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## President's Precept

GREETINGS COUSINS! THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING!

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



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

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

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

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

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## Treasurer's Report

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

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

### CORPORATE STATUS

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

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

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

Julius M. Alford  
AAFA Treasurer

### Is It Time to Renew?

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

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

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

## New Member Lineages

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

### #115 James P. Alford and Nina Mae Garrett Alford

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

### #116 Roderick (Rod) Fortson Bush

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

### #117 John David Alford and Charlene Patricia Alford

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

### #118 Clarence Floyd Hewitt and Sherry Rex Lindeman Hewitt

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

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

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

### #120 Richard Arnold Stoewer and Euphamie Sally Bateman Stoewer

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

### #121 Jean Mangham Holzapfel and George W. Holzapfel

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

### #122 Glen Arthur Holmes and Lena Rowehl Holmes

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

### #123 Lonnie Ray Alford and Mildred Bowden Alford

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

## AAFA Growth

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

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

## Donations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lodwick H. Alford  
AAFA President

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## Alford Reunions

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

### Descendants of William Riley Alford (1842-1917)

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

### Descendants of Jeptha Martin Alford (1862-1948)

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

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

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

### Descendants of Julius Caesar Alford (1803-1899)

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

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

## Library Progress Report

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

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

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

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

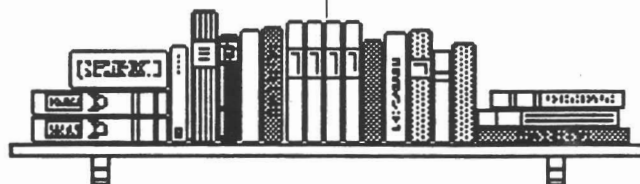
The Book List is currently over 20 pages, all in the new format, and it is being updated constantly—as you send in copied pages and transcriptions. An

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

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

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

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



# Book Holdings — Georgia & Maryland

## GEORGIA

### Statewide or Multiple Counties

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Morgan Co. Baldry, Robert, Zadock  
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## Biography: Daniel Lee Alford

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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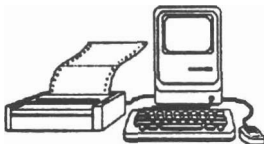
had a very hard time paying their accounts. He believed in them, though, and said he never lost any money there. He refused to give his creditors the opportunity to foreclose on his property and by the late 1940's had paid every dime that he owed. He and Annie always lived simply. She was very frugal,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

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

## Write Your Bio

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

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



## Research Plans

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

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

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

### Internal Research

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

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

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

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

### Professional Research

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

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

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

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

## Biography: Rear Admiral John M. Alford

Donald R. Alford of Arkansas and Lodwick H. Alford of Georgia sent information on Admiral Alford. Donald sent a biographical sketch and Wick sent an obituary. The following is a composite of the two.

John Morris Alford was born in Galva, IL, on Apr. 13, 1915, son of Dr. John Merlin Alford and Shirley (Foote) Alford. He attended public schools in Galva and Marion Military Institute, Marion, AL, before his appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, in 1932. As a Midshipman he was a member of the Lucky Bag Staff and Midshipman Regimental Commander in 1936. Graduated and commissioned Ensign on June 4, 1936, he subsequently attained the rank of Rear Admiral on Oct. 1, 1963.

After graduation, he was first assigned to the USS LEXINGTON, operating with Carrier Division 1, Battle Force, in which he served two years as a junior officer. For the next year he had communication duties on the Staff of Commander Battle Force, on the USS CALIFORNIA. In 1939 he joined the USS TENNESSEE of Battleship Division 2, Battle Force, for duty in the Gunnery Department, and became Air Defense Officer of that battleship in 1940. He was on duty in that capacity, his ship at Pearl Harbor, when the Japanese attacked "Battleship Row."

For a few months in 1942 he served as Aide and Flag Lieutenant to Commander Battleship Division 2 on the USS TENNESSEE, and later that year was transferred to the USS ALABAMA for duty in the Gunnery Department. He served as Gunnery Officer of that battleship from April 1944 to the end of hostilities. During that period, the ALABAMA participated in the Gilbert Islands Operation, raids on Truk, the Marianas Operation, and the Occupation of Japan.

He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"—"For heroic service as Gunnery Officer of the USS ALABAMA, in action against important enemy Japanese industrial installations in Hitachi, Honshu, Japan, on the night of July 17/18 1945. Maintaining the Gunnery Department of his ship at a high level of efficiency and readiness, Commander Alford contributed materially to the heavy damage inflicted on enemy installations during the bombardment despite exceedingly adverse conditions. . ."

In Aug. 1945 he had orders to additional temporary duty as Executive Officer of the 3rd Fleet Landing Force, which went ashore at the Yokosuka Naval Base on Aug. 30, 1945, to assist in preparing that base for American Navy Occupation. He was detached from the ALABAMA in Nov. 1945 for his first tour of shore duty since graduation.

After serving from Dec. 1945 to Oct. 1947 in the Bureau of Naval Personnel (Research Division), he was ordered to command the USS JAMES E. KYES. He assumed command of that destroyer in Jan. 1948, and continued as her Commanding Officer until July 1949. In Oct. 1949 he joined the Staff of Commander 6th Fleet, and served as Fleet Gunnery and Training Officer until July 1951.

He was next a student of the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA, completing the course in Feb. 1952, after which he reported for duty in the International Affairs Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. From 1954-1955 he commanded Destroyer Division 122, and on Sept. 21, 1962, he became Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Korea, and served as such until ordered detached in Feb. 1964 for duty as Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Plans, Bureau of Naval Personnel.

After the war, he commanded a destroyer flotilla in the Atlantic and a battleship division in the Pacific, and was gunnery and readiness officer of the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean. In the mid-1960's, he directed a Navy Manpower Retention Task Force that studied ways of retaining enlisted personnel. His last assignment, before retiring from active duty in 1969, was as deputy commander of the Military Sea Transport Service.

In addition to the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", Rear Admiral Alford has the American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Navy Occupation Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

After his retirement Rear Admiral Alford served as the executive director of the Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation from 1971 until shortly before his death. Shortly before his death he received the Navy's Distinguished Civilian Service Award for his work as foundation director. The foundation is a nonprofit organization whose duties included the administration of Carl Vinson Hall, a McLean home for retired service personnel, their spouses and family.

Rear Admiral Alford was married in 1948 to Mrs. Mary Anne (Carlsen) Netherwood from whom he later separated. Living in Alexandria, Virginia, she survived him as did children: John Alford III of Sterling, Stephanie Anne Gould of Florida and Glenna Maria Alford of Alexandria and stepson Douglas Blakeshaw Netherwood of Arlington, Virginia; a sister Josephine Hollister of Galva, Illinois and six grandchildren.



## Composer Kenneth J. Alford

The following article, written by Andrew Lamb, pertains to Kenneth J. Alford, the English bandmaster we mentioned briefly at the Atlanta meeting. Please be on the look out for copies of music by this composer. AAFA is interested in either the items as printed musical arrangements or recordings, the latter preferred.

Kenneth J. Alford, the British composer and bandmaster, (real name: Frederick Joseph Ricketts), was born in Ratciff, London, England on 21 Feb 1881 and died in Reigate, 15 May 1945. He enlisted as a bandboy in the Royal Irish Regiment in Sept. 1895, playing the cornet, the piano, and the organ. He was stationed at Limerick before serving in India. From 1904 to 1908 he was a student bandmaster at the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, and in 1908 was appointed bandmaster of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Under his pseudonym (Alford being his

mother's maiden name) he began composing marches, of which "Colonel Bogey" (1914) remains the best known. Several of his finest marches date from World War I, while "Dunedin" and "Old Panama" commemorate a trip to New Zealand for the South Seas Exhibition. In 1927 Ricketts became director of music for the Royal Marines at Deal, moving to Plymouth in 1930. He was made lieutenant in 1927, captain in 1935 and (after being recalled from retirement in 1940) major in 1942. Further marches were produced during World War II before ill health forced him to retire finally in April 1944. Alford was one of the very finest of military march composers, his works surpassing those of Sousa and continental bandmasters in their range of expression, which was combined with clear melodic line, often ingenious counter-melodies and, above all, perfectly judged instrumentation. His brother R. R. Ricketts, bandmaster of the Essex Regiment and the Royal Corps of Signals, wrote military music

under the name of Leo Stanley, his best known piece being the march "The Contemptibles."

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(All published in London; for orch. band or pf unless otherwise stated)

Marches: Holyrood (1912), The Vedette (1912), Colonel Bogey (1914), The Great Little Army (1916), On the Quarter Deck (1917), The Middy (1917), The Voice of the Guns (1917), The Vanished Army (1919), The Mad Major (1921), Cavalry of the Clouds (1923), The Thin Red Line (1925), Dunedin (1928), Old Panama (1929), H. M. Jollies (1929), The Standard of St. George (1930), By Land and Sea (1941), Army of the Nile (1941), Eagle Squadron (1942)

Other Works: Valse Riviera (1910); Thoughts, waltz (1917); Sparks, xyl, with acc. (1923); The Two Imps, 2 xyl/cornet, with acc. (1923); and other works and arrangements.

## 1989 Annual Meeting: Houston, Texas

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Plans for the annual Alford Reunion and Meeting have been firmed up to the extent that we know we will be meeting October 14, 1989, at the Houstonian Hotel in Houston, Texas. Special room rates are being made available to members for Friday and Saturday nights. Information will be forthcoming on other facilities in the area.

Special notices or invitations will be sent to all members. To make it easier to keep up with those who plan to attend and to help offset expenses of the meeting, a registration fee is being charged this year. The advance registration fee is \$3, and the fee on the date of the meeting will be \$5. Letters

are being sent to all Texas Alford's inviting them to attend and/or join AAFA, and they are being advised of the registration fee.

D. L. Alford, Jr., with the capable assistance of his cousin Dovie Jean Alford of Houston are taking care of the meeting arrangements. Plans have not been finalized for an informal meal and meeting on Friday evening, but one is planned. It will be someplace other than the Houstonian and will be dutch treat.

Lucille Mehrkam and Pat Fite have been busy digging out information on names and addresses of Alford's in Texas. Lucille has been writing to those

in the Houston area. Pat Fite is writing to many organizations to which she belongs, or newsletters to which she subscribes, informing them of our plans.

Members will be kept advised of plans. A large turn out is expected—a good number have already expressed intentions of attending. We hope to see YOU there!



## Obituaries

The following was sent by member Andrew Leath of Tyler, TX.

### George A. Alford

TYLER (TX) *MORNING TELEGRAPH*, Friday, 9 Sept 1988

Palestine—Services for G. A. Alford, 88, Palestine, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday in Bailey & Foster Funeral Home chapel in Palestine with the Rev. J. Alton Jones officiating.

Burial will be in Crawford Cemetery.

Mr. Alford died Thursday in a Palestine hospital.

He was born July 21, 1900, in Slocum, the son of the late Redin Alford and Susan Teel Alford [see below]. He was a retired machinist for Union Pacific Railroad and for many years, he operated Alford's Grocery in Swanson community. On January 24, 1923, he married the late Lottie S. M. Rogers. He was a member of Christian Church and International Association of Machinists.

Survivors include two daughters, Anita Lois Wylie, Palestine, and Eurita Rieger, Maryneal; two sons, Virgil Alford, Slocum, and Adrian Alford, Palestine; a sister, Mae Ella Barnhart, Houston; a brother, Odell Alford, Houston; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be James Lokey, Delvin Whipple, Lloyd Alford, Billy Hogan, Milford Harrison and Bill Rogers.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

AAFA files have considerable information on the family of George A. Alford's father:

Redin Alford, son of Richard and Louisa Alford, was born 2 January 1859 in Alabama, and he died 28 December 1934 in Anderson County,

Texas.

He married (1) Louisa Teel who died in 1901, and then he married (2) Susan Teel, her sister. Some family tradition or oral history says Redin was also married to a Mary J. Moore who was born about 1858 in Franklin County, Mississippi.

Information on Redin's children is based on the 1900 and 1910 censuses of Anderson County, Texas, George A. Alford's obituary, and input from Mrs. O. C. (Shirley) Alford, who was one of the original subscribers of Gil Alford's *About Alford's*:

- i. Lula Alford, b. \_\_\_\_\_ June 1880.
- ii. James Edward (Eddie) Alford, b. 23 August 1881 in Sabine County, Texas and d. 26 December 1952. He is buried in Crawford Cemetery in Anderson County, Texas. He m. Agnes Marie Moore. They had ten children, one being O. C. Alford's father.
- iii. Obediah Alford, b. March 1885.
- iv. Berdie (male) Alford, b. March 1887.
- v. John Alford, b. November 1889.
- vi. Eliza Alford, b. November 1889.
- vii. Della Alford, b. March 1892.
- viii. Sam H. Alford, b. July 1894.
- ix. Mattie Alford, b. February 1899.
- x. George A. Alford, b. 21 July 1900.
- xi. Elmer Alford, b. about 1902.
- xii. Wesley Alford, b. about 1903.
- xiii. Bulah Alford, b. about 1905.
- xiv. Odell Alford.
- xv. Mae Ella Alford; m. a Barnhart.

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Member Donald R. Alford of Russellville, AR, sent a copy of his mother's obituary.

### Mrs. Lydia Adeline Alford

*COURIER DEMOCRAT*, Russellville, AR, 12 December 1988

Mrs. Lydia Adeline Alford, 84, of Russellville died Sunday, Dec. 11, at AMI St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.

She was a native of Nashville, daughter of the late Sampson and Lydia Gray Dowty, and a member of Wesley United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Preston Alford; two sons Donald R. and Roy L. Alford of Russellville; a daughter, Martha L. Williamson of Lima, Ohio; two sisters, Martha Winchell of Medford, Ore., and Dollie Gibbs of Rowlett, Texas; nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cornwell Chapel in Dardanelle by the Rev. David Moore. Burial will be in Brearley Cemetery by Cornwell Funeral Service.

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

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 tonight at Cornwell Funeral Home in Dardanelle.

Memorials may be made to Wesley United Methodist Church.

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The following 1988 obituary from Texas cannot be connected to any family at this time. It was submitted by member Katherine Black of Houston, TX. Newspaper and date are not known

### Charles M. Alford

Charles M. Alford, 78 of Austonio died October 24 1988. Survived by his wife: Lila, 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren. He had lived in Houston for 37 years and retired from Hughes Tool Company in 1971. Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 26, 1988 in Crockett, TX. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home, 408 North 7th Street, Crockett, TX 75835 (404) 544-2244.

## Expansion Work

In addition to the work being done in Texas (separate article), several members are working in their areas to reach new members or to make Alford's aware of AAFA.

Walter W. Alford has written notes to, or telephoned, every Alford in Orange and Los Angeles Counties, California.

Willie M. Alford is reaching out to kin and other Alford's in Florida and Mississippi.

Col. Truman Alford, Julius M. Alford, Lucille (Mrs. W. B.) Mehrkam, Gilbert K. Alford, Jr., J. M. Kinabrew, Jr.—and probably others we have missed—have given gift memberships. We even have an anonymous gift giver!

Members who would like to have blank application forms to give to kin or friends, or for use applying for a gift subscription, should request the forms from the Association.

## AAFA Genealogist Announced

AAFA is very pleased to announce that Bill Mitchiner, member #10, has agreed to accept the position of AAFA Genealogist. He is a professional registered genealogist, and we know he'll do a great job guiding us in our research efforts! We are all looking forward to working with the newest AAFA Officer.

The position of AAFA Genealogist-Historian has been ably filled by Nancy Dietrich since the beginning of our Association. However, Nancy also assumed the duties of Librarian, a position she enjoys very much and will continue in. The position of Historian is on hold until a more definite need for it is determined.

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### #134 Katherine Black and Jerry W. Black

(25) Susan Alford, (50) Cade Alford, (100) Lodwick Alford, (200) James Alford—not proven as Lodwick's father, (400) James Alford [b. about 1687 probably in New Kent Co., VA]

#135 William M. Alford, Sr. Information has not been submitted to AAFA at publication time. Will be published when available.

### #136 Joe Benge Alford and George Marie Alford

(2) Van Dorn Alford, (4) John Rankin Alford, (8) Alsey Alford, (16) Ira Bailey Alford, (32) Isaac Alford, (33) Mary Alford, (64) Julius Alford, (66 & 132) Lodwick Alford, (128 & 264) James Alford [b. about 1687 probably in New Kent Co., VA] Member had line down through part of #16. AAFA supplied balance.

### #137 Ruby Pauline Alford Heard

(2) Samuel Hamilton Alford, (4) Columbus Washington Alford, (8) James F. Alford, (16) Zaddock Alford, (32) Lodwick Alford [b. 1775 NC or GA; m. Judith Jackson] See #115 above for a continuation of this line.

### #138 William Joseph Alford and Jeweleen Joy Alford

(2) Oscar Riley Alford, (4) William Riley Alford, (8) Julius C. Alford, (16) Jacob Alford [b. 15 Aug 1761 Bute Co?, NC; m. (2) Frances (Frankie) Seaborn] See #120 above for a continuation of this line.

## Cemetery Update

A Cemetery Committee has been formed consisting of the following members:

Julius M. Alford, Chairman, McComb, MS  
 Claude A. Alford, Magnolia, MS  
 D.L. Alford, Caldwell, TX  
 Marian Houk, Falls Church, VA  
 Elizabeth Williams, Greenville, MS  
 Nancy Alford, West Point, GA

As you can see, all of the committee members are residents of the Southeast, so we are currently seeking a West Coast member!

More information about the work of the committee will be forthcoming as guidelines and plans are made.

On the following pages in this issue of *AAFA ACTION*, you will find a listing of Alford's buried in cemeteries in three counties in Mississippi: Hinds, Marion, and Walthall. Most of the Association's cemetery data is, in fact, from Mississippi because the members from that state have been particularly active in gathering the information! However, now that the Committee is in place, it is expected that the cemeteries from other states will begin to be equally well-represented.

In  
 Memory of  
 Mr. Alford

1770-1870

If you currently have copies of cemetery listings showing Alford's, or if you come across any in your research, please send them to Julius Alford. The data will be compiled, published, and added to the AAFA database

of Alford information.

## Some Mississippi Cemeteries

Gravestone data from cemeteries in three counties in Mississippi is included below: Hinds, Marion, and Walthall. The sources used are:

Arnold, Stanley W. Jr. and Louise Anderson. *THE MARION COUNTY MISSISSIPPI CEMETERY RECORD*. N. place: By the authors, 1988.

Lampton, William and Irma. *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF WALTHALL CO., MISSISSIPPI*. No publication data—can anyone provide? Handwritten transcription. No page numbers; cemeteries are numbered.

Mississippi Genealogical Society. *MISSISSIPPI BIBLE AND CEMETERY RECORDS, VOL. XIX*. Jackson, MS: By the authors, 1983.

Mississippi Genealogical Society. *MISSISSIPPI BIBLE AND CEMETERY RECORDS, VOL. XXI*. No publication data—

The Association has copies of the pages from the source books that yielded this data. If you are interested in obtaining copies, write to Nancy Dietrich, AAFA Librarian, giving her the name of the source and the page numbers.

Generally, the only gravestone data which has been included is that from people named Alford or, when it is indicated on the gravestone, women whose maiden names were Alford. When researching in cemeteries, keep in mind that frequently many relatives with other last names are buried in the same cemetery: in-laws, maternal aunts, uncles, and grandparents, etc. The Association typically has copies of source pages that contain Alford's only. Much other valuable information on your family might be learned by obtaining the source and checking for collateral lines.

### CLINTON CEMETERY, CLINTON, HINDS CO.

Source: *MISSISSIPPI BIBLE AND CEMETERY RECORDS, VOL. XIX*—pp. 109-111

ANNIE C.	05 05 1862	12__1864
	Daughter of L.F. & G.A.	
ANNIE KATE	09 22 1895	01 09 1916
	Daughter of W.E. & Sarah	
C. B.	03 20 1897	01 15 1918
CATHERINE A.	01__1911	Circa 1835
	Age 76 years	
HOWARD L.	06 04 1902	10 03 1972
JAMES A.	03 01 1870	08 25 1911
L. F.	07 01 1820	12 18 1883
PATTIE F. (ALFORD)		
MOSELEY	05 30 1858	11 10 1884
	Wife of L.B.	

SARAH F.

(LANCASTER) 03 15 1863      01 06 1954  
Wife of William Benton

W. WARNER      10 18 1887      07 25 1918  
[Mary E. Shuttleworth, 10 13 1891 -  
10 3 1930 is buried nearby]

WILLIA C.      06 17 1906      no date  
WILLIAM B.      11 20 1858      07 01 1911

### TERRY CITY CEMETERY, HINDS COUNTY

Source: *MISSISSIPPI BIBLE AND CEMETERY RECORDS, VOL. XXI*—no p. #

DUDLEY

WRIGHT      04 05 1915      02 21 1982  
[Probably husband of Mary Sue]

MARY SUE      04 19 1924      no date  
[Prob. wife of Dudley Wright Alford]

### CLEAR CREEK CEMETERY, MARION COUNTY

Source: *THE MARION COUNTY MISSISSIPPI CEMETERY RECORD*—p. 85

EVRETT EDSEL      09 02 1928      07 19 1954  
[Probably son of Floyd and Lora Alford]

FLOYD P.      10 15 1896      05 20 1961  
[Probably husband of Lora E.]

LORA E.      11 17 1899      06 26 1965  
[Probably wife of Floyd P. Alford]

WILLARD FORD      07 03 1919      06 22 1973  
[Probably son of Floyd and Lora Alford]

### COLUMBIA CEMETERY, MARION COUNTY

Source: *THE MARION COUNTY MISSISSIPPI CEMETERY RECORD*—p. 97

DR. CHARLES B.      10 14 1905      01 19 1964

### FOXWORTH CEMETERY, MARION COUNTY

Source: *THE MARION COUNTY MISSISSIPPI CEMETERY RECORD*—pp. 180, 181, 196

ALCUS JASPER      02 04 1909      04 19 1975  
[Probably husband of Maidee Magee]

CYNTHIA RAY      03 22 1973      03 22 1973

DUDLEY      03 23 1896      08 26 1947  
[Probably husband of Eva M.]

EVA M.      04 13 1908      03 30 1986  
[Probably wife of Dudley Alford]

FLOYD      08 07 1928      04 03 1929  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Alford

JACK      01 14 1903      10 12 1982  
[Probably husband of Nettie O.]

JAPPIE      08 18 1939      06 11 1973

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MAIDEE MAGEE 11 02 1909 no date  
[Probably wife of Alcus Jasper Alford]  
NETTIE O. 12 11 1909 no date  
[Probably wife of Jack Alford]  
ORDRY 02 21 1932 02 22 1932  
ROBERT A. 04 12 1913 08 26 1980

**HOLLY SPRINGS CEMETERY, MARION COUNTY**  
Source: *THE MARION COUNTY MISSISSIPPI CEMETERY*  
RECORD—p. 252

SENTHA VELLA 04 06 1887 01 10 1935  
[Probably wife of Wilson B. Alford]  
CPL. SHELBY R. 05 30 1919 09 11 1943  
Mississippi, US Army, 179 Inf, 45 Inf  
Div, WWII, killed in action in Italy  
WILSON B. 09 13 1887 06 27 1935  
[Probably husband of Senthia Vella]

**HURRICANE CREEK CEMETERY, MARION CO.**  
Source: *THE MARION COUNTY MISSISSIPPI CEMETERY*  
RECORD—p. 277

BELLE H. 03 05 1900 no date  
Wife of Warren Alford  
ELLICE 01 26 1921 05 07 1922  
Child of Warren and Belle H. Alford  
ELWIN 10 11 1922 06 14 1942  
US Navy WWII—son of Warren and  
Belle H. Alford  
WARREN 03 10 1897 02 01 1970  
Husband of Belle H. Alford  
WARREN E., JR. 01 13 1926 07 04 1927  
Son of Warren and Belle H. Alford

**MORGANTOWN CEMETERY, MARION COUNTY**  
Source: *THE MARION COUNTY MISSISSIPPI CEMETERY*  
RECORD—p. 354

ELSIE 03 21 1926 12 26 1933  
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Alford

**ROWLEY CEMETERY, MARION COUNTY**  
Source: *THE MARION COUNTY MISSISSIPPI CEMETERY*  
RECORD—p. 443

ANSEL W. 10 15 1917 01 13 1945  
"Mississippi, 1st Lieut, 1 Inf, 6 Div,  
WWII"  
EDGAR C. 03 04 1888 01 04 1973

**STOVALL CEMETERY, MARION COUNTY**  
Source: *THE MARION COUNTY MISSISSIPPI CEMETERY*  
RECORD—p. 483

MARTHA (ALFORD)  
STOVALL 1821 Circa 1860  
"m. 25 Nov 1839; erected by J.M.

Tobe) Davis" [Probably wife of William  
Jackson Stovall]

**WOODLAWN CEMETERY, MARION COUNTY**  
Source: *THE MARION COUNTY MISSISSIPPI CEMETERY*  
RECORD—p. 538, 553

FANNIE 06 23 1899 05 26 1985  
Hope & Fannie buried next to each other  
GRACE BASS 03 08 1915 no date  
[Probably wife of L. Ronald Alford]  
HOPE 05 20 1898 08 17 1978  
"m. 17 Jul 1922"  
L. RONALD 12 03 1908 no date  
[Probably husband of Grace Bass]  
RAYMOND  
ALBERT 08 27 1941 03 07 1964

**A.H. BROCK CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**  
Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF*  
WALTHALL CO., MS—#3

Infant BROCK 1903 1903  
Twin daughter of Waldo Brock, son of  
A.H. Brock and Elizabeth Alford,  
daughter of Seaborn Lockran Alford  
Infant BROCK 1903 1903  
Same as above

**BARNES CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**  
(also known as George Brock Cemetery and Valentine Brock  
Cemetery)

Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF*  
WALTHALL CO., MS—#2  
EMMA L. 08 28 1887 05 07 1888  
Daughter of J.N. & M.E. Alford

**BRUMFIELD CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**  
Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF*  
WALTHALL CO., MS—#5

BETTIE JEAN 1929 1929  
DAVID 1930 1930  
LEAH 04 17 1903 09 27 1903  
Daughter of T.L. & L.E. Alford  
STATIRA L.  
(BRUMFIELD) 1835 1918  
TOMAS  
LAFAYETTE 12 15 1870 07 28 1910  
TRAVIS 05 11 1907 06 15 1908  
Infant son of T.L. & L.E. Alford

**BURCH CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**  
Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF*  
WALTHALL CO., MS—#7

EMILY M. 1861 1917

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**CENTERVILLE CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**

Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF WALTHALL CO., MS—#8*

ANNIE B.	1861	1949
J. ALVIN	1904	1952
JAMES Z.	02 12 1898	11 17 1962

**CHINA GROVE METHODIST CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**

Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF WALTHALL CO., MS—#9*

JESSIE	Circa 1897	10 20 1973
	Aged 76 years	
LITTLE SISTER	05 03 1907	12 17 1903
	Daughter of J.R. & Laura Alford	

**ELLIOT CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**

Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF WALTHALL CO., MS—#10*

HATTIE (MAGEE)	08 06 1890	04 18 1973
	Wife of Sam N. Alford	
Infant daughter	1913	1913
	Daughter of Sam & Hettie Alford	
Infant son	1921	1921
	Son of Sam & Hettie Alford	
SAM N.	08 29 1885	07 08 1961
VERNON J.	02 21 1909	03 31 1916

**ENON CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**

Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF WALTHALL CO., MS*

Many Alfords are listed—we need copies of the pages.

**JESSE ALEXANDER BRUMFIELD CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**

Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF WALTHALL CO., MS—#6*

BABY WYATT	01 10 1914	07 13 1915
	Son of J.J. & L.E. Alford	
MARTHA E. (ALFORD)		
BRUMFIELD	08 08 1846	no date
	Wife of J.A. Brumfield	

**MAGEE'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**

Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF WALTHALL CO., MS—#13*

DOYLE	09 05 1915	05 09 1918
	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Hess Alford	

**NEEDHAM ALFORD CEMETERY, WALTHALL CO.**

Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF*

**WALTHALL CO., MS—#1**

JAMES TRUITT	01 04 1918	08 27 1918
	Infant son of W. Ellis Alford and Hattie McDaniel Alford	
JANE	08 20 1916	09 01 1916
	Infant daughter of W. Ellis Alford and Hattie McDaniel Alford	
LAURA		
EVALINE	04 19 1850	09 25 1936
	Noted on gravestone of Thomas Eugene: Wife of Needham W. Alford	
NEEDHAM W.	06 18 1848	11 22 1922
	Noted on gravestone of Thomas Eugene: Husband of Laura Evaline	
THOMAS EUGENE		no dates
	Son of Needham W. & Laura E. Alford	

**NEWTON HOLMES CEMETERY, WALTHALL CO.**

(also known as Elias Holmes Cemetery and Brock Cemetery)

Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF WALTHALL CO., MS*

Many Alfords are listed—we need copies of the pages.

**NEW ZION CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**

Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF WALTHALL CO., MS—#14*

FREDDIE		
BLACKWELL	09 30 1898	06 13 1930

**RUSHING CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**

Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF WALTHALL CO., MS—#15*

SARAH E.	1891	1952
WILLIAM M.	1893	1969

**SIBLEY-JULIUS BACOT CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**

Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF WALTHALL CO., MS*

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**TYLERTOWN CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**

Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF WALTHALL CO., MS*

Many Alfords are listed—we need copies of the pages.

**TYLERTOWN FOUNDERS CEMETERY, WALTHALL COUNTY**

Source: *THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF WALTHALL CO., MS—#18*

H. EMMIT	10 20 1879	09 20 1889
	Son of J.G. & N. Alford	

## Alford Family Notes: *Introduction*

In the last issue of *AAFA ACTION*, we printed the Preface to Josiah Alford's *ALFORD FAMILY NOTES*, which was published in 1908 in London. In this issue we will continue with his Introduction, covering some very early English Alford families.

### INTRODUCTION:

Alford is a surname evidently of local origin, the ancient form of which was Aldeford, signifying "Old Ford", whence Aldford, and the modern form Alford. Places thus named are found in Cheshire, Lincolnshire, and Somerset, and it is probable that from these the various families of Alford or Aldford have taken their name. From the western county comes the family to which the compiler of these notes belongs, whose pedigree in the College of Arms dates from 1564.

In early days, however, the Aldford family of most repute was that springing from the North of England. The lords of Aldford are mentioned in the Cheshire Domesday Book, and from the Aldford in this county the family took its name.

"There was in ancient times a castle, the chief seat of the family of Aldford, who had large possessions in Cheshire." The earth-work remains of Aldford Castle are still visible, overlooking the old ford across the river Dee, about four miles above Chester. The Roman road from that city leads straight as an arrow to the ford, and the immediate vicinity of the then hostile and wild Welsh tribes shows at once the importance of the position from a military point of view.

In 1160 the command of this Castle was given to "Robertus, miles, a descendant of de Bigot, probably by female descent", who thus became lord of Aldford, and the founder of the

family that has since borne that name.

The command of the Castle appears to have been regarded as hereditary, for Robertus de Aldford was succeeded by his son, Richard Aldford, living in the time of King John, who married Sara, dau. of Richard Fitz-Eustace, Baron of Halton. To him succeeded his son, also Richard de Aldford, who held Aldford, and the manor of Newton, Sussex. By one of these, Aldford Hall was built, a neighboring mansion, afterwards used as a farm house, and now rebuilt. It was, however, "for many generations the seat and manor of the ancient family of the Aldfords, who acquired it by grant from one of the Earls of Chester".

Although these early members of the family were thus Lords of Aldford, they were not barons or peers, but "tenants in chief of the crown by military service". The title, therefore, was dependent upon office, and was not hereditary.

The Castle of Aldford had an ancient claim upon lands at Barrington and Chillington, in the county of Somerset, for the provision of a man to serve at the Castle in time of war.

The direct male line of the family became extinct in 1202, when Margaret, daughter and heiress of Richard de Aldford, last named, married Sir John Arderne. The chief part of the property thus passed to the Ardernes, through them to the Fittons and Grosvenors, and was eventually sold.

Younger branches, however, still continued, in Thomas, who took the name of his wife and her property, and in Robert de Alford, whose descendants for several generations held the manor, though not the Castle, of Aldford, but at length sold it.

His son, Thomas Alford, from whom sprang the various branches of the family, held the castle of Holt in Denbighshire, which is about two miles higher up the river Dee, and upon the opposite bank, the places being thus adjacent, although in different counties. The ruins of Holt Castle are most interesting. It was destroyed by Cromwell's soldiers in 1650, having been sold by John Alford some fifty years before.

In 1604 an enquiry took place at Farndon (a town of some importance in those days, and joined to Holt by a curious bridge across the Dee), in a suit of William Tatton and Roger Puleston, concerning "lord Alford's lands", which included property in Overton and in Norton-Madock. The interest in this is deepened by the reference to the latter property in the will of Robert, Alford of London, 1546, founder of the Sussex and Hertfordshire branch of the family; and also by the marriage of Anne, daughter of Richard Alford of Overton, with John Puleston, recorded on a tablet in Farndon church bearing the Alford arms: Six pears, stalks upward, as for Berks and Bucks.

It may also be appropriately mentioned here, as showing the possible connection of the various families of the name, that "from the Alfords of Holt descended Joseph Alford, author of two religious treatises published in London in 1649" under the titles of *THE SOUL DISPENSATORY* and *THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT*. These books are dedicated to Sir John Brownlow, and Joseph Alford, the author, was born at Winsham in Somerset.

It is worthy of note that the Brownlow family use this name as a title for the eldest son, Viscount and Lady Marion Alford honorably bearing it during the

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last century. The estates of this family lie largely in the eastern counties, where it is interesting to find that "Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earls of Norfolk, and of the family of Aldford, held the manors of Pulling and of Thurne in the county of Norfolk", both of which rectories were held in the fifteenth century by members of the Alford family.

## Thomas Alford Branches

The various BRANCHES of the family springing from Thomas Alford of Holt must now be noticed.

I. The eldest son, John continued the line which remained at Holt for some years, but became well-known later in Yorkshire, and also in Buckinghamshire and Berkshire.

Launcelot Alford, his youngest son, settled at Meaux Abbey in Yorkshire, "a splendid pile, the pride and ornament of the part of Holderness", of which, unfortunately, there now are scarcely any remains left.

Members of the family also became possessed of property at Beverley, which place they represented in Parliament, and at Bilton in Holderness; but these Yorkshire Alford failed in a male heir, and appear to have died out in the middle of the seventeenth century.

On the sale of Holt Castle, about the year 1600, as already related, John Alford, grandson of John of Holt above mentioned, took up his abode at Fawley Court, in the county of Buckingham. His grandson, Henry Alford, afterwards became possessed of Hall Place, Hurley, in Berkshire, but a short distance from Fawley, the boundary of the counties passing through the lawn of Fawley Court.

Thus the family spread into Berkshire, where we find also Francis Alford,

esquire, of Lambourn, in 1589, and his son, Henry Alford, of Wokingham, in 1619, who were members, however, of the second branch of the family. Thomas Alford of this line was mayor of High Wycombe, and died in 1704, while George Alford held the same office in 1710.

The Bucks and Berks Alford, however, like those of Yorkshire, seem to have become extinct, or to have failed to maintain a position of importance. Particulars of these lines follow in due course.

II. Going back again to Thomas Alford of Holt Castle, in order to trace the second branch, we find that Robert, his second son, went to London, and through his grandson, Edward Alford, of Offington, founded the family settled in Sussex and Hertfordshire. The association with the latter county was merely by marriage; but it is interesting to note that the connection with Sussex was of much earlier date Richard de Alford, whose daughter and heiress married Sir John Arderne, having held the Manor of Newton, County Sussex.

Offington House, the Sussex family seat, is in the parish of Broadwater, near the modern town of Worthing, but passed away from the Alford family in 1744.

This branch ended with the death of John Alford, esq., of Coombs, co. Sussex, "the last of the ancient family of that name".

An account of these Sussex and Hertfordshire branches is given later.

III. Going back once more to Thomas Alford of Holt, we find in his youngest son, Thomas, the founder of the third branch of the old northern stock, the Alford of Hereford and Coventry. Of him some interesting notes will be found hereafter.

Thomas Alford, though his official

positions connected him especially with London, obtained property in Herefordshire. In that part of the country his family maintained their interest for the next hundred years or so at Cawtherhill and Norton Canon, in Co. Hereford, and at Coventry, Tewkesbury and Daventry.

The London interest was of longer duration, but at the close of another hundred years the senior line apparently died out, and though it may be that junior lines continued the family, it has not been found possible to trace their descendants. Particulars of the Alford of Hereford and Coventry follow in Chapter IV.

## Other Alford Branches

Various settlements of the name occur in other counties, which it seems desirable to record here so far as they have been noted, and we may commence with instances Norfolk and Suffolk.

- Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earl of Norfolk, and of the Alford, held the Manors of Pulling and of Thurne, in the county of Norfolk.
- Thomas Alford was Rector of Thurne, Norfolk, 1438
- Thomas Alford, Rector of Bereford, Norfolk, 1451
- Thomas Alford was Prebendary of Lincoln Cathedral from 1466 to 1485, in which latter year he died and was buried in the Cathedral.
- Richard Alford was Vicar of Burnham, Norfolk in 1485.
- Thomas Alford was Rector of Pulling, Norfolk, 1503.
- Thomas Alford in 35 Henry VIII, i.e. 1544-5, held the Manor of Osmunds, in Sutton, with one hundred acres of land, of the Duke of Norfolk.

The connection with Norfolk may have led to an expansion into Suffolk, for a

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grant of arms to Alford of Suffolk is recorded "on a saltire, between four griffin's heads, a lion passant."

In Nottinghamshire we find from Thornton's *Antiquities of Nottinghamshire* that Henry Alford held the manor of Hockerton in that county, in the reign of Henry VII; and was patron of the living in 9 Henry VII. He married, 1494, Christina Moulton, of Rousby, Lincolnshire. Robert Alford was their only son and heir.

In Northamptonshire occur the following: Thomas Alford, Vicar of Lamport, Northamptonshire, 1463; Thomas Alford was Vicar of Cranford, in the same county, 1488.

The Probate Registry at Northampton, 1510-1520 contains the will of John Alforde, of Clipstone (Bk A, p.1). To the Alford of Northants are ascribed the arms, "a shield fretty".

Lincoln Marriage Licenses supply: 1639, January 15. Zacharie Alford, of Great Grimsbie, gent. aet. 35, and Anne Clayton, of same, widow, aet 34; 1669, May 6. Robert Alford, of Great Grimsby mariner, and Katherine Thorold.

Amongst the Wills in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, are: Robert Alford, of Lincoln, 1654. Will, 131 Alchin; Zachary Alford, Lincoln, 1655. Admon; Ann Alford, of Lincoln, 1659. Wil, 12 Pell.

## Alfords in Western England

We now turn to the Alfords of the West of England. Between these and the foregoing family of Northern descent a possible connection has already been alluded to in the claim for service for Somersetshire at Aldford Castle, and also at a later date, with reference to Joseph Alford the author. It appears again in the fact that Thomas Alford, of the present Somersetshire family, was

presented to the Vicage of Weston Zoyland, by the Bridges family, which latter family was connected by marriage with the Alfords of the Northern stock.

The name of Alford occurs in Somerset in Domesday Book, and with the same variety of spelling, which seems to have been a matter of absolute indifference.

The Bruton and Montacute cartularies mention Thomas de Alditheford, and Roger Alditheford, while the name Aldeforde also occurs in these records.

The existence of the parish of Alford, in Somerset, would naturally suggest that the Somersetshire families derived their surname from that place, and it is interesting to note that while no proof is forthcoming of this, the Somerset Alfords cluster in a circle at various distances from the village of Alford.

The name of Alford occurs as early as 1327 in the Subsidy Rolls of Somerset, and by the sixteenth century, when wills were available and parish registers commenced, there were families bearing the name in several parts of the south-west of England, and some of them distinctly in good position in life.

At Mere, in the county of Wilts, we find the family afterwards spread to Stourton. At Winsham, on the borders of Somersetshire, resided a family that continued there for many a year, and also gave rise to the Dorsetshire Alfords who were settled at Lyme Regis. Through William Alford, of Lyme, sprang also the family of Ottery St. Mary. Through John Alford, who died in 1562, came the Alfords of Bridport, in whom the connection with the Mere and Stourton branch is afterwards evident, as also the Devonshire families which sprang up at Bowe, Okehampton, and Wear Gifford. And through Henry Alford, living at Weston Zoyland in the time of Elizabeth, came, with a pedigree recorded

through eleven generations in Heralds' College, the present-day Somerset line.

## America and Australia

This introduction would be incomplete unless it looked also beyond the seas, for in America and Australia are many bearing the name of Alford who will be interested to trace their descent from the old country.

In the United States are some who now spell their name "Alvord", the corruption itself leading back to Somersetshire. It will be seen in the following pages how these are for the most part descended from an Alexander Alford of Whitestaunton, near Chard, who settled at Windsor, Connecticut. Other families however, must seek their descent from a William Alford of London, who settled a little later at Salem, Massachusetts. [It is too bad that he was not aware of Richard Alford who was in Virginia even before those in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Ed.]

With regard to Australia, the connection is of course more recent, and the Somersetshire notes will readily show to some a descent from the "Bishop's branch" of the Alford family of that county.

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## Biography: Green Haywood Alford

Green Haywood Alford, grandfather of AAFA President Lodwick H. Alford, was the second son and seventh child of eleven (9 daughters), born to Nathaniel Green and Nancy Rose (Liles) Alford on 7 June 1820 near Wakefield in eastern Wake Co., NC.

He married Rebecca JONES, daughter of Augustine and Edith (Barker) Jones, on 8 January 1844 in Cary, Wake Co., NC. They had seven children:

- i. George Benton Alford, born 24 July 1845 in Holly Springs, Wake Co., NC; died there 5 April 1924 and is buried in a private plot in Holy Springs. He married (1) Charlotte Ann OLIVE 28 April 1875 in Holly Springs and (2) Texanna COLLINS in 1899.
- ii. Andrew Jackson Alford, born 29 January 1847 in Holly Springs, Wake Co., NC; died 9 January 1929 in Tallahassee, Leon Co., Florida, and is buried in Carrabelle Town Cemetery in Franklin Co., FL. He married (1) Virginia V. \_\_\_\_\_ about 1870 and (2) Mattie Eleanor Rich BAILEY about 1910.
- iii. Elizabeth Leland Alford, (Layton Elizabeth), born 21 September 1848 in Holly Springs, Wake Co., NC; died 11 November 1928 in Raleigh, Wake Co., NC, and is buried in the G.B. Alford plot in Holly Springs. She married Charles E.J. JONES on 21 February 1869 in Wake Co..
- iv. Columbus Augustine Alford, born 6 February 1850 in Holly Springs, Wake Co., NC; died 22 September 1908, in Waynesville, Haywood Co., NC, and is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery in Sylvester, Worth Co., Georgia. He married (1) Martha SUMNER

about 1876 in Sumner, Worth Co., GA, and (2) Jeannie Elizabeth JOHNSTON about 1883.

- v. Frances Adner Alford, born 27 March 1853 or 1854 in Holly Springs, Wake Co., NC; died 27 March 1891 in Parkerville, Worth Co., GA, and is buried in a private plot in Parkerville. She married Neander Jasper OLIVE on 9 December 1874 in Wake Co.
- vi. Salina Blanche Alford, born 28 April 1857 in Holly Springs, Wake Co., NC; died 8 August 1945 in Sylvester, Worth Co., GA, and is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Sylvester. She married Fernando Keit GODWIN 21 January 1880 in Holly Springs, NC.
- vii. William Leorus Haywood Alford, born 23 October 1863 in Holly Springs, Wake Co., NC; died 16 June 1931 in Shingler, Worth Co., GA, and is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Sylvester, Worth Co., GA. He married (1) Eleanor Frances on 21 November 1885 in Holly Springs, and (2) Lucy Melvina OVERBY 11 April 1907. (William and Lucy are Wick's parents.)

Although Green Haywood Alford was a successful planter, he had a leaning toward politics and was often called to the service of his fellow citizens. He served as a Justice in the Co. Court and for two terms in the House of Representatives of the State Legislature. During the Civil War he served as a Captain of the Home Guards. Two of his oldest sons were Civil War veterans.

While the devastation of the war was a severe setback to his farming opera-

tions, he continued to prosper, and by 1872 he was listed among those with the largest plantations in the area.

In 1867 he was a leader in the founding of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church as a charter member, and he continued his association as a devoted Christian until his death in late 1877. At his death a moving eulogy was made by the members of the Church in the form of a resolution of appreciation and praise for his faithfulness and service.

The hardships of the Civil War left their mark on his wife, Rebecca Jones Alford, in a most unique manner. Her legacy to her descendents begins with, of all things, a ham bone.

Food was scarce in the Civil War-ravished south in April of 1865, so Rebecca was delighted to remember she had a ham bone. She got it out and started to boil it. An advance scouting party of invading Yankee soldiers got a whiff of the good odor and sought the source. When they traced the aroma to the Alford home, they tried to take the broth from Mrs. Alford. She gave them much more than they expected, however, when she picked up a pot of boiling water and threw the liquid in their faces. Blinded, the soldiers stumbled out of her yard and ran in pain.

What the Yankees didn't know when they tried to take her pot was that Rebecca Alford had been cooking her ham bone to feed some Confederate soldiers who were hiding nearby—a group which may have included one of her sons. But what Rebecca didn't know was that she probably had faced the point of the entire Union Army.

It was towards the end of the war when General William Tecumseh Sherman's army was approaching Raleigh from its

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devastating march through Georgia, the capture of Savannah and the burning of Columbia, South Carolina. The home of Green and Rebecca Alford was in the direct path of that fearsome army. Some of Sherman's advance "bummers," as they were called, had reached the Alford farm, and they were not used to anyone or anything standing in the way of their demands. So aproned Rebecca Alford, standing alone and defiant, was a heroine in a little-known war incident in which she "whipped" the enemy from the north. Rebecca Alford was 43 years old at the time and the mother of seven children.

Two of her sons, George and Andrew, serving in the Confederate Army, likely had a chuckle when they came home and learned mama had gotten in a few licks herself.

Mrs. Alford lived another 25 years after the War between the States, passing away 6 August 1890 at age 68. Green Haywood Alford preceded his wife in death on 13 December 1877. Both are buried in the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church yard.

In 1890, their oldest son, George, had a homeplace of his own, the Leslie House. Ironically, it had been commandeered as headquarters of the Federal Army colonel of Sherman's North Carolina occupation forces in 1865. Being a war veteran, George decided not to let the legend of his heroic mother die. He had her tombstone engraved as follows:

A devoted Christian Mother  
Who whipped Sherman's bummers  
With scalding water  
While trying to take her dinner pot  
Which contained a ham bone  
Being cooked for her  
Soldier boys

Dennis Rogers, columnist for the Raleigh, NC, News and Observer, reported in his column that the ceme-

tery can be reached by heading out U.S. 401 south of Raleigh toward Fuquay-Varina. When reaching the community of Hilltop "just this side of Fuquay-Varina and there on the right at the traffic light, you'll see Hilltop-Needmore Road and a church sign for Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Hang a right and just a short piece down the road you'll come to the church on your right and the cemetery across the road on your left." Mr. Rogers had written a prior column asking if anyone knew where Rebecca Jones was buried after Mr. Henry King of Franklinville, NC, had expressed an interest in locating this most unique tombstone inscription. Rogers reported that he received more than 100 calls giving him directions to the cemetery.

AAFA President Lodwick Alford has "a vague recollection of this stern and forbidding visage in a wall portrait of Grandmother Alford." Unfortunately, he has not been able to locate that portrait or any other picture of his grandmother. Although a likeness does not seem to exist, he and other descendants feel a "personality portrait" can be sketched for his grandmother based on what his father and some aunts and uncles related.

"Grandmother Rebecca must have been

very much like Aunt Blanche," he said. Aunt Salina Blanche was Rebecca's sixth child. Of her, Lodwick Alford says, "(Aunt) Blanche was a hardy woman, wiry and strong-willed. She lived to be 88. When she was 68 and a widow of six years, the wife of her oldest son, Carelton, died leaving seven young children motherless, the youngest just a few weeks old. She stepped right in and raised the children with devotion, skill and firm discipline. Mentally sharp, and acid-tongued, she minced no words in her opinions of people and things. She told it like it was—truly a remarkable woman." In Blanche's veins ran the blood of the woman who "whipped Sherman's bummers," so in retrospect it could very well be envisioned that her mother, Rebecca Jones Alford, also mentally "minced" no thoughts regarding what she would do on that long ago April day when Yankee soldiers had the audacity to demand her dinner pot. She gave it to them—in the face, and somewhere in America there is hanging an antique iron pot that did its duty defending Dixie.

Green Haywood and Rebecca Jones Alford's plantation home survived until 1975, when it burned to the ground.

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