey of Nash, Texas, and Flora Swinney of Longview, Texas;

nine grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Wesley United Methodist Church by the Rev. David Moose. Burial will be in Brearley Cemetery [Yell County, AR] by Seay Funeral Service of Daardanelle.

Active pallbearers will be Gary, Randy and Evan Alford, Dane, Todd and Tyler Williamson, and Ken Jeffery.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 tonight at Seay Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Wesley United Methodist Church, 300 North Cumberland, Russellville, Ark. 72801.

Don had sent earlier the notice of the death of his aunt, his father's older sister (no source):

Mrs. Labitha Lottie Alford Dossey, 86, of Granbury, Texas, formerly of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, wife of Joe L. Dossey and sister of Preston Alford of Russellville, Arkansas, died Monday, November 13.

Funeral will be at 2 p. m. today at Church of Christ, Murfreesboro, by John Cannon. Burial will be in Delight Cemetery, Delight, Arkansas, by Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

Other survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Ruby Bumgarner of Granbury, Texas, Mrs. Lucy Younger of Altamont, Ill., and Mrs. Wanda Riddle of El Sobrante, California; two brothers, Preston Alford of Russellville, Arkansas and Alva Alford of Nashville, Arkansas; two sisters, Mrs. Flora Swinney of Longview, Texas, and Mrs. Thera Dosey of Nash, Texas; 11 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Biographies

Egbert Benson Alford

Compiled by Willie Alford from *A HISTORY OF TEXAS and TEXANS, VOLUME III*, by Frank W. Johnson (Chicago and New York: The American Historical Society, 1914) and *RUSK COUNTY HISTORY*, by the Rusk County Historical Commission, 1982.

Egbert Benson Alford was born 14 April 1859 at Lafayette, Chambers Co., Alabama, the son of John Rogers and Amelia Beall Alford. He died in 1933.

Egbert B. Alford, who was six feet one inch high and weighed about two hundred twenty pounds, married Alice Neal in November 1880. She died in 1881 without surviving children. In December 1884 E. B. married Ella Overton, daughter of Dr. Jess Overton who came from Tennessee. With this union of E. B. and Ella, one of the most prominent families of East Texas in service to the public and private affairs of the area was begun. Children of this marriage were John R., Josie Beall (Mrs. J. J. Rayford), Bessie Lou (Mrs. Ben Clower), Jessie B., Egbert Benson, Jr., and Richard O.

E. B. arrived in Texas in December 1874. He was then about sixteen years of age. His first job was as a clerk in a store in Overton, Texas. Soon afterwards he moved to Henderson and while not busy with the work of earning a living attended public schools. For two years he was a clerk in Henderson, and then accepted a position as a traveling salesman with the wholesale dry goods house of Yale & Bolling of New Orleans, LA. After a few months he went to work for the Rice-Stix Dry Goods Company of St. Louis, MO, covering the territory of northeast and east Texas from 1881 for a year or so. Upon leaving that firm he went to Galveston, Texas, to become a

credit man for P. J. Wills & Brother over their east Texas territory.

In 1884, having the experience and enterprise necessary to start on his own account, Mr Alford joined his brother Kinchen B. Alford in business at Overton. Their operation continued there with considerable success until 1891. From then Mr. Alford operated with his headquarters and home at Henderson. There he bought up several stocks of goods from E. Barthold and James Claiborne and succeeded to the business formerly carried on by the Alliance Store. These consolidated enterprises were conducted by him under his own name until 1904, when he formed a partnership with J. R. Irion. The firm of Alford & Irion prospered for one year, when John B. Mayfield bought an interest and a stock company was formed, conducted since under the name of Mayfield-Alford Company. Mr. Alford was president of this organization, his son J. R. secretary, and his daughter Bessie L. treasurer. The members of his own family acquired all of the stock, the business being incorporated with a capital of \$40,000.

Mr. Alford was president of the Guaranty Fund State Bank & Trust Company of Henderson and president of Overton Compress Company. For many years he was also engaged in the manufacture of lumber in Rusk County. He organized the Henderson Light & Planing Mill Company, and did more than any other individual to promote the building of a light plant and the operation of a planing mill there. For many years Mr. Alford owned Rusk County land and added many acres to the cultivated domain.

Mr. Alford's theme was the adoption of "book methods" in farming—scientific and intensive methods. His farm supported a score of families who added

yearly to the wealth of Rusk County.

E.B. helped incorporate the city of Henderson and was elected its first mayor in 1912. He aided in the maintenance and improvement of educational matters there for many years as a trustee of public schools. In many other ways he identified himself with local, civic and political affairs, acted as chairman of important local meetings and conventions, and was a man who never neglected his civic responsibilities.

In 1892 he was a Hogg delegate to the historic Houston convention as a partisan of Texas' reform governor. Mr. Alford was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and the Knights of Pythias Order, and his church was Methodist. He served as the first president of East Texas Chamber of Commerce, which organized in Tyler.

He had the first automobile in Rusk County, and had the license number "# 1". In those days, every owner paid a license fee and then made his own plates for his car.

Leeroy Alford

By Ruby Heard, Lee's cousin and AAFA Mississippi State Representative

Leeroy Alford was born 10 Aug 1910 in Leake Co., MS, near the the community of Freeny. He was a twin of Dossie Joy Alford. They were the sons of Wilburn Whitfield Alford and Virginia Amanda (Hollingsworth) Alford. There were thirteen children in his family, and after his mother died and his father married again, there were three more in the family. He grew up and attended school in Freeny, working on his father's farm until he married. He married Irene Watkins 4 Jan 1938 in Carthage, MS. They farmed, and off

season Leeroy did construction work, even working in the ship yards on the coast at times. They had six children:

- i. Carlton Ray Alford, born 19 Dec 1938
- ii. Charles Daniel Alford, born 23 Apr 1943
- iii. Bennie Ray Alford, born 1 June 1945
- iv. Wilburn McNeil Alford, born 28 Feb 1948
- v. Brenda Joy Alford, born 6 Oct 1954
- vi. Jackie Frank Alford, born 28 Mar 1957

All are married but the last one, who has been taking care of his mother since his father's death. Leeroy died 7 Mar 1988 in Jackson, Hinds Co., MS, at Hinds Hospital. He had lived all his life in Leake Co., MS, and was buried

in the Church of God Cemetery on Hiway 35 South near his home. He was the grandson of Columbus Washington Alford and Maryann D. Glover of Leake Co.

Bertes D. "Bud" Alford

By Ruby Heard, Bud's cousin and AAFA Mississippi State Representative

Bud Alford was born 23 Feb 1907 in Leake Co., MS, near the town of Carthage. He was the son of Edward F. "Edd" Alford and Laura Jane (Hollingsworth) Alford. He was their eighth child of ten children; only three of the ten lived to adulthood. Most of them died as infants. His father and mother farmed and moved from place

to place for a number of years trying to make a good living. Bud had two sisters—one was five years older and one five years younger. His youngest sister is still living in Leake Co.

Bud married Eva Wooten 24 Dec 1927 in Leake Co. They had two children, Martha Mary Catherine Alford, who married Robert Parker; and Elvin Elsie Alford, a son who died young. They also reared Bud's cousin, Leonard Perkins, as a foster son. Bud died 9 Aug 1989 in Leake Co. near the community of Reformation and was buried in the Reformation Cemetery. He farmed nearly all his life, and his wife worked in Carthage at some of the stores as a clerk during the off seasons of farming. Bud was the grandson of Columbus Washington Alford and Maryann D. Glover Alford.

Beware: Ripoff

By Gilbert K. Alford, Jr.
AAFA Executive Director

Betty Alford Davis of Dallas, TX, recently sent a copy of a two-page Roots Research Bureau advertisement from *Time* magazine headlined "IS YOUR NAME HERE?" Indeed, ALFORD was on the list. But before you send in your order, beware—this is a waste of \$30!!

Several years ago I saw the same ad in *American Heritage*, and since I was publishing *ABOUT ALFORDS*, *CHAPMAN CHATTER* and *NEWKIRK NOTES* and was something of the family "godfather" of those families, I decided to check these folks out. I invested my own money and purchased their product on each of those three surnames. I received essentially the same worthless material for all three:

- 1. An order form and promotional pictures and articles for ordering coats of arms for prices ranging from \$70-\$165.
- 2. A 16 x 22 blank eight-generation ancestry chart.

- 3. A package of 8 1/2 x 11 pages stapled to black lightweight cardboard on which was inscribed in silver "Genealogical and Historical Sketch" with a generic crest or coat of arms and the Roots Research name and address. The packages contained 12-14 pages. The last four pages in each packet had an article, "Why you have a family name and what it means"—all identical. Only 8-10 pages actually pertained to the surname. Six of the Alford pages were obviously summarized from Josiah Alford's 1908 *ALFORD FAMILY NOTES*, which is being reprinted in *AAFA ACTION*. A page of 10 "prominent" Alford's, contained six Alvords! The last page contained a bibliography consisting of only nine items, six of which were generic to any name.

Obviously, you can get ten times more Alford information from ONE issue of *AAFA ACTION*. Save your money and donate it to AAFA. Take a look at the Treasurer's Report—we need it!

Jesse James News

Re: "Jesse James Meets Conductor Alford," *AAFA ACTION*, June 1989

In a letter dated 6 Oct 1989, Ron Beights, the author we quoted in the above article, sent some additional information he uncovered on Conductor Alford:

In two old books on Jesse James that recently came into my possession and material sent to me by a Jesse James authority in Liberty, Mo., the conductor's name is given as C.A. Alford. . . .

A minister, who was a passenger aboard the plundered train, Reverend T.H. Haghety, wrote a letter to the St. Louis Globe (February 4, 1874), detailing the robbery. In it the minister praised the train crew, Alford in particular. He wrote: "If the conductor, Mr. Alford, had got excited and beside himself, and acted wildly, we might all, or most of us, have been slaughtered; he, like General Grant, stood there and puffed away at his cigar, very coolly."

Alfords and Their Kin in Early North Carolina

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This article is based on data stored in a growing PC Facts Database. Background data on North Carolina Colonial Law was provided by Benjamin Spratling III, an attorney of Birmingham. Devil's Advocate was played by Gilbert K. Alford Jr., noted researcher of St. Louis.

The Carolinas, 1667 to 1739

Unlike Virginia, which was a prospering Crown Colony, the Carolina Colony was privately owned by eight Governors in distant England. They had representatives in the Colony, but the responsiveness to problems that a regular government could provide was absent. As a result, morale was low among the few hundred settlers, and those who weren't indentured moved quickly north to Virginia after a short taste of Carolina life.

Surviving records show that a surprising ten Alfords lived at least briefly in the dismal Albemarle District of the Carolina Colony. Be aware that forgery of Transported Persons lists was possible, and that a person's name might have been reused to obtain more land from the Governor's agents.

The earliest reference is to WILLIAM ALFORD, who is listed only once in surviving records. He appeared as Court Clerk on February 8, 1667. If he wasn't shot or knifed that day in court by an irate defendant, he probably made his way North to Virginia that afternoon. William was lucky—he could read and write and would be in great demand wherever he went. Could he be the WILLIAM who became Deputy Escheator later that year in "Elizabeth City," Virginia?

Twenty years later on December 14,

1687, JOSEPH and ANN ALFORD appeared in court records. She had run away from home and upon the petition of her husband, the court ordered her to return. Further, if she ran away again she was ordered to receive twenty lashes! This was obviously before the days of Women's Liberation! Joseph made his will in 1689 and was still kicking around in October 1690. Ann died in 1691. Their wills are part of a veritable trove of Alford wills in the North Carolina Archives. According to Joseph's will, which has been abstracted, there were no children.

SAMUEL ALFORD appeared as a transported person on March 26, 1680. No further records were found.

There were three John Alfords:

JOHN ALFORD SR. died November 30, 1690, at Colonel Hartley's in Perquimans Precinct, Albemarle District.

JOHN ALFORD #2 signed his will April 16, 1691, and it was filed for probate May 4, 1691. No wife was mentioned. He left two daughters, TABITHA and SARAH, and father-in-law CHARLES JONES as his Executor. Poor Charles Jones, who thought he was going to retire and go fishing, was left instead with two granddaughters to raise!

JOHN ALFORD #3 was a fortunate one who survived and prospered. References to him continued until 1720. He was literate enough to draw lots of jury duty, was an estate administrator and eventually became Deputy Escheator for the Governors.

John was also a sailor and apparently made trading trips to England. In a September 1695 court record, he is listed as the third crewman (the Second Mate) on the Ketch Tryall, which had been on a voyage to London ten years earlier. In 1693 he received 250 acres

for transporting five persons. John may have been using his wages to pack the ship with settlers so he receive extra land bonuses at the end of each trip!

In various references he was also called JOHN ALLFORD, HALFORD, HALFORD, HOLFORD, or HOLLFORD. It's this guy who is likely to have left descendants around the East coast to mess up our neat solutions.

On March 12, 1693, DIANA HALFORD proved three persons. The other two were not Alfords. She was either a single woman or a widow with no children. She did have a free servant and may have been a woman of some wealth.

Another JOSEPH ALFORD and wife appeared as transported persons August 20, 1694. After the notoriety created by the first Joseph and his wife Ann, it's doubtful that this entry was fraudulent.

In August 1694, SAMUEL ALFORD was mentioned as a transported person in order for someone to receive land. It's possible that he was the same one transported in 1680, but it doesn't seem likely after all those years.

JABEZ ALFORD attracts readers' attention because of his unique first name. Even in those days, that name threw everyone for a loop and was misspelled at least five ways. JABEL, JABELL, JABER, JABES and JABOZ have all been recorded!

On August 8, 1694, Jabez, an orphan of at least 14 years of age, petitioned the court for the right to choose his own guardian. The Minutes don't say that he was allowed to choose, but he was bound to Mrs. SUSANNA HARTLEY, widow of COLONEL FRANCIS HEARTLEY, until the age of 21 to learn the trade of carpenter or joiner. This woman was representing clients before the court,

and as talented as she may have been, it's doubtful that she ever taught young Jabez to build barns!

(Incidentally, a SUSANNA HARTLEY is mentioned later as a wife of LODOWICK ALFORD SR. despite the fact that no Hartley's appeared in close proximity to the New Kent County Alford's in either Virginia or North Carolina. Could records of her relationship to Jabez have been confused with those of the later Lodowick and Susanna?)

There are a few scattered references to Jabez between that date and 1703 when his land was mentioned in an unrelated deed.

On July 9, 1705, he signed his will, and at July Court, 1706, it was probated. Jabez died about age 25 and mentioned no wife or children in the will.

Earl Granville's Carolina, 1739 to 1760

The first person with a familiar family name to appear in Edgecombe County, Carolina, was John Ferrall who bought 100 acres August 10, 1739, on Beaverdam Creek. John paid "10 pounds Virginia money" for the land. While not mentioned in surviving New Kent County, Virginia records, it is very likely that he was a son of Daniel Farell from there.

The following year, on November 17, 1740, Lodwick Alford of North Carolina bought 100 acres on Elk Marsh, Edgecombe County from Henry Dawson of Virginia. He paid "10 pounds current money of Virginia" for the tract. (The last mention of Lodwick in New Kent County was December 12, 1738, so it's entirely possible that he and John Ferrall traveled together to North Carolina.

After the first successful season, the adventurers sent glowing letters back to their families and friends in New Kent

County, Virginia.

Then, the Cade exodus began. . . .

Susanna's father Robert Cade, her brothers Robert Cade Jr. and William, her uncle Stephen Cade, and first cousin Stephen Cade Jr. arrived in Edgecombe County with their families as early as 1743.

STEPHEN CADE JR. witnessed a deed July 14, 1743. Either he or his father, Stephen Cade, sold 250 acres to William Kinchen Jr. on February 19, 1747. Robert Cade was in court records February 19, 1744. WILLIAM CADE married LUCRETIA PACE July 18, 1745. ROBERT CADE JR. settled the division of his new wife's first husband's estate May 20, 1746.

Some of Lodowick's new neighbors around Elk Marsh were WILLIAM KINCHEN, WILLIAM KINCHEN JR., JOHN HAYWOOD, CHARLES DRURY and RICHARD SMITH who will fit into the story later.

On February 19, 1744, Edgecombe County Court Minutes show that LODOWICK ALFORD acknowledged the sale of his original 300 acres on Elk Marsh. His wife appeared that day in Court and relinquished her Right of Dower under private examination by the Justices.

That same day Lodowick "proved 6 whites." This was a family head count used to determine eligibility for further land grants. Historians today refer to it as the Colonial Census.

About the best conclusion we can draw from this 1744 "Census" is that someone (probably several someones) in the family died between the records of New Kent County, Virginia, and what we think to be the additional children born by 1744. There should have been at least seven: LODOWICK and SUSANNA, and children WILLIAM (b.1734), ELIZABETH (b.1736), JACOB

(b.1738), LODOWICK JR. (b. ca 1740) and JAMES (b.1740).

Who died? A quick elimination shows that it was Elizabeth: First, we can easily account in later years for Lodowick Sr., Jacob, Lodowick Jr. and James. This leaves either William, Susanna, or Elizabeth.

William is popularly assumed to have been the one living later in Dobbs/Wayne County, North Carolina. He may well have been the son of Lodowick's brother, James, but for the sake of this article let's assume that he was the son of Lodowick. That leaves wife Susanna or daughter Elizabeth. . . .

Since Lodowick's wife appeared in Court the day that Lodowick proved six family members, it had to have been Elizabeth. Wait! Was that too easy for you? What if the wife who appeared that day in Court wasn't Susanna?

Okay, try this: Lodowick had additional children between the 1739 departure from New Kent County and September 8, 1758, when the first reference to his wife Sarah appeared. We know that many descendants of sons LODOWICK JR. (b. ca 1740) and JULIUS (b. ca 1744-48) bore the name CADE. It's 98% certain that Susanna was a Cade and she most certainly would have lived until Julius was born.

See, isn't genealogy fun?

Before moving on, try one more exercise. Suppose that Julius was already born by February 1744. Then someone else must have died to keep the census at six. Who would it have been? If you guessed William, you're right! Now move along before we open up a can of worms!

Between the years of 1747 and 1751, no particularly significant records have been found. We see LODOWICK ALFORD, STEPHEN CADE JR., WILLIAM KINCHEN,

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JOHN HAYWOOD, ROBERT CADE JR., WILLIAM KINCHEN JR. and STEPHEN CADE buying and selling land around Elk Marsh and the west side of Burnt Coat Creek in Edgecombe County.

At last came the belated Alford exodus . . . all two of them!

Always on the leading edge of progress, brothers GOODRICH and JULIUS joined Lodowick in North Carolina by 1752. The first mention of GOODRICH ALFORD appears when he witnessed a deed from ROBERT CADE SR. to LODWICK ALFORD for 300 acres of land on Marsh Swamp in Edgecombe County. It was noted in the deed that Lodwick and Robert Cade Sr. were from Granville County. Granville was partitioned from Edgecombe in 1746. [Today the dividing line separates Nash (old Edgecombe) and Franklin (old Granville) Counties.] The same day, Lodowick sold the land for what he paid for it and Goodrich Alford witnessed that one, too. Stay tuned! This land appears again in a later event.

In March of 1753, JULIUS ALFORD witnessed the deed when LODWICK ALFORD bought land on the east side of Bear Swamp in Granville County.

Sometime later in 1753, their brother Goodrich died. Time has forever hidden the cause, but it's possible that Goodrich went alone to plow the land in Bear Swamp on his last earthly day.

Just one year after buying it, in March 1754, Lodowick Alford sold the Bear Swamp property. At the same time, he was settling up Goodrich's affairs as Administrator of his estate according to Edgecombe County February 1754 Court Minutes.

Later, in June 1754, Lodowick sold Julius Alford 200 acres on the Tar River in Granville County. The deed was witnessed by JOHN FERRELL. This is actually the first mention of John

Ferrell in connection with the Alford. Later, in his will dated January 7, 1786, John Ferrell mentioned three daughters, REBECCA, POLLY, and ANN who were married to Alford. If LODOWICK ALFORD SR. (note the emphasis on Senior) was ever married to a REBECCA FERRELL, it would have been during this time period—about 1748 to 1756—and it would have been to John Ferrell's sister, not to his daughter.

October 1754 saw both LODOWICK and JULIUS ALFORD marching and drilling as Privates in the Granville County Militia. In those days every able-bodied free man was obligated to own a rifle or musket and serve in the Militia. Judging by the trouble that the Colonies were having with raiders, especially the Indians and the Spanish privateers around the Sound, it's probable that they saw some fighting. Lodowick was 40 to 44 years old, depending on where his birth year is placed, and he was probably able to march and fight with the most cocky twenty year olds!

Also in October 1754, in Onslow County on the south coast just the other side of Dobbs County, Private JAMES HALFORD drilled in their militia. This James certainly wasn't Lodowick's 14 year old son. This may possibly be the only surviving reference to James in Onslow County since the Courthouse records were largely destroyed by hurricanes and violent storms in 1752, 1755, and 1786.

Some of his mates in the Onslow County Regiment were BENJAMIN WARD, RICHARD WARD and SETH WARD. Thirteen years later, in 1767, Captains JAMES ALFORD and BENJAMIN WARD drilled together in the Bute County Regiment. In 1769, Justices JAMES ALFORD and BENJAMIN WARD sat on the Bute County bench. (Bute was formed from the eastern half of Granville County and later became Franklin and Warren Counties.) In his will dated October 24, 1788, in Warren County, BENJAMIN WARD mentioned his sons

BENJAMIN, RICHARD and SETH. Getting ahead a bit, WARREN ALFORD, husband of ELIZABETH WARD, was also mentioned.

1755 provided a rather strange record. . . JACOB, son of LODWICK, appeared on the Granville County Tax Roll. It's strange because Jacob was only sixteen! He was a minor and unable to enter into contracts, yet he owned taxable property! Under North Carolina law he could have bought the property, but as a practical matter, he probably received it as a gift or an inheritance. Did one of his grandfathers leave it to him in his will?

In 1756, LEDWICK ALFORD refused an appointment as a Justice of the Peace for Granville County. We'll never know why, but it's intriguing to speculate. Did he modestly doubt his ability to serve? (. . . not an Alford male!) Was he busy raising a houseful of kids by himself?

Who Was Sarah?

About the same time in Edgecombe County, Richard Smith, once a neighbor of Lodowick's on Elk Marsh, made his will, dividing his estate among his four sons and naming his wife, Sarah, his Executrix. Soon after, he died and his will was probated at May Court, 1757.

A widow now, Sarah SMITH, bought 300 acres more or less on Marsh Swamp, Edgecombe County in May 1757. This was a tract of land that once belonged to Lodowick and Robert Cade Sr.

1758 was an eventful year for Alford research!

In March 1758, the Granville County Court heard a case where LODOWICK ALFORD, assignee of James, sued William Jackson for Trespass. Since it doesn't say "father of James" or "on

behalf of James a minor”, it’s probably safe to assume that Lodowick was suing someone who had encroached upon an adult relative’s land. The only adult relatives that Lodowick had named James were his father and his brother. The likelihood of his father still living was slim. Was this his brother? Was he the JAMES HALFORD living in Onslow County?

On September 8, 1758, LODOWICK and SARAH ALFORD of Granville County sold “282 acres more or less on both sides Marsh Swamp joining Hills Spring Branch” in Edgecombe County. Was SARAH ALFORD the widow SARAH SMITH who had purchased 300 acres just sixteen months earlier? Was this part of her land? Maybe, but there aren’t any pieces of this puzzle that fit together neatly.

Consider these points and counter-points:

Just eighteen days earlier Lodowick had received a Granville grant of 564 acres on both sides of Marsh Swamp—282 acres is exactly half of 564 acres.

However, in over twenty recorded Deeds of Sale in North Carolina by Lodowick, only four ever had his wife’s name on them, and all four of those deeds were signed by Sarah! At least thirteen deeds during the time of his marriage to Sarah were recorded without her name. Since Lodowick was in his mid forties, it’s likely that Sarah was in her early to mid forties, was a widow, and brought her own land into the marriage.

However again, in English Common Law, a Right of Dower existed that gave a wife one-third interest in her husband’s real property—this was her Dower. This law does not seem to have been particularly practiced in Colonial North Carolina though, as less than a fourth of all deeds are found with a wife’s name on them.

On the other hand, court records reflect that women often gave up their Right of Dower in separate consents. Remember Susanna being privately examined by the Court after Lodowick sold the Elk Marsh land in 1744?

What this all means is that Sarah’s name was not required to appear on a deed unless her signature was necessary to effect resale of the property. In other words, if she was shown as owner on the current deed, then her signature was required for resale. This is a strong signal that she owned the land on Marsh Swamp, or some part of it, before her marriage to Lodowick.

Anyway, neither of them were spring chickens, but it appears that they had a little steam left and had two late children: KINCHEN (b. ca 1758) and LAMUEL (b. ca 1760). Don’t confuse this Kinchen with a younger one who was a grandson of Lodowick and lived in the same county in later years. Earlier efforts to trace the origins of the unique name Kinchen failed to produce any positive results. Maybe Sarah was the connection. Was Sarah a daughter of WILLIAM KINCHEN SR.? In the summer of 1758 Lodowick witnessed a grant to WILLIAM KINCHEN JR. Was he merely an acquaintance, or was he Lodowick’s newest brother-in-law?

Sometime in 1758 Lodowick became a Vestryman in St. Peters Parish of Granville County. This would have been a duty reserved for the most successful community leaders and speaks well of his position at the time.

A further indicator of his position surfaced in a 1759 deed where Lodowick Alford stated his occupation as “Merchant.” Any sobduster will tell you that you don’t raise a purported nineteen children, educate them and turn them into a young nation’s leaders just by the sweat from farming plus scattered land sales! Judging by the superior finishing of his children he must have been a highly successful

merchant!

In November 1760, JAMES ALFORD was defendant in a civil suit. This still could not have been Lodowick’s son, who was yet a minor. (At the time of James the son’s death, November 6, 1812 in Hancock County, Georgia, his age was reported as 72 in an obituary.) Once again, chances are excellent that this James was Lodowick’s brother. Perhaps by now he was living in the neighborhood and getting to know the neighbors in typical Alford adversarial fashion! (Wait until Wake County next time for a real taste of this.)

By late 1760, Lodowick’s first children were grown. WILLIAM and JACOB were adults and on their own. LODOWICK JR. and JAMES were near their majority. Not far behind was JULIUS. All were well educated for the day and would soon rise among their peers. Because of their education and the desperate need for Men of Good Temperance and Judgment, most would practice law in some form or fashion.

At least three would become Judges; three would become Legislators; all five would serve either in the Continental Line or in the local militia during the Revolution with three of them attaining the rank of Captain or higher; one would be elected a delegate to the 1789 Constitution Ratification Convention, though his son would attend in his place. These details will be covered next time.

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This Quarter!

Booklist Additions

Here are more additions to the Booklist, a compilation of references to Alford's (and spelling variations) contained in books. Entries are organized by state and county. Family histories are listed at the end under their appropriate states whenever possible. Each entry lists the book name and publication data followed by the name in bold print of every Alford listed on the pages that AAFA has. The page number where the name is found is listed next followed by a brief description of what information about the person is contained on the listed page.

The Association has the pages listed. To obtain copies that interest you, write to the AAFA Librarian, Nancy Dietrich, P.O. Box 1838, Westport, WA 98595. If you are a new member and would like a copy of the 27-page Booklist that was sent to all members with the June 1989 issue of *AAFA ACTION*, send \$1.00 to cover postage to Publications Editor Pam Thompson, 1017 Marilyn Drive, Mtn. View, CA 94040. If you'd like to contribute to the Booklist, xeroxed pages of books may be sent to either Nancy or Pam—don't forget the title page!

MULTIPLE STATES

- Cook, Bettie Anne Cummings. *GENEALOGY NEWSPAPER COLUMNS OF ROBERT E. TURMAN*. Evansville, IN: Tri-State Genealogical Society, 1981; second printing, 1987. [Title page and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **Charles**, 336 (attended sale of "chattels" 1817 Lincoln Co., KY).]

ALABAMA

Statewide or Multiple Counties

- Alabama Society Daughters of the American Revolution. *INDEX TO ALABAMA WILLS 1808-1870*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1977. [Title page and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **Asenath**, 2 (testator Chambers Co., Will Book 1-2, 1833-1856, p. 227); **Julius C.**, 2 (testator Montgomery Co., Will Book 4, 1853-1869, p. 392).]

Barbour County—established from Creek Cession, 1832

- Foley, Helen S. *OBITUARIES FROM BARBOUR COUNTY, ALABAMA NEWSPAPERS 1890-1905*. Eufaula, AL: By the author, 1976. [Title page and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **Mrs. J.B.**, 57 (of Columbia [SC?], sister of W.F. Robinson who d. 1898).]

Butler County—established from Conecuh and Montgomery, 1819

- Barefield, Marilyn Davis. *BUTLER COUNTY ALABAMA OBITUARIES*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985. [Title page and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **G.W.**, 1 (d. 1885 in Montgomery).]

- Hahn, Marilyn Davis. *BUTLER COUNTY IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY*. Birmingham, AL: By the author, 1978. [Title page and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **J.R.**, 29 (joined Company C after 1861); **Redden**, 132 (letter left in post office, June 1860).]

Chambers County—established from Creek Cession, 1832

- Abernathy, Laura Alabama Floretta. *ALLIE ABERNATHY'S SCRAPBOOKS 1893-1923: Marriages, Deaths and Other Items From Chambers County, Alabama Newspapers*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985. [Title page and all pages that lists Alford's (no variations): **Miss _____**, 356 (thanked for her help in caring for Mrs. G.W. Moore); **Angie**, 134 (of Timpson, TX, d. "last Sunday morning"); **Annie**, 199 (m. G.W. Gammill); **K.B.**, 134 (m. Angie 1889 in Chambers Co., then moved to TX).]

Greene County—established from Marengo and Tuscaloosa, 1819

- Bell, Annie (Walker) Burns. *RECORDS OF GREENE COUNTY, ALABAMA: Wills & Final Settlements of Estates*. No title page and no publication data. [Copy of cover page and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **Lear**, 14 (daughter of Joshua Roden, his will dated 1827, probated 1828); **Abraham ALFRED**, 20 (security for Jonathan Wilder, 1829).]

- Gandrud, Pauline Jones. *MARRIAGE RECORDS OF GREENE COUNTY, ALABAMA 1823-1860*. Memphis, TN: Milestone Press, 1969. [This book lists marriage records with some additional notes added by the author. Title page and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **Abraham**, 2 (identified as possible father of Fenner); **Adeline C.**, 18 (m. Joseph H. Bryan 1847); **Fenner D.**, 2 (m. Sarah A.G. Cherry 1841), 18 (on 1850 Choctaw Co. Census, identified as brother of Adeline C.); **Henderson H.**, 2 (m. Catherine Whitehead 1848); **John W.**, 2 (m. Leannah Roden 1825); **John**, 2 (m. Sarah C. Rainey 1854); **Lydia**, 67 (m. R. Higgombothom 1828); **Marry**, 50 (m. F. Fortson 1829); **Pennina**, 7 (m. Littleberry Baner 1830); **Roina**, 105 (m. William Miller 1827); **William**, 2 (m. Ann Sargent 1827);

Nancy ALFRED, 50 (m. James D. Fox 1836).]

• Thomas, Elizabeth Wood. *GREENE COUNTY, ALABAMA MARRIAGES 1836-1848*. Columbus, MS: Blewett Company, 1965. [Title page and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): Nancy, 54 (m. James D. Fox 1836); Rebecca, 65 (m. Robert Coleman 1838); Fenner D., 82 (m. Sarah A.G. Cherry 1841); Frances, 104 (m. John F. Alexander 1845); Adeline C., 111 (m. Joseph H. Bryan 1847); Henderson H., 121 (m. Catherine Whitehead 1848).]

GEORGIA

Statewide or Multiple Counties

• Huxford, Judge Folks. *GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL FROM LEGAL NOTICES IN EARLY GEORGIA NEWSPAPERS*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1989. [Title page and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): Bias, 110 (mentioned in sheriff's sale, Washington Co., 1830), 124 (Grand Juror 1833 Jefferson Co.); Julian, 297 (Grand Juror 1800 Greene Co.).]

• Huxford, Judge Folks. *MARRIAGES AND OBITUARIES FROM EARLY GEORGIA NEWSPAPERS*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1989. [Title page and all pages that list Alford's or variations: Collin, 227 (of Fayetteville, father of George W.); D.C., 299 (father of Elmer); Elmer, 299 (d. 1881, infant, possibly Hartwell, GA); George W., 227 (d. 1834, age 22, in Macon); Julius C., 408 (of La Grange, m. Mrs. Sarah F. Underwood of Montgomery Co., AL, 1844); Maryann H., 367 (m. 1832 in Taliferro Co. to Augustus Beall); Sallie F., 299 (mother of Elmer); Col. ALFRED, 154 (funeral of Job Baker at his house, 1818, possibly Savannah).]

• Northen, William F. *MEN OF MARK IN GEORGIA, VOL. II*. Atlanta, GA: A. B. Caldwell, 1910; reprint ed., Spartanburg, SC: The Reprint Company, 1974. [Title page and the following pages that list Alford's: George Cook, 50 (son of Julius, lawyer in AL, d. in Civil War); Julius C., 47-50, including portrait (biography, called "The old war horse of Troup", b. Greensboro, NC 1799; m. (1) Eliza Cook in NC, then moved to Troup Co, GA; served in U.S. Congress, fought Indians, moved to Tuskegee, AL, supplied the Alford Guards during the Civil War; m. (2) late in life to an unnamed woman; d. 1863); Lodwick Jr., 47 (father of Julius, served in War of 1812, moved to GA, m. Judith Jackson); Lodwick Sr., 47 (grandfather of Julius, served in Revolutionary War and General Assembly of NC in 1778);

• Northen, William F. *MEN OF MARK IN GEORGIA, VOL. V*. Atlanta, GA: A. B. Caldwell, 1910. AAFA records indicate that some of the early information in this book is

incorrect. [Title page and the following pages that list Alford's: Benjamin, 88, 204 (father of James, b. 1650, from Boston); Columbus Augustus, 202-207, including portrait (biography, b. 1850 Wake Co., NC; moved to Worth Co. 1871; served in State Senate; m. (1) Martha Sumner and had 2 children; m. (2) Jennie Johnston and had 7 children; d. Waynesville 1908; children: Mrs. W.R. Johnston, G.F., Mattie B., Bennie L., Frankie E., Columbus A., Earl J., Helen, Ruth); Drewry Cade, 88-91 plus 2 portraits on unnumbered pages (biography, b. 1856 Anderson Co., SC; lived in Hart Co., GA; m. 1878 Sarah F. Thornton; had 8 unnamed children), 89 (father of Lodwick, grandfather of Drewry Cade); Green Haywood, 203 (father of Columbus, b. Wake Co., NC 1820, had 7 unnamed children), 205 (m. Rebecca Jones); Green, 203 (father of Green Haywood, b. 1788 Wake Co., NC, m. Nancy Rose Liles, had 11 unnamed children); James William Zion, 88, 204 (father of Lodwick, b. possibly in Boston or NC 1730, m. Judy Harper, possibly had 21 children); James, 88, 204 (father of James William Zion, probably b. 1691; thought to have moved to NC in 1730); John, 204 (brother of James and son of Benjamin, d. 1761); Julius C., 88, 205 (related to Columbus and Drewry, called "Old War Horse of Troup"); Lockhart, 89 (father of Drewry and son of Green); Lodwick, 88 (father of Drewry Cade, m. Alsie Snipes), 89, 204 (father of Green, b. Wake Co. 1768, d. Wayne Co., NC 1823, m. Mary Hall, had at least 9 children), 205 (called "Major Lodwick Alford the first", brother of James William Zion).]

ILLINOIS

Statewide or Multiple Counties

• *BIOGRAPHICAL REVIEW OF JOHNSON, MASSAC, POPE AND HARDIN COUNTIES, ILLINOIS: Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens*. Chicago, IL: Biographical Publishing Co., 1893; reprinted by Genealogical Society of Southern Illinois, 1975. [Title page and all pages that contain Alford's (no variations): Andrew W., 141 (b. in MS, d. in KY before 1881, m. Lisa Gillespie, served in Civil War); Harmon, 141 (son of Andrew); Louisa, 141 (daughter of Andrew, m. W.M. Smith of Vienna Township).]

INDIANA

Statewide or Multiple Counties

• *BIOGRAPHICAL AND GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF CASS, MIAMI, HOWARD AND TIPTON COUNTIES, INDIANA, Vol. II*. Chicago, IL: Lewis Publishing Company,

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1898. [Volume I not available for examination. Title page and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Annettee**, 1012 (sister of Corrington, lived in Charlotte, MI); **Bessie**, 1013 (daughter of Corrington and Ellen, d. by 1898); **Cecelia**, 1012 (sister of Corrington); **Charlotte (Rowe)**, 1013 (first wife of Corrington, d. 1865); **Cora Etta** (daughter of Corrington and Ellen, living with parents in 1898); **Corlotta**, 1013 (daughter of Corrington and Charlotte, d. by 1898); **Corrington L.**, 1010, 1012-1013 (biography—b. 1836 in Ashtabula, OH; lived in Erie Co., PA, Hillsdale, MI, and Logansport, Cass Co., IN; "M.D., Ph. D, and cigar manufacturer"); **Elizabeth P. (Butler)**, 1010 (mother of Corrington from Utica, NY); **Ellen A. (Harrison)**, 1013 (second wife of Corrington); **Ida**, 1013 (daughter of Corrington and Charlotte, m. George Ricketts); **Lelonia**, 1013 (daughter of Corrington and Ellen, m. Clarence Weaver); **Lovina (Porter)**, 1011 (mother of Loyal A.); **Lovisa**, 1012 (sister of Corrington); **Loyal A.**, 1010 (biography—father of Corrington, b. Ferrisburg, Addison Co., VT in 1814; d. Logansport 1883; "minister of the gospel and an eminent physician"); **Mindwell**, 1012 (sister of Corrington); **Oliver**, 1011 (father of Loyal A., Baptist minister); **Tillie**, 1013 (daughter of Corrington and Ellen, living with parents in 1898).]

• Franklin, Charles M. *INDEX TO INDIANA WILLS: Phase II 1850-1880*. Indianapolis, IN: Heritage House, 1987. [No Alford's or variations in Phase I. Title page and the only page that contains Alford's (no variations): **John**, 5 (1865, Boone Co.).]

• Heiss, Willard, editor. *INDIANA SOURCE BOOK: Genealogical Material from The Hoosier Genealogist, 1961-1966, Vol. I*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana Historical Society, 1977. [Title page and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Benjamin K.**, 124 (m. Charlotte Alford 1839 Scott Co.); **Charlotte**, 124 (m. Benjamin 1839 Scott Co.); **Franklin**, 21 (m. Mary Gilley 1836 Daviess Co.); **George W.**, 21 (m. Nancy White 1839 Daviess Co.); **William**, 17 (m. Elizabeth Nolan 1824 Daviess Co.).]

• Heiss, Willard, editor. *INDIANA SOURCE BOOK: Genealogical Material from The Hoosier Genealogist, 1967-1972, Vol. II*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana Historical Society, 1981. [Title page and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **Elizabeth**, 156 (m. William McDowall 1848 Elkhart Co.); **Logan**, 61 (m. Matilda Jones 1837 Hancock Co.); **Elias ALFRED**, 102 (age 15, on list of Children's Indentures, Tippecanoe Co.); **George ALVORD**, 192 (on list of students at Wolcottville Young Ladies Seminary, 1852-53); **Nathan ALVORD**, 192 (on list of students at Wolcottville Young Ladies Seminary, 1852-53); **Rebecca A. ALVORD**, 191 (on list of students at Wolcottville Young

Ladies Seminary, 1852-53).]

• Heiss, Willard, editor. *INDIANA SOURCE BOOK: Genealogical Material from The Hoosier Genealogist, 1973-1979, Vol. III*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana Historical Society, 1982. [Title page and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **James**, 277 (road commissioner, Daviess Co.); **John T.**, 99 (father of Lillian); **Lillian**, 99 (d. 1852, infant, listed in Indianapolis newspaper); **Priscilla**, 140 (m. Jesse Lett 1820 Pike Co.); **Thomas**, 136 (m. Priscilla Williams 1817 Pike Co.); **John ALFONT**, 261 (m. Nancy Mikesel 1843 St. Joseph Co.); **Eunice ALFRED**, 244 (m. William Coffin 1819 Orange Co.).]

• Heiss, Willard, editor. *INDIANA SOURCE BOOK: Genealogical Material from The Hoosier Genealogist, 1979-1981, Vol. IV*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana Historical Society, 1987. [Title page and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **Ashley O. ALFRED**, 182 (on poll tax list Scott Co. 1839); **Benjamin ALFRED**, 183 (non-resident on poll tax list Scott Co. 1839).]

Daviess County—established from Knox, 1817

• Hulen, Carol. *DAVIESS COUNTY, INDIANA 1850 CENSUS AND MARRIAGES 1817-1849*. Bicknell, IN: By the author, n.d. [Census data in this book not included in this listing. Title page and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Emily**, 212 (m. Joseph A. McCord 1849); **Franklin**, 212 (m. Mary Gilley 1863); **George W.**, 212 (m. Nancy White 1839); **Indiana**, 212 (m. William Harmon 1841); **Mrs. Nancy**, 212 (m. Michael Truelove of Martin Co. 1847); **Nancy**, 212 (m. Gilbert White 1848); **Wayne**, 212 (m. Mary Perkins 1841); **William**, 213 (m. Elizabeth Nolan 1824; m. Eliza Harris 1841).]

Elkhart County—established from Allen and Cass, 1830

• *HISTORY OF ELKHART COUNTY, INDIANA*. Chicago, IL: Chas. C. Chapman & Co., 1881; reprinted by Elkhart County Historical Society, 1971. [Title page and the only page that list Alford's (no variations): **Hiram**, 666 (father of Melvin, b. VT); **Melvin**, 666 (short biography, b. OH 1841, m. 1866 to Loramie Beatty, served in Civil War); **Susannah (Adams)**, 666 (mother of Melvin, from PA).]

LOUISIANA

Statewide or Multiple Counties

• Mayers, Brenda Lagroue and Gloria Lambert Kerns. *DEATH NOTICES FROM LOUISIANA NEWSPAPERS, Volume I, 1811-1919*. Baker, LA: Folk Finders, Inc., 1984. [This book includes newspapers from the parishes of

Ascension, East Feliciana, Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, and West Feliciana, listing the newspaper, page #, date of publication, and current location of the paper in which the obituary was published. Title page and the only page that list Alford's (no variations)—Introduction explaining codes is with Volume II: **Daniel**, 1 (d. 1877); **M.T.**, 1 (d. 1906); **Robert**, 1 (d. 1822).]

• Mayers, Brenda Lagroue and Gloria Lambert Kerns. *DEATH NOTICES FROM LOUISIANA NEWSPAPERS, Volume II, 1822-1914*. Baker, LA: Folk Finders, Inc., 1985. [This book includes newspapers from the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, and Pointe Coupee, listing the newspaper, page #, date of publication, and current location of the paper in which the obituary was published. Title page, Introduction explaining codes, and the only page that list Alford's or variations: **Abraham/Abram**, 2 (d. 1858); **Alice ALFRED**, 2 (d. 1883); **John S. ALFRED**, 2 (d. 1905); **Julius ALFRED**, 2 (d. 1827).]

• Mayers, Brenda Lagroue and Gloria Lambert Kerns. *DEATH NOTICES FROM LOUISIANA NEWSPAPERS, Volume III, 1833-1917*. Baker, LA: Folk Finders, Inc., 1984. [This book includes newspapers from the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, and Washington, listing the newspaper, page #, date of publication, and current location of the paper in which the obituary was published. Volumes IV and V had no Alford's or variations listed. Title page and the only page that list Alford's (no variations)—Introduction explaining codes is with Volume II: **J.G.**, 1 (d. 1899); **Lula**, 1 (d. 1906).]

MASSACHUSETTS

Statewide or Multiple Counties

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