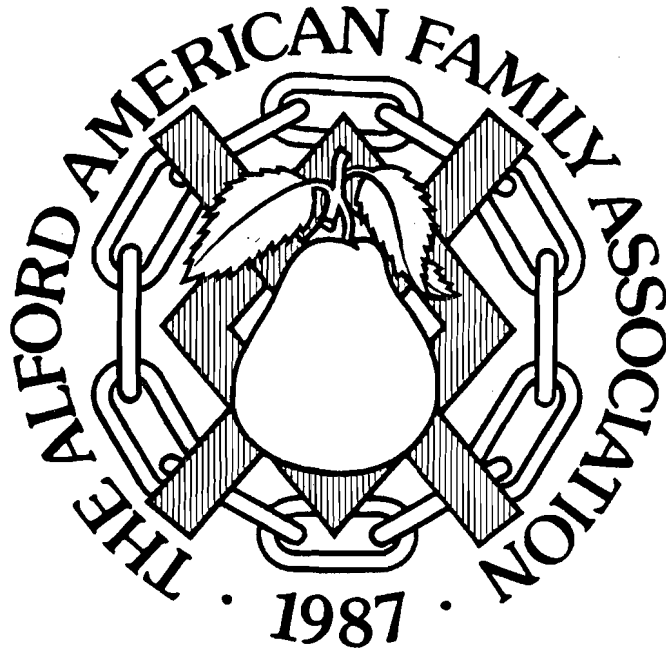


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President's Precept

ATTENTION ALL HANDS!
NOW HEAR THIS!

The countdown is underway for the Third Annual Meeting of our Alford American Family Association to be held October 12-14 in Raleigh, NC. More details about the meeting appear elsewhere in this quarterly. Start making your plans to attend right now. And keep in mind that if you don't come, you will be talked about. And if you've ever wondered if other lines of Alfords are as talkative as your own, here is your chance to find out. Somehow I think you know the answer.

The meeting in Raleigh will be an exciting time for most of us who trace our lineage back to NC. If we can arrange it, we'll try to set up some tours in the vicinity of Raleigh to places of specific Alford interest for those who would like that. For others a visit to the Archives might be the most rewarding because it is a veritable treasure-trove of Alford family history. For some a visit to courthouses in surrounding counties might be well worthwhile.

Now at the risk of repeating myself *ad infinitum*, I want to say again that this Association is not a social organization per se. We exist almost solely for the purpose of gathering and distributing Alford genealogy information. There is this terrible, relentless curiosity and insatiable thirst for information about our Alford ancestors. It will not be satisfied by any other way except by more information. I propose the Association adopt as our motto "More! More! More!" There is nothing wrong, of course, with a little socializing in the process of acquiring and disseminating information. This we'll do in Raleigh. But we will try to keep our eye on the "ball" and stick to business. This will also include holding organizational and administrative details to a minimum. So, I hope this constant repetition has not reached the point of *ad nauseam*.

Finally, you may remember in the December 1988 issue of AAFA ACTION I mentioned in this column the peculiar upper eyelid

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Treasurer's Report

	1988 Actual	1989 Budget Original	1989 Actual	1990 Tentative Budget	1990 Actual To Date (4-30-90)
REVENUE					
REG FEE (INITIAL)	\$ 700.00	\$1200.00	\$1580.00	\$1150.00	\$198.00
INITIAL DUES	560.00	750.00	1264.00	3450.00	158.00
RENEWAL DUES	320.00	784.00	749.00	3450.00	758.00
DONATIONS - GENERAL	682.57	1000.00	1348.00	1500.00	326.80
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2262.57	\$3734.00	\$4941.00	\$9550.00	\$1440.80
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	\$3207.04
EXPENSES					
POSTAGE & PO BOX	\$ 653.97	\$1439.00	\$1805.96	\$3650.00	\$664.80
STATIONERY	817.01	0.00	291.20	500.00	107.54
PRINTING	337.84	1510.00	2028.97	3300.00	1205.94
RESEARCH		340.00	144.02	400.00	73.95
FAMILY EMBLEM	200.00				
MISCELLANEOUS	241.37	445.00	764.93	300.00	125.00
ADVERTISING				300.00	
SUPPLIES				700.00	160.20
NON EXPENDABLE ITEMS				400.00	13.50
TOTAL EXP'S	\$2250.19	\$3734.00	\$5035.08	\$9550.00	\$2350.93
MEETING & RECEPTION					
			1499.94		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2250.19	\$3734.00	\$6535.02	\$9550.00	\$2350.93
NET WORTH	\$1394.26		\$1716.24		\$856.11

Receipts Running Behind

AAFA's net worth has only increased by about \$50 since last quarter. Donations have been all but non-existent this year—and we were counting on help from members who can afford it in order to keep membership costs down for those on more limited incomes. We don't want anyone to hesitate joining AAFA because of the cost!

A major expense is, of course, the printing and mailing of *AAFA ACTION*. Although we are trying to find ways to keep those costs down, we don't want to skimp on the quality of the publication or the quantity of information we publish.

If the Association's income does not increase during the next quarter to be more in line with the budget, the budget will have to be revised.

1990 Meeting: Raleigh, NC

By Gilbert Alford
AAFA Executive Director

Plans continue for the meeting to be held on October 12-14 at the Holiday Inn, Raleigh North.

Could it be an omen of some sort? The first person to register for the meeting was AAFA member number 001, Mrs. Alicia Roundy Houston of Pennsylvania, the AAFA National Census Project Officer. How about it numbers, 002, 003 etc.?

Every effort is being made to insure the meeting will be enjoyable, educational, and entertaining. Several have already made suggestions regarding what they would like, or would not like, as part of the meeting. If you have any ideas, now is the time voice them while there is still time to do something about it.

It is particularly important that you make it known if you have matters of business that should be discussed at the meeting. Thus far there are no earth-shaking matters to be dealt with. There will be an election of officers and a vote on some changes in the constitution (articles of incorporation) and bylaws.

You may have noticed from the insert that was included with the last newsletter that a change has been made on this year's meeting hotel. It happened after the manuscript was sent to the printer, but before the newsletter was returned from the printer.

The Association was unable to come to contract terms with the Hilton, but as it turned out, this was a blessing in disguise! By moving to the Holiday Inn and getting the better room rates, members will save enough to pay the meeting registration fee—assuming they plan to stay at least two nights at the hotel.

When it was mentioned to the hotel that some members might come a few days early or stay over a few days to do research at the North Carolina State Archives, they immediately offered the reduced rates for a period one week before and one week after the meeting.

The contract the Association had to sign requires an advance deposit for the meeting and food service. The resources to make that deposit will depend on your registration fees—so if you plan to attend the meeting, it is very important that you register now.

If sufficient funds are not received in time for the deposit, the contract will be terminated and it will be necessary to cancel the meeting. In that case those who have registered will get their checks back. The registration checks are not being deposited until it is known if a sufficient number register to cover the deposit.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please send your checks for \$25 per person to the AAFA office for registration. This fee will cover the cost of food for the reception and for the breaks. Those attending the dinner on Saturday evening will be asked to pay an additional amount to cover the meal.

Call the Holiday Inn Raleigh North at 919-872-7666 and make your room reservations. To receive the \$44/49 single/double rates be sure to tell them you are with AAFA.

If you plan to fly and would like a discount, call Delta Airlines at 800-221-1212 and ask for the Special Meetings Network. Give them file number L33016.

See you in North Carolina!!

Census Collection Project Update

By Alicia Roundy Houston
Census Project Officer
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The census collection project is progressing as planned. As a result of President Lodwick Alford's call for help, twelve individuals have volunteered their services for data collection.

The evaluation and assessment of records collected to date has been completed and a system of determining its relative quality developed—a grading system that shows immediately the status of research and the relative completeness of data for each state and census year. A page size tabulation shows what we have and what we need.

As a result of the past year's focus on Texas, this state has one of the most complete census extractions. Lucille Mehrkam was the chief contributor and will be helping to verify and otherwise prepare the data for the most accurate compilation possible. Thanks to Lucille and others who contributed Texas census data. Other states almost as complete as TX are NC, MS, and FL—the meeting states for the next three years. Thanks to Ruby Heard, Rod Bush, and others for their contribution of data for these states.

Since this year's AAFA meeting will be held in NC, 1990 census collection efforts are focusing on this state, from which we have considerable census data—especially on the "Alf" spelling. Thanks to AAFA Genealogist Bill Mitchiner, who did the extraction work. A "raw" printout of the 1860 Alford follows. (The 1850 Alford NC census was published in the Summer '89 issue of Gil Alford's *About Alford's*.) At this time we need copies of many of the published indexes. Offers of help are welcomed, needed, and appreciated!

Alfords in 1860 North Carolina Census

The following data appears just as it was taken from the microfilm or, in a few counties, the published source. The first column lists the person's name, which is Alford unless specified otherwise. The second column is the person's sex; the third column is the age. The fourth column is the AAFA-calculated birth year. This column does not appear on the census, but we think it is a handy reference for researchers! It was developed in the computer program by merely subtracting the person's age from 1860. The last column is the person's place of birth. Left off of our listing are some additional columns with little or no genealogical value that appear on the 1860 Census. These columns pertain to subjects like real estate value and attending school during the year. If any columns that we left off did have genealogical value, like "Married in the Year," we included that information in a note under the person's name. If a person's occupation was noted, it appears under his/her name in parentheses in order to save the space required for an additional column. The families or groups are arranged by county, township, and census page number. The first row of each census family group lists: COUNTY—TOWNSHIP—PHF (page, house, and family numbers as shown on the census page). As you will see, much information is missing, usually because the source was an index or published but incomplete record rather than the actual census page. However, in the interest of getting the information into your hands, we are printing it in its current state.

ASHE—NORTHFORK—PHF: 673-421-421

RILEY	M	60	1800	NC
(FARMER)				
SABRY	F	41	1819	

COLUMBUS—WHITEVILLE—PHF: 1044-1061-1061

SAMUEL	M	45	1815	SC
(FARMER)				
SARAH	F	47	1813	
ELIZABETH	F	21	1839	
NOAH	M	1	1859	

CRAVEN—NEW BERN—PHF: 152-49-49

ALFRED, FREDERICK E.	M	40	1820	NC
(MERCHANT/FAR)				
ALFRED, MARY C.	F	38	1822	
ALFRED, PHEBE A.	F	18	1842	
ALFRED, WILLIAM D.	M	11	1849	
ALFRED, ELY G.	M	10	1850	
ALFRED, ELEANOR	F	8	1852	
ALFRED, VICHA	F	6	1854	
ALFRED, CLARRA	F	2	1858	

CRAVEN—NEW BERN—PHF: 296-___-___

ALVERT, FRANCIS

FRANKLIN—BAKERS CROSSROAD—PHF: 896-324-317

JOHN	M	44	1816	NC
(FARMER)				
SUSAN	F	47	1813	
MARY	F	19	1841	
MARTHA	F	18	1842	
JOHN	M	17	1843	
ELIZABETH	F	15	1845	
ISABELLA	F	13	1847	
MOSES	M	12	1848	
SIDNEY	M	9	1851	

WILLIAM	M	6	1854	
PARRILL, GRACY	F	60	1800	

FRANKLIN—BAKERS CROSSROAD—PHF: 905-___-___

KEASER	M	47	1813	
(FARM LABORER)				
MARTHA	F	35	1825	
BERRY	M	16	1844	
BRYANT	M	12	1848	
MOSES	M	11	1849	
CLARY ANNE	F	7	1853	
JOHN	M	6	1854	
SIDNEY	M	2	1858	
CALVIN	M	2 mo	1860	

FRANKLIN—FRANKLINTON—PHF: 875-161-161

ELI	M	66	1794	NC
(FARMER)				
ELIZABETH	F	66	1794	
WINNIE H.	F	28	1832	
JOSIAH E.	M	26	1834	
(WHEEL RIGHT)				
JAMES	M	24	1836	
(OVERSEER)				
MITCHELL, JOHN	M	81	1779	

FRANKLIN—LOUISBURG—PHF: 883-224-219

MCKNIGHT, ALEX	M	60	1800	NC
ALFORD, NANCY	F	45	1815	NC
(DOMESTIC)				

FRANKLIN—LOUISBURG—PHF: 890-278-271

WILLIS P.	M	37	1823	NC
(FARMER)				
ELIZABETH	F	31	1829	
JOHN J.	M	9	1851	
ROBINSON C.	M	7	1853	

CHARLES R. M 3 1857
WILLIAM M 2 1858

FRANKLIN—LOUISBURG-DUNN—PHF: 914-453-445

BELL, JOHN M 71 1789 NC
(FARMER)
BELL, SARAH F 68 1792
ALFORD, MARY F 35 1825
ALFORD, SALLIE F 15 1845
ALFORD, REBECCA F 13 1847
ALFORD, JOHN M 17 1843
ALFORD, LAWRENCE M 10 1850
ALFORD, MADISON M 8 1852
ALFORD, JAMES M 4 1856

FRANKLIN—LOUISBURG—PHF: 936-30-29

ANCEL M 34 1826
(FARMER)
MARY F 30 1830
REBECCA F 5 1855
WILLIAM M 2 1858

FRANKLIN—LOUISBURG-DUNN—PHF: 35-35-34

FOSTER, HENRY M 55 1805
ALFORD, LITTLEBERRY M 50 1810
(LABORER)

FRANKLIN—LOUISBURG-DUNN—PHF: 916-464-457

SIMON M 43 1817 NC
(FARMER)
REBECCA F 47 1813
WILLIAM M 14 1846
LAURA F 12 1848
MARY F 8 1852

FRANKLIN—PACIFIC—PHF: 894-306-399

HINESBERRY M 33 1827 NC
(OVERSEER)
LUANZA F 30 1830
WILLIAM J. M 9 1851
SARAH F. F 8 1852
AMARILDA F 6 1854
PATRICK H. M 3 1857

FRANKLIN—PACIFIC—PHF: 895-313-306

JULIUS M 38 1822 NC
(FARMER)
ELIZABETH F 28 1832
WILLIAM T. M 11 1849
JOHN H. M 8 1852
ELIZABETH F 6 1854
SALLIE F 11 mo 1859

FRANKLIN—PACIFIC—PHF: 895-314-307

THOMAS M 60 1800
(FARMER)
DICY / LISA F 65 1795
ANNIE / AMY F 36 1824

HALIFAX—SCOTLAND NECK—PHF: 796-573-559

ROBERT M 23 1837 NC
(FARMER)
SUSAN F 38 1822 NC
ROBERT J. M 4 mo 1860 NC
GRAY, ANNE E. F 16 1844 NC
GRAY, HESTER A. F 13 1847 NC
GRAY, HENRY H. M 12 1848 NC
GRAY, CALVIN M 9 1851 NC

JOHNSTON—BEULAH—PHF: 739-412-390

JOHN M 37 1823
(FARMER)
MARY F 30 1830
MARTHA F 10 1850
MORDECAI M 8 1852
MARY F 6 1854
JOHN M 3 1857

JOHNSTON—BEULAH—PHF: 917-583-564

H. M 30 1830
(MECHANIC)
MILLIE F 23 1837
BENNETT M 5 1855
BETTIE F 3 1857
MARY F 1 1859
POPE, JAMES M 15 1845
(APPRENTICE)

JOHNSTON—BOON HILL—PHF: 844-19-19

B. B. [Bython] M 41 1819
(FARMER)
EVELINE F 31 1829
KEZIAH F 12 1848
WILLIAM M 11 1849
APSILLA F 9 1851
CHARLEY M 7 1853

JOHNSTON—BOON HILL—PHF: 844- -18

WILIE M 50 1810 NC
(FARMER)
ELIZABETH F 32 1828
LANGLEY, SARAH F 9 1851
JOHNSTON—SMITHFIELD—PHF: 899-449-436
BRYANT M 35 1825
(DAY LABORER)
POLLY F 33 1827

[The above two people were designated as mulattoes.]

MCDOWELL—OLD FORT—PHF: 355-362-363

BURGIN, JESSE (FARMER)	M	73	1787	NC
BURGIN, MARTHA	F	68	1792	
BURGIN, LEAH	F	47	1813	
BURGIN, PATSY	F	65	1795	
BURGIN, REBECCA	F	32	1828	
BURGIN, MARGARET	F	18	1842	
ALFORD, ROSA	F	30	1830	NC
ALFORD, MARTHA	F	65	1795	
ALFORD, ALNEY	M	14	1846	
ALFORD, MARY	F	12	1848	
ALFORD, WILLIAM	M	10	1850	
ALFORD, ELIZA	F	9	1851	

NASH—ARRINGTON—PHF: 630-1072-1019

GABRAEL (OVERSEER)	M	39	1821	NC
MARY	F	23	1837	
PATTIE	F	14	1846	
BETTIE	F	11	1849	
THOMAS	M	9	1851	
MARY	F	6	1854	
MILLY	F	5	1855	

RANDOLPH—PHF: 448-448

ALLFORD, GREENBERRY	M	73	1787	
ALLFORD, PENINA	F	35	1825	

RANDOLPH—PHF: 458-458

ALLFRED, JEREMIAH (MECHANIC)	M	36	1824	
ALLFRED, ELIZA	F	34	1826	
ALLFRED, ROXANA	F	9	1851	
ALLFRED, MARY E.	F	7	1853	
ALLFRED, NANCY J.	F	6	1854	
ALLFRED, WINCY	?	3	1857	

RANDOLPH—PHF: 446-446

ALLFORD, SIDNEY (CABINET MAKER)	M	29	1831	
ALLFORD, MARY	F	30	1830	
ALLFORD, EMMA A.	F	4	1856	
ALLFORD, MARTHA J.	F	3	1857	

RANDOLPH—PHF: 447-447

ALLFORD, THOMAS	M	30	1830	
ALLFORD, MARTHAM.	F	29	1831	
ALLFORD, SARAH E.	F	4	1856	
ALLFORD, JAMES MILTON	M	2	1858	

RANDOLPH—ASHBORO—PHF: 343-478-478

JAMES B. (METH MIN.)	M	45	1815	
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ELIZA	F	43	1817	
WILLIAM	M	21	1839	
HENRY	M	20	1840	
MOLLIE	F	18	1842	
DELILA	F	6	1854	
MARY	F	1	1859	

ROBESON—LUMBERTON—PHF: 809-20-20

H. C. (FARMER)	M	28	1832	NC
CLARKEY	F	24	1836	

ROBESON—LUMBERTON—PHF: 999-524-524

SION (FARMER)	M	64	1796	NC
ELIZABETH	F	58	1802	
FLORA A.	F	30	1830	
HENRY (CARPENTER)	M	25	1835	
DAVID (SCHOOLMASTER)	M	24	1836	
JACOB E. (FARM LABORER)	M	22	1838	
MARGARET D.	F	20	1840	
ELLEN	F	18	1842	
FRANCES	F	16	1844	
VIRGINIA	F	14	1846	
ARABELLA	F	13	1847	
CHARIS, HANRY (FARM LABORER)	M	40	1820	

ROBESON—LUMBERTON—PHF: 999-525-525

BARBARA (FARMER)	F	80	1780	
DIANNA	F	50	1810	

ROBESON—LUMBERTON—PHF: 1007-590-583

SARAH (FARMER)	F	43	1817	
SION M. (FARM LABORER)	M	23	1837	
VICTORIA	F	21	1839	
ANN	F	19	1841	
JULIA	F	18	1842	

ROBESON—LUMBERTON—PHF: 1009-606-597

JACOB (FARMER)	M	71	1789	NC
PATIENCE	F	40	1820	
NATHAN T. (FARM LABORER)	M	16	1844	
CHARLOTTE O. D.	F	12	1848	
JULIUS E.	M	9	1851	
WILEY	M	7	1853	
SION W.	F	1 mo	1860	

ROBESON—LUMBERTON—PHF: 1039-847-823

JOHN W.	M	48	1812
DON OLIVIA	F	20	1840
MARY A.	F	17	1843
JAMES W.	M	12	1848
LODEMA	F	10	1850
KATE	F	8	1852

WAKE—MORRISVILLE—PHF: 43-330-336

G. H.	M	39	1821	NC
(FARMER)				
REBECCA	F	38	1822	
GEORGE B.	M	14	1846	
ANDREW	M	13	1847	
ELIZABETH	F	11	1849	
COLUMBUS	M	10	1850	
FRANCES	F	6	1854	
BLANCH	F	3	1857	

WAKE—MORRISVILLE—PHF: 121-894-902

WILLIAM	M	41	1819	NC
(FARMER)				
LUCY	F	41	1819	
ALBERT	M	17	1843	
WILLIAM	M	15	1845	
RUFUS	M	12	1848	
ROMULUS	M	8	1852	
MARY	F	6	1854	
MARTHA	F	3	1857	

WAKE—RALEIGH—PHF: 288-89-89

LOUGEE, W. J.			1860	
SUSAN ALFORD			1860	

WAKE—RALEIGH—PHF: 344-571-565

JAS. H.	M	25	1835	NC
(PRINTER)				
SUSAN	F	24	1836	
ELIZABETH	F	1	1859	
WINFREY, EMILINE	F	30	1830	

WAKE—ROLESVILLE—PHF: 366-757-759

JAS. R.	M	43	1817	NC
(FARM LABORER)				
DICY	F	48	1812	
MASSINGALE, WILLIAM	M	15	1845	
BOYAKIN, REBECCA	F	26	1834	

WAKE—ROLESVILLE—PHF: 368-773-775

WIATT B.	M	34	1826	NC
(CARPENTER)				
JOANNA	F	30	1830	

WESLEY	M	9	1851	
MANDY	M*	4	1856	
SIMON	M	2	1858	
				*sex is questionable

WAKE—ROLESVILLE—PHF: 371-796-797

GILBERD	M	68	1792	NC
(FARMER)				
SALLIE	F	65	1795	
MARY	F	25	1835	

WAKE—ROLESVILLE—PHF: 371-297-298

SIMON	M	26	1834	NC
(LABORER)				
MARY	F	29	1831	
ROGERS, MALISSA	F	18	1842	

WAKE—ROLESVILLE—PHF: 397-997-1002

CHUCHWELL	M	40	1820	NC
(FARMER)				
ALCEY	F	41	1819	
JEFFREYS, HENRY	M	7	1853	

WAKE—ROLESVILLE—PHF: 451-1414-1413

CLEM	M	47	1813	NC
(OVERSEER)				
JANE	F	37	1823	
FAISON, RUTHY	F	19	1841	

WAKE—ROLESVILLE—PHF: 760-715-717

BALDY	M	44	1816	NC
(FARMER)				
PRISCILLA	F	44	1816	
ANN	F	20	1840	
JOSIAH	M	18	1842	
JANE	F	15	1845	
SALLIE	F	14	1846	
JOHN	M	12	1848	
FANNIE	F	9	1851	
ALEY	F	6	1854	

WAKE—ROLESVILLE—PHF: 760-715-716

PEARCE, LUCY	F	42	1818	NC
(FARMER)				
ALFORD, NANCY	F	75	1785	

WAYNE—GOLDSBORO—PHF: 970-196-196

CLARISA	F	45	1815	
MARGARET	F	16	1844	
WILLIE	M	11	1849	
FANNY W.	F	9	1851	

Alfords in the News



James Louis Alford

JAMES LOUIS ALFORD

Unknown newspaper
McComb, MS— 21 Jan 1990

CHAMBER HONORS ALFORD by Roy Thomas

[Almost 400 people attended] the Pike County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Foundation[']s...annual membership banquet...at Southwest Mississippi Community College...

One of the evening's highlights was the presentation of the Oliver Emmerich Award given for longtime community service.

James Louis "Lit" Alford was the 14th recipient of the award, joining past winners Oliver Emmerich, Gordon Covington, J. W. Alford, Dr. Wyatt Hunter, Bill Neville, Tom Magruder, Dr. Verner Holmes, Herbert E. Wilmesherr, James A. Lambuth, Loreice Naklie, Horace Holmes, John William Powell and Magnolia Mayor W. J. Simmons.

In his remarks, Alford said, "All the previous recipients were close personal friends and it is a pleasure to

accept this award." Alford is a former McComb city attorney who served in World War II and played a major role in the development of the oil business in southwest Mississippi.

JULIUS ALFORD

Unknown newspaper
McComb, MS—21 Jan 1990

"Business of the Month" By Jack Ryan

IT'S A BUYER'S MARKET, ALFORD SAYS

Julius "Pooley" Alford [AAFA Treasurer] no doubt has a stake in saying this, but he believes that now's is the time to look for a good deal on a house.

"The prices have gone down and interest rates are the lowest they've been in years," observes Alford, who operates Alford Realty Inc. of McComb. "It's a good time to buy. If you are satisfied with some of these fixer-uppers in some of the older houses, you can get some good buys."

... Unfortunately, Alford, like other local realtors, says there's a darker side to the buyer's market. It means houses aren't selling

Gary Alford (standing) and Julius Alford

well, which means something's wrong with the local economy.

"The market in real estate has been very slow in McComb, and prices have gone down," he said. "And we've also had more foreclosures than we've ever had since I've been in business. . . ."

Alford is marking his 30th year in real estate and his company has been selected as business of the month by the Pike County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Foundation.

He returned to his native McComb in 1960 and joined the Gay-Wardlaw Agency as a salesman, then left in 1966 to form his own agency.

"It was a little easier than it is now," he said. "It wasn't so competitive. For a while there were only two or three brokers in McComb. Now there are 13 or 14."



Alford has two full-time broker associates. Gary Alford, by Pooley's reckoning his sixth cousin, once removed, handles sales as well as property appraisals. . . .

Alford himself has been designated a senior residential appraiser of the National Society of Real Estate Appraisers.

He also owns office space in McComb, including two buildings on State Street and three on Delaware Avenue that he developed.

He and Gary Alford, as joint owners, completed the third one last year, on the corner of Delaware and Sixth Street. His real estate company also made two important changes, moving into larger office space in his westernmost building on Delaware and registering with the state as a corporation.

"I should have done this years ago," he cheerfully admitted. "But you know how it is. You get busy and don't have time for these things."

Alford, who got pegged with his nickname as an infant, when his older brother Warren couldn't quite pronounce "Julius," isn't quite sure about his plans for the future but expects it to include anything but full retirement.

"I'm getting close to retirement, but I don't want to retire," he said. "I want to taper off a little and do less, but I don't want to retire. Our plans are just to try to keep growing as the town keeps growing and to get our share of the business."

BOBBY R. ALFORD

TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER JOURNAL—December 1989

"Accolades"

Dr. Bobby R. Alford [son of AAFA Member #124, Bryant J. Alford], executive vice president and dean of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, has been awarded a Presidential

Citation by the president of the American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery for his exceptional service to the medical specialty.

Alford received his award during the association's 93rd annual meeting in September in 1989.

Alford is also a Distinguished Service Professor and the Olga Keith Wiess Professor and has been chairman of Baylor's department of Otorhinolaryngology and Communicative Sciences since 1967. He serves as executive vice president of the American Board of Otolaryngology and a member of the American College of Surgeons.

He served as president of both the American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery and the American Council of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery in 1981 and was instrumental in the consolidation of these two major organizations within the specialty during his term in office.

MARTHA ALFORD MARKS

The following article was compiled by Pam Thompson from two articles:

BNA CRIMINAL PRACTICE MANUAL—Aug 1989

"Language Proficiency Expert Aids in Challenge to Consent," pp. 237-240,

Unknown source and date
"The Use of a Language Expert on the Issue of Voluntariness"

By Dennis Doherty

Guillermo Yambo was stopped by police at the Chicago airport on suspicion that he was transporting narcotics and was asked for his ticket, his identification, and his permission to allow police to search his suitcase. After he voluntarily consented to the search, they found a kilogram of cocaine in the luggage.

Mr. Yambo contended that he had little understanding of what was going on since he speaks little or no English and the officers spoke no Spanish.

The attorney for Guillermo Yambo, Dennis Doherty, basing his case on a previous one in which it was established that statements or consent may not be "voluntary" if the defendant is questioned in a language he does not understand, sought the expertise of an oral proficiency examiner. He was referred to the state's "most qualified, and most respected, ACTFL-certified Oral Proficiency Tester and Trainer, Spanish-English Translator and Interpreter: Martha A. Marks, Ph.D, [daughter of AAFA Member #005 Truman Alford] of Riverwoods, Illinois," who has also been called "the number one oral proficiency tester in the country." She holds a B.A. in Spanish and German, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Spanish. She is the only certified oral proficiency tester in both the English and Spanish languages in Illinois and is the tester for the Illinois Board of Education. She has authored two major college Spanish textbooks and was the Spanish language coordinator at Northwestern University for 10 years. She was worked for the U.S. Department of Defense at the Defense Language Institute in California. She has conducted workshops on oral proficiency testing at more than 30 colleges and universities, and she is the Spanish/English proficiency tester/trainer for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in New York. She also acts as a consultant throughout the country and for WGBH-TV in Boston.

Although Dr. Marks was reluctant at first to become involved in a criminal case and indeed had never before testified in court, she agreed to examine the defendant for his ability to understand English and Spanish after Doherty explained to her that he believed his client had been set up as a courier/stool pigeon.

After examining Yambo, Dr. Marks concluded that he "would not be

capable of understanding the police when they stopped him at the airport." Her report stated, "It is apparent to me that Mr. Yambo's English is limited to his grasping a word or two at a time. He seems to recognize a number of isolated words and short phrases, but sentences in English mean nothing to him."

The court therefore concluded that Mr. Yambo's consent was not voluntary, and thus the search that led to the discovery of cocaine was illegal. In granting the defendant's motion to suppress, the judge wrote of Dr. Marks: "Unlike too many experts she gave every indication of being an objective witness rather than a partisan, a person who was intrigued and challenged by the assignment."

The following article was compiled by Willie M. Alford, AAFA Member #128, from several articles:

LODWICK H. ALFORD

THE SYLVESTER LOCAL NEWS
Sylvester, GA— 18 May 1989, 1 June 1989, and an undated article

THE ALBANY SUNDAY HERALD
Albany, GA—28 May 1989

DISTINGUISHED SONS OF WORTH SPEAK AT MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Dedication ceremonies for the Worth County [GA] Veterans Memorial were held Saturday, 27 May 1989 on the grounds of the Worth County Courthouse. The ceremony recognized all veterans and particularly the Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Wives whose sons and husbands from Worth County lost their lives during active duty while in service for their county.

Countless individuals spent nearly a year to raise private donations exceeding \$15,000 to finance the granite monument, which stands over eight feet

tall and weighs over 6000 pounds. In addition to the monument, a cast aluminum plaque was dedicated which bears the names of 207 Worth County veterans who died during active service.

The crowd stood silent during the many tributes to the war veterans, including the fly-over by a T-28, the placing of sixteen wreaths around the base of the monument by family members and friends, a 21-gun salute, and the playing of taps by the Worth County High band. The monument and plaque were unveiled by members of the Thomas Nelson Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans, dressed in Authentic Confederate uniforms adding to the spirit of the occasion.

Among the featured speakers was Captain Lodwick H. Alford [AAFA President], U.S. Navy, retired. Capt. Alford, a native of Worth County and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. H. Alford of Sylvester, was born April 27, 1914. A 1931 graduate of the Sylvester High School, Capt. Alford enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1932 as apprentice seaman and in 1934 entered the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. Capt. Alford was commissioned in 1938. His major Commands included the destroyer USS RENSHAW, Destroyer Division 202, destroyer tender USS YOSEMITE and destroyer squadron 22. His last assignment was in the office of the Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs.

After 35 years of service Capt. Alford retired in 1967. He holds the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V and a Gold Star in lieu of a second award; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Navy Commendation Ribbon with Combat V; Army Commendation Ribbon; Army Distinguished Unit Emblem and numerous campaigns medals including Asiatic-Pacific Campaigns with nine engagement stars.

Capt. Alford holds a BS, U. S. Naval Academy; Diploma, Naval War College, Newport, RI; Diploma, National War College, Washington, DC; Diploma, American University,

Washington, DC; and an MA in International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, DC.

Capt. Alford is married to the former Katherine Kirkland of Sylvester [GA], and they have a son and a daughter and four grandchildren. After living in ten different states from coast to coast, including Hawaii plus a stint in Cuba, Captain and Mrs. Alford now make their home on Sea Island, Georgia.

CLAUDE ALFORD

Sent by AAFA Treasurer Julius Alford:

MAGNOLIA GAZETTE
Magnolia, MS—Wed., 14 March 1990

"The Progress Report"
By Mrs. Birl Rimes Sr.

Monday the 5th, Mr. Claude Alford [AAFA Member #017] made a business trip to Osyka and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Varnado. Tuesday, Mrs. Claude and grandson, Howard Alford, went to Franklinton on business. Wednesday, Mr. Claude and son, Hollis Alford, attended the Rotary Club meeting in McComb. Thursday, Mr. Claude Alford made 25 new straw brooms and went to Columbia to visit his sister, Mrs. Effie Smith and his nephew, Richard Ball.

On Friday Mr. Harry Cornea of Bogalusa, La., visited with Mr. Claude Alford.

Saturday, Mr. Claude Alford attended the reunion of the 1941 graduating class of Progress High School. A large crowd with some of the teachers and classmates with their families attended. . . .

Saturday evening Mr. Claude visited both rest homes in McComb and that night attended the Masonic Lodge meeting. For a person 92 years young I would say he had a very busy week! Could you keep up with him?

The Caroline Bridges Alford Letter

Mary Caroline Bridges married Alexander Alford 7 January 1857 in Copiah County, Mississippi. Alexander, the son of Sion and Catherine (McPhaul) Alford, was born 18 September 1827 in Robeson County, North Carolina. Caroline was born January 1837, making her a young lady of 20 when she wrote the letter.

A copy of the following letter was given to AAFA Member Frances Alford of Atlanta by the late Mr. Hayden Alford of Jackson, Mississippi. Frances is, and Hayden was, a member of this branch of the family.

*McInnes Bridge, N.C.
November 17th 1857*

Dear Sister,

It has been two long weeks since I left home, and as I cannot see you, it is a pleasure that I take my seat to write to you this evening. I am very anxious to get home and see you again. I have been visiting so much that I'm getting tired of it, and have not got half round yet. We are well and I have enjoyed very good health since I left home, except for a slight cold.

We are at Paisley's (Mr. A's brother). I like him and his wife very well. They are very religious, and I know that you would like them. Mr. A's mother and father are as good to me as they could be to anybody. I do not know who to write about. I will tell you all about them when I come home. I reckon Mr. A's oldest half-brother will come to Miss. with us.

We took them all by surprise when we came over. They did not know we were in the country until we were at Neil Alford's. I have been to church three times since I have been over here. I don't like Presbyterians much. They are too cold. They are not like Methodists. I have not seen a Methodist

since I have been here that I know of. Everybody nearly are Presbyterians.

I have got acquainted with Mary and Susan Bridges, dau. of James Bridges. I believe they want to claim kin with me

Check Your Scrapbooks

If you have an old "Alford letter" which might be of interest to our members or might have some historical significance, please send a legible copy to the AAFA mail box. We will publish most of those received.

Transcribed copies are fine, but we need to know whether you have corrected the spelling and punctuation.

If the letter includes the date, name of addressee, name of author, and possibly the place where it was written, it will be even more valuable!

whether I am any relation or not. Susan is a very smart girl. I reckon we will call on them, as they insist on us doing so. I have not seen their father yet.

This country looks very poor. It is a very pretty country though. It is so level it is very pleasant traveling in carriages and buggies. I have not seen a

lady ride horseback since I have been here. It is a very uncommon thing.

I have commenced my collar, and I think it will be right pretty. I have no idea that I will finish it before I come home, as I have to visit so much. The fashions are about the same here as they are in Miss—some little differences. I have seen some right pretty collar patterns.

Mr. Alford says he is going to write to Mr. Norman this week. We will start home between the 1st and 10th of December. I reckon we are going to return by way of Memphis. I have got lots to tell you, but I do not know how to write it. It looks so simple when I write it down. I want to see you all very bad, and I hope the time will soon pass away. Tell Ma not to be uneasy about me and not to stay home by herself much of the time. You must go to see her often. Give my love to her. I remain as ever,

*YOUR AFFECTIONATE SISTER,
Caroline*

P. S. I wish I could hear whether you are all well or not.

The Paisley Alford mentioned in the letter married twice and later lived in Dillon County, South Carolina where he died in 1896. The older half-brother mentioned was apparently Henry Giles Alford who also married twice and died in Erath County, Texas in 1913.

The Neil Alford mentioned was probably Neill Little Alford, son of Warren and Jennette (Little) Alford. He died 1866 and is buried in Dillon County, South Carolina. He was Alexander Alford's uncle.

Obituaries

Willie M. Alford, Florida State Representative, copied the following notices on 8-9 Aug 1989 from *The Bradenton Herald*, located on microfilm at the Manatee County [FL] Library:

THOMAS F. & EVA F. (STEWART) ALFORD

THE BRADENTON HERALD
Bradenton, FL—1 Jan 1962

T. F. ALFORDS KILLED IN CRASH OF SWAMP-BUGGY

A New Year's weekend double tragedy that took the lives of a Bradenton couple in a swamp-buggy accident last Saturday at Sunniland, Florida will be marked tomorrow with double burial ceremonies in Ellenton Community Cemetery northeast of Bradenton on US 301.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Floyd Alford, both 39 years old, will be lowered side by side into a double grave, but their 11 year old daughter, Celeste McLean will not be able to attend.

Celeste lies injured in Manatee Veterans Memorial Hospital at Bradenton, also a victim of the same accident. Her condition was reported "satisfactory" today, after she suffered an injured back and other hurts. Mr. and Mrs. Alford were killed when their swamp-buggy, a low-swung vehicle with massive tires, went out of control and flipped over a railroad embankment as they were returning from a holiday hunting trip.

The accident occurred 10-1/2 miles south of Immokalee on State Road 29. The couple's three sons, Randy, 16 and twins Terry and Gary, 15 were following in another vehicle and were uninjured.

A Highway Patrol officer reported the Alford's were approaching a highway dead-end when the brakes on

the swamp- buggy apparently failed. The buggy crossed the intersecting Highway 840 and the machine overturned after hitting the embankment, pinning the Bradentonians beneath.

Mr. Alford is a native of McCool, MS. He operated the Alford Plumbing firm at 512 19th Ave. W. He came to Bradenton 34 years ago at the age of 5 and has lived since then in both Bradenton and Ellenton.

He was a member of the Ellenton Methodist Church.

Mr. Alford is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Alford of Ellenton; one daughter, Pamela Alford of Anna Marie Island, one Sister, Miss Thelma Alford of Ellenton. And the aforementioned step-children.

Mrs. Alford, the former Eva Faye Stewart of Ocala, came to Bradenton from Knoxville, TN, about 10 years ago. Aside from her children, she is survived by three brothers, Page Stewart of Oneco, Stanford Stewart of Tallahassee, and Asa Stewart of Houston, Texas, and two sisters, Mrs. Winifred Shepherd and Miss Ida Stewart, both of Oneco.

The service will be held at 2 pm with Edwards Funeral Home of Palmetto in charge of arrangements.

LULA NANCY ALFORD

THE BRADENTON HERALD
Bradenton, FL—8 Jan 1962

Mrs. Lula Nancy Alford, 91, died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Collins, 602 Third St. E. She was a native of Cuthbert, GA, and came here 25 years ago from Darlington. She was a charter member of the Calvary Baptist Church and a charter member of the Travelers Rest Primitive Baptist Church in Samson, AL.

Other survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Mattie Johnson of De

Funiak Springs, Mrs. Ola Warren of Samson, Mrs. Ida Kilcrease of Chancellor, AL, Mrs. Anna Worn and Mrs. Oma James of Bradenton; a brother Joe Garrett of Morgantown, MS, 20 grandchildren, 56 great grand-children, 22 great great grand-children and 13 great great great grand-children.

Funeral services will be tomorrow at 2 p m at Shannon Bradenton Chapel with Rev. D. R. Hubbard pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Manasota Memorial Park.

Serving as pallbearers will be grandsons. Deacons and officers of the Calvary Baptist Church will serve as honorary pallbearers.

CORA E. ALFORD

THE BRADENTON HERALD
Bradenton, FL—31 March 1980

Mrs. Cora E. Alford, 75, died Friday in Manatee Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 this afternoon and from 7 to 9 this evening at the Griffith-Cline Funeral Home, 720 Manatee Ave. W. Services will be Monday at 4 p. m. at the funeral home. Rev. Charles Harkala of Oneco First Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Mansion Memorial Park, Ellenton.

Born in Ft. Valley, GA, Mrs. Alford came to this area from Lenox, GA, 52 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of Oneco First Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Litchfield of Bradenton and Elizabeth Myers of Sanford. two sons, Noah Austin O'Berry, Jr. of Bradenton and Paul Alford of Tallahassee, one sister Berta Parker of Columbus, GA. ten grand-children, and 11 great grand-children.

ANDREW H. ALFORD

THE BRADENTON HERALD
Bradenton, FL—25 Aug 1969

Andrew H. (Tom) Alford, 88, of 615 Leffingwell Ave., Ellenton died at a local Hospital Saturday (Aug. 23, 1969). He was born in McCool, MS, and came to Ellenton from Tarpon Springs 60 years ago. He was a retired farmer.

Mr. Alford made his home with his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Church and is survived by other nieces and nephews.

Services will be at Griffith-Cline Funeral Home Tuesday at 11 a.m. with Rev. F. Clifford Hicks of Calvary Baptist Church and Rev. Jesse T. Joiner of Ellenton First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Ellenton Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Roy Lee Edwards, Irving Taylor, Howell Foy, Sonny Edwards, Lonnie Collins and Jack Greene.

THOMAS F. ALFORD

THE BRADENTON HERALD
Bradenton, FL—7 Jan 1965

Thomas Farrar Alford, 72, of Ellenton died at a local rest home Wednesday (January 6, 1965). Born in McCool, MS, he came to Ellenton 38 years ago from McCool, MS. Mr. Alford was a retired farmer and a member of Mount Zion Presbyterian Church of McCool.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Eunice Alford, a daughter Miss Thelma Alford of Ellenton; three brothers, A. H. Alford of Ellenton, J. B. Alford of Louisville, MS, and A. F. Alford of Belzona, MS; a sister Mrs. G. L. Sloan of Louisville, MS, and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at Edwards Funeral Home, Friday at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Jesse Joiner of the

First Baptist of Ellenton officiating. Burial will be in Ellenton Community Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Ralph Church, Buck Church, William Vowell, James Foy, Howell Foy and Roy Wood.

MARY SLOAN ALFORD

THE BRADENTON HERALD
Bradenton, FL—13 May 1962

Mrs. Mary Sloan Alford, 77, died at a local rest home Friday night. She came here 55 years ago from Louisville, MS, and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband Andy H. Alford and three brothers, Grover Sloan and Will Sloan of Louisville, MS., and Hub Sloan of Bruton, AL.

Services will be at Edward's Chapel, Sunday at 2:30 p.m., the Rev. Jesse Joiner officiating. Interment will be at Ellenton Community Cemetery.



EUNICE E. ALFORD

THE BRADENTON HERALD
Bradenton, FL—8 July 1970

Services for Mrs. Eunice Earline Alford, 71, of 3618 Elm St., in Ellenton, will be Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at Edward Funeral Home.

The Rev. Lowell Shaw of the First United Methodist Church of Ellenton and the Rev. Jesse Joiner of the First Baptist Church of Ellenton will

officiate.

Burial will be in Ellenton Cemetery, with Roy Wood, Sammie Wood, Howell Foy, Charles (Sonny) Edwards, Donald Grubbs and Roy E. Wood serving as pallbearers.

Compiled by Lodwick Alford, AAFA President and Marvin Alford's brother:

MARVIN F. ALFORD

Marvin Floyd Alford of Jacksonville FL, died March 22, 1989, in that city. Marvin was a native of Parkerville, Worth County, GA, and was born on December 10, 1921. He was a son of William Leorus Haywood and Lucy Melvina Overby Alford.

Marvin Alford was a Navy veteran of World War II, and his profession was that of a Master Mechanic and welder. He was engaged most of his professional life in business in Jacksonville. He was a member of the Methodist Church and was a devoted family man.

Mrvin married Juanita Shepherd on July 26, 1941, in MacClenny, Baker County, FL. He is survived by his widow, three children, Marvin Floyd Alford, Jr. of Jacksonville, Donald Hoyle Alford of Jacksonville, and Patricia Annette Alford Masters of Savannah, GA.

Interment was at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Orange Park, FL.

Compiled from articles in *THE RED BLUFF [CA] DAILY NEWS* by Member #203, Patricia DeGrofft, daughter of Betty Alford:

BETTY L. ALFORD

Betty L. Alford died at the Alford Cattle Ranch home 10 miles west of Red Bluff on October 17, 1989.

Mrs. Alford was born to Samuel Joseph Stone and Rachel Margaret (Hazen) Stone June 17, 1926 in Los

Molinos (Tehama County) California at her parents' farm home. She graduated from Red Bluff High School in 1945 and went on to graduate from Mercy College of Nursing in Sacramento as a Registered Nurse in 1948.

On September 12, 1948 Betty married Jack V. Alford of Carmel, California. Her husband preceded her in death on July 11, 1989. [See his obituary, AAFA ACTION, September 1989, page 16.] Born to this union were two children, James V. Alford and Patricia Ann (Alford) DeGrofft.

Mrs. Alford was a working partner in the family's 7th generation cattle ranching operation west of Red Bluff (Tehama County) California.

She was active in the Registered Nurses Assn., Tehama County Historical and Genealogical Societies, and past president of the Tehama County Cowbells. In 1975, Tehama County Cowbells honored Mrs. Alford as Cowbell of the year.

Mrs. Alford is survived by her son James V. Alford, his wife Vicki, and their children Quinn Roy and Abigail Paige, all of Red Bluff; her daughter Patricia Ann Alford DeGrofft of Pendleton, OR, her husband Duane, and their children Ryan and Tiah Jillian; brothers Sam Stone of Oakland, Bill Stone of Red Bluff, Fred Stone of Woodland, Robert Stone of Bass Lake, and Jim Stone of Seattle, WA; sisters Ann Willard McNabb of Red Bluff, Emily Ruff of Paskenta, Sally Tatro of Gerber, June Moore of Turlock, and Nancy Henderson of ID. A brother Henry Stone preceded her in death.

Burial was in the Alford Family plot at Oak Hill Cemetery in Red Bluff.

Submitted by AAFA Member #203
Patricia DeGrofft:

IRENE D. ALFORD

EAST OREGONIAN
Pendleton, OR—31 Jan 1990

ATHENA—Irene D. Alford, 53, long-

time resident of Athena, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 1990, at, Walla Walla.

Memorial services will be held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Athena on Thursday at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Alford was born Feb. 6, 1936 at Ontario, Calif., to Clarence and Mary Estein Arnaiz. She attended schools at Imperial, Calif.

On Aug. 2, 1958 she married Tom Alford at Yuma, Ariz. The Alford's moved to Athena in the early 1960's.

Mrs. Alford was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Athena and was past president of the Umatilla County CowBelles, past vice-president of the Oregon CowBelles, a member of Umatilla County Home Extension, a past member of the Athena PTA, and active in community affairs.

Survivors include her husband, at the home; sons, Charlie of Imperial, Calif., and Cliff of Adams; a daughter, Evelyn Sue (Mrs. Robert) Box of El Centro, Calif.; her parents, at San Jacinto, Calif.; brothers, Bob Arnaiz and Jim Arnaiz, both in San Diego, Calif., and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society Research Fund, P. O. Box 404, Pendleton, Ore. 97801, directly or through Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main, Milton-Freewater, Ore. 97862.

*Note: "Success Strikes Again," AAFA ACTION December 1989, page 31, pertains to the ancestry of Irene's husband, Tom.

Submitted by AAFA Treasurer
Julius Alford:

VELMA WALTERS ALFORD

No source
Probably McComb, MS—no date

Mrs. Velma Walters Alford, 82, a

resident of Magnolia, died Jan. 19, 1990, in Beacham Memorial Hospital of Magnolia. Visitation will be 5-10 tonight in Catchings Funeral Home of McComb. Services will be 10 a. m. Saturday in Catchings chapel. The Rev. A. D. Rhodes and the Rev. Rudolph Hollingsworth will officiate. Burial will be in Magnolia Cemetery. Mrs. Alford was born May 30, 1907, in Pike County. She was the daughter of Thomas and Victoria Allen Walters.

She was a homemaker and a member of Bala Chitto Baptist Church.

Mrs. Alford also was preceded in death by her husband Arthur Eugene Alford; and one son, William Joseph Alford.

She is survived by one stepson, Travis Alford of Denham Springs, La.; three daughters, Shirely Hasselle and Janie Alford Roberts, both of Magnolia, and Mary Strojan of Brooklyn, N.Y.; two stepdaughters, Robbie Harris of Meridian and Willie Jean Hannula of New Orleans; one brother, Arthur Walters of McComb; one sister, Clara Montgomery of McComb; eight stepgrandchildren, six step great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

MOSE H. ALFORD

THE CLARION LEDGER
Jackson, MS—Tues., 2 Jan 1990

Mose H. Alford, 82, retired bondsman, Malcom, Alabama; 11:00 a.m. today, Nowell Funeral Home in Philadelphia, Sandtown Cemetery.

The following was gathered on the telephone. Mose H. Alford was born 27 August 1907 in Neshoba County, Mississippi. Died 1 January 1990 in the Springfield Memorial Hospital at Mobile,. Mr. Alford had lived in Mobile area since 1939. Two brothers were listed, W. E. Alford—454 5th. Avenue, Chicasaw, Alabama and Gene Alford of Pearl, Mississippi.

Letter from England

The letter printed below was sent last year to Willie M. Alford, AAFA Member #128, by the grandson of Josiah Alford, whose *Alford Family Notes* we are reprinting in this newsletter. The writer's most interesting offer to sell his antique Bible might still be good!

Charles P. Alford
4 Beaufort Buildings
Christ Church Green
Clifton Village, Bristol
Avon B58 4AN England

23-2-89

Dear Willie,

Thank you for letting my wife and me know about "Alford Families Around the World." I hope all the detailed information in my grandfather's *Alford Family Notes* (published... in 1908) was of use to you. Have you mentioned that the old Roman ford over the River Dee in Cheshire was guarded by a "motte & bailey" fort (still in existence!) commanded in 1160 A.D. by Robertus de Aldford, named from the ford & the village which grew out of the bailey? Robert's son, Ricardus, became Lord of Aldford Manor & Casile, c. 1200, and nearby Holt Castle (the ruin can still be visited!) was the family home from c. 1500-1600.

I hope, too, that the Coat of Arms to which you refer is the only correct one, i.e. with 'crest' of scallop shell & bishop's crozier, and 'motto' VIVE UT VIVAS, i.e. "Live and let live." Have you mentioned, I wonder, the little Alford Room at the Admiral Blake Museum in the town of Bridgwater, Somerset, which contains a family 'tree' connecting the Alford, Symes, & Sydenham families back to c. 1500 A.D. and portraits & belongings including a rare 18 century swordstick, a 1560

family Bible inscribed "Mary Allford" (showing the pronunciation!), and a silver falconry ring inscribed "Sir Wm. Allford of Mewx" (Meaux Abbey, Beverley, Yorks)?

Gregory Alford, Mayor of Lyme Regis, Dorset, in 1685 when the Duke of Monmouth landed there in rebellion against King James, and the Victorian Dr. Charles Alford, Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong, are other historical figures who deserve mention. . . .

Now would you, or any other member of the family whom you may know, be interested to acquire a comparatively rare historical family treasure, namely an original copy of the famous Geneva Bible printed in 1560 in its original leather binding blind-tooled with the family surname on the front cover? The fly-leaf has contemporary handwritten details of ownership, from father to son, for seven generations back to 1708 A.D.

The date (1560) is stamped in gold at the foot of the spine; the covers were closed across the fore-edge by a pair of brass clasps one of which is now, after 400 years usage, unfortunately missing. Similarly the first four leaves of text have lost their lower edges to a depth of about two inches, but the special and unusual feature of this genuine antique Bible is well and clearly preserved in Verse 7, Chapter 3 of Genesis where Adam & Eve "sewed fig tree leaves together and made themselves breeches."

In 1553 Queen Mary had prohibited public reading of the Bible and the translator of this work from Greek and Hebrew, William Whittingham (later Dean of Durham), had to flee the country. It was the first English Bible printed in Roman type—all previous versions were in Black Letter—and the first in which chapters were divided

into verses. An important feature are the often bigoted & puritanical marginal notes to which King James I took great exception, his strong dislike of them being partly responsible for the later well-known Authorised Version. This most popular of all versions ran to no less than 140 editions between 1560 and 1640.

I will part with this unique Alford item to any other member of the family for the inclusive sum of £3,000, full return guaranteed if not satisfied, though my lifelong experience of books tells me that the volume would almost certainly fetch considerable more at auction.

With best wishes from my wife and myself.

Yours sincerely,
Charlie

(President's Precept, cont. from p. 1)

skinfolds which sometimes appear in my line of Alfords. I was surprised at the number of people at the Houston meeting who went around looking for them. And surprise! Surprise! They found quite a few. Come to Raleigh and look for more.

Welcome to new members! What took you so long? On to Raleigh!

Lodwick H. Alford
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Colorado Alford's

Joe B. Alford and his wife, George Marie, just recently returned from a tour of Belgium and the Netherlands. Joe, the AAFA Colorado State Representative, is undertaking a project to contact all the Alford's in Denver—about fifty families. According to the latest listings available, there are about 130 Alford households in Colorado. Joe has already contacted those in Colorado Springs.

The Colorado Alford's promise to be an interesting lot if we can ever get adequate information on them. One of the earliest, if not the first, Alford's in the state was Nathaniel C. Alford, the son of a prominent New England family who moved to Colorado to enter the "stock raising business." He was enumerated in Larimer County in 1880 and his oldest child Fred C. was born there in 1875.

It is possible Alford's resided in the state earlier since there was a marriage recorded 1 January 1874 between Marian C. Alford and Harry L. Boyd in Jefferson County. Marian may have been the daughter of a William B. Alford who was born July 1815 in New York and was living alone in Jefferson County in 1900.

The only other "Alford" family listed in the 1880 census soundex file was a "Jno Alfred" who was born in England. Colorado must have held some special attraction for English Alford's because by 1900 there were four different households headed by an Alford from England. There were three "Alford" households with a family head from Sweden. Then there were two households each from Kansas, New York and Illinois and one from Missouri, Vermont, Indiana, Mississippi, Ohio, Virginia, Nebraska, Georgia, Maine and Tennessee.

Strangely enough these folks did not concentrate in one part of the state. There were "Alford's" in Arapahoe, Bent, Boulder, Cheyenne, Douglas, Hinsdale, Jefferson, La Plata, Lake, Larimer, Las Animas, Pueblo, San Miguel, Teller and Weld Counties.

It is not unusual to hear people speak of their Indian ancestry. The Colorado census proves that there were Indian Alford's with an entry in 1900 for Colorado Alfred, a Ute Indian born May 1872 who was with the Ignacia Sub Agency of the South Ute Indian Reservation.

We look forward to more information from Joe, George Marie, and the rest of the Colorado Alford's!

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Booklist Additions

Compiled by Pamela Thompson, AAFA Publications Editor

The complete Booklist, a compilation of references to Alford's (and spelling variations) contained in books and other publications, now consists of 43 pages, including this quarter's additions! If you are a new member and would like a copy of the Booklist, send \$1.00 to cover postage to Pam Thompson, 1017 Marilyn Drive, Mountain View, CA 94040.

Entries are organized by state and county. Family histories are listed at the end under their appropriate states whenever possible—but there are no family histories this quarter. 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 description of what information about the person is contained on the listed page.

The Association has copies of all the pages listed. To obtain pages that interest you, write to the AAFA Librarian, Nancy Dietrich, P.O. Box 1838, Westport, WA 98595. 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

• Bowman, Wm. Dodgson. *BRISTOL AND AMERICA: A RECORD OF THE FIRST SETTLERS IN THE COLONIES OF NORTH AMERICA 1654-1685*. London, England: R. Sydney Glover, n.d. Title page and the following pages that list Alford's: **John**, 55 (no destination given); **William**, 145 (destination VA).

• White, Virgil D. *INDEX TO INDIAN WARS PENSION FILES 1892-1926, Volume I: A-K*. Waynesboro, TN: The National Historical Publishing Company, 1987. This book lists pension files obtained from microfilm records located at the National Archives. The Introduction gives instructions for ordering the actual files. Title page, Introduction, Explanation of Entries, List of Abbreviations, and all the pages that list Alford's or variations: **Albert**, 20 (served 1855-56, d. 1921 in Talent, OR; he filed 1902 in OR, widow **Catharine** filed 1922 in OR); **Benjamin**, 20 (served in Creek War, filed 1895 in GA); **Edmond**, 20 (used alias Edmond R. Welch, served 1875-82, d. 1928 in Oakland, CA; he filed 1923 in CA, widow **Nellie** filed 1928 in CA); **Jason L.**, 20 (served in Seminole War, d. 1912; widow **Susan** filed 1913 in FL); **John Q.A.**, 20 (served in the Florida War, filed 1893 in TX); **John R.**, 20 (served in Creek War, widow **Amelia** filed 1892 in TX; served 1863-1865, filed 1917 in TX); **Joseph**, 19 (alias of Joseph ALFERD);

Lodowick P., 20 (served in Creek War, filed 1892 in AL); **Thomas**, 20 (filed 1902 in OR); **William**, 20 (served in Creek War, filed 1892 in AL); **William L.**, 20 (served in Creek War, widow **Mary** filed 1893 in GA); **Joseph ALFERD**, 19 (served 1866, d. 1907 in Portage, UT; widow **Emma** filed in 1917); **Edward W. ALFRED**, 20 (served 1881-86, d. 1931 in Little River, FL, filed 1929 in FL); **Joseph HOLFORD**, 19 (alias of Joseph ALFERD).

• White, Virgil D. *INDEX TO OLD WARS PENSION FILES 1815-1926, Volume I: A-K*. Waynesboro, TN: The National Historical Publishing Company, 1987. This book lists pension files obtained from microfilm records located at the National Archives. The "Old Wars" files are primarily for claims based on death or disability incurred in the military service between the end of the Revolutionary War and the beginning of the Civil War. The Introduction gives instructions for ordering the actual files. Title page, Introduction, List of Abbreviations, and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **Ephraim D.**, 10 (served in Mexican War from AL, filed 1890 in AL); **James**, 10 (served in Florida War 1836 from GA; widow **Dorcas** filed 1885 in GA); **Haywood**, served in Mexican War from GA, widow **Matilda** filed 1849 in GA).

• White, Virgil D. *INDEX TO VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS 1784-1811*. Waynesboro, TN: The National Historical Publishing Company, 1987. This book indexes compiled service records obtained from microfilm records located at the National Archives. The Introduction gives instructions for ordering the actual files. Title page, Introduction, and all the pages that list Alford's or variations: **Benjamin**, 5 (1807 VA Militia); **James**, 5 (1st Regiment US Levies, 1791-92); **James ALFERD**, 5 (same as James Alford); **James ALFRET**, 6 (same as James Alford).

OHIO

Statewide or Multiple Counties

• Bell, Carol Willsey. *OHIO WILLS AND ESTATES TO 1850: AN INDEX*. Columbus, OH: By the author, 1981. Title page and page 4, the only page that lists Alford's (no variations):

Elijah	1846 Portage Co.
Elijay	1832 Portage Co.
James	1850 Monroe Co.
John	1833 Guernsey Co.
Stephen	1825 Lawrence Co.

Summit County—established from Portage, Medina, and

Stark, 1840

• St. John, Loretta, Marilyn Welsh, and Jane Woods. *SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO DEATHS 1866-1872*. N.p.: By the authors, 1970. Title page and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): Wm. M., 1 (d. of whooping cough 1 Aug 1872 in Shalerville, age 4 years 4 months 12 days, b. Carbon Co., lived in Akron).

Trumbull County—established from Jefferson and Wayne, 1800

• Clegg, Michael Barren. *TRUMBULL COUNTY OHIO NEWSPAPER OBITUARY ABSTRACTS 1812-1870*. Fort Wayne, IN: By the author, 1981. Title page and all the pages that lists Alford's or variations: D.F., 111 (husband of Almira); Mrs. Almira, 111 (Geneva, 18 March 1850, age 50); Sarah A. ALFRED, 28 (near Lma, Allen Co., age 25, daughter of E. Hover, formerly of Newton, Trumbull Co.).

• Upton, Harriet Taylor. *A TWENTIETH CENTURY HISTORY OF TRUMBULL COUNTY OHIO, Vol. I*. Chicago, IL: Lewis Publishing Company, 1909. Title page and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): Ruth, 499 (one of first teachers in Howland).

• Winnagle, Mrs. Roscoe, comp. *EARLY MARRIAGES OF TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO 1800-1865*. Ann Arbor, MI: Trumbull County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society: 1973. Title page, Forward, and all the pages that lists Alford's (no variations): Maria, 2 (m. 1865 to Daniel H. Artherholt); Nancy, 50 (m. 1842 to Amos Reeves).

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston County—original district, established 1769

• Heitzler, Michael J. *HISTORIC GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA, 1670-1980*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1983. Title page and the only page that lists Alford's or variations: James ALFROD, 46 (participated in Indian uprising battle 1715).

Marion County—established from the Georgetown district, 1798

• Sellers, W.W. *A HISTORY OF MARION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, From Its Earliest Times to the Present, 1901*. Columbia, SC: R.L. Bryan Company, 1902; reprint ed., Marion, SC: Marion Public Library, 1956. This book is unindexed and includes few dates; a substitute index was used to find the Alford entries—*ANCESTRAL KEY TO THE PEE DEE*, by Mary Belle Manning Bethea, pages 3-7 (no publication data). Notes from that book are included below

when the information differs from or supplements that in *MARION COUNTY*. Title page, Contents, Preface, and the following pages that list Alford's (no variations): _____ Alford Currie, 283 (daughter of Neill [1]); _____ Alford DuBose, 283 (daughter of Neill [1], d. before 1901); _____ Alford McLucas, 283 (daughter of Neill [1], d. before 1901, no children); Althea, 284, 286, 370 (oldest daughter of Lodwick, m. first James P. McInnis in 1840's or 1850's, who died, m. second Colonel Levi Legette, had 1 daughter by McInnis who m. W.D. Carmichael, no children by Legette, still living in 1901); Ann, 289-90 (daughter of Sion, m. Alexander Blue, had 2 daughters); Daniel M., 283 (son of James L., m. Miss Walter, lived in Dillon, at least 1 daughter); Daniel W., 295 (m. Bettie Walters, the daughter of William Walters and Harriet Ridgell, lived in Dillon, SC, had 2 daughters and 1 son), 578 (served in Company H, Orr's Regt. Rifles, SC Volunteers in Confederate Army, wounded at Wilderness, 1864, limb amputated, 1875); Della, 284 (daughter of Warren L., never married); Dian/Dianna, 284 (daughter of James L., m. Dr. McLean in upper Marion, had 1 daughter who m. Clarence McLaurin—[*Ancestral Key to the Pee Dee*, substitute index, spells her name "Dianah" and gives Dr. McLean's first name as Advil]); Dock, 284, son of Warren L., m. Miss Harrelson); Douglass, 578 (served in Company H, Orr's Regt. Rifles, SC Volunteers in Confederate Army, Marion, d. at home 1865); Ella, 282 (daughter of William McD., teacher in Columbia Female College); Frierson, 283 (son of James L., m. daughter of William J. David, lived in upper Marion—[*Ancestral Key to the Pee Dee*, substitute index, gives his name as "James Frierson Alford with the following information: b. 29 Aug 1846, d. 1 March 1912, m. 31 Dec 1902—obviously incorrect—to Annie Spears David, who was b. 21 July 1860 and d. 20 Oct 1925; also includes list of their children with vital statistics]); Henry, 282-83 (son of Neill [1], m. in NC, lived near Floral College in Robeson Co., NC), 293 (son of Neill [1], m. Clarkey McKay, the daughter of John McKay and Katie Alford, lived in Selkirk, SC, and then moved to NC, had 2 sons lived in Maxton, NC, and 3 daughters); James L., 282-283 (brother of Lodwick B. and Neill [1], from NC, m. Miss McPhaul or McFail, had 6 sons and 6 daughters, 2 sons d. before 1901, 5 daughters never married—[*Ancestral Key to the Pee Dee*, substitute index, gives his name as "James Little Alford", b. 9 July 1811 and d. 14 June 1883, son of Warren Alford and Gennett Little, m. Sallie McPhaul, lists children); John K., 293 (m. Bettie McKay, the daughter of John McKay and Katie Alford, had 1 son who moved to TX with his mother after John K. died); 417 (Dr., of NC, m. Sallie Bethea); John, 282 (son of Neill [1]); Katie, 292 (daughter of Sion, m. John McKay, had 3 sons and 3 daughters); Lodwick / Loderick B., 282 (brother of James L. and Neill [1], from NC), 284 (went to TN, m. Miss Hall, returned with his family to upper Marion, d. in 1850's—[*Ancestral Key to*

the Pee Dee, substitute index, gives his name as "Lodwick Blue Alford", m. Cinderella Bridges Hall, lists children: Warren Little, Sion, Douglas, Jane, Aletha (*sic*), Ann, Louisa, Aledra]; Malcolm, 578 (served in Company H, Orr's Regt. Rifles, SC Volunteers in Confederate Army, killed at South Anna, June 1864—[*Ancestral Key to the Pee Dee*, substitute index, gives his names as "Malcolm Alexander Alford", son of James Little, b. 3 Nov 1842, d. 24 June 1864]); Manton, 283 (son of James L., m. woman from AL, lived in upper Marion); McLean "Mack", 282 (son of William McD., m. to _____); Miss _____, (m. George Alexander McDuffie in Horry Co.); Moses, 578 (served in Company H, Orr's Regt. Rifles, SC Volunteers in Confederate Army, Marion, transferred March 1862); Mrs. Benjamin McKibben, 283 (daughter of Neill [1]); Mrs. James Berry, 283 (daughter of Neill [1]); Neill [1], 282-83 (brother of James L. and Lodwick B., from NC, m. Miss McPherson, lived on Big Reedy Creek, had 5 sons and 10 daughters, 2 daughters living but not married, 3 d. unmarried—[*Ancestral Key to the Pee Dee*, substitute index, shows his name as "Neill Little Alford", b. 9 March 1709—obviously an error—d. 1 July 1866, m. Gracie McPherson, 1806-1886, and lists children in following order of 6 sons and 9 daughters:

William McDonald	1827-1902
Henry Clay	1833-1868
Robert Harlee	
Christian J.	1835-1887 [not listed by Sellers]

John D.	
Walter Stan	
Flora	1826-1904
Julia Ann	1829-1865
Catherine	
Caroline	
Mary D.	
Amanda	1869-? [date probably wrong as mother would have been 63]

Henrietta Coit	
Harriet Black	
Florence Matilda	1849-?];

Neill [2], 219, 283, 362 (m. "Duck" Stackhouse, daughter of Colonel E.T. Stackhouse and Elizabeth Ann Fore, son of James L., lived in Marion—[*Ancestral Key to the Pee Dee*, substitute index, gives his name as "Neill Little Alford", b. 10 Oct 1848 and d. 14 July 1925, m. Eugenia Eliza Stackhouse, and lists 3 children with vital statistics]); Plummer, 282 (son of William McD.); Robert, 282-83 (son of Neill [1], d. 1868), 282 (son of William McD.); Sion, 290 (of Robeson Co., NC); W. Warren, 578 (served in Company H, Orr's Regt. Rifles, SC Volunteers in Confederate Army, Marion); Walter L. or S., 282-83 (son of Neill [1]); Warren L., 284 (son of Lodwick, had large

family, d. before 1901—[*Ancestral Key to the Pee Dee*, substitute index, gives his name as "Warren Little Alford", b. 28 Sept 1823 and d. 24 Jan 1898, m. Nancy McInnis, 1826-1906, and lists 9 children]); William McD., 282 (son of Neill [1], m. Miss McLean of NC, had 5 sons and 5 daughters, State Legislature Representative); William, 282 (son of William McD.) Yancy, 282 (son of William McD., m. to _____, physician in Sumter Co.).

VIRGINIA

Statewide or Multiple Counties

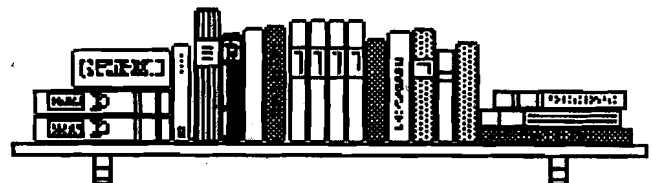
- Bockstruck, Lloyd Dewitt. *VIRGINIA'S COLONIAL SOLDIERS*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1988. Handwritten transcription on one page of all Alford or variations: James, 137 (served and died in Dunmore's War 1774); Thomas ALFORT, 139 (served in French and Indian War 1758); William OFFERD, 217 (on militia list for New Kent Co., 1702).

- McIlwaine, H.R., ed. *JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES OF VIRGINIA 1659/60-1693*. Richmond, VA: N. pub., 1914. Title page and the following page that lists Alford: Elizabeth, 19 (wife of John, twenty lashes); John, 19 (charged with rebellion and disobedience and wounding the sheriff on the head, received thirty lashes—no year, but next entry mentions a prior order dated 1656).

- Meyer, Virginia M. and John Frederick Dorman, eds. *ADVENTURERS OF PURSE AND PERSON: VIRGINIA 1607-1624/5*. N.p.: Order of First Families of Virginia, 1607/1624/25: 1987 (third edition). Title page and the following page that lists Alford: Richard, 39 (age 26, inhabitant of "the neck-of-land near James City taken Febr the 4th 1624).

Lancaster County—established from Northumberland and York, 1651

- Nottingham, Stratton. *THE MARRIAGE LICENSE BONDS OF LANCASTER COUNTY VIRGINIA FROM 1701 TO 1848*. N. place: By the author, 1927. Title page and all pages that list Alford or variations: Jane, 62 (m. William Reaves 1833); Lucy, 63 (m. Cyrus Robinson 1811); Elizabeth ALFRED, 7 (m. John Bradley 1800); Harriet ALFRED, 37 (m. Henry Hazard 1841); Margaret ALFRED, 7 (mother of Elizabeth); Robert ALFRED, 7 (father of Elizabeth).



New Member Lineages

Listed below in large **bold print** are the names of our new members. The numbers preceding the names are their AAFA Member #'s. Numbers printed before the names of the ancestors are the numbers on the members' pedigree charts.

You may notice that the last issue ended with Member #283, and this one begins with #285. Member #284, Louise Fuller, is not an Alford descendant, so her lineage is not included, but because she is interested in Alford's and has worked on the problem of the Lodwicks, AAFA Genealogist Bill Mitchiner gave her a gift membership.

If you can add information or make corrections, please do so. You can submit the information on plain paper or you can request a blank Alford Family Worksheet from AAFA. All additions and corrections will be published in this quarterly. We hope all members find this listing useful in determining whether they share ancestors with other members.

Membership # and Member's Name

PED. #	ALFORD ANCESTOR	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	DEATH DATE	DEATH PLACE	SPOUSE
#285 Wanda Rogers						
11	SARAH ELLEN	1839CA	IN HANC		MO	SMYSER, WM. FRANK
22	LOGAN	1810CA	VA	1837	IN HANC	JONES, MATILDA
#286 Dorothy Jean Alford Jones						
1	DOROTHY JEAN	19240328	MS PIKE			JONES, LEON CLARK
2	HOLLIS VICTOR	18911018	MS PIKE	19680515	MS PIKE	MCMILLAN, ETHEL
4	JULIUS C.	18550118	MS PIKE	19370410	MS PIKE	FORTINBERRY, SARA
8	WARREN JACKSON	18190912	MS PIKE	18991112	MS PIKE	LEWIS, CELIA ANN
16	EDWIN BARKSDALE	17921225	NC CUM?	18780310	MS PIKE	SMITH, MARTHA P.
32	JACOB	17610815	NC BUT?	18240718	LA WASH	SEABORN, FRANCES (2)
64	JULIUS	171709	VA NEWK	177111	NC BUTE	_____, LUCY
128	JAMES	1687CA	VA			
#288 Annie Kate Myrick						
3	MINERVIA ANN	19010310	MS LEAK	19691029	MS LEAK	MYRICK, RICHARD A.
6	WILBURN WHITFIELD	18750905	AL TALL	19620521	MS LEAK	HOLLINGSWORTH, AMANDA
12	COLUMBUS WASH.	18500118	GA TROU	19361130	MS LEAK	GLOVER, MARTHA M.
24	JAMES FLOYD	1817	GA GREE			ELLIS, SARAH J.
48	ZEADOCK	1787CA	GA MORG	18231215	GA MORG	SHERRILL, PIRRENE
96	JULIUS C.	1747CA	NC	18200825	GA GREE	JACKSON, REBECCA
192	LODWICK	1710CA	VA			
384	JAMES	1687CA	VA			
#289 Robert Murray Alford						
1	ROBERT MURRAY	19601128			TX	BERAN, LORETTA LYNN
2	DAN FRANK	19310303			TX	BROADDUS, RAY ANN
4	ROBERT ATTICUS	18900505	TX BURL	19790807		STUBBS, MAE (1)
8	HALCUT	18541127	TX BURL	19280627	TX BURL	SCOTT, MARY JANE
16	RICHARD E.	18180715	GA MOR?	18870126		LEE, FRANCES ELIZ (2)
32	HALCUT	17840505	GA GREE	18580313	MS MADI	_____, HARRIET C.
64	JULIUS C.	1747CA	NC	18200825	GA GREE	JACKSON, REBECCA
128	LODWICK	1710CA	VA		NC or GA	FERRELL, REBECCA ???
256	JAMES	1687CA	VA			

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#290 Dan Bradley Alford						
1	DAN BRADLEY	19620730	TX			_____, BRIJETTE F.
2	DAN FRANK	19310303	TX			BROADDUS, RAY ANN
4	ROBERT ATTICUS	18900505	TX BURL	19790807		STUBBS, MAE (1)
8	HALCUT	18541127	TX BURL	19280627	TX BURL	SCOTT, MARY JANE
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6	HOLLIS VICTOR	18911018	MS PIKE	19680515	MS PIKE	MCMILLAN, ETHEL
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384	JAMES	1687CA	VA			
#292 Glenn Clarence Alford						
1	GLENN CLARENCE	19510412				
2	CLARENCE JAMES	19091215	AL GENE			_____, PORRIE
4	ROY	1879E	AL / NJ			
#293 Lori Annette Alford						
1	LORI ANNETTE	19601107	LA JEFF			
2	MURRAY PETER	19130330	LA STCH			LEBLANC, LORENE RITA
4	MURRAY LUTHER	18730708	LA WASH	1944	LA	SINGER, ANNIE (2)
8	MARSHALL THOMAS	18390927	LA WASH	19040524	LA TANG	SELF, CHARITY ANN
16	JOHN SEABORN	18071011	LA WASH	18911115	LA WASH	BRUMFIELD, MARGARET
32	JACOB	17610815	NC BUT?	18240718	LA WASH	SEABORN, FRANCES (2)
64	JULIUS	171709	VA NEWK	177711	NC BUTE	_____, LUCY
128	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	
#294 David & Lillian Husband						
7	POLLY ELIZABETH	18830901	TX TRIN		TX ??	BAKER, NATHANIEL B.
14	JAMES MOSES V.	18570816	MS		TX ??	DOAN, ALICE N.
28	DAVID TURNER	1813CA	VA		TX ??	CRAWSON, MARY SCOTT
#295 Zeb Dickey Alford						
1	ZEB DICKEY	19250318	MS PIKE			CHASAN, JOAN S.
2	JAMES BURTON	48950301	MS PIKE	19750205	MS PIKE	DICKEY, DORIS DEAH
4	JAMES BARNEY	18701129	MS PIKE	19561004	MS PIKE	WARNER, ETTIE J.
8	BARNABAS SEABORN	18451224	MS PIKE	19280206	MS PIKE	NORMAN, ANNA R.
16	SEABORN JOHN	18071011	LA WASH	18840204	MS PIKE	FELDER, MARY CATH.
32	JACOB	17610815	NC BUT?	18240718	LA WASH	SEABORN, FRANCES (2)
64	JULIUS	171709	VA NEWK	177111	NC BUTE	_____, LUCY
128	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	

Membership # and Member's Name

<i>PED. #</i>	<i>ALFORD ANCESTOR</i>	<i>BIRTH DATE</i>	<i>BIRTH PLACE</i>	<i>DEATH DATE</i>	<i>DEATH PLACE</i>	<i>SPOUSE</i>
#296 Patti Alford Olivas						
1	PATTI C.	19490312	RI PROV	19831105	NM DONA	OLIVAS, DAN
2	ZEB DICKEY	19250318	MS PIKE			LEWIS, MARGARET C.
4	JAMES BURTON	48950301	MS PIKE	19750205	MS PIKE	DICKEY, DORIS DEAH
8	JAMES BARNEY	18701129	MS PIKE	19561004	MS PIKE	WARNER, ETTIE J.
16	BARNABAS SEABORN	18451224	MS PIKE	19280206	MS PIKE	NORMAN, ANNA R.
32	SEABORN JOHN	18071011	LA WASH	18840204	MS PIKE	FELDER, MARY CATH.
64	JACOB	17610815	NC BUT?	18240718	LA WASH	SEABORN, FRANCES (2)
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#297 Doris M. Alford

1	DORIS MARGARET	19520316				
2	ZEB DICKEY	19250318	MS PIKE			LEWIS, MARGARET C.
4	JAMES BURTON	48950301	MS PIKE	19750205	MS PIKE	DICKEY, DORIS DEAH
8	JAMES BARNEY	18701129	MS PIKE	19561004	MS PIKE	WARNER, ETTIE J.
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256	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	

#298 Jane Burton Alford

1	JANE BURTON	19530720				
2	ZEB DICKEY	19250318	MS PIKE			LEWIS, MARGARET C.
4	JAMES BURTON	48950301	MS PIKE	19750205	MS PIKE	DICKEY, DORIS DEAH
8	JAMES BARNEY	18701129	MS PIKE	19561004	MS PIKE	WARNER, ETTIE J.
16	BARNABAS SEABORN	18451224	MS PIKE	19280206	MS PIKE	NORMAN, ANNA R.
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#299 Kate Hunter Alford Easley

1	KATE HUNTER					
2	ZEB DICKEY	19250318	MS PIKE			LEWIS, MARGARET C.
4	JAMES BURTON	48950301	MS PIKE	19750205	MS PIKE	DICKEY, DORIS DEAH
8	JAMES BARNEY	18701129	MS PIKE	19561004	MS PIKE	WARNER, ETTIE J.
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32	SEABORN JOHN	18071011	LA WASH	18840204	MS PIKE	FELDER, MARY CATH.
64	JACOB	17610815	NC BUT?	18240718	LA WASH	SEABORN, FRANCES (2)
128	JULIUS	171709	VA NEWK	177111	NC BUTE	_____, LUCY
256	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	

#300 Stewart A. Brown

9	SARAH F.	18570523	GA			BROWN, DAVID
18	KINCHEN	18120509	NC			_____, NANCY (2)
36	KINCHEN	1768CA	NC			WILLIAMS, SINIA
72	LODWICK	1710CA	VA			
144	JAMES	1687CA	VA			

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#301 Mildred Harlow Alford Ward						
1	MILDRED HARLOW	19480310	CA SAND			WARD, WILLIAM R.
2	WILLIAM TAYLOR	1916122	MA BARN	19730423	RI NEWP	HARLOW, FRANCES S.
4	THALBERT NELSON	18871026	TX VANZ	19280702	RI NEWP	TAYLOR, ADELE R.
8	ALBERT NELSON	18410914	TX HOUS	19210203	TX VANZ	COGSWELL, TABITHA (2)
16	GEORGE G.	17980619	MO NEWM	18470401	TX HOUS	BARFIELD, ANN
32	GEORGE G.	17640310	CT HART	18520415	MI MONR	HULBERT, BETSY M.
64	BENEDICT	17160829	CT HART	17640215	OH GEAU	ASHLEY, JERUSHA
128	BENEDICT	16880427	CT HART	17640215	CT HART	WILSON, ABIGAIL
256	JEREMIAH	16551224	CT HART	17090606	CT HART	HOSKINS, JANE
512	BENEDICT	1615/18	ENGLAND	16830423	CT HART	NEWTON, JOANNA/JANE
1024	THOMAS	1575CA	ENGLAND	1636<	ENGLAND	_____, ELIZABETH
2048	JOHN	1549	ENGLAND			GIBBS, F___ ??
4096	ALEXANDER	1520CA	ENGLAND			_____, AGNES
8192	JOHN	1475CA	ENGLAND			
#302 Dr. W. Eugene Alford						
1	WILLIE EUGENE	19350131				_____, KAY PATRICIA
2	WILLIE M.	1909	GA			
#303 Doris Orlean Alford Vetri						
1	DORIS ORLEAN	19350113	PA PHIL			VERTI, SEBASTIAN A.
2	JAMES LUTHER	18980329	TX FRAN	1949	PA	HOLZMULLER, FRIEDA K.
4	GEORGE W.	18550118	AL GRE?	19091126	TX FRAN	WARREN, MARY H.
8	JOHN MADISON	18260807	GA	18920329	MS NESH	RAINEY, SARAH C.
16	JOHN	1800CA	NC			
#304 Mrs. R. H. (Gale J.) Belser						
31	ANN RITA	1812CA	MD TALB			BAKER, JOHN
62	MARTIN	1775CA	MD CARO	1829=<	MD TALB	PRITCHARD, BRITANNIA
124	MATTHIAS	1757CA	MD CARO	18371212	MD CARO	WADDELL, LILY
248	EDWARD??	1731CA	MD CARO			
#305 Mrs. Lillian Reed Alford						
1	WILLIAM EDGAR	19190714	TX DAL S	19791015	LA EABR	REED, LILLIAN LOIS
2	JOSEPH P.	18800520	TN	19400815	TX TARR	HAMILTON, CORA EFFIE
4	DELL WRIGHT	184807	TN	19311208	TX DALL	BARNES, SARAH E.
8	WILLIAM??	1816CA	TN	1880>	TN ??	_____, SUSAN
#306 L. Kirkland Alford						
1	LODWICK KIRKLAND	19450512	CA SANF			FRIEND, JERILYN
2	LODWICK HOUSTON	19140427	GA WORT			KIRKLAND, MARY KATH.
4	WILLIAM LEORUS H.	18631023	NC WAKE	19310616	GA WORT	OVERBY, LUCY M. (2)
8	GREEN HAYWOOD	18200607	NC WAKE	18771213	NC WAKE	JONES, REBECCA
16	NATHANIEL GREEN	1787	NC WAKE	1848	NC WAKE	LILES, NANCY ROSE
32	JAMES LODWICK	17490707	NC EDGE	1820	NC WAKE	ROSS, SUSANNAH
64	JAMES	17130207	VA NEWK	1782CA	NC FRAN	
128	JAMES	1687CA	VA NEWK			

Part Seven: Josiah Alford's Alford Family Notes

THE ALFORDS OF SUSSEX — Continued

The eldest son of Edward Alford and Judith Downing his wife was:

4. **John Alford** (senior), of Hamsey and Offington in the county of Sussex, esquire, was born in 1590, and the Alumni Oxonienses records his matriculation at St. John's College, Oxford, in 1606, at the age of 16, describing him as "John Alford of London, armiger." John Alford obtained a seat in the House of Commons, sitting in 1625 and 1640 for New Shoreham, co. Sussex. The manors of Hamsey and Offington both came into his possession. "John Alford, owner of the manor of Hamsey, settled it on his wife Frances for life, with remainder to his brother Sir Edward Alford for life, and his sons in entail." The County History of Kent records that the manor of Wittersham, Kent, was sold to Sir Thomas Bishopp, whose daughter carried it in marriage to Mr. Alford. John Alford died two days after making the settlement, and was buried at Broadwater, where a monument in the South Transept Chapel was erected to his memory.

"Here lyeth the body of the truly honourable and religious John Alford of Offington, Esquire, who having finished his career, exchanged mortality for glory, Jan. 5, 1648. AEt. 59.

"He left issue ye noble Lady Jane Eversfield, and the virtuous gentele woman Mrs. Elizabeth Alford."

"Here lyeth the body of Frances, the wife of John Alford of Offington, Esquire, who finding no comfort in life after the decease of her husband, died Oct. 23, 1659. AEtatis suae 63."

His widow outlived him for eleven years. The Wills of both are appended:

John Alford of Offington, co. Sussex. 1649. To be buried at Broadwater. "All my goods and chattels and real estate to my dear and very much deserving wife Frances Alford. . . . My house of Hamsey in the said county . . . My daughter Jane Eversfield . . . My daughter Elizabeth Alford . . . My brother Sir Edward Alford . . . My brothers Launcelot and William . . . To John Alford son of William, my godson . . . Unto John Fettiplace . . . My brother in law Henry Bishopp . . . Lands, tenements, to Elizabeth Alford her heiress, and for want of issue to Sir Edward Alford. My wife Frances sole executrix." P.C.C. 7 Fairfax.

Frances Alford, widow, of Surrey, 1659. "To be buried neare my deare husband in the Parishe Church of Broadwater . . . To my daughter Elizabeth all my household goods and plate . . . To my loving sister Lady Gresham my greate diamond ring and greate Bible . . . My brother Mr. Henry Bishopp. My grandsonne Mr. John Eversfield . . . To my god-daughter Mrs. Francis Alford my greate silver tankard . . . To the poore of Hamsey . . . My daughter Elizabeth Alford sole executrix." P.C.C. 520 Pell.

Testator was widow of John Alford of Offington, whose Will appears above. Her sister Lady Gresham, widow of Sir John Gresham of Titsey Place, Surrey, by her Will, dated 1664 (Surrey Wills), gave "Unto my nece Mrs. Bickerstafe a ringe with a diamonde which my sister Allford, her mother, gave me. Unto her husband Mr. Charles Bickerstafe the grete Bibell my sister Allford gave me. Unto their daughter Elizabeth, my god-daughter, four hundred ourent (orient) pearles out of my best chayne. Unto Mr. John Eversfield, my godson, my wach in a playne silver case."

About 1618, John Alford had married Frances, daughter of Sir Thomas Bishopp, knight and baronet, of Parham, in the county of Sussex, by whom he had two daughters:

- i. Elizabeth, born 1620, who married Mr. Bickerstaff, and was subsequently her mother's executrix.
- ii. Jane, who married Sir Thomas Eversfield, and died, leaving a son, Mr. John Eversfield, who became a legatee under his mother's will.

The second son of Edward Alford (senior) and Judith Downing his wife was:

5. **Sir Edward Alford**, of Cassiobury Park, near Watford, Herts, and of Offington House, Sussex, knight. He was born in 1592, and his matriculation at Christ Church, Oxford, at the age of 20, is recorded in 1612. While his father was occupied with his Parliamentary and public duties in London and Essex, Edward Alford (junior) appears to have lived at Offington, and to have made himself useful in his native county of Sussex, being High Sheriff of Surrey and Sussex in 1624.

The State Papers of this time contain these three allusions to him:

1627. "The King commissioned Edward Alford, with others, to use martial law to soldiers billeted in co. Sussex."

"Edward Alford complains against Freeman of Billingham, co. Sussex, for not duly maintaining a watch at a beacon."

1628. "Edward Alford of Offington renders some accounts of prize-ships." (War with France.)

The Historical MSS. Commission gives, June 24, 1628, "Letter from Edward Alford, West Dean, near Chichester, to Sir John Coke, Secretary of State."—"Upon two letters from the Lords of the Council for billeting 2,000 soldiers near Portsmouth, when he gave the Sessors their charge lately, they alleged that the soldiers were not taken off nor the money paid for the billeting of them, nor for impress coats and conduct-money disbursed long since. We have no hope the country will receive any more. There are 200 soldiers already billeted in the city of Chichester, between which city and Havant is but seven miles distance; and between, but one poor town and two or three hamlets already full freight with soldiers."

Sir John Cokes's reply to Mr. Edward Alford (afterwards Sir Edward), speaks of 3,425 soldiers in that district and "3s. 6d. per week each man billet money." "I doubt not but you will give your best assistance to remove needless jealousies, and expedite the business, according to your accustomed diligence and zeal for the public good."

In 1628 Edward Alford became M. P. for Steyning, co. Sussex, and in 1632 was knighted by King Charles the First. In that year his father, Edward Alford, senior, died, and the estates of Hamsey and Offington passed to John Alford, Sir Edward's eldest brother.

At the close of the same year Sir Edward Alford married. The Gloucestershire Visitation (Harleian Society) records the marriage of "Sir Edward Alford, second son of Edward Alford, co. Sussex, with Mary, widow of Sir Charles Morrison (whom she married at Lowleyton, Essex, 3 December 1606), of Cashiobury, Herts, knight and baronet." She then, however, was the widow of Sir John Cooper, bart., her second husband.

In London Marriage Licences is

recorded: "Alford, Sir Edward, of Offington, Sussex, knight, bachelor, about 40, and Mary Cooper of Cashiobury, Herts, widow of Sir John Cooper [who died 23 March 1631], late of St. Giles, co. Dorset. Dec. 11, 1632." Lady Mary Alford was the youngest daughter of Baptist Hicks the 1st Viscount Camden. She had no children by this, her third, marriage, and died seven years later, in 1639, and was buried "in the Isle of Watford parish church."

In 1640 Sir Edward Alford was in Parliament, sitting for Arundel, Sussex. He took part in the struggle between the King and Commons, and "suffered greatly for his loyalty."

The Sussex Archaeological Collections, xiii, p. 81, etc., give the following notes:—

"Sir Edward Alford, knight, M.P. for Arundel 1640, joined the King. Thomas [?] Alford represented Lewes in 1585; Henry Alford represented Arundel in 1628, and his brother Edward in 1640. Sir Edward was on the King's side in the Civil War, and being in the Capitulation of Exeter in 1649, was severely fined by the Commonwealth. The amount of the fine for Offington alone was 1,503 pounds."

It is noticeable that Sir Edward had only just succeeded to the Offington estates, on the death of his brother, John Alford.

The Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Benefices, in 1650, found that the Vicar of Watford, Hertfordshire, had a donation of 50 pounds per annum, the gift of Lady Alford, and then paid by Sir Edward Alford, arising out of lands in the county of Gloucester.

"Sir Edward Alford of Offington, in the county of Sussex, knight. Petition to Commissioners, with signature, May 28, 1651. His delinquency that he was one of the members of the hon'ble

house of Com'ons, that he deserted the Parliament and went to Oxford and sat in the Assembly there when the Parliament were voted Traytors. That he returned out of the King's Quarters the 25th November 1645. That he seized of lands and messuages in Tewkesbury in the county of Gloster, of yearly value of 430 pounds, for which his fine is 1,075 pounds. The Rectory of Cheltenham and Charlton in the county of Gloster, of the yearly value of 75 pounds, for which his fine is 189 pounds. Of the manor of Ilmington in the county of Warwick, yearly value 333 pounds; fine 852 pounds. Also lands at Whitbury in the county of Wilts, yearly value 194 pounds, fine 970 pounds. King's Langley Park, Hertford, fine 250 pounds. The Mannor of Pindast in the Parishes of Waltham Crosse, yearly value 200 pounds, fine 500 pounds. See that his whole fine is 3,836 pounds." Royalist Composition Papers, 2nd series, iii pp 291-350.

This document also mentions Mrs. Elizabeth Alford, his niece; Lancelot Alford; Elizabeth Alford, his sister, deceased; his brother, John Alford, esquire, deceased; Mrs. Frances Alford, deceased; John Alford, son of William Alford; and Lady Alford of Cashiobury, deceased.

Sir Edward Alford also had an interest in Somersetshire, being lord of the manor of Stanton Drew in that county; and his name is recorded as appearing at the Taunton Sessions, 10 Charles I, in a case of poaching on his manor.

Just as these troublous times were commencing Sir Edward married a second time, his wife being Ann, daughter of Dr. Corbett, Chancellor of Norwich. By this marriage he had two children:—

- i. John Alford, of whom hereafter (6).
- ii. Frances Alford, who married

Edward Thurland, of Reigate, Esq., and died in 1694.

Sir Edward Alford died intestate in 1653, aged 61, leaving a son John his heir, and letters of administration were granted to his widow, Dame Ann Alford; 24 Sept. 1653.

Lady Alford outlived Sir Edward nearly forty years, and, dying in 1692, was buried at Broadwater, where is a Brass in the Chancel floor:

"Here lyeth the bodye of
Anne, wife of Sir Edward Alford,
Knight;
Who departed this life
Feb: ye 4th, Ano. 1692,
Aged 74 yeares."

6. **William Alford**, afterwards vicar of Purton, Wiltshire, was a younger son of Mr. Edward Alford, senior, of Offington, Sussex, and of Judith his wife. He was born in 1600, and matriculated at St. Mary Hall, Oxford, in 1617, when he is described as "armiger of Sussex"; he died in 1664. William Alford is mentioned in Sir Orlando Bridgman's Judgments in the Common Pleas, 1660-67, as a younger brother of John and Sir Edward Alford. He was instituted to the vicarage of Purton in 1629.

He married and had issue:

- i. Edward Alford, born in 1645. The Alumni Oxonienses records this son's matriculation at Queen's College, Oxford, in 1664, at the age of 19, "fil. Guliel. Alford, Purton, Wilts. cler.". He took his B. A. in 1668, and his M. A. in 1671.
- ii. John Alford, a legatee under the Will of his uncle, John Alford of Offington, who died in 1648, in which Will he is referred to as his "Godson". He is also mentioned in the above-recited Composition Papers of his uncle, Sir Edward Alford, in 1651.

Membership Growth

Because the growth of AAFA is such an important subject, beginning this quarter we'll include membership charts by both state and family in each issue. We've also added a chart showing growth by quarter since the Association began. (No adjustments have been made for members who did not renew.)

Growth Over Time

A glance at the chart showing the quarterly membership additions shows that over the first 2-1/2 years there was steady and healthy growth—an average of about 20 new members per quarter. We hope to have that pattern continue—there are still lots of Alf's out there! Growth is important to AAFA and to you, and you are the one responsible for it. Enlist a cousin, uncle, aunt, or nephew. Look around the community and find an Alford or Alford descendant and sign them up. Several members have given gift memberships to their adult children. When Zeb Dickey Alford joined, he also gave gift memberships to his four adult daughters!

Membership by State

Members presently reside in 38 of the 50 states. By comparing the chart in this issue with the chart in the March issue, you can see the states experiencing the most growth.

The # after Texas denotes that this state has an AAFA State Chapter organization with officers. The states with an * identify those states in which there is a state officer. If you are a member in a state without an officer, volunteer to be the state representative!

Growth is about to exceed the capability of the chart and in the case of the chart in this issue, three states with three members each were lumped

together at the last bar.

Other states with members are Utah, Oklahoma, and Washington with two members each; and Alaska, Connecticut, Iowa, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, New Jersey, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Vermont, Wisconsin, and West Virginia with one each. We know there are more "Alf's" in these states. Maybe one of them holds the key to your genealogical puzzle—let's get them signed up!

Family Branch Membership

If you compare this family chart with the one in the December issue, you will see growth, turbulence, and some loss of membership. The arrangement or ranking of the branches has changed considerably. Ranking numbers have been added to the chart this time to make future comparison easier.

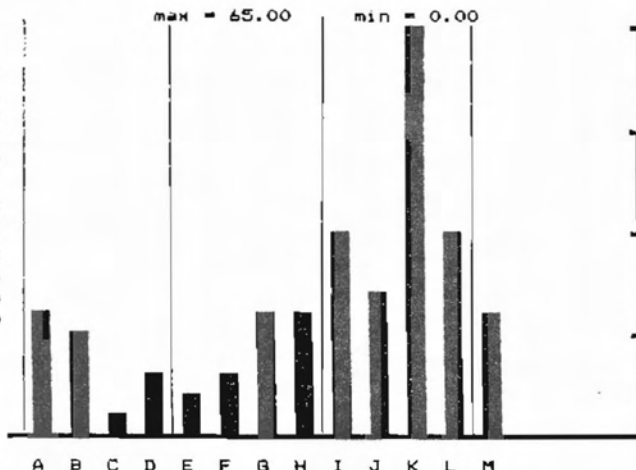
Beginning in this issue, you will find additional information on one of the progenitors representing these family branches. Number 15, Thomas of Virginia, is featured in this issue, page 38: "Ultimate Ancestor Thomas Alford."

The family branches are not always based on an ultimate ancestor. There are several branches listed here which descend from James Alford of Virginia. They are #1 Jul717VA, #2 Jul747NC, #3 Lod740NC, #6 Jam741NC, #7 Wil734VA, #9 Jam713VA, and #12 Ish749NC. These were separated to provide for more manageable branch groups—James had a lot of descendants! James will be the featured ultimate ancestor in the next issue, and the relationship of these branches will become clearer. Some realignment is expected as we find out more information about the various families.

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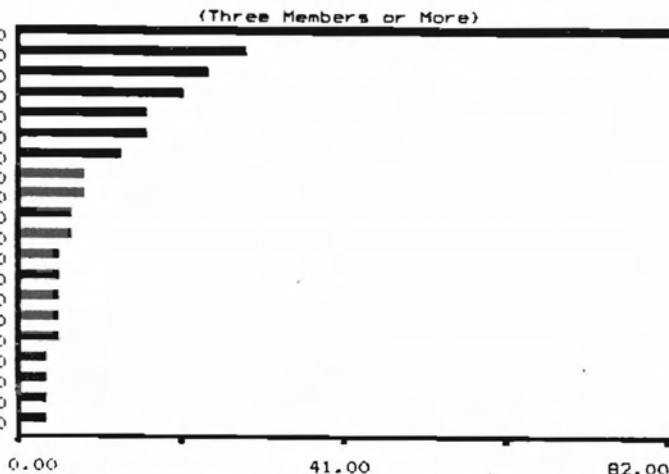
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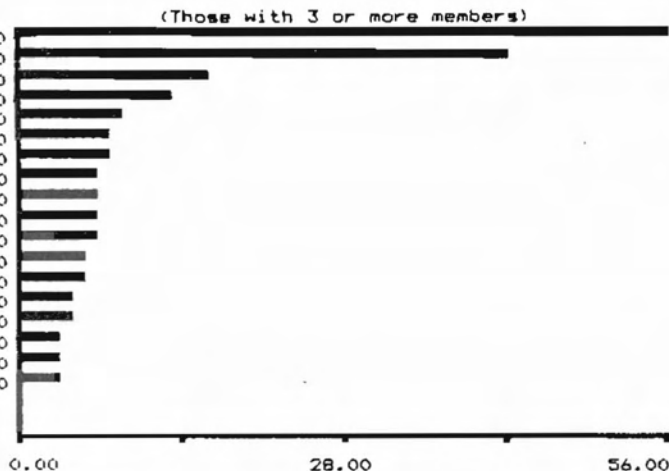
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 8 HAY780BA
 9 JAM713VA
 10 ROB760EN
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NC's Grandfather Clause in Franklin County

By Francine Rees, Member #51, AAFA Wills and Estates Project Office

A 1900 suffrage amendment to the North Carolina state constitution required applicants for voter registration must have paid poll tax and be able to read and write any section of the Constitution. To protect the right of illiterate whites to vote while disenfranchising blacks, the amendment had a "grandfather clause" that provided that no man who was entitled to vote on or before Jan. 1, 1867 or his lineal descendant should be denied registration if he registered before Dec. 1, 1908.

This retaliatory measure, one of a series of rather creative attempts to make up for setbacks suffered by white Democrats at the hands of Reconstruction-era carpetbaggers and scalawag Republicans, resulted in the loss of 50,000 black voters for the Republicans before it was outlawed a few years later. It also gave genealogists a source of information! The county voter registration lists, taken by township, include the name of the voter, his age, and the father or grandfather through whom he claimed the right to vote, if he himself wasn't old enough to vote in 1867.

The original county lists were destroyed after being microfilmed. Film is available at the NC State Archives. Listed below are Alford voters and Alford "grandfathers" as they appeared on the Franklin County Lists.

NAME OF VOTER AGE *DESCENDED FROM

October 1902, Dunn's Township

H. V. Alford	25	Akeron Alford
E. H. Alford	23	Akeron Alford
M. C. Alford	21	Akeron Alford
Sidney Alford	24	John Alford, Sr.
B. M. Alford	53	Akeron Alford
J. V. Alford	25	John Alford, Sr
G. F. Alford	21	John Alford, Sr
S. J. Alford	51	John Alford, Sr
J. T. Alford	52	Burkley Alford
J. R. Alford	53	Lockard Alford
Charlie Alford	22	Ben Alford
John Alford	53	John Pearce
M. A. Alford	27	Akeron Alford
S. A. Alford	46	Ancely Alford
J. B. Alford	30	Ake—— Alford

October 1902, Harris Township

A. S. Alford	37	Grandfather (sic)
C. R. Alford	46	Willis P, Alfor

October 1902, East Freeman's Township

William T. Alford	52	Julius Alford
Hines Alford	75	Hines B. Alford
Julius W. Alford	34	Hines B. Alford
Pet A. or H. Alford	44	Hines B. Alford
John H. Alford	52	Julius Alford
William J. Alford	50	Hines B. Alford
Darcas G. Alford	21	Julius Alford
William M. Alford	29	Hines B. Alford
Robert A. Perry	27	Hines B. Alford

NAME OF VOTER AGE *DESCENDED FROM

October 1902, West Freeman's Township

Moses Alford	53	Jack Alford
Eugene Alford	27	Julius Alford

October 1902, Cypress Creek Township

Lawrence S. Alford	51	Bennett H. Alford
Madison J. Alford	49	Bennett H. Alford

October 1904, Dunn's Township

J. E. Alford	21	J. R. Alford
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October 1906, Dunn's Township

Zonie ? W. Alford	23	B. M. Alford
George A. Alford	22	S. J. Alford

April-May 1908, Cypress Creek Township

W. D. Alford	21	L. S. Alford
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[Note: This is William Davis Alford, son of Lawrence Sidney Alford]

October 1908, Dunn's Township

J. S. Alford	21	Jack Alford
C. R. Alford	53	——

*Unless a voter himself as of January 1, 1867

Tennessee Alford's in the IGI—and More!

By Gil Alford, AAFA Executive Director

Almost a third of the Alford households in Tennessee for the 1850 U.S. Census had their origin in North Carolina. If you are doing special research on North Carolina Alford's as part of the AAFA emphasis on that state this year, you will find the following list of Tennessee Alford data especially interesting.

The list below includes all Alford's or spelling variations extracted from the 1988 LDS International Genealogical Index. The first section alphabetically lists Alford's whose parents' names do not appear on the IGI. The second section lists, in alphabetical order by the Alford parent (the father), children of these parents. The LDS data has been supplemented in this issue with Tennessee marriage data purchased from SQS Enterprises and Hunting for Bears, Inc. There are also a few entries from a marriage list sent by one of the members. However, the data has not been edited or changed to reflect information sent by members and/or information

contained in some of the genealogical listings published by Gil Alford in his *ABOUT ALFORDS* newsletter.

Each entry represents data from a different source. This results in what appear to be duplicates, but there is always a difference somewhere—carefully check the dates, counties, etc. Entries in the original IGI which were the same except for the LDS source (batch or serial sheet) have been eliminated. It should be noted that when two sources are used for information, conflicts can be expected. In fact the LDS IGI even lists conflicting data for the same person/event. All of these conflicting records were included in the list below.

As was mentioned in previous issues, the fact that information is contained in the LDS-IGI does not mean it is proven and correct. Likewise, an entry in a marriage list purchased from reputable commercial sources does not mean the data is correct. This information should be used as a guide to lead you to primary sources.

NAME (ALFORD UNLESS SPECIFIED)	BIRTH DATE	SPOUSE	DATE MARRIED	PLACE MARRIED
A. C.	1871E	DRAKE, EMMA	18910920	TN GILE
A. J.	1839E	RUSSELL, MARGARETT A	18591027	TN LINC
A. L.	1870E	ROBINSON, JANIE	18900929	TN GILE
A. M.	1838E	WHITE, J. M.	18580315	TN LAWR
A. M.	1838E	WHITE, J. M.	18580415	TN LAWR
ADALINE L.	1817E	MOSS, AZARIAH	18371212	TN WILS
ADDIE	1863E	DOUGLASS, W. C.	18830524	TN LOUD
ADLINE	1849E	WADE, ROBERT	18690107	TN RUTH
ADLINE	1851E	CHILDRESS, DENNIS	18710505	TN RUTH
ALBERT	1855E	GIBBS, BETTIE	18750902	TN DAVI
ALBERT	1864E	JOHNSON, LAURA	18841218	TN DAVI
ALICE	1858E	ROBINSON, ALEXANDER	18780626	TN DAVI
ALICE	1864E	COOPER, A. L.	18840727	TN HAMI
AMANDA	1844E	JONES, A. R.	18641103	TN GIBS
ANDREW	1808E	ADKINSON, POLLY	18280527	TN WILL
ANNIE	1848E	MCCULLOUGH, J. F.	18680303	TN RUTH
ARLANDER D ALFRED	1833E	HOLLMAN, POLLY JANE	18530407	TN MEIG
ARTIMTIA	1850E	MCLEMORE, CHARLES	18701029	TN RUTH
ATHELIA	1852E	SMITH, W. T.	18720229	TN GIBS
AVA	1870E	WHITSON, BENNIE	18901225	TN GIBS
B.	1864E	HOLLAND, MARY E.	18840121	TN LAUD
BARTUS	1850E	NOBLES, MARY E.	18701011	TN LAUD
BETSEY ANN	1828E	KING, JAMES	18480704	TN WILS
BETTIE	1865E	MORGAN, HENRY	18851010	TN DAVI
BETTIE	1865E	MAYCHE, THOMAS J.	18851211	TN DAVI

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BETTIE D.	1855E	DAVIS, GEORGE W.	18751202	TN DAVI
BRITTAIN D.	1811E	GRAVES, MARTHA	18310806	TN WILS
BRUTIS	1850E	NOBLES, MARY E.	18701011	TN LAUD
BURTES	1787E	BRYANT, MARY	18070221	TN WILS
BURTIS	1832E	NOBLES, MARGARET E.	18520804	TN LAUD
BURTIS, JR.	1832E	NOBLES, MARGARET E.	18520804	TN LAUD
BUSTER	1787E	BRYANT, MARY	18070221	TN WILS
C. A.	1867E	BURNS, MINNIE	18871009	TN WAYN
C. J.	1848E	DAVIDSON, GEORGE W.	18681018	TN LAWR
CARLINE	1840E	INGLE, REESE	18601011	TN MEIG
CHARITY	1798E	LIGGON, JOHN	18180212	TN WILS
CHARITY	1799E	LIGGON, JOHN	18190212	TN WILS
CHARLES E.	1869E	BROWN, CARRIE	18891007	TN MAUR
CLOE	1803E	WHITLEY, JAMES	18230412	TN WILL
DANIEL	1829E	LEA, NANCY	18490721	TN CAMP
DRUICILLA M.	1847E	SHELTON, ISAAC	18671219	TN RUTH
E. J. (MRS.)	1850E	SHORT, JOHN	18701224	TN RUTH
E. W.	1858E	VERNON, WILLIAM O.	18781120	TN GIBS
EDMOND	1861E	HURT, REBECCA	18811103	TN DAVI
EDWARD	1811E	IRVIN, MARGARET	18310804	TN WILL
ELIZA	1854E	JONES, JOHN W.	18741111	TN DAVI
ELIZA	1879E	HATCHER, EZEKIAL	18990617	TN KNOX
ELIZA ANN	1823E	TERRY, OLIVER D.	18430112	TN DAVI
ELIZA ANN	1827E	CHAMP, JAMES C.	18471126	TN DAVI
ELIZABETH	1797E	HUGHES, WILLIAM	18171225	TN DAVI
ELIZABETH	1810E	ALEXANDER, LEVI	18300220	TN RUTH
ELIZABETH	1815E	TURNER, JESSE	18350615	TN GIBS
ELIZABETH	1815E	TURNER, JESSE	18350618	TN GIBS
ELIZABETH	1815E	TURNER, JESSE	18350616	TN GIBS
ELIZABETH	1818E	RICKMAN, LAWSON H.	18380103	TN MARS
ELIZABETH	1836E	ROGERS, JAMES	18560812	TN CANN
ELIZABETH	1836E	ROGERS, JAMES	18560811	TN CANN
ELIZABETH A.	1821E	EDWARDS, JOHN A.	18411111	TN RUTH
ELIZABETH J.	1833E	HUGHES, REECE J.	18530216	TN DAVI
ELIZABETH S.	1847E	DICKSON, HENRY R.	18671022	TN GIBS
ELKANAH	1847E	COMBS, POLLEY	18671120	TN SULL
EMALINE	1874E	EAVES, MACK	18940909	TN POLK
EMMA	1865E	BAILEY, G. G.	18850227	TN GIBS
FANNIE	1855E	STEGALL, ERVIN B.	18750610	TN LINC
FANNIE	1855E	STEGALL, EWIN B.	18750610	TN LINC
FANNIE E.	1840E	WILLIAMS, JESSE W.	18600927	TN RUTH
FRANCES ALFRED	1842E	BUDGETT, JONATHAN	18621229	TN TIPT
FRANK	1845E	PEEK, ADALINE	18650820	TN RUTH
G. W.	1841E	RIDOUT, MARY C.	18610519	TN SHEL
G. W.	1856E	VANHOY, M. J.	18760112	TN GIBS
GEORGE	1859E	DUFF, HESTER	18791120	TN LOUD
GEORGE ANNA	1832E	DEMENT, JAMES T.	18520317	TN GIBS
GEORGE W.	1805E	HILL, POLLY	18250221	TN WILL
GINGEANNA	1832E	DEMENT, JAMES T.	18520317	TN GIBS
GREEN ?	1835E	CALLIHAN, PATSEY G.	18550618	TN LAUD
GREEN B.	1835E	CALLEHAN, PATSEY E.	18550618	TN LAUD

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GREEN B.	1847E	YOUNG, SARAH E.	18671008	TN DAVI
GUTHRIDGE	1817E	JOHNSON, CELIA	18370924	TN DAVI
H. C.	1846E	DICKSON, MARTHA F.	18660911	TN GIBS
HARRIET	1846E	GRANT, GEORGE	18660408	TN HAMI
HARRIET	1849E	RICHARDSON, WILLIAM	18691221	TN HAMI
HARRIET ALVORDE	1831E	NIETSCHKE, J. D.	18510204	TN HARM
HARRIETT	1818E	PIERCE, ALFRED	18380712	TN RUTH
HENRY	1845E	HUNT, MALINDA	18651227	TN RUTH
HENRY C.	1880E	COLLINS, JERRE TROY	19000424	TN KNOX
ICEY ALFRED	1848E	BOWERS, ABRAHAM	18680622	TN CART
ICY_ A.	1858E	HINKLE, JAMES	18780403	TN SULL
ISEY	1848E	BOWERS, ABRAHAM	18680622	TN CART
IVY S.	1821E	KENADY, ELIZA	18410408	TN GIBS
J. B.	1866E	BURNS, MATTIE V.	18860829	TN WAYN
J. H.	1850E	SLOAN, ANNA	18701214	TN FAYE
J. T.	1865E	CRAIG, MARGARET	18850312	TN LAUD
J. T.	1867E	LOFTIN, MOLLIE	18870221	TN MARS
J. T.	1872E	REED, ELIZABETH	18920128	TN WAYN
JAMES	1821E	VANTRENCE, JANE	18410309	TN MADI
JAMES	1821E	VANTRICE, JANE	18410309	TN MADI
JAMES	1827E	SELLERS, MARIAH ?	18470331	TN HARM
JAMES	1830E	ARNOL, JANE	18500205	TN GIBS
JAMES	1845E	RUCKER, JOHANNA S.	18650718	TN RUTH
JAMES	1850E	CREED, REBECCA	18700712	TN CART
JAMES	1851E	CREED, PHEBE	18710203	TN CART
JAMES	1851E	CREED, PHEBE	18710712	TN CART
JAMES	1866E	CARLTON, M. B.	18861003	TN GIBS
JAMES	1870E	SNYDER, ELIZA	18900811	TN KNOX
JAMES ALFRED.	1850E	CREED, REBECCA	18700712	TN CART
JAMES C.	1815E	BALDWIN, RHODA	18350606	TN RHEA
JAMES H.	1862E	AUSTIN, VERGINIA C.	18820329	TN LAWR
JAMES L. ALLFORD	1885=<	MILSTEAD, MINNIE R.	1905=<	TN ????
JAMES M.	1842E	SMITH, S. E.	18621002	TN LAWR
JAMES M.	1856E	LOCKARD, SUSAN	18760901	TN LAUD
JAMES T.	1861E	SHRYER, BETTIE	18811020	TN DAVI
JAMES W.	1836E	JENKINS, MARTHA F.	18560205	TN MAUR
JANE	1821E	WINTIN, JAMES A.	18410122	TN RHEA
JANE	1821E	WINTIN, JAMES A.	18410124	TN ROAN
JANE	1862E	RILEY, JAMES A.	18821120	TN WAYN
JENNIE	1854E	RAMSEY, FRANK	18740121	TN DAVI
JENNIE	1857E	BURNETT, WYAT	18771228	TN DAVI
JENNIE ALFRED	1853E	HAYS, REUBEN	18730817	TN LINC
JIM	1904E	SCOTT, MARY	19241220	TN WAYN
JNO	1807E	LOGAN, JANE	18270317	TN DAVI
JNO. T.	1809E	REAVES, NANCY	18291102	TN DAVI
JNO. T.	1809E	REAVES, NANCY	18291105	TN DAVI
JOHN	1786E	TAYLOR, NANCY	18060827	TN WILS
JOHN	1791E	MCELHATTEN, JANE	18110113	TN GRAI
JOHN	1807E	LOGAN, JANE	18270317	TN DAVI
JOHN	1815E	MADDY, SARAH	18350309	TN ROAN
JOHN	1818E	THOMAS, RHODA	1838	TN HARN

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JOHN	1820			
JOHN	1837E	NOBLES, LUCINDA	18570628	TN LAUD
JOHN	1845E	SULLIVAN, DRUCILLA	18650306	TN CANN
JOHN	1845E	CLAYTON, ELLEN	18650819	TN RUTH
JOHN	1855E	VERNON, SARAH E.	18750805	TN GIBS
JOHN ALFRED	1859E	HINKLE, MARY A.	18791020	TN SULL
JOHN B.	1838E	WARD, MARTHA E.	18580601	TN RUTH
JOHN L.	1876=<	CATHCART, JANE	1896=<	TN ????
JOHN M.	1820=<	CARDELL, LUCINDA	1840=<	TN ????
JOHN M.	1821E	CORDELL, LUCY ANN	18410303	TN ROAN
JOHN M.	1827E	HOLLOMAN, HANNAH	18470413	TN MEIG
JOHN M.	1836E	LUSK, FRANCES ANN	18560703	TN LINC
JOHN M.	1850E	SLOAN, ANNA	18701215	TN FAYE
JOHN W.	1829E	BONE, MARY E.	18491231	TN RUTH
JOHN W.	1843E	DEMENT, MARTHA L. E.	18630112	TN GIBS
JOSEPH HERBERT	1836E	HELTON, REBECCA	18561229	TN LAW?
JUDITH	1845E	TRENT, ADAM	18650902	TN FAYE
JULES	1786E	HAYS, ANN	18060218	TN WILS
JULIA I?. ALBORD	1834E	MITCHEL, WILLIAM	18540812	TN STEW
JULUS	1786E	HAYS, ANN	18060218	TN WILS
KITTY	1847E	STEVENSON, JERRY	18670103	TN RUTH
L. A.	1866E	FOWLER, N. A.	18860303	TN BRAD
LAFAYETTE	1860E	FONTE, MARY J.	18800826	TN LOUD
LAMBERT M.	1839E	BAUGHAN, LUCY A.	18590423	TN MAUR
LONDON ALFRED	1857E	BRANCH, MARY	18771126	TN SULL
LEANDER	1824E	DAVIS, NANCY	18424013	TN MADI
LEANDER	1824E	DAVIS, NANCY	18440130	TN MADI
LEANDER	1860E	LITTEREL, SARAH	18800406	TN CART
LEE	1796E	KEE, ELIZABETH	18160520	TN DAVI
LEVI	1851E	COLEMAN, SUSAN	18710113	TN RUTH
LEWIS	1832E	NOBLES, LOUISA	18520805	TN LAUD
LEWIS G.	1840E	MANLEY, SARAH	18601129	TN LAUD
LILE ANDERSON	1852E	HUGHES, MARGARET T A	18721017	TN BRAD
LILE ANDERSON	1852E	HUGHES, MARGARET T A	18721012	TN BRAD
LOTHWICK B.	1799E	HALL, LINDY R.	18190112	TN SUMN
LOUISA	1854E	STONE, JOHN H.	18740217	TN LAUD
LOUISA	1854E	STONE, JOHN H.	18740215	TN LAUD
LOUISA	1882E	JETER, WALTER	19020126	TN WAYN
LOURINDA	1807E	CRUDUPE, ELISHA B.	18270416	TN WILS
LOUSINA	1807E	CRUDUPE, ELISHA B.	18270414	TN WILS
LUCINDA	1814E	WELLS, WILLIAM	18340612	TN WILL
LUCINDA	1842E	MITCHELL, J. T.	18620703	TN LAUD
LUCINDA	1845E	CHILCUTT, JAMES R.	18651026	TN DAVI
LUCINDA	1850E	LEGG, ALLEN	18700109	TN RUTH
LUCINDA ALLFORD	1842E	MITCHELL, J. T.	18620703	TN LAUD
M. D.	1867E	BRYANT, EMMA BELL	18870309	TN MARS
M. E.	1851E	BALDWIN, B. Y.	18711103	TN LOUD
M. W.	1856E	CLARK, H. N.	18760921	TN GIBS
MADISON M.	1839E	NORMAN, MARY C.	18590910	TN MAUR
MAGGIE	1878E	BLAIR, JOHN	18981225	TN LAW?
MAHALEY	1809E	ALEXANDER, HARVEY A.	18291229	TN LAWR

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MALINDA	1808E	CROUSE, HARRISON	18280813	TN WILL
MALINDA	1816E	EWING, WILLIAM	18360914	TN ROAN
MALINDA	1845E	MORGAN, ANDERSON	18651215	TN CANN
MALINDA	1850E	ARTHOR, HOWARD	18701129	TN RUTH
MANERVA T. ALFRED	1854E	BUSH, WILLIAM N.	18740407	TN COFF
MARGARET ?	1842E	BUDGETT?, JONATHAN	18621229	TN TIPT
MARGARETT OLFORD	1851E	RODGERS, J. T.	18711206	TN CANN
MARTHA	1820E	MCFADDIN, ANDREW	18400815	TN BLOU
MARTHA	1845E	RANDOLPH, JOSPEH	18650909	TN RUTH
MARTHA	1847E	HOLMES, JOHN O.	18670811	TN DAVI
MARTHA	1849			
MARTHA	1850E	BUCHANAN, JAMES M.	18701130	TN LINC
MARTHA	1852E	MORGAN, W. M. F.	18720721	TN HAMI
MARTHA	1858E	TOLLIVER, RILEY	18781120	TN LAUD
MARTHA / MARY	1852E	SPICER, NEWTON	18720116	TN HUMP
MARTHA ALFERD	1832E	LEE, CURTIS	18520530	TN CLAI
MARTHA ANN E.	1827E	STOKES, JARMON Y.	18470728	TN MARS
MARTHA JANE	18260531	MCFADDEN ANDREW JACK	18490815	TN BLOU
MARTHA JANE	1830E	MAY, WASHINGTON	18500307	TN JOHN
MARTIN ALLROD	1811E	SUTHERLAND, MARTHA	18310110	TN MAUR
MARY	1817E	DAVIS, WILLIAM	18371006	TN MAUR
MARY	1819E	MCMINN, ROBERT D.	18390611	TN WILS
MARY	1821E	TAYLOR, ALSTON J.	18411220	TN WILL
MARY	1824E	KNOX, JOHN	18440817	TN ROAN
MARY	1840E	MOSS, W. D.	18600124	TN CANN
MARY	1851E	HARRISON, CHARLES	18711213	TN GIBS
MARY	1855E	BRANSON, H. M.	18751230	TN GIBS
MARY	1862E	MARTIN, BROWN	18820621	TN DAVI
MARY	1864E	KENDALL, E. C.	18840120	TN HARN
MARY	1864E	JOHNSTON, W. A.	18840720	TN MAUR
MARY	1865E	CABLE, HENRY	18850521	TN KNOX
MARY ALFRED	1851E	HAYS, JAMES	18710310	TN SULL
MARY ALLFORD	1835E	WRIGHT, D. S.	18550906	TN DAVI
MARY ALLFORD	1835E	WRIGHT, D. S.	18550904	TN DAVI
MARY CATHARINE	1871E	BEAL, ANDREW J.	18910315	TN KNOX
MARY E.	1851E	LANGLEY, B. F.	18710530	TN LAUD
MARY JANE	1819E	RICKMAN, NEWTON R.	18390108	TN MARS
MARY JANE	1851E	HARRISON, J. M.	18710731	TN GIBS
MARY L MEDE	1818E	PATRICK, MANIAN	18380621	TN HARM
MARY P. ALLFORD	1810E	HAYS, WILLIAM J.	18301112	TN WILS
MARY W.	1830E	LANKFORD, THOMAS N.	18500817	TN WILS
MASHACK	1827E	EDWARDS, REBECCA	18470501	TN ROAN
MASHOCK	1827E	EDWARDS, REBECCA	18470502	TN ROAN
MATHEW AULFORD	1828E	YOUNG, MARTHA C.	18480702	TN MCMI
MATILDA C.	1817E	LUMPKIN, RICHARD P.	18370822	TN WILS
MATTIE	1863E	DODSON, G. W.	18830115	TN GIBS
MAUD	1884E	JOHNSTON, EDWARD MC.	19041222	TN LAUD
MELINDA	1808E	CROUSE, HARRISON	18280813	TN WILL
MEMPHIS	1884=<	CURTIS, NALA	1904=<	TN ????
MILLY	1820E	GREENHAW, JOHN	18401228	TN LAWR
MILLY	1849E	BUTLER, JOHN	18690911	TN RUTH

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MINERVA A.	1824E	GREEN, BARZILLA H.	18441030	TN MAUR
MINERVY	1848E	BECTION, GEORGE	18681224	TN RUTH
MITTIE	1849E	LOVE, SUMNER	18690710	TN RUTH
MOLLIE	1861E	BRYANT, W. M.	18810210	TN MARS
MONROE ALLFORD	1847E	BERRY, SALLEY	18671010	TN MAUR
N.	1827E	BILBRO, DICEY	18470806	TN WILS
N. A.	1849E	HUDSON, J. F.	18690108	TN LAWR
N. A.	1849E	HUDSON, J. M.	18690608	TN LAWR
N. ALLFORD	1857E	CARNEY, MARY C.	18771128	TN SUMN
N. ALLFORD	1857E	CARNEY, MARY C.	18771130	TN SUMN
N. E.	1853E	TAYLOR, M. E.	18730105	TN GIBS
N. E.	1865E	TURNER, LUELLA	18850507	TN GIBS
N. T.	1854E	OSBORN, MARTHA D.	18741224	TN DAVI
NANCY	1814E	BURGES, GEORGE W.	18340227	TN DAVI
NANCY	1823E	FUTREL, ISAAC	18430323	TN HARM
NANCY	1824E	POWELL, EDWIN B.	18440116	TN WILS
NANCY	1833E	LAIN, M. A.	18530927	TN BLOU
NANCY ALFRED	1802E	SHEPHERD, JAMES	18221212	TN WILL
NANCY D.	1817E	HAM, ELIJAH	18370511	TN WILL
NANCY E. ALFRED	1860E	BOLING, JOHN	18801203	TN SULL
NANCY W.	1828E	THOMPSON, NIMROD	18481101	TN RUTH
NANNIE	1852E	HUNT, EDMUND	18720413	TN RUTH
NAPOLEON	1847E	HUGHES, ELIZABETH	18671013	TN DAVI
NED	1845E	WALLER, HANNAH	18650826	TN RUTH
NELSON	1803E	HILL, ELIZABETH	18230123	TN DAVI
NELSON	1803E	HILL, ELIZABETH	18230114	TN DAVI
NELSON	1808E	HILL, ELIZABETH	18280123	TN DAVI
NEWTON T.	1837E	O'NEAL, MARTHA J.	18571105	TN WILL
PATRICK	1845E	CHILDRESS, PHAILL	18650602	TN DAVI
PATRICK	1846E	CHILDRESS, PARALEE	18661129	TN HUMP
PATRICK ALFRED	1815E	FIRBUS, TABITHA	18350517	TN DAVI
PATRICK ALFRED	1815E	FIRBUS, TABETHA	18350517	TN DAVI
PATRICK ALFRED	1846E	CHILDRESS, PARALEE	18661129	TN HUMP
PATSEY	1805E	WILLIAMS, ALFRED	18250206	TN WILL
PATSEY	1805E	WILLIAMS, ALFRED	18250202	TN WILL
PHEBE A AULFORD	1825E	DUGGER, JESSE P.	18450514	TN HARM
R. N.	1842E	EDMISTON, M. A.	18620724	TN LAWR
R. N.	1866E	GOSSETT, R. H.	18861226	TN GIBS
RACHEL	1821E	RIDDLE, GEORGE F.	18410225	TN RHEA
RACHEL	1821E	RIDDLE, GEORGE F.	18410311	TN ROAN
RAY	1864E	O'NEAL, IDA	18840703	TN MAUR
REBECCA	1826E	BOWERS, WILLIAM C.	18460103	TN CART
REBECCA	1849E	FISH, HENY	18691003	TN OBIO
REBECCA ALFRED	1826E	BOWERS, WILLIAM C.	18460103	TN CART
REBECCA J.	1868E	NIXON, J. M.	18880512	TN SULL
ROBERT	1829E	EVANS, ALCEY	18490517	TN ROAN
ROBERT	1829E	EVANS, ALECY/ALCEY	18490520	TN ROAN
ROBERT C.	1823E	WEBB, ELIZA	18430125	TN ROAN
ROBERT C.	1832E	MOOREFIELD, MARGARET	18520421	TN KNOX
ROBERT C.	1837E	BARNETT, SARAH C.?	18571020	TN WILL
RUTH	1813E	CAWTHORN, JOHN W.	18331118	TN WILS

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RUTH	1813E	CAWTHERN, JOHN R.	18331118	TN WILS
S. B.	1861E	STAMPER, G. W.	18810922	TN FRAN
S. F.	1852E	WILSON, W. J.	18720130	TN GIBS
S. K.	1856E	DICKINSON, MARTHA	18760120	TN FAYE
S. L.	1862E	WINBURN, JOE F.	18820424	TN LAUD
S. L.	1862E	WINBURN, J. F.	18820422	TN LAUD
SALLY	1790E	MOORE, JAMES	18100425	TN DAVI
SARAH	1782E	BIBB, JAMES	18021111	TN DAVI
SARAH	1818E	FALWELL, MOSES	18381120	TN MARS
SARAH ALFROD	1828E	DE JARNETTE JAMES G.	18480329	TN RUTH
SARAH ANN	1843E	GLASS, WILLIAM M.	18630813	TN LAUD
SARAH ANN E.	1833E	SWARR?, JASPER N.	18530326	TN STEW
SARAH C.	1849E	HARRISON, J. H.	18690401	TN LAWR
SARAH E.	1849E	JONES, A. G.	18691205	TN GIBS
SARAH JANE	1839E	BRANHAM, GIDEON	18591006	TN MEIG
SARAH P.	1832E	DEMENT, JAMES A.	18520902	TN WILS
SARAH T.	1828E	DE JARNETT, JAMES G.	18480328	TN RUTH
SIDNEY W.	1886=<	CURTIS, FLORANCE M.	1906=<	TN ????
SOPHIA	1825E	JARMAN, SHADRACK	18450430	TN WILS
T. B.	1854E	HOWELL, LAURA A.	18740518	TN MAUR
T. J.	1862E	MCCUTCHIN, E. E.	18820928	TN HUMP
THOMAS	1801E	CUPP, KESIA	182106	TN CLAI
THOMAS	1821E	IRVIN, MARY	18410828	TN WILL
THOMAS	1847E	COLMAN, RACHEL	18671228	TN RUTH
THOMAS A.	1853E	FLAKER, ELIZA	18730106	TN HAMI
THOMAS J.	1825E	RICHARDSON, FRANCES	18451230	TN GIBS
THOMAS J.	1825E	RICHARDSON, FRANCIS	18451230	TN GIBS
THOMAS J.	1838E	BRIGHTWELL, MARTHA R	18580705	TN GIBS
THOMAS J.	1838E	SANDERS, MAHULDA	18580325	TN RUTH
THOMAS W.	1836E	BONE, ATHELIA H.	18560211	TN RUTH
TRISTAM B.	1836E	CLENDENNIN, EMELY	18560220	TN MAUR
V. G.	1861E	HEMPHILL, W. R.	18810113	TN GIBS
W. D.	1828E	MENEES, G.	18480927	TN ROBE
W. T.	1857E	CURREY, E. C.	18771118	TN GIBS
WESLEY	1856E	MORTON, SARAH	18760220	TN DAVI
WILLIAM	1793E	WALLER, SARAH	18130603	TN DAVI
WILLIAM	1794E	WALLER, SALLIE	18140601	TN DAVI
WILLIAM	1803E	HOLLINSWORTH, SALLY	18230508	TN DAVI
WILLIAM	1803E	JONES, ELIZABETH	18230710	TN DAVI
WILLIAM	1820E	RIDDLE, JANE	18401218	TN MONR
WILLIAM	1826E	RAMBO, SUSAN	18461103	TN BLOU
WILLIAM	1831E	BONEY, MARTHA	18510116	TN LAUD
WILLIAM	1846E	CORNS, ELIZA	18660308	TN RUTH
WILLIAM	1853=<	_____, SARAH	1875=<	TN ????
WILLIAM C.	1835E	DUNCAN, SARAH ANN	18550501	TN CANN
WILLIAM C.	1835E	DUNCAN, SARAH ANN	18550430	TN CANN
WILLIAM H.	1832E	RIGGS, MARY	18521020	TN MARS
WILLIAM H.	1855E	JOHNSON, MAGGIE J.	18751014	TN LAWR
WILLIAM JASPER	1839E	LEWIS, MARY E.	18590726	TN SHEL
WILLIAM L.	1858E	ARMS, MARTHA	18781226	TN DAVI
WILLIAM M.	1824E	ALEXANDER, MATILDA W	18440731	TN RUTH

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WILLIAM M.	1832E	FISHER, DOLLY E.	18520720	TN MARS
WILLIAM P.	1855E	DIAL, EMMA G.	18751017	TN MAUR
WILLIAM R.	1852E	MCCLUSTIE, MARTTA A.	18720609	TN DECA
WILLIS	1857E	COOK, ANNIE	18770922	TN LAUD
WILSON M.	1834E	STUCKEY, OMA C.	18540623	TN LAUD
WILSON W.	1834E	STUCKEY, CORA C.	18540623	TN LAUD

Parents: ALFORD, ANDREW JACK. and SHELTON, MAMIE

AUBREY LEE	18961224 E			
CLARENCE	19010507			
DRENNAN	19060310			
HARVEY SHELTON	19081028			
WILLIAM VERNON	19031127			

Parents: ALFORD, BAILEY and ?

ELIZABETH	1824E	TRIPP, HARLOW A.	18441009	TN LAW?
ELY H. / ELI	1824E	HANNER, ELIZABETH	18440905	TN LAW?
ISAAC W.	1811E	EDMISTON, MARY P.	18310726	TN LAW?
MAHALEY	1809E	ALEXANDER, HARVEY	18291209	TN LAW?
MILLIE	1820E	GREENHAW, JOHN	18401230	TN LAW?
WINNEY	1809E	HICKS, WILLIAM C.	18290214	TN LAW?

Parents: ALFORD, ELY H. and ?

CHERINA J. ?????	1838E	DAVIDSON, GEORGE W.	18581013	TN LAW?
JAMES H.	1862E	AUSTIN, VIRGINIA G.	18820329	TN LAW?
NANCY A.	1849E	HUDSON, J. W.	18690608	TN LAW?
WILLIAM H.	1855E	JOHNSON, MAGGIE J.	18751017	TN LAW?

Parents: ALFORD, ISAAC W. and ?

JAMES MADDEN	1838E	CHILDRESS, MARTHA F.	18581221	TN LAW?
JOSEPH HARRISON	1856E	AUSTIN, TENNIE E.	18760102	TN LAW?
NANCY J.	1838E	NOWLIN, S. A.	18581202	TN LAW?
ROBERT NEWTON	1842E	EDMISTON, MARTHA ANN	18620724	TN LAW?
SARAH	1849E	HARRISON, JOHN H.	18690401	TN LAW?

Parents: ALFORD, JAMES BERLIN and ?

LENA J.	1902E	USHER, O. C.	19220405	TN LAW?
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Parents: ALFORD, JAMES MADDEN and ?

EMMA CORNELIUS	1857E	MCCLURE, HARVEY D.	18771211	TN LAW?
JAMES BERLIN	1874E	COLE, RUTH WILKIN	18940418	TN LAW?
MAGGIE S.	1875E	LEWIS, W. R.	18951127	TN LAW?

Parents: ALFORD, JOHN and THOMAS, RHODA

ANDREW	1838			
ELIZABETH ANN	18461017			
ISABEL	1841			
JAMES	1843			
JANE	1842			

NAME (ALFORD UNLESS SPECIFIED)	BIRTH DATE	SPOUSE	DATE MARRIED	PLACE MARRIED
<i>Parents: ALFORD, JOHN and MCELHATTAN, JANE</i>				
JOHN M.	18220209			
<i>Parents: ALFORD, JOHN and THOMAS, RHODA</i>				
MARY	1840			
NANCY	1842			
SARAH	1839			
<i>Parents: ALFORD, JOHN L. and CATHCART, JANE</i>				
ELA	18971204			
<i>Parents: ALFORD, JOHN M. and CARDELL, LUCINDA</i>				
ROBERT L.	18411207			
<i>Parents: ALFORD, JOHN M. and ?</i>				
SARAH ELIZABETH	18530227			
<i>Parents: ALFORD, MEMPHIS and CURTIS, NALA</i>				
EFFIE	19050110			
<i>Parents: ALFORD, ROBERT N. and ?</i>				
BOBBY JOE	1883E	MOORE, ESTELLA	19031118	TN LAW?
LIZZIE BELLE	1893E	DAVIDSON, LEE V.	19130601	TN LAW?
MATTIE	1885E	CHAFFIN, ALGIE	19050709	TN LAW?
WILLIAM JAMES	1872E	HAMPTON, ELLA C.	18921221	TN LAW?
<i>Parents: ALFORD, SIDNEY W. and CURTIS, FLORANCE M..</i>				
EVELYN JENNIE	19070714			
<i>Parents: ALFORD, SIDNEY W. and CURTIS, MAGNOLIA F.</i>				
JANIE EVELYN	19070714			
<i>Parents: ALFORD, THOMAS and CUPP, KESIA</i>				
ELIZABETH	18270820			
MATILDA	1831			
RUSSELL	18240126			
WILLIAM	18220422			
<i>Parents: ALFORD, WILLIAM and _____, SARAH</i>				
ANDREW JACKSON	18740923	SHELTON, MAMIE	18951231	TN BEDF
<i>Parents: ALFORD, WILLIAM E. and THOMPSON, OLIVE</i>				
JAMES LEE	18740328			
<i>Parents: ALLFORD, JAMES L. and MILSTEAD, MINNIE R.</i>				
JOSEPH THOMPSON	19060821			

Ultimate Ancestor Thomas Alford

By Alicia Roundy Houston

Date Prepared: 11/1985; Revised 1/86, 8/88, 5/90

Thomas Alford is the ultimate ancestor of four AAFA members:

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739 5th Street-Rear, Oakmont PA 15139
- 023 Enola Alford Burke
5335 Maine St #159, Springfield OR 97478
- 264 Diana Hunt
PO Box 444, Fort Jones CA 96032
- 266 Richard L. Alford
PO Box 176, Carmen ID 83462

Thomas Alford, whose parents are undetermined at this time, was born 13 May 1802 in Wythe County, Virginia. He died 20 November 1892 in Harrisburg, Linn County, Oregon. He is buried in the Alford Cemetery in Linn County.

Our Ultimate Alford Ancestors

Beginning this quarter, *AAFA ACTION* will publish one or more family records or biographical sketches of our "ultimate ancestors" until all the earliest identified Alford ancestors of AAFA members have been published.

In some cases we know a great deal about the **person**, but little about his parents. In other cases we know very little about the ultimate ancestor—sometimes nothing more than a name.

A collection of these features will represent the real problem facing the Association. We will publish the sketches for two reasons:

1. as an inquiry, with the idea that some reader may know something more about the person or family—maybe even the names of the parents, and
2. to share the information with all readers, knowing that one or more members may eventually connect with this ancestor.

If you have not already sent all the information you have on your ultimate Alford ancestor to AAFA or to Gil Alford, then you should do so at once. Your ancestor may be included in the next issue!

Thomas was a wagonmaker, a farmer, and a member of the Baptist church. By 1810 Thomas was in Claiborne County, Tennessee, where he resided for some time and where five of his children born. In 1833 he was in Chariton County, Missouri, where eight children were born. In 1850 the family crossed the plains to Linn County, Oregon, where they spent the remainder of their days.

Thomas was married three times. His first marriage, about 1821, was to Kesia CUPP in Claiborne County, Tennessee. Kesia, the daughter of Jacob and Sabitha/Sabrina (Breeding) Cupp, was born 16 December 1802 in Virginia. She died 10 October 1842 in Chariton County, Missouri.

The second marriage was to Mary/Polly (WILLIAMS) MANSFIELD on 20 December 1843 in Chariton County, Missouri. Mary was previously married to Nicholas Mansfield on 15 April 1841 in Chariton County. Mary died about June 1850 as the family crossed the plains. She was probably the daughter of John Williams, born about 1821-25 (1840 census).

The third marriage was to Emeline GALEY on 5 February 1854 in Linn County, Oregon. Emeline was born 1825 in Illinois or Tennessee and died 20 February 1895. She is buried in the Alford Cemetery in Linn County, Oregon. She was a member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church for 50 years.

Children of Thomas and Kesia Cupp Alford:

- i. **William Alford**, born 22 April 1822 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, and died 5 November 1901 in Linn County, Oregon. He married (1) Susan MURRAINE 31 October 1844 in Chariton County, Missouri and (2) Mary Ann MANSFIELD 16 March 1848 in Chariton County, Missouri.
- ii. **Russell Alford**, born 16 January 1824 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, and died 16 October 1882 in Linn County, Oregon. He married Martha Jane RODGERS 16 May 1848.
- iii. **Elizabeth Alford**, born 20 August 1827 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, and died 12 November 1914 in Linn County, Oregon. She married Milton Alexander RODGERS 21 August 1847.
- iv. **Matilda Alford**, born 1831 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, and died about 1862/ She married Moses MANSFIELD 21 September 1847.
- v. **Albert L. Alford**, born 4 May 1833 in Chariton County, Missouri, and died 30 October 1921. He married Catherine BRINKER 17 December 1854.

- vi. **Minerva/Minervy Alford**, born 15 April 1835 in Chariton County, Missouri, and died 15 May 1896. She married James M. MANSFIELD 25 November 1851 in Linn County, Oregon.
- vii. **Thomas Alford, Jr.** born March 1838 in Chariton County, Missouri, and died after 1900. He married Charlotte F. STANLEY.
- viii. **Lucinda Alford**, born 11 December 1841 in Chariton County, Missouri, and died 12 November 1889 in Linn County, Oregon. She married (1) _____ STARR, (2) Alfred N. PAYNE 18 March 1858 in Linn County, Oregon, and (3) _____ LEWIS.
- ix. One other child born and died in Tennessee.

Children of Thomas and Mary Williams:

- x. **Calvin Alford**, born 1846 in Chariton County, Missouri, never married and died 10 June 1850.
- xi. **James Knox Polk Alford**, born 10 August 1849 in Chariton County, Missouri, and died 19 March 1886 in Oregon. He married Cynthia E. SCRIVENER 30 on November 187.
- xii. One other child born and died in Missouri.

Children of Thomas and Emeline Galey:

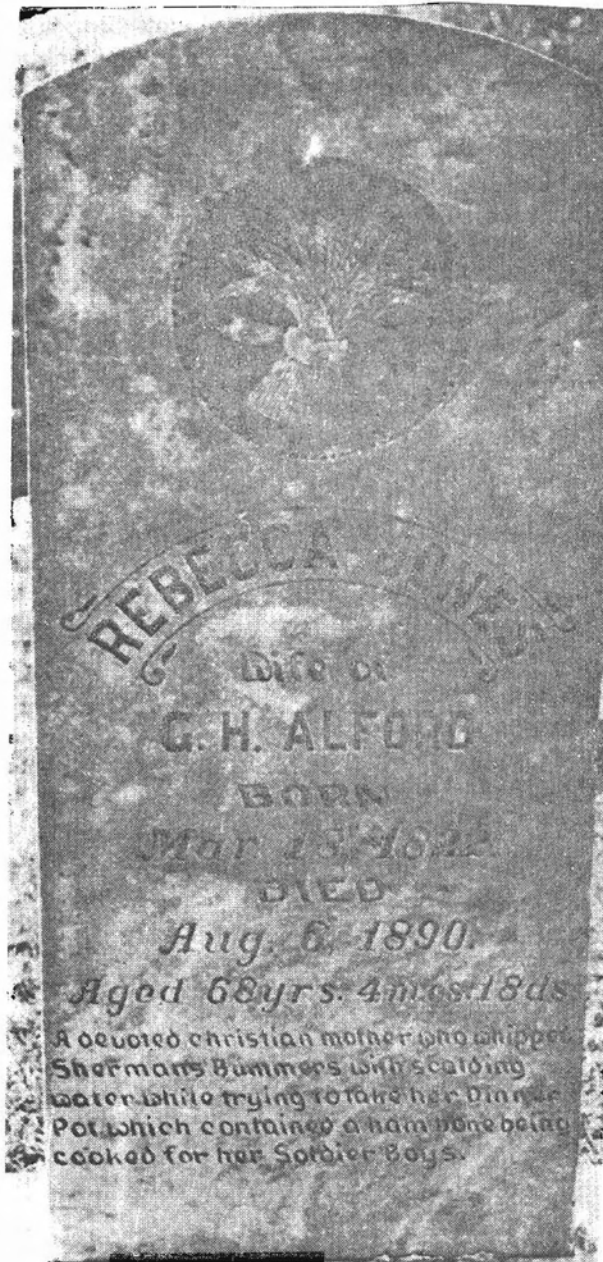
- xiii. **George M. Alford**, born 29 August 1854 in Linn County, Oregon, and died 9 July 1938 in Eugene, Lane County, Oregon. He is buried in the Alford Cemetery, Linn County. He never married. (Note: He was residing with his brother Isaac at the time of the 1900 census.)
- xiv. **Isaac Newton Alford**, born 22 January 1856 Linn County, Oregon, and died 20 April 1914. He married Martha/Mattie J. WINDOM 17 May 1885.
- xv. **Sarah Jane Alford**, born February 1857 in Linn County, Oregon, and died 2 October 1884 in Linn County. She married David LEACH 6 May 1877.
- xvi. **Eliza E. Alford**, born March 16 1859 died 20 October 1862, buried in Alford Cemetery, Linn County, Oregon.
- xvii. **Delila A. Alford**, born 1 February 1862 and died 25 May 1884. She married E. L. BARNETT 26 September 1880.
- xviii. **Susan C. Alford**, born 11 January 1863 and died 19 October 1868. She is buried in the Alford Cemetery, Linn County, Oregon.

SOURCES:

- Oregon 1860 and 1880 U.S. Census
- Family Group Records
- Thomas Alford will and obituary
- "Illustrated Historical Atlas Map of Marion and Linn Counties" 1878

- Alford cemetery gravestones
- Chariton, MO and Linn, OR county marriage records
- MO Republican Newspaper, St. Louis Oct 7, 1850
- History of Benton Co, OR, 1885

Gravestone of Rebecca Alford



The gravestone of Rebecca Jones Alford tells the story of her courageous Civil War act: "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." Rebecca was the mother of Columbus Augustine and William Leorus Alford, whose biographies follow.

Biography: Columbus Augustine Alford

By Lodwick Houston Alford
AAFA President

Columbus Augustine Alford [uncle of the author] was born 6 February 1850 in Holly Springs, Wake County, North Carolina. He was the fourth of seven children and the third of four boys born to Green Haywood and Rebecca (JONES) Alford. [See "Biography: Green Haywood Alford," *AAFA ACTION*, March 1989, pp. 22-23.] He died of typhoid fever 22 September 1908 in Waynesville, Haywood County, North Carolina, and is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia.

He first married Martha SUMNER about 1876 in Sumner, Worth County, Georgia. She was the daughter of John C. and Polly (Hobby) Sumner, a distinguished family of early settlers in south Georgia. She died 3 February 1881 in Sumner and is buried alongside her husband in Hillcrest Cemetery, Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia. Two children were born to this marriage.

The tragic loss of his young wife in 1881 was a turning point in the life of Columbus Augustine Alford. In 1883 he married his second wife, Jeannie Elizabeth JOHNSTON, daughter of

Benjamin Johnston of Americus, Sumter County, Georgia. In that same year he moved with his new bride to Willingham in the western part of Worth County, built a new house and commenced raising a second family. His business continued to prosper, allowing him to take an active part in the public life of the area. He served on the County Board of Education and in 1888 was elected to the State Senate from his district. He was active in Masonic orders and a faithful member of the Baptist Church.

Meanwhile his younger brother William Leorus Haywood Alford, with whom he became loosely associated in business, had migrated from Wake County, North Carolina, to Worth County with his bride in 1885. Their older brother, A. J. Alford, had already resettled in northern Florida. The business ventures of C. A. Alford continued to be successful, and by the turn of the century he was estimated to be one of the wealthiest men of the southern part of the state and worth over a million dollars. He became president of the Sylvester Banking Company and after selling his lumber business became the prime mover in building railroads to towns of adjoining counties and connecting lines to trunk roads. He was president of the Gulf Line Railway up to the time of his death.

While his business prospered a fine family of children were being raised. Of his second marriage, eight children were born, of whom seven grew to maturity. But again tragedy struck when his second wife Jeannie Elizabeth Alford died in 1901 leaving motherless small children, the youngest only six months old. While coping with this difficult situation, he continued to serve his state, county, and city of residence with distinction until his own untimely death in 1908. On a trip to Western



Columbus Augustine Alford

North Carolina he was struck down with typhoid fever and died on September 22 of that year, just 58 years old. He was brought back and buried alongside his two wives in Hillcrest Cemetery, Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia. Although he died intestate, he left comfortable assets and property to each of his children.

Columbus Augustine Alford was a man of integrity and common sense. He was a mover, shaker and innovator, universally recognized and respected in his section as a nation builder. He was truly a "giant."

The children of Columbus Augustine and Martha (Sumner) Alford were:

- i. Beulah Belinda Alford, born 1877 in Sumner, Worth County, Georgia, and died 1948 in Sylvester, Worth County. She is buried by her husband in Hillcrest Cemetery, Sylvester. She married William R. JOHNSTON of North Carolina about 1900, and they made their home in Sylvester. He died in 1943 in Sylvester and is buried there with his wife. Beulah Alford Johnston was a cultured, grand and gracious lady in the best southern tradition. William was a kind, courteous and courtly gentleman of the old school. Their home in Sylvester was perhaps the finest in the city and a visit there was always remembered as a study in good manners and gracious southern hospitality. They were faithful members of the Methodist Church, where he was superintendent of the Sunday School for many years. W. R. Johnston was by profession, in the vernacular of that day and region a "drummer man." There were no children of this marriage.
- ii. Green Floyd Alford, born 21 March 1879 in Sumner, Worth

County, Georgia, and died in Sylvester, Worth County 2 July 1943. He is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery there. He married Emily Claude Gibson 7 January 1903.

Children of Columbus Augustine and Jeannie Elizabeth (Johnston) Alford, all born in Worth County, Georgia, were:

- iii. Unnamed Infant, no dates, but born and died in Sumner, Worth County, Georgia.
- iv. Mattie Blanche Alford, born 8 October 1884 in Willingham and died 13 July 1960 in Sylvester, Worth County. She married Edwin Kerr GULLEY in August 1911.
- v. Bennie Love Alford, born 27 December 1886 and died 3 November 1949 in Sylvester, Worth County. She married Malcolm Hugh WESTBERRY about 1912.
- vi. Frankie E. Alford, born about 1889 in Willingham and died about 1945 in Sylvester, Worth County. She married William Harrison WESTBERRY about 1914, no children.
- vii. Columbus Augustine Alford, Jr., born 27 December 1891 in Willingham and died 26 December 1948 in Sylvester, Worth County. He married Anne Birch DOUGLAS December 10 1913.
- viii. Earl Johnston Alford, born 17 December 1893 in Willingham and died 9 June 1954 in Sylvester, Worth County. He married Erin Sadie SHEALEY 15 June 1915 in Worth County, Georgia.
- ix. Jeannie Helen Alford, born 3

June 1897 in Willingham and died 8 November 1959 in Sylvester, Worth County. She married Ivan Holden MANN in 1922.

- x. Ruth A. Alford, born 3 January 1901 in Willingham and died 24 September 1979 in Sylvester, Worth County. She married (1) Montie "JACK" Hope WIMPY 20 December 1924, and (2) Lige Calhoun.

(Alfords & Their Kin, cont. from p. 51)

War. In addition to his county workload, we find that he had been elected an Assemblyman from Wake County. Then, we find that on April 24, 1778, he was appointed 2nd Major of Wake County Militia, and Michael Rogers was appointed Colonel. LODWICK JR. was then given a leave of absence from the House of Commons, presumably to join his Regiment. He is identified variously in these records as "LODOWICK ALFORD JR.," "LODOWICK ALFORD ESQ. JR." and just plain "LODOWICK ALFORD." The Esquire designation was recognition of his official county positions.

During 1778 JAMES remained busy too. He served as Tax Assessor and Tax Gatherer in Capt. Powell's district as well as Processioner in Capt. (Michael) Rogers district. He sold three tracts of land in Bute county and received warrants for two tracts on the south side of the Neuse River in Wake County. He too was divesting himself of his Bute County ties.

WARREN returned to Bute County and entered into a Marriage Bond with Betty Ward, one of the younger daughters of Judge Benjamin Ward, on November 25, 1778. On December 23, back in Wake County, he received a warrant for 400 acres on both sides of Wilders Branch.

TO BE CONTINUED

Biography: William Leorus Alford

By Lodwick Houston Alford
AAFA President

William Leorus Haywood Alford, son of Green Haywood and Rebecca (JONES) Alford [and father of the author], was born 23 October 1863 in Holly Springs, Wake County, North Carolina. He died 16 June 1931 in Shingler, Worth County, Georgia. He is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia.

William Leorus Haywood Alford was married twice. He married Eleanord Frances NORRIS 21 November 1885 in Holly Springs, Wake County, North Carolina. She was born 19 October 1869 in Holly Springs. She died 30 July 1906 in Parkerville, Worth County, Georgia. She died in childbirth along with twin daughters who did not survive but a few weeks. She is buried in Sylvester, Worth County in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Ellie Norris' death was a tragic loss for W. L. H. Alford with a motherless family of eight children, the oldest under twenty and the youngest just two years old. Fortunately, there was in the Parkerville area a young school teacher, Lucy Melvina OVERBY, who was wooed and won by W. L. H. Alford. They were married 11 April 1907 in Parkerville, Worth County, Georgia in what has to be one of the bravest acts ever by a young woman in taking on an instant family of eight children. Lucy Melvina, the daughter of Walter Knox and Sarah Beatrice (Simms) Overby, was born 3 June 1881 in Newnan, Coweta County, Georgia. She died 18 April 1953 in Cochran, Bleckley County, Georgia. She is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery in Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia. Lucy Melvina was a woman of deep religious convictions. She undertook the task of raising an instantly large family with courage and energy. Simultaneously she com-

menced having children of her own, her firstborn being twin boys.

William Leorus Haywood Alford in late 1885 came with his bride from Holly Springs near Raleigh, North Carolina to Worth County in southwest Georgia. He came to join his older brothers, Andrew Jackson Alford and Columbus Augustine Alford who had preceded him by several years while he completed his education at Bingham Military College, Mebane, North Carolina. W. L. H. Alford settled in Parkerville in the southwestern part of Worth County, where he lived with his family for thirty-five years. During that time he was engaged in the naval stores and sawmilling business with his brother C. A. Alford. Meanwhile A. J. Alford had further migrated to Florida and settled in Carrabelle. W. L. H. Alford was long prominent in the political and social affairs of Worth County and he was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Honorable W. L. H. Alford represented the County of Worth in the state legislature, 1902-1904.

The untimely death from typhoid fever of Columbus Augustine Alford in 1908, with whom W. L. H. Alford had been associated in business for over twenty years, left him to proceed alone with expanding the quite profitable naval store operations. While cutting back on sawmill operations, new stands of timber were leased or acquired and turpentine stills set up all over South Georgia. World War I boosted the ever increasing demand for naval stores and by the end of the war W. L. H. Alford had amassed in money and property a fortune close to a million dollars. Unfortunately, the end of the war and the release of floods of formerly German owned chemical patents caused the bottom to drop out of the demand for turpentine and other naval stores products. Operations had to be

cut back, and increased reliance was put on farming, primarily cotton. But the next blow was the boll weevil. The great depression had come to South Georgia ten years before it did to the rest of the country. By 1925 the fortune of W. L. H. Alford was gone. With a large family, farming became almost entirely for the purpose of producing food. Money for necessities was hard come by and it was truly genteel poverty for the Alford family. But poverty breeds character and brings out resources of faith, energy, and hard work.

Lucy Melvina Overby Alford came from a family of staunch, God-fearing Methodists. Two of her brothers were Methodist ministers. Since she had taught school before her marriage, she sought and obtained employment as a teacher in the public schools. Her two oldest sons, the twins, volunteered to quit school, go off to Jacksonville, obtain work and send money home so the other children could continue in school. By this time the children of the first wife were grown and married or had gone off to make their way. After the twins, the next two children were sent off to live with their married half-sisters so they could continue school. She was determined that her children would get an education and they did, some reaching masters degrees.

W. L. H. Alford bore this situation with courage and stoic dignity. He helped out as best he could and with his love of farming since boyhood, raised prodigious amounts of food and occasional money crops. This he was engaged in on a hot day in June 1931 when, resting in the shade of pecan trees, his great heart failed. W. L. H. Alford was a proud and honorable man but generous to a fault. It was said that half the people in the county owed him money they could not pay. He never met a stranger in his life, and his



*Lucy Melvina Overby Alford
Taken at about the time of her marriage
to W.L.H. Alford, 11 April 1907*

hospitality and skill as a raconteur were widely known. He loved his children, grandchildren and other kinfolk. He and Lucy Mell were affectionately known to their children as papa and mama. But to the grandchildren they were very respectfully and with considerable awe known as "Big Pa" and "Big Ma." And he could be a stern disciplinarian. Tall and big-boned with a mustache varying from cropped to Kaiser Bill style handle-bar with waxed upturned ends, he indeed was an awesome figure. He was truly a southern patriarch of the old school. He was autocrat of the breakfast table, the dinner table, and the supper table—a man to remember.

Lucy Melvina Alford continued teaching school until more of her children were employed and able to send money home. Then she went back to school and obtained her degree at the University of Georgia, qualifying for higher pay. In her younger, single years she had not been able to complete her degree work because of illness. Thus with steadfast, single-minded devotion to her task, she educated her children, inspired them and set an example that

will never be forgotten. In World War II she proudly displayed four blue stars for her four sons serving in the Navy. At the Communion table she said a prayer for each of her children by name. Now, it shows. At her death in 1953, her children swore to meet every year at that time in her memory. They still do.

Children of William Leorus Haywood Alford and Ellie Norris—all born in Parkerville, Worth County, Georgia:

- i. Unnamed son, born 17 June 1886. He died the following day and is buried in Lige Calhoun private cemetery
- ii. Harvey Benton Alford, born 20 January 1888 and died 12 March 1961 in Duval County, Florida. He married Nellie MILLER 1914 in Worth County, Georgia.
- iii. Eleanor Rebecca Alford, born

26 January 1891 and died 6 January 1948 in Fulton County. She married Eli Lincoln VEAZEY 27 June 1917 in Worth County.

- iv. Sadie Estelle Alford, born 25 November 1893 and died 1 March 1925 in Worth County. She married Carlton Haywood GODWIN March 1913 in Worth County.
 - v. Maggie Eugenia Alford, born 20 July 1895 and died 17 September 1973 in Dougherty County, Georgia. She married Thomas Cecil AKINS 14 July 1915 in Worth County.
 - vi. Dewey Leorus Alford, born 25 May 1898 and died 13 July 1979 in Polk County, Florida. He married Mary Ethel HUMPHREYS 2 September 1917 in Worth County.
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*William Leorus Haywood Alford
Circa 1930*

(W.L.H. Alford, cont. from p. 43)

- vii. Columbus Myers Alford, born 18 August 1900 and died 29 November 1968 in Duval County, Florida. He married Eula HOLCOMBE 27 March 1922 in Worth County.
- viii. Jack Haywood Alford, born 30 December 1901 and died 26 November 1963 in Duval County, Florida. He was a Navy veteran of World War II; he never married.
- ix. Alton Sloan Alford, born 29 December 1903 and died 3 March 1977 in Duval County, Florida. He was a veteran of both the Navy and Coast Guard; he never married.
- x. Beulah Alford, twin of Blanche, born 30 July 1906 and died in infancy 30 September 1906. She is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia.
- xi. Blanche Alford, twin of Beulah, born 30 July 1906 and died in infancy 16 September 1906. She is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia.

Children of William Leorus Haywood and Lucy Melvina:

- xii. Earnest Haskell Alford, born 5 January 1908 in Parkerville, Worth County, Georgia, and died 24 July 1967 in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. He is buried in Memorial Cemetery in Jacksonville. He married Edna Eugenia PIPKIN 16 September 1929 in Jacksonville. "Gene" dies 22 October 1980 and is buried beside her husband.
- xiii. Walter Hoyle Alford, born 5

January 1908 in Parkerville, Worth County, Georgia. He married Dorothy Marie HORNE 1 May 1933 in McClenny, Baker County, Florida.

- xiv. Sarah Beatrice Alford, born 30 April 1909 in Parkerville, Worth County, Georgia. He married Richard Howell PARRAMORE 18 August 1940 in Blakeley, Early County, Georgia. Richard died 2 November 1967 in Valdox, Georgia and is buried there in Riverside Memorial Cemetery.
- xv. William Leorus Alford, born 17 November 1911 in Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia. He died 2 November 1985 in Sylvester and is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Sylvester. He married Flora KING 24 January 1932 in Sylvester.
- xvi. Nell White Alford, born 25 February 1913 in Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia, and died there that day.
- xvii. Lodwick Houston Alford, born 27 April 1914 in Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia. He married Mary Katherine KIRKLAND 10 August 1940 in Sylvester.
- xviii. Lucy Melvina Alford, born 27 December 1915 in Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia. She died 7 June 1985 in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, and is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Sylvester. She married Jack Shelton SUMNER 8 February 1938 in Albany, Dougherty County, Florida.
- xix. Mary Marjorie Alford, born 1 April 1919 in Parkerville, Worth County, Georgia. She married (1) Woodrow Wilson

BROWN 23 December 1940 in Cochran, Bleckley County, Georgia. He died in 1975 and is buried in Arlington Cemetery in Atlanta. Mary married (2) Martin Turner DITTO 9 September 1979 in Fulton County, Georgia. Mary died 19 January 1988 in Atlanta, Georgia, and is buried beside her first husband.

- xx. Marvin Floyd Alford, born 10 December 1921 in Parkerville, Worth County, Georgia. He died 22 March 1989 in Jacksonville, Florida, and is buried in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Orange Park, Florida. He married Juanita SHEPHERD 26 July 1941 in McClenny, Baker County, Florida.
- xxi. Louise Grace Alford, born 19 July 1924 in Parkerville, Worth County, Georgia. She married (1) James Knox PARKER 31 December 1939 in Dothan, Houston County, Alabama. James died 22 January 1983, and Louise married (2) C. William EKIN.

Things to Do

1. Join us in Raleigh for the Third Annual Meeting—send in your Registration Form!
2. Renew your membership when it's due.
3. Recruit a new member, or give a gift membership.
4. Offer to help on one of the committees that is collecting Alford data.
5. Send in every piece of Alford information you find—from any source.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

The Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, founded in 1867, is located a few miles north of Fuquay-Varina, NC, and a few miles east of Holly Springs.

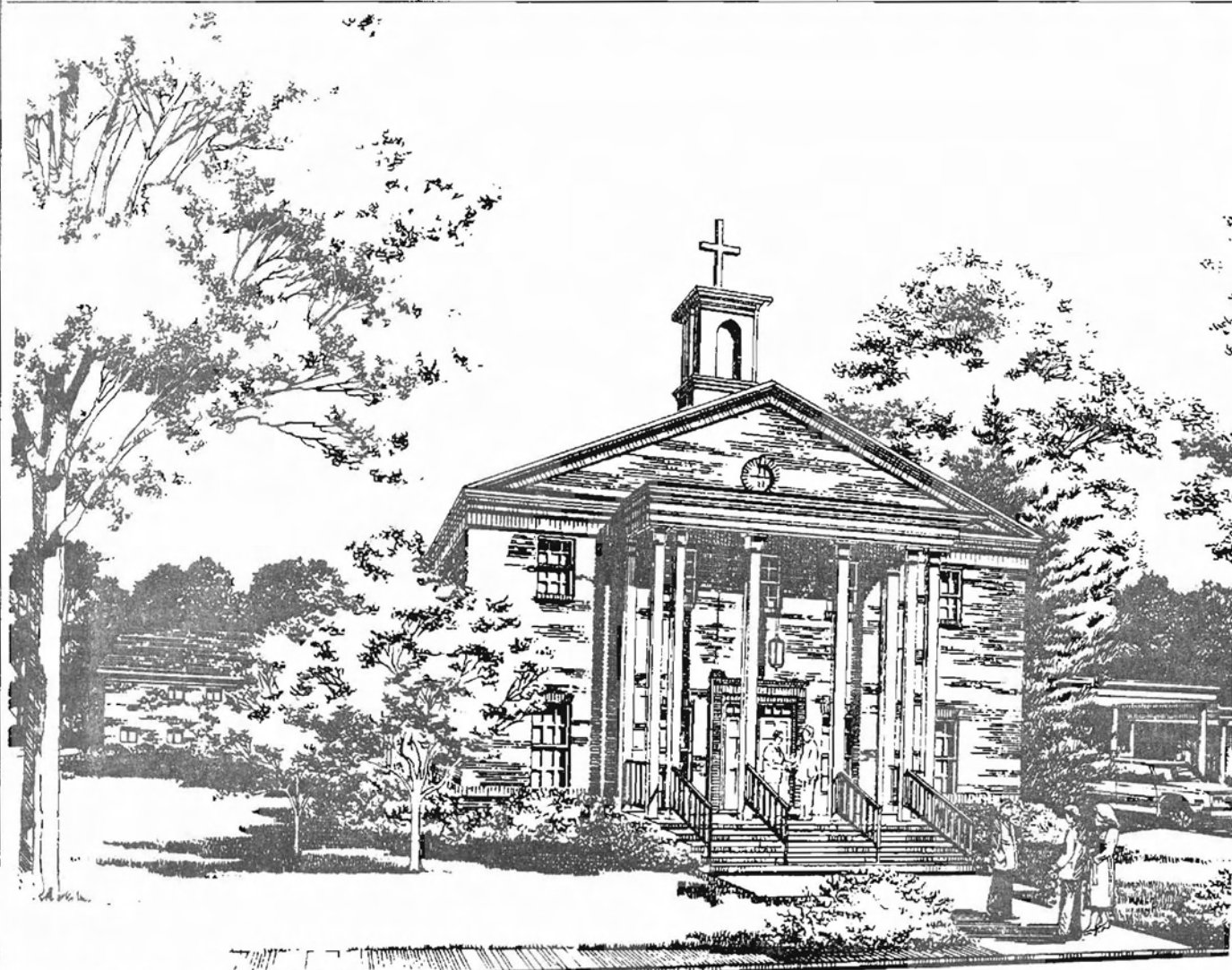
Green Haywood Alford and his wife Rebecca Jones Alford, grandparents of AAFA President Lodwick Alford and parents of Columbus Augustine and William Leorus Alford, were charter members. They are buried in the churchyard, and their home was located about two miles west of the church. [See "Biography: Green Haywood Alford," *AAFA ACTION*, March 1989,

p. 22.] Early minutes of the church have been beautifully preserved, and various Alfords now living have contributed funds for this preservation.

The minutes show that most of the children of Green Haywood Alford were members of this church. William Leorus Haywood Alford, Green's youngest child, was baptised the first Sunday in October 1877 right before his 14th birthday. He was Chief Clerk for three years beginning in July 1881, and his handwriting is instantly recognizable. Salina Blanche Alford, Green's

youngest daughter, married Keit Godwin in this church on 21 Jan 1880. The minutes are fascinating to read and well worth a special trip.

The sanctuary shown is a modern building. The original building stood on the ground where the graveyard is now, just a few yards away and across the road to Holly Springs. The Pleasant Grove Baptist Church celebrates Homecoming every year on the first Sunday of October. All Alfords and their descendants are invited and are recognized and honored.



From The Descendants of Alexander Alvord

From *A Genealogy of the Descendants of ALEXANDER ALVORD an Early Settler of Windsor, Conn, and Northampton, Mass*, compiled by Samuel Morgan Alvord (Webster, NY: 1908).

Beginning with the publication of the Preface in this issue of *AAFA ACTION*, we will print excerpts from this 823 page book. It deals almost exclusively with the Alvord branch of the family, and the AAFA membership profile at this time does not justify reprinting the entire book. However, the Preface, a chapter on "English Alford's" and a chapter titled "Other Settlers of the Alford Name in America" do deserve some attention. Although Alvord's book was published in NY the very same year that Mr. Josiah Alford's *Alford Family Notes* was published in London—1908—there is little duplication of data, and the presentation is quite different. Following is a reprint of the Preface from Alexander Alvord's book.

Preface

Interest in a genealogy of the Alvord family antedates that of most New England families. In the early "sixties" William Alvord Burke of Lowell, Mass., became interested in the genealogy of the families of his father and mother and published the "Burke and Alvord Memorial." (Published by Henry Dutton and Son, Boston.) Mr. Burke engaged John A. Boutelle of Woburn, Mass., to gather and arrange the data. No attempt was made either on the part of the Burke or the Alvord family to make it a complete record. Only those families of Alvords were taken up that resided in Northampton, Mass., and vicinity, excepting Mr. Burke's own line. The notes on the origin of the name and the antecedents in England were of practically no value.

Shortly after the publication of the "Burke and Alvord Memorial" Coridon A. Alvord, a prominent printer of New York City, became interested in the matter and desired that a complete genealogy of the Alvord family should be published. He at once engaged Mr. Boutelle, who proceeded to further carry on his genealogical work on the Alvord family. From 1866 until 1868 Mr. Boutelle was apparently devoting a good share of his time to this work. Mr. Alvord alone met the full expense of this undertaking, which was considerably over one thousand dollars. When it seemed that the work was nearing completion and would soon be in press, Mr. Alvord met with sad affliction which affected his business relations, so that he did not see his way clear to carry out his plans for publication. Mr. Boutelle's health also began to fail about this time. Both these men died a few years later and the manuscript was packed away with Mr. Alvord's papers. And so it happened that for twenty-five years what had been gathered at great labor and expense was laid away and almost forgotten. We can scarcely overestimate the value of Mr. Alvord's unselfish effort and everyone interested in the history of this family owes him a debt of gratitude. While the facts and records thus gathered were far from complete—surprisingly so along some lines—the present work could scarcely have been made so thorough and satisfactory except for the aid that has been afforded by it, especially since it preserved for us the testimony of men of a previous generation. It might be added that the present work is about triple the size of the Alvord-Boutelle collection.

About the year 1897 my uncle, Rev. Frederick Alvord, being much interested in the family history and knowing of Coridon Alvord's work, desired to learn if the manuscript was still in

existence. After some search he found that George M. Alvord, son of Coridon, was living in Hartford, and he learned from him that he had the manuscript and was willing to give it to anyone who would complete the work and publish it. Thus the manuscript came into the possession of Rev. Frederick Alvord, who at once began to plan for its publication. Disappointment in securing financial support and advancing years led him reluctantly to give up the plan and in the fall of 1901 he came to my house and requested that I take the manuscript with the understanding that I should complete and publish it at some favorable time.

It was not my intention to proceed at once with the work, but letters from various members of the family led me to believe that the time was ripe for its publication. I therefore began to revise what had already been done and to add new matter. Mr. Boutelle had been unable to trace many families that had migrated to New York State soon after the Revolutionary War. Through the aid afforded by the Pension Bureau, Adj. General's Office, U. S. Census Dept., County Clerks and Surrogates, and the recollections of private individuals of advanced years, these families have been traced almost without exception. I confidently believe that there exists in the country no branch of the Alvord family whose annals do not appear in this volume—except some isolated instances of individuals bearing the name, which will be noted in the appendix. The work, covering a period of seven years, has been accomplished in the midst of the confining duties of a teacher's life, but it has been my aim to neglect nothing that would add to the interest and completeness of the work.

Our relations to the family in England had been in a large measure worked out through the personal efforts of John W.

Alvord of Chicago, who most generously contributed what he had gathered at his personal expense. This contribution was of great value and served as a basis for the later and more complete researches, making it possible to at once strike at the very heart of things. The services of C. A. Hoppin, Jr., an experienced specialist in searching English records, were engaged and he has added materially to the value of the data gathered by Mr. Alvord. I am convinced that this part of the work has been thoroughly done, and that all records have been searched with care in the vicinity of the home of our ancestors in England. The sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for engaging the services of Mr. Hoppin was contributed by the following persons: John W. Alvord of Chicago, Ill., John F. Alvord of Torrington, Conn., Dean Alvord of Brooklyn, N. Y., Clinton Alvord of Worcester, Mass., E. C. Alvord of Washburn, Wis., Geo. B. Alvord of Torrington, Conn., Andrew P. Alvord of New York City, Chas. H. Alvord of Torrington, Conn., Samuel M. Alvord of Hartford, Conn., Mrs. E. J. Brown of New York City, H. B. Alexander of Geneva, Ill.

I desire also to express my appreciation to all those who have so readily given their support and cooperation to this task. Letters have in general been promptly, and always courteously, answered, even though demands were repeatedly made upon time and patience. In the Alvord homes that I have visited, whether in Vermont or California, the greatest hospitality and courtesy have been shown me, so I have been made to feel that the tie of kinship is indeed very strong in the family.

I cannot close without acknowledging my special obligation to the late Hon. William Alvord of San Francisco, who by his generous financial support and kindly words of encouragement materially lightened the burden of the work. It was my privilege to meet Mr.

Alvord in San Francisco in Sept., 1904, and the pleasure he took in driving through the city and explaining the points of interest was only surpassed by my own pleasure in his delightful companionship. Three months later his earthly career was closed and the sight of the city that was the pride of his heart, almost in total ruins, never came before his mortal vision.

Rev. J. G. Alford (now Canon Alford) of Bristol, Eng., is about to publish pedigrees of the early Alford families in England and he has willingly contributed from his notes. . . .

Samuel Morgan Alvord
Hartford, Conn., July, 1908.

How Shall We Pronounce Our Name?

There is clearly a lack of uniformity on this point and many inquiries have come to me from those who are uncertain whether they ought to give the first syllable of the name the sound that it has in Al-fred, or in al-ways. I am convinced after careful inquiry and investigation that the latter was the original sound of the first syllable of our name and is based on the best authority. The transition to the former is a late development, but in some localities, especially in the West, it has become quite general.

The first syllable of the name, being derived from the German al-de (awlder), must obviously have had the same sound. The same German word appears in the first two syllables of Alderman and the Germanic sound is retained. Again, if we note the pronunciation of the name in localities where the family has continued to live from the time of the early settlement, as in Northampton, Easthampton and South Hadley, Mass., it will be observed that the name is invariably pronounced Awl-vud.

The Alford Badge

By James L. Haynsworth

In its inception heraldry was mainly a practical matter of identification. It originated in the devices used to distinguish the armored warriors in a tournament and war, and the utilitarian motive predominated. But as time passed, heraldry became primarily symbolic and decorative, and in choice of arms, men followed their own fancies. The popular notion is that most arms are symbolic of ideal virtues, exploits in battle, and the like. With a few—a very few—notable exceptions, this is romantic fiction. A great many coats of arms are “canting” or “punning”; that is, the arms contain an allusion to or play on the name of the bearer. Examples are rams for Ramsey, wings for Wingfield, trumpets for De Trumpington. Many others are as obvious; some are quite subtle. Another common practice was an altered version of the arms of a feudal overlord, or to use a device from his arms. This showed a relation either of kinship, tenure, or some other attachment.

In most cases we have no clue to what led to the adoption of a particular device. There are several coats of arms belonging to families named Alford, but those which seem to be most widely used show an arrangement of pears as their primary charge. Why Pears? If the name were Pearson or Pearman the explanation would be obvious. Perhaps the grantee chose pears for personal reasons; he may have owned an orchard of which he was proud, or perhaps the word “pear” or “pears” alluded to some event in his life, or to his feudal overlord. We can only guess. Whatever the explanation for the original symbolism, the AAFA badge, with its pear, fret and endless chain, today symbolizes the family’s ancient heritage and familial association to which the organization is dedicated.

Constitution Changes

Several changes to the constitution (articles of incorporation) and by-laws will be voted on at the October meeting. Four weeks notice of the proposed changes is required, and that notice is herewith given.

Membership

1. The original constitution required that members be limited to the family of those who were descendants of an Alford. It is proposed that this be emended to include any person with an interest in Alfords—including the many possible variations of the spelling of the name.

2. The types of membership will be expanded from the original Charter and Founding to Charter, Founding, Regular, Honorary, and Institutional.

3. Membership, according to the original articles of incorporation, began the month following the receipt of application at the Missouri office. At that time, however, a copy of the latest Association quarterly, *AAFA ACTION*, was sent to the new member. This combined action resulted in most new members receiving five quarterlies during their first year's membership. It is proposed that future membership periods be determined by the period of the quarterly "subscription" and be such that the new member receives only the four issues covered by the first

year's dues.

Board of Directors

4. The board of directors was initially established at three with the proviso that the number could be increased by an amendment to the by-laws. It is proposed that the articles of incorporation or by-laws make no mention of the number of directors and that the matter be left to the discretion of the directors.

Officers

5. It is being proposed that the elected officers be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The others—Genealogist, publications Editor, and Librarian, will be appointed by the President from qualified volunteers.

6. The term of office for officers will be changed from one year to three years.

Voting

7. Article X of the original constitution provided for voting by mail for those who cannot attend meetings. It is proposed that this option be deleted because of the difficulty in administering a vote by mail, and because of the good attendance at the 1989 meeting.

Series of Alford Books Underway

Founding Member James P. Alford of Houston has offered to be the AAFA Book Editor! He is preparing the first of a series of books on American Alfords. Books in the series are tentatively planned to deal with:

- Southern Alfords to 1860, focusing on the New Kent County folks and their descendants;
- Northern Alfords to 1860, focusing on New England and the migration across the Midwest;
- Alfords Since 1860, highlighting the post-Civil War immigrants.

Alford data will be presented in the context of American history rather than as a flat genealogical recital. James said he is going to "weave the Alfords into the flow of American History, in effect inserting them into the development of the nation rather than just being a straight presentation of dull genealogical material." Judging from James' work so far, we know it won't be dull! Be sure to read his article beginning on the following page.

The set will be published by the Alford American Family Association and proceeds from sales will be used for acquisition of permanent library and museum facilities to house the Alford library and mementos.

Release date of the first volume has not been announced.

James also has some other ideas for raising funds through book sales—for instance, a book of reprints of genealogically valuable Alford articles from *AAFA ACTION* and other sources.

Anyone with a "writing urge" should contact James at 14106 Pinerock, Houston, TX 77079.

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I am also very grateful to Willie Alford, who types lots of material for me, frequently on short notice—"Obituaries" and "Alfords in the News" are only two examples. If you've offered to help by typing (onto disk), you will probably be hearing from me soon!

Pam Thompson, Publications Editor

Alfords and Their Kin in Early NC, Part II

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AUTHOR'S NOTE: Material in this article will be included in the text of one of the most complete works on Alfords yet attempted. If you find any omissions or inaccuracies, please send a note with copies of any documents that you have to the author. Don't be quiet if you think there's an error. It takes many critics to produce a good history book.

Part I, published in *AAFA ACTION*, March 1990, pages 14-17, covered the earliest days in the Carolinas from the 1680's through 1760. Part II continues at 1760 and focuses on the Four Corners area where Franklin, Wake, Johnston and Nash Counties meet and attempts to identify and trace the

movements of Lodwick Sr.'s children in that area. Part II:

The Four Corners Area, 1760-1778

LODWICK and JOHN FERRELL had migrated slightly westward since their arrival in North Carolina about 1739. The county name had changed several times as the area was divided and subdivided into new political units causing a lot of confusion for researchers and creating an impression of constant movement.

By 1760 JOHN FERRELL's lands seemed to center between the Tar River and Crooked Creek in Bute and Edgecombe Counties. The Alford's lands adjoined

and encircled him in what are now Franklin, Nash, Johnston and Wake Counties. All, that is, except the loner WILLIAM who settled in Dobbs and Wayne Counties, downhill toward the coast.

Lodwick's sons were growing up and had begun appearing for the first time in adult records. Julius' sons were considerably younger. We know nothing of Goodrich's family after New Kent County, Virginia although there is a real probability that he had more children. Were some of Lodwick's younger "children" really those of Goodrich? We'll try to identify the possible ones as they appear.

Before going further into this period, let's quickly review the age ranges at which poll taxes were assessed:

1. If you were a freeman or an indentured servant between the ages of 16 and 60 government viewed you as a source of revenue. (They were lucky! Today, we're Revenue from cradle to grave.) You were called a Taxable or a "White Poll."
2. If you were a negro slave between the ages of 12 and 50, you were a "Black Poll" and your owner was obliged to pay taxes for you.

Two James Alfords

In Part I, the existence of two JAMES ALFORDS was initially identified. One was clearly visible in the legal records of the day before Lodwick's son could have reached his majority. At that time the possibility of this being Lodwick's brother was raised. Yet, a glaring problem existed. Why didn't he appear in the Tax Lists?

Remember the ages at which a person was a Taxable? Rather than being Lodwick's brother, the older JAMES

Lodwick Alford's Verified Children

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. William Alford, b. 1734 | Proved by parish records |
| 2. Elizabeth Alford, b. 1736 | Proved by parish records |
| 3. Jacob Alford, b. 1738 | Proved by parish records |
| 4. James Alford, b. ca 1740 | Proved by tax roll |
| 5. Lodwick Alford Jr., b. ca 1740 | Proved by tax roll - |
| 6. Julius Alford, b. ca 1744-48 | Proved by tax roll |
| 7. Goodrich Alford, b. ca 1747 | Proved by his will |
| 8. Warren Alford | Proved by tax roll and his will |
| 9. Winny Alford Rogers | Proved by his will |
| 10. Mary Alford Alford | Proved by his will |
| 11. Anselm Alford | Proved by his will |
| 12. Kinchen Alford, b. 1758 | Proved by his will |
| 13. Lamuel Alford, b. ca 1760 | Proved by his will |
| 14. Susanna Alford Hobbs | Proved by his will |

Unverified Children Associated with Lodwick Alford

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| 15. Isham Alford | Close association |
| 16. Drury Alford | Close association |
| 17. Lany Freeman | Mentioned in his will |
| 18. Susannah Freeman | Mentioned in his will |
| 19. Sarah Cloe | Mentioned in his will |

could well have been his father! In 1760 the old gentleman would have been 70+ years old which would explain his absence from the Tax Lists. Any negroes that he had would have likely been older than 50, so they wouldn't have appeared either.

The first evidence of the presence of an older JAMES in Bute County was in February 1760 when he witnessed a deed and in November, 1760 when he was defendant in a suit. Both of these events occurred before JAMES the son could possibly have been an adult.

Now, let's leave old James for a couple of columns and look at two of LODWICK's sons:

On July 21, 1761 a significant family event was recorded: Both JAMES ALFORD and LODWICK ALFORD JR. bought Granville Grants in Bute County. James chose land adjacent to LODWICK SR. and uncle JULIUS on Crooked Creek while Lodwick Jr. chose land about 8 miles north on Turkey Creek at Perry's Branch.

While Lodwick Jr.'s grant omitted the suffix "Jr.", numerous other references called it the grant of LODWICK JR. He subdivided it years later and sold half to his younger brother GOODRICH, probably for Goodrich's 21st birthday.

Now, a person was required by law to be 21 in order to sell land but not necessarily to acquire it. However, prevailing custom seems to have required age 21 for all land transactions. Also, if it were a true minor's transaction there should be mention of a parent or guardian in the deed.

Twins?

So, what was the significance? Based on JAMES the son's obituary in 1812, we can calculate that his 21st birthday was between November 7, 1739 and November 6, 1740. One as yet unconfirmed source places it in May, 1740.

This means that JAMES the son would have just turned 21 when he received his Granville Grant. But, what about LODWICK JR.? Conventional Wisdom has said that he was two years younger than his brother. Could it be that he was really the same age as James? Could it be they were twins? Nothing found so far disproves it.

Up until the time of JAMES the son's departure for Georgia, the two brothers seemed inseparable.

The 1762 Granville County Tax List of St. John's Parish showed LODWICK's household with JAMES as a white poll and Frank and Venus as black polls. LODWICK JR. did not appear. Neither had he appeared on the 1755 Tax List. This seven year gap was sufficient for him to pass from age 15 to 22 undetected. Since he had acquired land a distance from his father's home it's almost certain that he was living there and was on another tax list for 1762. JAMES was 22 and still living with his father that year because his land was next door.

Between 1762 and 1771, it was apparent that either older JAMES or JAMES the son was practicing law in Bute Co. He was witnessing deeds, probably after he had prepared them, proving them in court and then later picking them up after the court clerk had recorded them. During this period, in April, 1766 and again in February, 1769, one of the JAMES' twice served briefly as Justice of the Peace for Bute County.

Considering that judges are selected for their maturity, experience and superior judgement, would he have been LODWICK's son who would have been 26 years old, LODWICK's brother who was 53 years old, or how about LODWICK's father who would have been in his upper 70's? Unless the county was terribly short of mature, literate freemen knowledgeable in the law, it's doubtful that the good citizens would

have stood for a youth of 26 passing judgement on them!

The brevity of the two terms as judge may indicate that the JAMES who served was semi-retired and working in a part-time capacity.

In 1766 the Bute County Tax List for the Crooked Creek District was compiled (proccessioned) by JAMES ALFORD ESQ., and a JAMES ALFORD was the last household on that tax list. This James was a white poll and had four black polls—Quash, Christmas, Jack, and Lucy. This was surely the same JAMES who had received the Granville Grant on Crooked Creek in 1761. As a possible means of further identification, LODWICK SR. had a negro named Pash (?) on the 1755 Granville Tax List. Were Quash and Pash the same?

An interesting pattern appears in the surviving court records that helps to further distinguish the two JAMES ALFORDS. The one who practiced law often signed his name "JAS. ALFORD" while the one who prepared tax lists and later moved to Wake County always signed JAMES ALFORD. The court clerk also referred to the lawyer as "Jas." or just plain "J." perhaps as a means to distinguish him from the other.

The final suggestion that there were two men named JAMES would come much later in Wake County. The older JAMES was gone by then, and JAMES the son was an active Tax Assessor/Collector in Wake County. The rather complete court records found there do not indicate that he ever practiced law.

Another Bute County Tax List for 1766 (Cypress Creek?) listed LODWICK ALFORD, LODWICK ALFORD JUNR and GOODRICH ALFORD living adjacent to each other but as separate households.

This was the first appearance of son GOODRICH and provides some insight into housing customs of the day. Why

wasn't he on the 1762 Tax List if he was now old enough to live apart from his father? Probably the big house was crowded and Goodrich moved into a cabin on dad's land before he was 21. Using the two tax lists we can conclude that he was no older than 15 in 1762 and 19 in 1766. His first land transaction was not until 1769 when he would have been no older than 22.

June 10, 1768. John Hancock's trading ship "Liberty" is seized by Customs agents in Boston. An angry mob gathers and threatens the Crown's representatives...

In Bute County during July, 1768, Lodwick Sr.'s brother Julius was apparently ill and summoned his attorney to prepare his will. Julius named Lodwick Alford and his son James as his Executors and the will was witnessed by James Alford. Were they the same James? It's not likely. Very seldom do you see a legatee or an Executor witness a will. The witness was most likely older James the attorney who had drawn up the will.

Fall of 1768. Four Regiments of British Redcoats are marching about Boston, posing an open threat to the angered citizens...

ROBERT CADE SR. died intestate some time early in 1769, and JAMES ALFORD was appointed Administrator of his estate. Which JAMES was this? Unlike Executors who were usually family members, Administrators were generally appointed from the legal community, so the best bet would have once again been the older JAMES. At the estate sale June 3, 1769, LODWICK, LODWICK JR. and JAMES ALFORD were buyers. As in the majority of records, no distinction was made as to which JAMES.

LODWICK ALFORD JR., planter, sold 230 acres, or half of his Granville Grant, to little brother GOODRICK, November 2, 1769. The deed was witnessed by

LODW. ALFORD. This transaction was likely an observation of GOODRICH's 21st birthday.

On March 4, 1770, a "Council of War" was held at Colonel William Bryan's home on the Neuse River in Johnston County. (This area may have become Wake County shortly after.) Present was CAPTAIN LODOWICK ALFORD. This was almost certainly LODWICK JR. who would later rise to the rank of Major in the Wake County militia. LODWICK SR. had served his militia duty as a Private and was too old by now to be active.

March 5, 1770. A Company of Redcoats stationed before the hated Boston Customs House opens fire on an unarmed mob...

On June 19, 1770, JAMES sold his Crooked Creek land grant to neighbor John Ferrell. This signaled his imminent move a few miles south into the growing region that would shortly become Wake County. He identified himself as a "Planter" in the deed.

Like the year a decade earlier, 1771 was an eventful period for the Alfords.

First, it marked the emergence of LODWICK SR.'s next set of sons, JULIUS and WARREN. They appeared with him on the Bute County Tax List that year. LODWICK JR. and GOODRICH continued to live next door as heads of their own households. Son JAMES no longer appeared in Bute County.

Wake County

Wake County was formed that year, largely from the upper half of Johnston County. Whether some of Bute was carved off is not known at this writing. The area in Wake County where the sons would settle was directly adjacent to the area in Bute County where the Alfords, Ferrells and Cades had lived for many years. Even as the sons migrated to new lands, they were never more than 12-15 miles from old dad.

That was a short journey either on horseback or a morning affair with the wife and kids in a wagon.

JAMES had moved into the area that was soon-to-be Wake County territory or had been annexed by Wake County sometime between June 19, 1770 and April 28, 1771 when "his dwelling house burnt." Here we find the first evidence that an occupation begun in Bute County had been continued in Wake—James had lost some of the county's tax money in the fire. This story can be found in *The Colonial Records of North Carolina, Volume IX*.

According to the first Wake County Quarter Court Minutes recorded on June 4, 1771, JAMES ALFORD and John Rogers were sworn in as deputies of Sheriff Michael Rogers. Thus began a long Alford relationship with Michael, John and other members of the Rogers clan.

That November, JAMES ALFORD petitioned the Assembly at Raleigh to replace the lost tax money from the Province's Sinking Fund. Lucky for him they were in a good mood, or he would have been out 28 pounds and a few shillings!

At the Wake County Quarter Court Session of March 1773, JAMES was appointed to a "jury" to lay off one acre for a mill. This is the first indication that he might also have some surveying skills. Of course, to be a Tax Assessor he had to be able to measure a person's holdings. Olive Belle Alford Gunn (born 1875), paraphrased much later in *The Compendium of American Genealogy*, Volume VI, 1937, stated that he was a surveyor but didn't mention tax assessing/collecting.

December 16, 1773. An unknown gang disguised as Indians boards a British trading vessel in Boston Harbor and throws the entire cargo of tea overboard...

LODWICK JR. apparently moved into Wake County in the summer of 1774 and bought two tracts. Both deeds were proved by JAMES ALFORD at the September Court. Near Christmas, he sold the remainder of his original 1761 grant in Bute County. Witnesses to that transaction were LODWICK SR. and a new name, DREWRY ALFORD.

Yet another new name appeared that year when ISHAM ALFORD and LODWICK (Jr.) witnessed a deed from LODWICK SR. to Andrew Tanner in Bute County July 20, 1774. DREWRY and ISHAM have never been proved to be sons of LODWICK SR. and may well have been sons of the deceased GOODRICH who were raised by LODWICK SR. Since witnessing deeds required an adult, both DREWRY and ISHAM would have been conceived or born before Goodrich's death in 1753.

September 5, 1774. The First Continental Congress convenes...

JAMES ALFORD made bond before the Wake County September Court to open a Public House. In March 1775, JAMES was appointed a Proccessioner in Captain Michael Roger's district, and LODWICK ALFORD JR. and Josiah Crudup were appointed Patrolers or Proccessioners for Captain Fowler's district in Wake County. The Colonies' need for war funding was soon to become urgent.

April 19, 1775. Minute-men send the Redcoats packing at Lexington and Concord. The war is on...

May 10, 1775. The Continental Army is created by act of The Second Continental Congress and George Washington is appointed Commander...

In May LODWICK JR. sold more land in Bute County, the deed being witnessed by LODWICK SR. That June, LODWICK JR., JAMES and Josiah Crudup served together on the Wake County Grand

Jury.

June 17, 1775. Redcoats engage the Massachusetts Militia at Bunker Hill...

In December 1775, JAMES was appointed Overseer of the Road by Justice Michael Rogers.

May 10, 1776. The Continental Congress recommends that the former Colonies form new State governments as quickly as possible...

July 4, 1776. The Declaration of Independence is signed at Philadelphia...

On December 23, 1776, LODOWICK ALFORD was first appointed a Justice of the Peace for Wake County. Probably mass resignations of Loyalist officials had forced the Governor to fill vacant offices with younger Patriots. Now, rather than being LODWICK ALFORD JR., he became LODWICK ALFORD ESQ. Now, LODIWICK ALFORD and Josiah Crudup were Patrolers in CAPTAIN ALFORD's district!

Government jobs were all part-time, so willing citizens who could read and write often wore many hats. The lesser positions in local government were appointed by the Justices and since the Militia and the Continental Army were snapping up the available manpower, the Justices were having to assume the unfilled positions themselves. Thus, we see LODWICK JR. being a Justice, Patroler, Proccessioner, Collector, and Captain of a tax district in Wake County.

The title "Captain" seems out of place for a tax collector and prompts one to wonder if perhaps the person didn't derive that title from also serving as Captain of Militia. (Anyone know the answer?) In addition to all these new duties and titles, LODWICK also found himself appointed Overseer of the Road

"from Martin's house to the Little River Bridge"!

December 25, 1776. On Christmas night George Washington and his Continentals surprise the Hessians at Trenton...

On May 8, 1777 the House of Commons passed a resolution to pay JAMES ALFORD \$800 that was due to him from the assignment of a Colonel's pay voucher. Some time later he requested a copy of a War Claim filed in the Legislature's papers according to comments found in the Delamar Papers. These events signaled that he too had become active in State affairs.

October 17, 1777. General Burgoyne surrenders at Saratoga to a determined New England force...

The manpower drain of the War was increasingly affecting the home front as LODWICK was appointed Tax Gatherer in both his district and Captain Mials' district at a Quarter Court session December 3, 1777.

In February 1778, LODIWICK ALFORD acknowledged a deed to WARREN ALFORD marking the move of yet another son to Wake County. Other records that year showed that WARREN was living adjacent to LODWICK on the Little River at Cedar Rock Branch and Gale's Branch on the north side of the Tarborough Road. This was about eight miles southwest of LODWICK SR.'s house. At that same Court LODIWICK ALFORD ESQ. and Michael Rogers Esq. became Securities for a bond.

February, 1778. Because of Ben Franklin's efforts, France signs two treaties with the United States and prepares to enter the war...

The State Records of North Carolina, Volume XII provides a lot of eye-opening information about how active LODWICK JR. had become during the

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Juliette Cox Spratling

Juliette Cox Spratling: Daughter of Juliet Warren Alford and Granddaughter of Hon. Julius C. Alford, "The Old War Horse of Troup"

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Introduction

In June of 1989, while attending the Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, I decided to try out my newly acquired genealogical skills by searching for the "forgotten" parents of my great-great-grandmother, Juliette Cox Spratling. I already knew that her maiden name was Cox and that she was originally from LaGrange, Georgia. From conversations with my grandmother, Sarah Whitaker Spratling, I had learned that many years ago (perhaps in the 1920's) my grandparents visited an elderly Cox lady in LaGrange who was related to my grandfather, Benjamin Barnett Spratling, Sr. On that visit my grandparents were taken to a cemetery located in town near U.S. Highway 29 where they were shown the graves of some of my grandfather's Cox relatives.

My research in the Special Collections Department of the Samford University Library led me to a book by Forrest Clark Johnson, III entitled *Genealogical and Historical Register of Troup County, Georgia*, Vol. III of *Histories of LaGrange and Troup County, Georgia*. When I turned in the book to the Cox family section of the genealogical register, I immediately noticed the name "Juliet" and started to think I might have found my ancestor. However, a closer reading revealed that the maiden name of the Juliet Cox in the book was Alford, not Cox, and that she was too old to be the Juliette Cox who married my great-great-grandfather, Lindsey Colbert Spratling¹ (although I later discovered that the Juliet Alford Cox listed in the genealogical register was the mother of my Juliette Cox Spratling).

The purpose of this article is to document the results of research regarding the ancestry of Juliette Cox Spratling and thereby to prove that her parents were Judge Albert Ewing Cox and Juliet Warren Alford, daughter of Hon. Julius Caesar Alford. Perhaps if I have done my work well, readers of later editions of Mr. Johnson's book will find Juliette Cox Spratling listed therein with her parents.

Results of Research

The following is a summary of the genealogical information regarding Juliette Cox Spratling which was obtained in the course of my research:

1. Marriage records of Chambers County, Alabama show that "Juliette Cox" married Lindsey Colbert Spratling March 2, 1865 (shortly before the end of the War Between the States) at the residence of Mrs. R. M. Avary.² The wedding was also recorded in the diary of Joseph H. Harris, a resident of Oak Bowery in Chambers County, who wrote on March 2, 1865:

Attended the marriage this evening of Lindsay Spratling & Juliette Cox. They were married at Mrs. Avarys. Miss Cox parents bitterly opposed to the match. Mrs. Barnett, Spratling's mother, gave them a nice supper, attended it, had a nice time.³

2. Family records reflect that Juliette Cox Spratling's father was a "Judge Cox."⁴ Albert Ewing Cox served as a Judge of the Inferior Court of Troup County, Georgia (Troup County adjoins Chambers County, Alabama) in 1845 and 46.⁵ Two of Albert Ewing Cox's daughters, Mrs. Margaret Cox Tuggle and Mrs. Mary Louise Cox Wright, listed their father as "Judge Albert Ewing Cox" in lineage records they filed with the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.⁶

3. Census records indicate that Judge Albert Ewing Cox and Juliet Warren Alford of Troup County, Georgia, had a daughter, Juliette Cox, who was the same age as the Juliette Cox that married Lindsey Colbert Spratling in Chambers County, Alabama. According to the 1850 Census, "Juiett Cox," a 3-year-old girl, was a member of the family of "Albert E. Cox" and "Juiett W. Cox" of Troup County.⁷ Ten years later, the 1860 Census reflected that a 13-year-old girl, "J.W. Cox," was part of the family of "A.E. Cox" and "J.W. Cox" of Troup County.⁸ Then in 1870 (five years after Juliette Cox married Lindsey Colbert Spratling) "Juiett Spratlin," age 23, was listed in the Troup County, Georgia Census as the only other adult in the household of "L.C. Spratlin," age 25.⁹ In the 1880 Census (the first Census in which actual family relationships were recorded), "Juliette Spratling," age 33, was listed as the wife of "Lindsey C. Spratling," age 35 of Oak Bowery in Chambers County, Alabama.¹⁰

4. The 1870 Census reveals that five years after Juliette Cox and Lindsey Colbert Spratling married, they lived next

door to Albert Ewing Cox and Juliet Warren Alford in Troup County, Georgia—apparently on Albert Ewing Cox's property.¹¹

5. Census and family records show that names from Albert Ewing Cox's family were passed down in Juliette Cox Spratling's family. The first son of Juliette Cox Spratling and her husband, Lindsey Colbert Spratling, was Albert Johnson Spratling, apparently named "Albert" for Juliette's father, Albert Ewing Cox.¹² Another of their sons was Henry Heard Spratling, probably named "Heard" for the Heard family to which Albert Ewing Cox's family was related.¹³

6. Tombstones reflect that Juliette Cox Spratling's infant son, Julius Alford Spratling, was buried with the family of Albert Ewing Cox. Julius Alford Spratling's small grave is in the Cox plot at Hillview Cemetery in LaGrange, Georgia—only a few feet from the graves of Albert Ewing Cox and Juliet Warren Alford. His tombstone reads as follows:

JULIUS ALFORD
Son of
L. C. & JULIETTE
SPRATLING
Died Aug 21, 1870
Aged 4 mo's
& 12 days¹⁴

7. Julius Alford Spratling, infant son of Juliette Cox Spratling and her husband, Lindsey Colbert Spratling, was no doubt named for Juliette Warren Alford's father, Hon. Julius Caesar Alford, "The Old War Horse of Troup" who was a "States-rights Whig" Congressman in 1837 and a "Harrison Whig" Congressman from 1839 to 43.¹⁵

8. Family letters indicate that after Juliette Cox Spratling's death in 1881, her daughter, also named "Juliette Spratling," lived with Mrs. Margaret Cox Tuggle (one of the daughters of Albert Ewing Cox and Juliet Warren Alford Cox) in LaGrange, Georgia.¹⁶

9. Letters from Margaret Cox Tuggle's granddaughter, Elizabeth Bethea, confirm that Juliette Cox Spratling was the sister of Margaret Cox Tuggle and the daughter of Albert Ewing Cox and Juliet Warren Alford. In a letter to Miriam Ann Kirkwood Syler dated March 5, 1977, Mrs. Bethea wrote:

I wanted to get information for my cousin Frances Boyd Taylor of New Bern, N.C. Our grandmothers were sisters, hers Juliet Cox who married a Spratling, mine Margaret Cox who married W.O. Tuggle of LaGrange.¹⁷

In another letter to Mrs. Syler dated May 16, 1977, Mrs.

Bethea stated:

My grandmother, Margaret Cox Tuggle . . . was the daughter of Albert E. Cox and Juliette Warren Alford. Frances Taylor's grandmother [Juliette Cox Spratling] was a daughter also and probably was named for her mother, Juliet or Juliette Warren Alford Cox.¹⁸

Evaluation of Genealogical Data

In this article we have identified nine genealogical facts (summarized in the nine numbered paragraphs above) which indicate that Juliette Cox Spratling was the daughter of Albert Ewing Cox and Juliet Warren Alford. By using a method of evaluating genealogical data suggested by The Alford American Family Association (which we shall call the "Alford Evaluation Method"), we can determine if we have "proved" the relationship indicated.¹⁹

Under the Alford Evaluation Method we must first grade the sources for our nine genealogical facts from "A" to "F." In order to receive an "A" (the highest grade), a source must be one of the following: "An original document or its reproduction ranging from government records and newspaper accounts to Bible records, family correspondence and tombstone inscriptions."²⁰

Except for the facts referred to in paragraphs 2, 8 and 9 above, our genealogical facts were clearly obtained from class "A" documents and records. Although arguably the principal sources used for paragraphs 2, 8 and 9 could qualify as class "A" documents, we shall assign them a grade of "B."

Next we must also grade the relationships indicated by our records. In order to receive an "A," a relationship must be: "Proved Beyond a Doubt. Requires Class A or B records stating the exact relationship. All sources must be in agreement."²¹

A critical analysis of our nine genealogical facts shows that the first eight (referred to in paragraphs 1 through 8) do not actually state that Juliette Cox Spratling was the daughter of Albert Ewing Cox and Juliet Warren Alford. For example, the census records cited in paragraph 3 create a strong presumption, but they fall short of "stating the exact relationship" since actual family relationships were not recorded in censuses until the 1880 Census. Our first eight genealogical facts therefore constitute class "B" proof which is: "Accepted as Correct. Requires Class A, B or C records indicating that the relationship probably existed . . . All sources must be substantially in agreement."²²

Class "A" proof of Juliette Cox Spratling's ancestry is found

in paragraph 9 where class "B" records state the "exact relationship," i.e. Juliette Cox Spratling was the daughter of Albert Ewing Cox and Juliet Warren Alford.

Conclusion

Despite some long hours and more than a few dead ends, the search for the "forgotten" parents of Juliette Cox Spratling turned out to be interesting and enjoyable. The unexpected bonus of discovering an ancestor as appealing as her grandfather, Hon. Julius Caesar Alford, "The Old War Horse of Troup," made it all the more rewarding.

Footnotes

¹Lindsey Colbert Spratling, born October 15, 1843, and Juliette Cox Spratling, born February 12, 1847, had a son, Benjamin Barnett Spratling (whose death certificate reflects that his mother, "Juliet Cox," was born in "LaGrange, Ga."). This son, born July 29, 1874, in turn had a son also named "Benjamin Barnett Spratling," born December 21, 1902, who became Benjamin Barnett Spratling, "Sr." after his father's untimely death in a hotel fire on February 1, 1918. Benjamin Barnett Spratling, Sr. (actually the son of the first Benjamin Barnett Spratling) was the father of Benjamin Barnett Spratling, Jr., born August 30, 1923, who is the father of the author.

²Chambers Co., AL, Mar. Lic., Vol. 5, No. 808-2. Mrs. R.M. Avary, who hosted the wedding, was Rachael Militia Ware Avary (daughter of Philip Ware and wife of Elias Holcomb Avary). She was the mother of Mary Ann Avary Spratling, wife of the groom's older brother, Col. William P. Spratling. Spratling Family Papers, in possession of Miriam Ann Kirkwood Syler (Mrs. P.H.), West Point, GA.

³Joseph H. Harris, *Oak Bowery Journal, Civil War Diary, 1860-1865*, p. 202, copy in Cobb Memorial Archives, Valley, AL. The reason for the opposition of the bride's parents to the marriage is unknown. Considering the date of the wedding, only a month prior to General Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox, one reason could have been a possible disagreement over the wisdom of the South continuing to fight the War. Also, it is possible that the bride's parents did not think the groom's financial prospects were bright. However, for this to have been the case it would seem that the groom's prospects would have had to appear to be quite different from those of his older brother, Col. William P. Spratling, who was considered to be a relatively wealthy plantation owner. Col. Spratling's grandson, William Spratling, a famous writer, architect and silversmith, in his autobiography wrote, "[B]efore the war, there were some six hundred slaves" on "Grandpa's plantation . . . at Oakbowery." William Spratling, *File on Spratling* (Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1967), pp 3-4.

Mrs. Barnett (Lindsey Colbert Spratling's mother) was

Emily Elizabeth Colbert, who married first Johnson Spratling (Lindsey Colbert Spratling's father) on December 10, 1828. Johnson Spratling (a son of James Spratling (Jr.) and grandson of James Spratling, a Revolutionary War soldier) died June 2, 1849, and on October 6, 1850, Emily Elizabeth married her second husband, William H. Barnett. Spratling Family Bible (Philadelphia: C. Alexander and Co., 1834), in possession of Miriam Ann Kirkwood Syler. Emily Elizabeth Colbert and both of her husbands, Johnson Spratling and William H. Barnett, are buried in the Spratling family cemetery near Oak Bowery, Alabama. Margaret Parker Milford and Eleanor Davis Scott, ed., *A Survey of Cemeteries in Chambers County, Alabama* (Huguley, AL: Genealogical Roving Press, 1983) p. 258.

⁴In 1977, seventy-nine year old Edward Park Langley, a great-grandson of Johnson Spratling and Emily Elizabeth Colbert, compiled family group records on his grandfather, Henry Johnson Spratling, and the other children of Johnson Spratling (including Lindsey Colbert Spratling and his wife, Juliette Cox Spratling) in which he listed the father of Juliette Cox Spratling as "Judge Cox." Edward Park Langley, Spratling Family Group Records, copy in possession of Ruth Spratling Denard (Mrs. B.K.), Cochran, Georgia.

⁵Clifford Lewis Smith, *History of Troup County* (Atlanta: Foote and Davies Co., 1935), p. 44. The Inferior Court was probably more important to Antebellum LaGrange and Troup County than any other governmental body. Its functions were not just judicial in nature. In fact, "[t]he court dominated all three branches of local government." Forrest Clark Johnson, III, *A History of LaGrange, Georgia 1828-1900*, Vol. I of *Histories of LaGrange and Troup County, Georgia* (LaGrange: Family Tree, 1987), p.43. For several years "[t]he Inferior Court provided LaGrange's people with all government services." Ibid. p. 44.

⁶*Lineage Books of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution* (Harrisburg, PA: Harrisburg Publishing Co., 1898), Vol 6, p. 216; Ibid. (1902), Vol 14, p. 94 (emphasis added).

⁷U.S., Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Seventh Census of the United States, 1850: Population*, Troup County, Georgia, p. 114. Actual relationships of members of a household were not recorded in the 1850 Census or other censuses until the 1880 Census. In addition to "Juiett," the Cox children listed in the household in 1850 were "Margarett A." (age 8), "Eliza I." (age 5) and "Albert" (age 1).

⁸*Eighth Census of the United States, 1860: Population*, Troup County, Georgia, p. 324. "M.A." (female, age 18), "E.I." (female, age 15), "Albert" (age 11), "Mary" (age 6), "G.E." (female, age 3) and "Fannie" (age 2) were also listed as living in the Cox household in 1860.

⁹*Ninth Census of the United States, 1870: Population*, Troup County, Georgia, p. 438 [hereinafter *1870 Troup County Census*]. Children in the Spratling household were

"Albert J." (4 years old), "Juliett" (2 years old) and "Julius A." (less than a year old).

¹⁰*Tenth Census of the United States, 1880: Population, Chambers County, Alabama, E.D. 24, p. 30 [hereinafter 1880 Troup County Census].* Four sons and a daughter of "Lindsey C." and "Juliette Spratling" were listed in the 1880 Census as "Albert J." (age 12), "Juliette" (age 11), "Ben B." (age 9), "Lindsey C." (age 6) and "George P." (age 2).

¹¹*1870 Troup County Census, p. 438.* Although Juliette Cox Spratling's parents had originally objected to her marriage, five years afterwards they seem to have accepted it rather well, as evidenced by the fact that the young couple was living next door to them. Perhaps the trials of living through the difficult days of Reconstruction brought the family closer together.

¹²*1870 Troup County Census, p. 438; 1880 Chambers County Census, E.D. 24, p. 30; Spratling Family Papers.*

¹³Henry Heard Spratling, born May 7, 1881, and his mother Juliette Cox Spratling were never listed together in a census since she died the same year he was born. Spratling Family Group Records; Spratling Family Papers. Albert Ewing Cox was the great-grandson of Ann Heard and Peter Gillum (or Gilham). *Lineage Books of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Vol. 6, p. 216.* Ann Heard's parents were Steven Heard (son of John Heard) and Mary Faulkner of Virginia. *Ibid; A. Evans Wynn, Southern Lineages: Records of Thirteen Families (Atlanta: Walter W. Brown Publishing Co., 1940), pp 130-32.* Albert Ewing Cox's two half-sisters, Mary Cade Alford and Margaret Erasmus Alford (who were also Juliet Warren Alford Cox's first cousins) married two brothers, Rev. Peter Abran Heard and Dr. Thomas Henry Heard, who were great-grandsons of the same Steven Heard and Mary Faulkner who were Albert Ewing Cox's great-great-grandparents. Forrest Clark Johnson, III, *Genealogical and Historical Register, Vol. III of Histories of LaGrange and Troup County, Georgia (LaGrange: Family Tree, 1987), p. 327 [hereinafter Genealogical Register];* Forrest Clark Johnson, III, Letter to Benjamin Barnett Spratling III, George D. Allen and James P. Alford, LaGrange: October 13, 1989, in possession of Mr. Spratling. Steven Heard (the great-great-grandfather of Albert Ewing Cox) was the uncle of the Steven Heard who served as Governor of Georgia in 1781. *Southern Lineages: Records of Thirteen Families, pp. 129-32; Thomas McAduy Owen, History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography (Chicago: The S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1921) Vol III, p. 780 [hereinafter History of Alabama].*

¹⁴Cox Family Tombstone Inscriptions, Hillview Cemetery, LaGrange, Georgia, transcribed and photographed by Benjamin Barnett Spratling III, August 19, 1989. Albert Ewing Cox and Juliet Warren Alford Cox are buried side by side and share a tombstone which reads, in part, as follows: "ALBERT EWING COX / FEB. 22, 1819 / JULY 21, 1896 / SON OF DR. ZACHRY / COX OF VIRGINIA / AND

MARGARET / MORROW OF GEORGIA / BELOVED-REVERED"; and "Sacred to the memory of / JULIET WARREN COX / Eldest daughter of / HON. JULIUS C. & / ELIZA COOK ALFORD / Born in Covington Ga / Jan 16, 1824 / Died near Lagrange Ga / Aug 29, 1879."

Cox Family Tombstone Inscriptions, Hillview Cemetery, LaGrange, GA. Albert Ewing Cox and Juliet Warren Alford were married November 26, 1840. *Genealogical Register, p. 132.*

¹⁵William T. Northern, ed., *Men of Mark in Georgia (Atlanta: A.B. Caldwell, 1910) Vol. II, p.48; History of Alabama Vol. III, p. 21.*

¹⁶Martha Elizabeth Todd Spratling (Mrs. Hugh), Letter to Miriam Ann Kirkwood Syler, Hogansville, GA: August 29, 1977, in possession of Mrs Syler. "Juliett [Spratling] lived with the Tuggles in LaGrange and graduated from LaGrange College." *Ibid; See footnote 6.*

¹⁷Elizabeth Bethea, Letter to Miriam Ann Kirkwood Syler, Atlanta: March 5, 1977, in possession of Mrs. Syler. Mrs. Bethea explained in another letter that she was writing on behalf of her cousin Frances Boyd Taylor because Mrs. Taylor had arthritis and "writes very little." Elizabeth Bethea, Letter to Miriam Ann Kirkwood Syler, Atlanta: May 8, 1978, in possession of Mrs. Syler. Mrs. Syler is a great-granddaughter of Col. William P. Spratling (Lindsey Colbert Spratling's brother).

¹⁸Elizabeth Bethea, Letter to Mirian Ann Kirkwood Syler, Atlanta: May 16, 1977, in possession of Mrs. Syler. Mrs. Bethea also wrote Mrs. Syler a letter in which she stated:

As you already know Juliet Cox married Linsey Colbert Spratling. They had seven sons and one daughter. This daughter, Juliet, married Dr. Hugh Boyd—Frances Boyd Taylor is their daughter . . . The sons of Juliet Cox and Linsey Spratling were Albert, Ben, Palmer and Heard. I do not know the names of the other three.

Elizabeth Bethea, Letter to Mirian Ann Kirkwood Syler, Atlanta: May 8, 1978. The other three sons of Lindsey Colbert and Juliette Cox Spratling were Julius Alford (died when 4 months old), Lindsey Colbert (Jr.) and William (died when 9 months old). *1870 Troup County Census, p. 438; 1880 Chambers County Census, E.D. 24, p. 30; Spratling Family Group Records.* Dr. Hugh Boyd, husband of Juliette Spratling (only daughter of Lindsey Colbert and Juliette Cox Spratling), was Hugh Buchanan Boyd of LaGrange. Spratling Family Group Records. He was apparently the son of Andrew J. Boyd and Mary F. Ashford of LaGrange. *Genealogical Register, p. 169.*

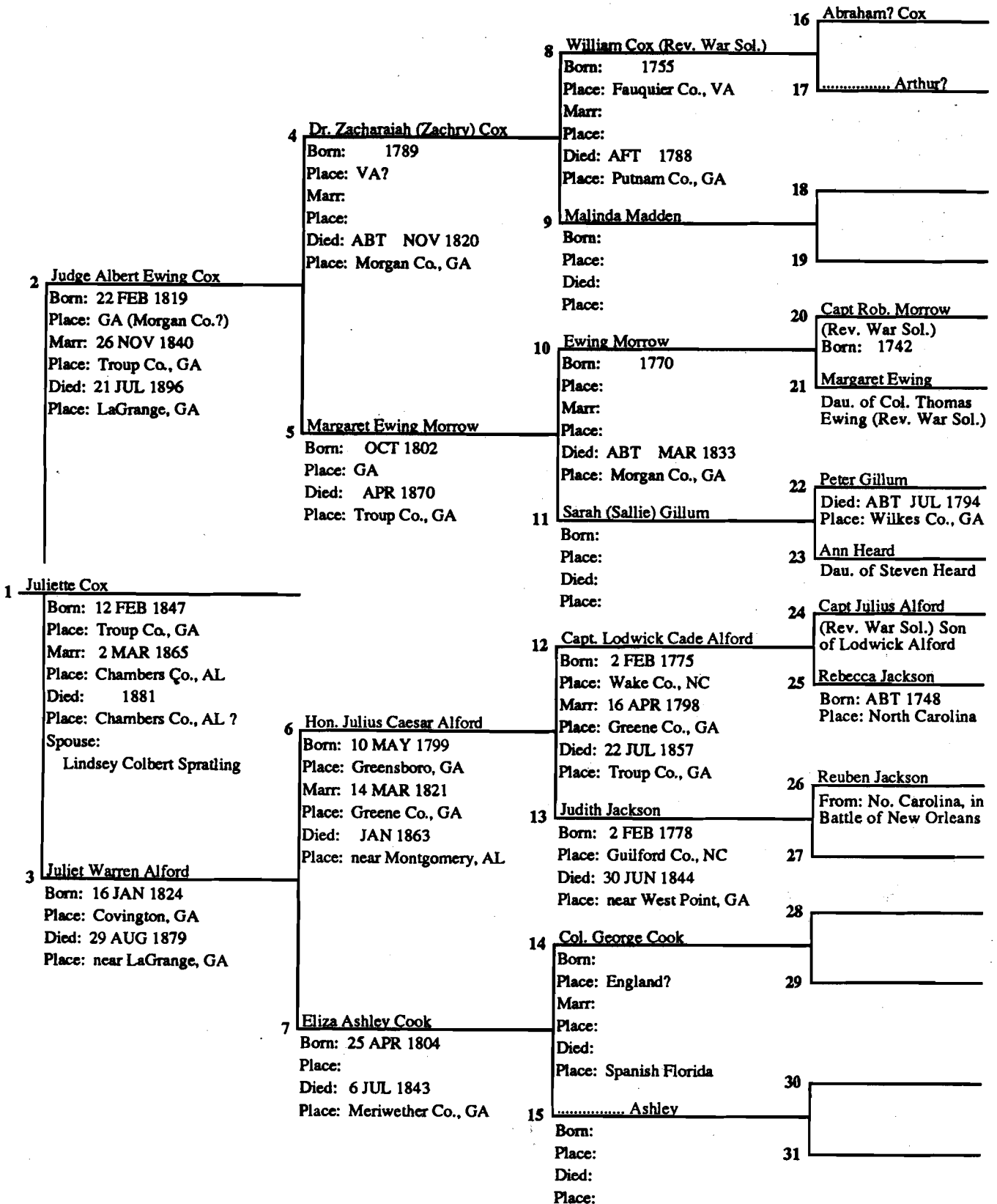
¹⁹James P. Alford, "Organization: Just What You Need," *AAFA ACTION, Vol. II, No.1 (1989), pp. 26-27.*

²⁰*Ibid., p. 26.*

²¹*Ibid., p. 27.*

²²*Ibid., p. 27.*

Ancestor Chart for Juliette Cox Spratling



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