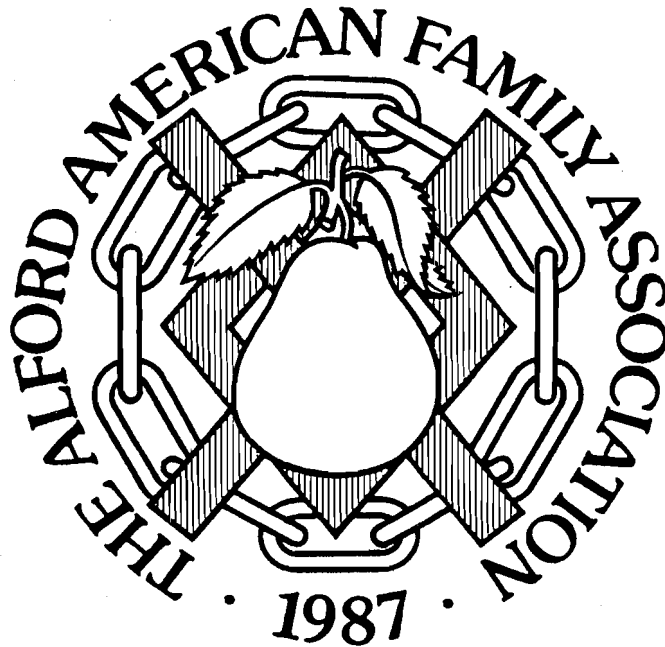


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President's Precept

THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING!

Welcome aboard, new members! You just have time to make your plans, pack your bags, and head for Raleigh, North Carolina. The countdown continues to the Third Annual Meeting of our Alford American Family Association to commence on Friday, 12 October 1990 in the capital city of the "Old North State." The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn North, and an interesting agenda is planned. Be sure to arrive in time for the reception at 6:00 P.M. on Friday because that will be a sort of "break the ice," get acquainted, and "attitude adjustment" session.

And now I want to write a few words of praise and appreciation for those of you who are hard at work researching Alfords and making your knowledge available to all members. To all of you, BRAVO! WELL DONE! All you old Navy hands will recognize that as the highest acclaim. Let me urge all members to find out who is doing the research and add our own words of recognition and encouragement. And I want to say a special word of thanks to Gil Alford for his superb Spring & Summer Issue (Nos. 31 & 32) of *ABOUT ALFORDS*. In this issue he covered Northern branches of Alfords, some of whom did indeed move south. This has needed to be done for a long time and he has done it very well. Many thanks, Gil. If you're one of the few AAFA members who doesn't also subscribe to *ABOUT ALFORDS*, you're missing a terrific source of Alford information.

Before I run out of superlatives, I want to express our thanks and appreciation to our Publications Editor, Pamela Alford Thompson, for our consistently outstanding quarterly, *AAFA ACTION*, which she has been turning out. Issue after issue, the standard of excellence continues uniformly high, and I am quite confident it is the finest family newsletter in the country. Non-members have told me so. And the last issue for June 1990 was especially good. And I am not just saying this because my close kin seemed to get the lion's share of space in the June issue. Folks, I want you to know I did not exercise any editorial control over the content. [Editor's comment: Thanks for the compliments—by the way, the "lion's share" is available to anyone who sends me material!]

Finally, let me make a special appeal to our new members and old members—ANSWER YOUR MAIL! If any of us write you and for any reason you are unable to reply in a reasonable time, please send a simple postcard acknowledgement indicating when a reply might be expected. It is a simple courtesy. I know I'm guilty of this discourtesy sometimes, for which I apologize. Don't do as I do, do as I say! I am the senior Alford in the Navy now, and rank hath its privileges. With keen anticipation, I am looking forward to seeing you in Raleigh.

Lodwick H. Alford
President, AAFA

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Treasurer's Report

	1988 Actual	1989 Actual	1990 Budget	1990 Actual To Date (8-15-90)
REVENUE				
REG FEE (INITIAL)	\$700.00	\$1580.00	\$600.00	\$304.00
DUES - Initial & Renewal	880.00	2013.00	3220.00	2115.00
DONATIONS - General	682.57	1348.00	1530.00	1078.00
RESALE - of Items Purchased			900.00	3.00
BUDGETED REVENUE	\$2262.57	\$4941.00	\$6250.00	\$3500.00
CARRYOVER FROM PREVIOUS YEAR				
	\$1381.88	\$1394.26		\$1484.11
REG FEE - Meeting		357.00		1125.00
DONATIONS - Meeting		1324.00		
DONATIONS - Computer Fund		235.00		\$50.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$3644.45	\$8251.26	\$6250.00	\$6159.11
EXPENSES				
POSTAGE & PO BOX	\$ 653.97	\$1849.73	\$2000.00	\$1158.95
STATIONERY	817.01	285.00	150.00	105.97
PRINTING	337.84	2030.15	3200.00	2142.23
RESEARCH		190.11	250.00	88.95
FAMILY EMBLEM	200.00			
MISCELLANEOUS	241.37	366.12	200.00	168.49
ADVERTISING		136.38	100.00	
SUPPLIES		301.28	200.00	156.18
NON EXPENDABLE ITEMS		108.44	150.00	15.00
PURCHASES FOR RESALE				331.00
BUDGETED EXP'S	\$2250.19	\$5267.21	\$6250.00	\$4166.77
MEETING & RECEPTION		1499.94		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2250.19	\$6767.15	\$6250.00	\$4166.77
NET WORTH	\$1394.26	\$1484.11		*\$1992.34

A few minor adjustments have been made to the 1989 figures but there is not substantial change to the bottom line. The 1990 budget has been adjusted to reflect activity to date and is projected for the balance of the year at the same rate.

A new revenue and expense item has been added to cover pins and crochet items purchased and available for sale—see article in this issue.

Thanks to everyone who sent in donations last quarter—about \$750!

*Do not be misled by the comfortable looking net worth as of this report. The \$1992 includes \$1125 designated for the meeting in Raleigh and is not available for general expenses. Thus far this year expenses have exceeded general revenue.

1990 Meeting in Raleigh—Don't Miss It!

If you have not registered for the annual meeting and national Alford family reunion in Raleigh, NC, October 12-14, you should do so immediately! So far 41 primary members and 22 of their spouses have registered from about 15 different states. These members are listed at the end of this article. Most of the planning for the meeting is being done specifically for those who have registered. It is not absolutely necessary to register in advance (although it will cost more to register on site in Raleigh), but the plans being made may not address your Alford interests if you don't pre-register. You can register by sending \$25 per person to AAFA. This fee pays the food expenses of the reception and breaks.

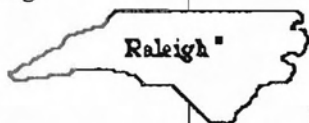
The meeting will begin with an informal (casual dress) reception at 6:00 P.M., Friday, October 12. There will be light refreshments and a cash bar. The business meeting will begin at 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning, and as quickly as business can be completed we will move into activities dealing with our Alford ancestors. This will continue through the afternoon. There will be coffee breaks in the morning and afternoon.

Saturday evening there will be a dinner, or mini-banquet, for those who wish to pay the extra cost of the meal—you'll have to eat someplace and this will not be extravagant.

Sunday morning there will be State-oriented work groups where those interested in Alford ancestors from one particular state or another can meet together to discuss their problems and look over AAFA information on the Alfords of those states. To the extent that State Representatives are able to attend, it is planned that they will "host" their respective tables. A coffee break is planned for Sunday morning.

Efforts are being made to arrange a tour of some Alford historic sites in Wake County, and possibly a tour of Franklin County. Those registered have been, or will be, contacted to determine their interest in the tours.

The Holiday Inn Raleigh North is providing us rates of \$44 single and \$49 double. Make reservations by calling 919-872-7666. This is the direct line to the hotel. It is best if you do not call the Holiday Inn central reservations system as they do not know about our arrangements. Please note a change of address for the hotel from 2815 North Boulevard to 2815 Capital Boulevard—the street name has been changed. After registering you will receive specific instructions on how to find the hotel. If you prefer not to stay at the Holiday Inn, you can find many other facilities available.



If you're flying, remember that Delta Air Lines, Inc. is giving AAFA members a discount. Make arrangements by calling 800-221-1212, ask for the Special Meetings Network and give them file number L33016. Do check with your travel agent as well—you may be able to get a better fare.

Here's the list of everyone who's going so far. [Editor's note: I'll be there too—but I'm one of the delinquent registrants!] We'll see you in Raleigh!!

ALICIA R. HOUSTON & DANIEL, PA
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 ELISABETH A. MCLANE, GA
 GEORGE G. MILLER, NM
 GEORGE MILLER, NM
 GILBERT K. ALFORD, JR. & MARY, MO
 H. HAROLD ALFORD & JO, FL
 J. M. (JACK) KINABREW, JR. & EILEEN, LA
 JAMES A. SHEARIN & JEAN, NC
 JAMES O. SORRELL, NC
 JEAN WILSON & CHUCK, NC
 JOAN A. MCNAIR, CA
 JOHN R. ALFORD, TX
 JOYCE ALFORD VORMAN & EDWARD J., MA
 JULIUS MOSBY ALFORD, MS
 KATYE ALFORD, NC
 LANDON ALFORD & PHYLLIS, TX
 LODWICK H. ALFORD, GA
 LONNIE R. ALFORD & MILDRED, NC
 LUCILLE MEHRKAM, TX
 LUCY SHULL STEVENS & BOB, MD
 MARIAN M. HOUK, VA
 MIKE E. ALFORD & EVA, VA
 PAT FITE, TX
 RAYMOND ALFORD, VA
 ROBERT B. ALFORD & MAXINE, TX
 STEVE ALFORD, JR & KATE, LA
 SUSAN HERRING, NC
 W. JOSEPH ALFORD, JR. & JEANNE, VA
 WALDO A. STONE & SUSAN HERRING, NC
 WESTON ADAMS, SC
 WILEY H. CROUSE & CAMILLE, NC
 WILLIAM A. MITCHNER & LENA, NC

Membership Growth

In the previous issue we began the practice of showing three graphs to give members some appreciation of what's happening with the membership. The format of the charts has changed slightly.

The AAFA Growth or Quarterly Membership Additions Chart has been revised to show the number of new members each quarter, and stacked on top of the new members is a much smaller bar that shows the number of members who have failed to renew in some quarters. Continued growth depends upon you and other members. Renew your membership! We need your support. And if you can, recruit a new AAFA member.

The chart showing AAFA Members by State continues to list all states with three or more members. There is some change since the previous report because members who failed to renew were not counted in this tabulation. Alabama moved from position 12 to 8 and Virginia eased ahead of Missouri. Oregon and Colorado dropped completely out of the tabulation. Get with other Alford and Alford descendants in your state and see about getting your state into the race. It is possible to overcome Texas, but it isn't going to be easy!

If you've had trouble translating the code used to identify the various branches of the family, the following will provide more identification. Notice that several of these Alford were sons or grandsons of James Alford, who was featured as the Ultimate Ancestor in this issue.

JUL717VA is Julius Alford, son of James, born 1717 in Virginia.

JUL747NC is Julius Alford, son of Lodwick, grandson of James, born about 1747 in North Carolina.

LOD740NC is one of the Lodwick Alford, probably Lodwick Jr. son of Lodwick and grandson of James.

JAC738VA is Jacob Alford, son of Lodwick and Susannah Alford, born 1738 in New Kent County, Virginia.

THO585EN is Thomas Alford born about 1585 in England. He was an ancestor of the brothers Benedict Alford and Alexander Alvord who came to Boston in the first half of the 17th century.

JAM713VA is James Alford born 1713 in Virginia, son of James Alford. This is not a proven connection and we may eventually connect this branch of the family to a different early ancestor.

JAM741NC is James Alford born 1740 or 1741 in North Carolina (maybe Virginia), the son of Lodwick Alford and grandson of James Alford.

JOH696MD is John Alford who may have been born 1696 in Maryland. Some think he was born in England. He died 1748 in Virginia.

Keep Your Membership Current!

Did you get a renewal notice with this issue of *AAFA ACTION*?

If you did, send in your renewal now, while you're thinking about it!

It helps AAFA keep its books straight if you do it on time and keeps our cash flow in the black.

ROB760EN is Robert Alford born 1760 in England. He and his son David settled in Alabama.

WIL734VA is William Alford born 1734 in Virginia. This is another iffy connection, and while some believe William was the son of Lodwick Alford, this has not been proven.

HAY780GA is Haywood Alford born about 1780 in Georgia.

ISH749NC is Isham Alford born about 1749 in North Carolina and supposed to be a son of one of the Lodwicks.

JOH800NC is one of several John Alford born about 1800 in North Carolina—family settled in Mississippi.

ARC780NC is Archibald (Baldy) Alford, born about 1780 in North Carolina—family settled in Alabama. [See article on him in this issue.]

HIN827NC is Hines Berry Alford of Franklin County, NC—born 1827. He is the first of those listed who remained near his place of birth for his complete lifetime.

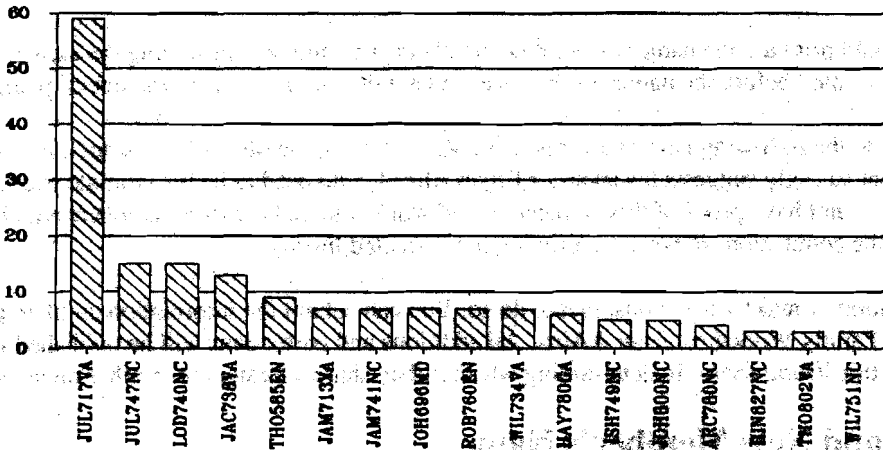
THO802VA is Thomas Alford, born 1802 in Virginia. His family settled in Oregon.

WIL751NC is William Alford of western North Carolina. He may have been born in Virginia and later moved to North Carolina.

Here's a great idea: Get your cousins signed up—then use the occasion of the annual meeting to stage a mini family reunion for your branch. At the meeting in Raleigh there will be brothers and sisters from Texas, Louisiana, Massachusetts and probably California. They also used the meeting in Houston as an occasion to get together.

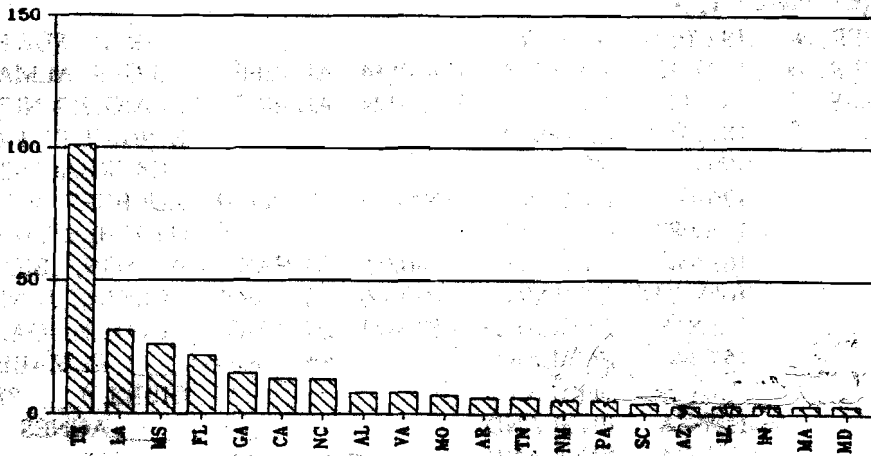
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Branches With 3 or More Members



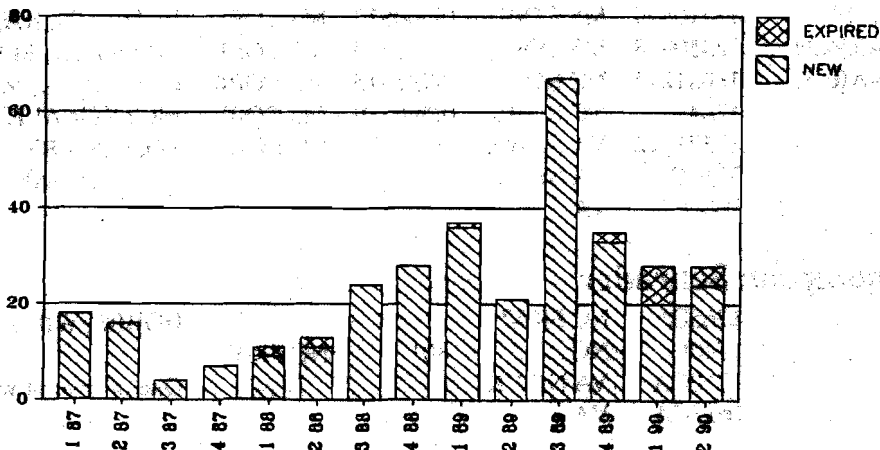
AAFA MEMBERS BY STATE

States With 3 or More



AAFA GROWTH

New Members - Expirations Per Quarter



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.

There is one exception to the following being new members. R. A. Alford, member # 119, is not a new member. A recent discovery was made that strongly suggests his ancestor Elijah Alford, who used to be his ultimate ancestor, was the son of George G. Alford. We do not have proof of this connection and would like to hear from members who have information that would prove or refute the connection, so we are reprinting his corrected lineage.

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 New Member's Name

PED. #	ALFORD ANCESTOR	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	DEATH DATE	DEATH PLACE	SPOUSE
# 119	Russell Alger Alford, Jr.					
1	RUSSELL ALGER, JR	19270524	AL JEFF			MARTIN, SUE FLOURNOY
2	RUSSELL ALGER, SR	18990128	VA PULA	19870514	AL JEFF	DILGER, ALMA RITA
4	WILLIAM JAMES	18581204	MI	19430424	AL JEFF	CRAIG, JENNIE ELIZ.
8	GEORGE M.	18410502	CN ONTA			KINNICUTT, FRANCES M
16	ELIJAH	1793	NY			NEKERBACHER, SARAH
32	GEORGE G.	17610310	CT WIND	18520415	MI MONR	HULBERT, BETSY M.
64	BENEDICT	17160829	CT HART			(1) ASHLEY, JERUSHA
128	BENEDICT	16880427	CT HART	17640215	CT HART	WILSON, ABIGAIL
256	JEREMIAH	16551224	CT HART	17090606	CT HART	HOSKINS, JANE
512	BENEDICT	1619CA	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			

307 Patrick E. Roper

3	MARIE LYNN	18950511	MS COPI	19870926	MS COPI	ROPER, CHARLES A. SR
6	WILLIAM BLAIR	18710829	MS COPI	19500512	MS COPI	BRITTAIN, KATE MAE
12	WILLIAM WARREN	18450928	MS COPI	19270813	MS COPI	TRAWEEK, MARY BLAIR
24	JULIUS CAESAR	18081215	NC ROBE	18991015	MS COPI	CAMMACK, MARY JANE
48	JAMES L.	1764	NC ROBE	18390219	MS COPI	MCTYER, ALICE KATRAIN
96	JACOB	17371212	VA NEWK	1794-826	NC ROBE	PACE, MARY
192	LODWICK	1710CA	VA NEWK			_____, SUSANNAH
384	JAMES	1687CA	VA			

308 Sandra Thompson Schrader

73	SUSANNAH	1765E	NC FRA?			HOBBS, WILLIAM
146	LODWICK	1740E	NC	1801	NC FRAN	
297	LODWICK	1710CA	VA NEWK			One of several wives
584	JAMES	1687CA	VA			

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PED. #	ALFORD ANCESTOR	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	DEATH DATE	DEATH PLACE	SPOUSE
# 309 Willard Lee Alford, Jr.						
1	WILLARD LEE	19340909	IL COOK			HOEY, GLORIA SERENA
2	WILLARD LEE	19040813	IN BENT			ROBERTS, EMMA WILSON
4	JOSEPH	18730210	KY CAMP	19460311	IN HUNT	HARRINGTON, ALTA M.
8	THOMAS ADKINS	18440226	IN HANC	19280118	KY CAMP	SHAW, MARY JANE
16	JOHN WILLIAM	18110124	ENGLAND	18900508	KY CAMP	COOPER, SARA
# 310 Sue Underwood						
9	SUSANNAH JANE	18360301	NC	18940117	MO WEBS	PITCHFORD, WESLEY D.
18	WILLIAM	18031010	NC	18671129	MO WRIG	_____, JANE
# 311 Dianna M. Alford						
1	DIANNA M.	19600813	FL			
2	DAVID R.	19370521	FL STLU			PETERSON, EVELYN L.
4	ROY L.	19000223	FL			FRERE, ROSALIE
8	BRYANT S.	18720118	FL BRAD			PREVATT, ILAR M.
19	WILLIAM R.	183409	GA	19061002	FL BAKE	(2) LOADHOLTZ, SARAH 38
38	HANSFORD	1812	SC	186	FL ????	(2) CROSBY, LEVICY
76	JOHN	1787CA	SC SPAR			
# 312 Dr. & Mrs. Geary S. Alford						
1	GEARY SIMONS	19450411				ALFORD, CATHERINE E.
2	PERCY KNAPP	19110625	MS PIKE	1972		(1) DODDS, MURRELL E.
4	GEORGE HOWARD	18750128	MS PIKE	19580406		SIMMONS, MAYME
8	JEPHTHA JOSEPH	18541208	MS PIKE	19131129	MS PIKE	FORTENBERRY, O. L.
16	IRA PAYNE	18220622	MS PIKE	19010915		(1) HOPE, ELIZABETH
32	EDWIN BARKSDALE	17921125	NC CUM?	18780310	MS PIKE	SMITH, MARTHA P.
64	JACOB	17610815	NC BUT?	18240718	LA WASH	(2) SEABORN, FRANCES 128
128	JULIUS	171709	VA NEWK	1771	NC BUTE	_____, LUCY
256	JAMES	1687CA	VA			
# 313 James Shearin						
5	LAURA GERTRUDE	18941209	NC WAKE	19790107	NC	SHEARIN, WALTER T.
10	SIMON	185805	NC WAKE	19350102	NC WAKE	ALLEN, GENORA
20	JAMES HIATT	182601	NC	1918 ??		SIMPSON, JOHANNA
40	GILBERT	1790	NC	1875 ??		BARHAM, SALLY
80	ISAAC	1758E	NC	1846>E	NC	ALFORD, MARY
81	MARY	1760E	NC	1840-46	NC	ALFORD, ISAAC
160	JULIUS	171709	VA NEWK	1761	NC BUTE	_____, LUCY
162	LODWICK	1710CA	VA	1800CA	NC FRAN	
320	JAMES	1687CA	VA			
324	JAMES	1687CA	VA			
# 314 James O. Sorrell						
7	JOHANNA PEARL	18890629	NC WAKE	19810729	NC WAKE	WATKINS, OTIS
14	SIMON	185805	NC WAKE	19350102	NC WAKE	ALLEN, GENORA
28	HIATT B.	182601	NC WAKE	1918 ??		SIMPSON, JOHANNA
56	GILBERT	Same as #313 for this and next 3 generations				

Membership # and New 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>
# 315 Dorothy E. Orgill						
31	THANKFUL	18100805	CT HART	18860114	IA LUCA	WHEELER, JACOB
62	JONAS	17750919	CT HART	18501209	OH MONR	CALDWELL, THANKFUL
124	PELATIAH	17390414	CT HART			BACON, ANNA
248	JOSIAH	16961227	CT HART	176812	CT HART	CASE, MARY
496	JOSIAH	16490709	CT HART	17220510	CT HART	WESTOVER, HANNAH
992	BENEDICT	1619CA	ENGLAND	16830423	CT HART	NEWTON, JOANE
# 316 Linda Jane Meek						
15	MARY	18650414	AR PIKE	19450607	AR GARL	RAY, QUINCY ALBERT
30	JOSEPH DAVID	18420506	AR PIKE	19100408	OK CHOC	(3) JOURDAN, ELIZABETH
60	DAVID WINSTON	1824	AL	1860-70		MCMENAS, MARY ANN
120	DAVID	1785CA	VA	1860<		ORRICK, POLLY
240	ROBERT	1760CA	ENGLAND			_____, SUSANNA
# 317 Philip Alford, Jr.						
1	PHILIP, JR.	19220524	TX BURL			_____, DOROTHY JEAN
2	PHILIP	18980817	TX BURL	19700403	TX	(1) STUBBS, DORA
4	HALCUT	18541127	TX BURL	19280627	TX BURL	SCOTT, MARY JANE
8	RICHARD E.	18181215	GA MOR?	18870126		(2) LEE, FRANCES ELIZ
16	HALCUT	17880505	GA GREE	18580313	MS MADI	_____, HARRIETT C.
32	JULIUS	1747CA	NC	18200825	GA GREE	JACKSON, REBECCA
64	LODWICK	1710CA	VA			Wife's name uncertain
128	JAMES	1687CA	VA			
# 318 Glenice Jo Alford Perdue						
1	GLENICE JO	19360704	TX			PERDUE, LEE ROY
2	JAMES JACKSON	1893	TX	19830207	TX	LONG, GERTRUDE
4	JOHN ALLEN	186005	AL	1895	TX	MURRAY, DORA
8	JACKSON	18300130	AL	1900-01	TX ROBN	PERRY, MARY JANE
16	ARCHIBALD ??	1780CA	NC	1860-70	AL CHE?	_____, ELIZABETH ??
# 319 Andrea Alford Fantacci						
1	ANDREA ELIZABETH	19501213	DC WASH			FANTACCI, CHARLES L.
2	LODWICK HOUSTON	19140427	GA WORT			KIRKLAND, MARY KATH.
4	WILLIAM LEORUS H.	18631023	NC WAKE	19310616	GA WORT	(2) OVERBY, LUCY M.
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			
# 320 Bob Alford Sterling						
3	JOHNNIE EVELYN	19330816	AL WINS			STERLING, BILLY T.
6	OWEN WARREN	19070402	AL WINS			MILLER, MARY JANE
17	JOHN WARREN	18840702	AL WINS	19550220		TIDWELL, AMY CLEO
24	ALEXANDER M.	18490301	GA TROU	19340323	AL	SHANK, FRANCES E.
48	SPIRE WARREN	1815CA	GA GREE	18540723	TX	COTTEN, CAROLINE M.

Membership # and New Member's Name

PED. #	ALFORD ANCESTOR	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	DEATH DATE	DEATH PLACE	SPOUSE
96	ZADDOCK	1787CA	GA GREE	18231215	GA MORG	SHERRILL, PERRENE
192	JULIUS	1747CA	NC	18200825	GA GREE	JACKSON, REBECCA
384	LODWICK	1710CA	VA			One of several wives
768	JAMES	1687CA	VA			

321 Owen Warren Alford

1	OWEN WARREN	19070402	AL WINS			MILLER, MARY JANE
2	JOHN WARREN	18840702	AL WINS	19550220		TIDWELL, AMY CLEO
4	ALEXANDER M.	18490301	GA TROU	19340323	AL	SHANK, FRANCES E.
8	SPIRE WARREN	1815CA	GA GREE	18540723	TX	COTTEN, CAROLINE M.
16	ZADDOCK	1787CA	GA GREE	18231215	GA MORG	SHERRILL, PERRENE
32	JULIUS	1747CA	NC	18200825	GA GREE	JACKSON, REBECCA
64	LODWICK	1710CA	VA			One of several wives
128	JAMES	1687CA	VA			

322 Howard H. Alford

1	HOWARD H.	19581125	MS PIKE			
2	HOLLIS HOWARD	19280403	MS PIKE			SMITH, KATIE RUTH
4	CLAUDE ANDING	18980106	MS PIKE			ALLEN, INEZ
8	JEPHTHA JOSEPH	18541208	MS PIKE	19131129	MS PIKE	FORTENBERRY, O. L.
16	IRA PAYNE	18220622	MS	19010915		HOPE, ELIZABETH
32	EDWIN BARKSDALE	17921125	NC CUM?	18780310	MS PIKE	SMITH, MARTHA P.
64	JACOB	17610815	NC BUT?	18240718	LA WASH	(2) SEABORN, FRANCES B.
128	JULIUS	171709	VA NEWK	1771	NC BUTE	_____, LUCY
256	JAMES	1687CA	VA			

323 Katye Duke Pridgen Alford

1	TROY DALLAS	19810108	NC			
2	PRIDGEN, KATYE DUKE					
4	HERBERT TROY	19170904	NC FRAN			CREECH, PAULINE F.
8	CALVIN RICHARD	186006	NC FRAN			CARTER, COLUMBIA E.
16	KISAR	1814CA	NC			UPCHURCH, MARTHA

324 Mildred Meyer Her lineage will be published as soon as it is received.**# 325 Ronald Head** Not an Alford descendant. For the work he has done to help many Alfords with their Alabama Alford ancestors, he was given an anonymous gift membership.**# 326 Willie Joe Alford**

1	WILLIE JOE	19330122	MS PIKE			PLUMMER, PEGGY Y.
2	DEWEY HOBSON	18981025	MS PIKE	19530123	MS LAUD	JOHNSTON, FLORANCE A
4	NEEDHAM JASPER	186009	MS			(2) COLLINS, LUCY
8	HENDERSON	1829CA	MS			SIBLEY, FRANCES
16	WILLIAM	1804CA	GA	1860-70	MS	GINN, EVELINE
32	JACOB	17610815	NC BUT?	18240718	LA WASH	(2) SEABORN, FRANCES B.
64	JULIUS	171709	VA NEWK	1771	NC BUTE	_____, LUCY

Obituaries

ROBERT R. HEARD

Written by Gil Alford

We were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Robert R. "Bob" Heard who passed away at 3:00 pm on 4 June 1990 while fishing with a friend in Cedar Hills Lake, Madison County, Mississippi. Bob was the husband of Ruby Alford Heard, AAFA Mississippi State Representative. Bob was more than just a name to a large number of the members. Many members have had the privilege of visiting with the Heards over the years and knew Bob personally. Although he did not actively research Alford's, he made it possible for Ruby to do extensive work in that area and supported her in all her genealogical endeavors.

Bob was born 22 July 1925, in Brookland, Arkansas, the son of Ezra Mack and Lena (Lawrence) Heard. He was the youngest child of the family with an older sister, Vaudine Heard Dickinson, who resides in Florissant, Missouri; and three brothers, Deward, Purvis, and David, who preceded him in death.

Bob enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the age of 17 during World War II. He was stationed in the Pacific and was wounded on Iwo Jima. After a period of rest and recuperation he was sent to the Volcano Islands until he was sent home and discharged in February 1946.

He and Ruby were married 20 April 1968 in Downey, California, the second marriage for both of them. Bob worked with Loomis Armored Car Service for many years and then went into the business of making plastics with a company in Denver, Colorado. He had a heart attack in Colorado and returned to California where he later had two more heart attacks.

They continued to reside in California until 1973 when they moved to Mississippi. His severe heart condition precluded all strenuous activity and he helped pass the time by fishing.

Bob loved to fish, and through fishing he made a lot of friends. He never met a stranger and went out of his way to help folks. Ruby has been managing apartment complexes for several years and all of the residents of the complexes thought he could do no wrong and dearly loved him.

Bob and Ruby had no children, but he had three children by his first marriage. They remained with their mother.

Ruby said, "Life is so precious and none of us really thinks we will be snatched from it so fast. Life must go on but my life will never be the same anymore. No one gives up a person as good and kind as he was to me, without pain and heartbreak. May God richly bless him and I pray we will meet again in the future. I loved him very much. He may be gone but his memory and the close years we shared will always be with me. He left a void in my life that will be there forever."

Bob was buried 6 June 1990 in New Hope Cemetery, near Carthage in Leake County, Mississippi.

Our concern now is for Ruby. She needs your attention—prayers, cards, letters, phone calls, visits, etc. Few people realize how much she has done in the way of Alford research. She has helped countless people from all over the country. She has traveled and spent many, many hours doing research for which she never asks a dime. She and Bob were planning to attend the annual meeting in Raleigh in October, but she is afraid she will have to cancel that now.

All of the following obituaries were typed by Member #128 Willie Alford. As much as possible and unless otherwise noted, they are typed exactly as they appear in the newspaper obituary. If you see Alford obits in your hometown newspaper, or if you run across any old ones in your research, please submit them to AAFA ACTION. Try to send the original or a xerox copy that includes the newspaper name, city, and date.

Submitted by Member #32 Lucille Mehrkam

CHARLES ALFORD LONG

No source

Charles Alford Long, 65, died January 19, 1989. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Born May 22, 1924 in Independence, Missouri. Preceded in death by parents, Carl E. and Lucille Parks Long. Resident of Jersey Village, retired Financial Manager of York International, Inc. and recently employed by Century A/C Supply Co. World War II Veteran, U.S. Navy Seabees. Avid sportsman while a student at Texas Tech University, he worked with the Lubbock Boys Club; former member, officer and coach of Lubbock Little League. A Westburg Little League Coach for 28 years; member of Southwest Football and Basketball Officials Association. Reserve Deputy Sheriff of Harris County for eight years under Sheriff Heard. Member of the American Rose Society, Houston Rose Society, Gulf Coast German Shorthair Pointers Club and Houston Association of Credit Managers.

Survivors are wife of 43 years, Jerry H. Long; sons, Randy, Brad and Charles Michael Long; daughter-in-law Annette R. Long; grandsons, Charles

Cody Long, Scott Long, Justin Long, Ryan Long, all of Houston, and a host of friends.

Family will receive friends from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Funeral services Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel of Settegast-Kopf with interment at Memorial Oaks Cemetery.

Submitted by members Irvin & Virginia Alford

BESSIE L. ALFORD

QUINCY HERALD
Quincy, IL—no date

Miss Bessie L. Alford, 81, of 604-1/2 S. 16th, died at 9:45 a.m. Thursday (June 4, 1981) in Good Samaritan Home, where she had been a resident the past 6 years.

She was born July 28, 1899, in East Peoria, a daughter of the Rev. George Edwin and Jennie Watson Alford. Mrs. [sic] Alford was a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, and received masters degrees in home economics from the University of Chicago and in library science from the University of Illinois. She taught school for 35 years in central Illinois. During World War II, Miss Alford was a dietician at DePaul University at Greencastle, Ind., and a teacher of home economics and dietitian at Taylor University in Upland, Ind. She also served for four years at the Quincy Public Library as catalog librarian.

She was a member of the Vermont Street United Methodist Church, Business and Professional Women's Club, Retired Teachers Association, Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority at Illinois Wesleyan, AARP, American and Illinois Associations for Senior Citizens, Good Samaritan Home Association and American Home Economics Association. She was a former member of the OES and AAUW and had been very active with the

Adams County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. LaVona Johnson of Quincy. She was preceded in death by a brother.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Hansen-Spear Funeral Home, conducted by the Rev. Floy Ekin. Burial will be in Quincy Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to Good Samaritan Home or to Vermont Street United Methodist Church.

Submitted by Douglas Alford of Ft. Worth, TX and Kenneth Alford of Arlington, TX

WILLIAM R. ALFORD

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
Fort Worth, TX—29 Dec 1989

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

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

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

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

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

Submitted by Member #60 Hazel Rea

DONALD STACY ALFORD

ST. JOSEPH NEWS-PRESS/GAZETTE
St. Joseph, MO—8 Feb 1990

Maryville, Mo.—Donald Stacy Alford, 84, Maryville, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1990, at a local hospital.

Mr. Alford was born in Cairo, Neb., and had graduated from Cairo, Neb. High School. He had resided in Maryville the past six years.

He was a retired farmer and carpenter. Mr. Alford was a member of the Methodist Church in Cairo.

Mr. Alford married the former Helga R. Pederson on July 1, 1950, in Hiawatha, Kan. She survives him of the home.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Gene Reed; three brothers; and a sister.

Surviving: a son, Donald of Barnard, Mo.; a stepdaughter, Alice Lance of Barnard; a grandchild; five stepgrandchildren; 12 stepgreat-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services: 2 p.m. Saturday, Price Funeral Home, Maryville. Burial, Barnard Cemetery, Barnard, Mo. Visitation 7 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Submitted by Member #154 Arlene Alford

HENRY CLAY ALFORD

No source
Probably Lakeland, FL—no date

Funeral services for Mr. Henry Clay Alford will be held at 10:30 A.M. Monday (Jan. 15, 1990) from the Lakeland Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Rick McCall, Pastor of the New Home Baptist Church in

Lakeland, assisted by Reverend James Sledge, officiating. Interment will follow in Lakeland Memorial Gardens. Friends may call 4: P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Sunday at the funeral home. Mr. Alford was also survived by Lee Harwood; Kimberly Uhing, both of Melbourne, Fla; Paige Alford and Brian Alford, both of Lakeland, Fla.; his grandchildren and Michael Harwood, Melbourne, Fla; and a great-grandson.

In a related article:
No source
Probably Lakeland, FL—no date

Lakeland—Mr. Henry Clay Alford of 4611 Swindell Road died Saturday (Jan. 13, 1990) at his home. He was 82.

Born in Twin City, Ga., on Aug. 20, 1907, he came to Lakeland from Lake City in 1972. he was a retired railroad road master after 47 years with Seaboard Air Line Railroad. He was a member of the New Home Baptist Church, Lakeland.

He is survived by his wife, Essie Mae Alford, Lakeland; daughter, Sandra Kay Harwood, Palm Bay; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Lakeland Funeral Home, Lakeland.

Submitted by Member #134 Katherine Black

A.R. "BUSTER" ALFORD

No source
Probably Houston, TX—no date

Mr. A. R. "Buster" Alford, 73, died Monday February 23, 1987, in a local hospital. Houston resident for the past 65 years. Member of the Baptist Faith. Retired from Hughes Tool Company with 45 years of service. Member of The American Quarter Horse Association for 30 years. Survivors: Wife, Mrs. Blanche E. Alford, Houston. Daughter, Mrs. Betty Kanka and husband Ken, Pasadena, Texas. Son, Billy Alford and wife Debbie, Deer Park, Texas.

Grandchildren, Glynn and wife Debra Alford, Brandi Alford, Cathy Pittman, Dawn Pittman, Clint Pittman, Cody Pittman, Koy Alford, Cory Talent, Casey Talent. Great-granddaughter, McKenzie Alford. Brothers-in-law, Thurman and Marie Lucas, Ernest and Climmie Lucas, all of Houston. Funeral services 3:00 p.m. Wednesday February 25, 1987, Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Chapel with Dr. Bruce Prescott officiating. Interment Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery. Pallbearers: Spike Clover, Walter Ryne, Lubie Redman, Don Hausey, Jim Mueller, Rick Ricketson. Honorary Pallbearers: Former Co-workers of Hughes Tool Company.

Submitted by Member #137 Ruby Heard

NOLAN RAY ALFORD

THE CLARION-LEDGER
Jackson, MS—3 Dec 1989

Nolan Ray Alford, Sr. 69, of 5063 Sharp Street, a retired auto mechanic, died of lung cancer Friday at the Hinds General Hospital.

Services are 10:00 a.m. Monday at Lakewood Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Lakewood South Cemetery.

Mr. Alford was a member of Lula Baptist Church.

Survivors include: wife, Joyce; son, Nolan Ray Alford, Jr. of Dumas; daughters, Eleanor Burgess, Brenda Clingen and Mable Garrett, all of Jackson; brothers, Hubert M. Alford and Carl Alford both of Jackson; sister, Evelyn Deadman of Brandon; and 11 grand-children and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

A related article from an unidentified Jackson, MS, newspaper, states:

"Services were held December 4 from Lakewood Memorial Funeral Home Chapel for Nolan Ray Alford, Sr. of 5063 Sharp St."

Typewritten copy submitted by Member #203 Patricia Alford

ELAINE M. (ALFORD) OWENS

RED BLUFF DAILY NEWS
Red Bluff, Ca.—Tuesday May 8, 1990

Elaine Melvina Alford Owens, 63, fifth generation native of Red Bluff, California, died Saturday in Red Bluff. Mrs. Owens was born August 24, 1926 at the Los Molinos Colony ranch home of her maternal grandparents John Henry and Magdelina (Heine) Dayton. Born to the pioneer families of Roy V. and Bernice F.(Dayton) Alford, California cattle ranchers, she received her early schooling in a one room schoolhouse in the Hunter district west of Red Bluff taught by her great aunt, Nellie Raymond.

After graduating from Red Bluff High School in 1944, she went on to graduate from Highland School of Nursing in Oakland, CA. Mrs. Owens was a member of the Tehama County Cowbells and an officer at the national, state and local levels. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter #20 of Red Bluff.

On June 30, 1947, Elaine married Tehama County rancher Jack Burton Owens in Red Bluff. Mrs. Owens was an active working partner in her family's cattle ranching operation.

Surviving her are sons John Owens, his wife Candace (Clough) and their children Nathan and Brian of Red Bluff; Kenneth Owens, his wife Sherré (Sufin) and their children Lacey Elaine and Roy of Corning; aunt Ethel Alford Peterson of Red Bluff. She was preceded in death by a son David Charles Owens in 1978, her husband Jack Owens in May 1988 and brother Jack V. Alford July 1989.

Grave side services were held at Oak Hill Cemetery in Red Bluff.

Submitted by Member #60 Hazel Rea

DAISY OPAL ALFORD

BUFFALO REFLEX
Buffalo, MO—29 Nov 1989

Funeral services for Daisy O. Alford were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24 in the Montgomery-Viets Chapel with the Rev. Jack Daniel officiating. Music was by the Viets Family who sang "Morning Has Broken." Jo Ann Viets also played "The Lord's Prayer" and "Ava Maria." Pallbearers were Bill Blankship, C. G. Davies, Kent Erwin, Jim Howser and Charlie Purkle. Interment was in Oak Lawn Cemetery under direction of the Montgomery-Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo.

Daisy Opal Alford was born Sept. 29, 1908 at Buffalo, the daughter of Louis and Nellie (Bradley) Howser. She died on Nov. 21, 1989 at Citizens Memorial Health Center in Bolivar at the age of 81 years, one month and 22 days.

On Sept. 11, 1935, she was united in marriage with John Alford and this union was blessed with one daughter.

Mrs. Alford lived in Eldon for 30 years where she and her companion owned and operated the Pontiac Agency. He died in 1964. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Eldon.

She is survived by her daughter, Kay and son-in-law, Marvin Summers of Potomac, Maryland; two grandsons, Michael and David; one brother, Vernon Howser of Buffalo; three sisters, Earlie Blankship and Elsie Erwin of Bolivar and Dorothy Vincent of Springfield.

[Note: Daisy's husband was John Alford, son of Melvin, grandson of, Matthew and great grandson of John M. Alford and Hannah (Holeman) Alford.]

Submitted by Member #60 Hazel Rea

NATHAN ALFORD

BUFFALO REFLEX
Buffalo, MO—3 Jan 1990

Funeral services for Nathan Alford were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 2, in the Cantlon Chapel with the Rev. Brian Credille officiating. Mrs. Sandy Hatfield sang "Amazing Grace" and "Precious Memories," accompanied by Mrs. Carla French, organist. Escorts were David Alford, Jim Alford, Dean Hicks, Deryl Bradley, Hal Chapman, Donnie Chapman and Robert Chapman. Interment was in the Garden of Memory Cemetery under the direction of the Cantlon Funeral Home.

Nathan Alford, son of the late Frank and Elizabeth (Maddux) Alford, was born Aug. 11, 1906 near Plad and died Saturday evening, Dec. 30, 1989 in the Maranatha Manor, Springfield. He was 83 years, four months and 11 days of age.

As a young man he taught school in rural schools for 10 years before becoming a rural mail carrier. He carried mail out of the Plad Post Office before transferring to the Tunas Post Office. He started carrying mail in 1935 and retired in 1973.

He was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Chapman on March 9, 1940, at Marshfield. They resided in the Pleasant Hill community on their farm their entire married life. He was a well known farmer and stockman.

He was a member of the masonic orders including the Royal Arch and Commandary of Bolivar, and the Scottish Rite of Joplin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Marvin Alford and a brother that died in infancy; and one sister Morine Alford.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia of the home; one brother, Parker Alford, Buffalo; and one sister, Grace Knight, Lee's Summit.

Submitted by a non-member!

WARREN GLEN ALFORD

THE NEWS AND COURIER
Charleston, SC—2 Apr 1990

Entered into eternal rest on the evening of March 31, 1990, Warren Glen Alford. Residence, Charleston Heights, S.C. The relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Glen Alford are invited to attend the funeral services of the former at Dorchester Waylyn Baptist Church, Monday, April 2, 1990 at 1:00 o'clock. Interment, Carolina Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at Stuhr's North Area Chapel this Sunday evening from 6:00 until 9:00 o'clock.

A related article adds the following information:

Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to the Dorchester Waylyn Baptist Church, 3914 Dorchester Road, Charleston Heights, S.C. 29406 or charity of one's choice.

Submitted by Member #137 Ruby Heard

RUTH ALFORD GLEASON

THE CLARION-LEDGER
Jackson, MS—21 Apr 1990

EDWARDS—Mrs. Ruth Alford Gleason, 92, a retired schoolteacher, died of a stroke Thursday at Vicksburg Medical Center.

Services are 4 p.m. today at Utica Christian Church with burial in the Utica Cemetery. Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home with burial in the Utica Cemetery. Visitation is after 2 p.m.

Mrs. Gleason, a Barrellton, Ky., native, was a longtime resident of

Jackson, Utica and Edwards. She was one of the oldest graduates of Millsaps College having graduated in 1918. She taught school in Bedford, Ind., D'Lo, Magee and Jackson. She retired in 1962 as English teacher from Utica High School.

Mrs. Gleason taught Sunday school for 79 years and was a member of Utica Christian Church. She was an associate member of Edwards United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: daughter, Dorothy Gleason Summers of Edwards; and one granddaughter, three nieces and six great-nephews.

Submitted by non-member Elmer Miller

LURENE MCDOUGAL ALFORD

THE ATLANTA JOURNAL AND CONSTITUTION
Atlanta, GA—23 Jan 1990

Mrs. Lurene McDougal Alford of Second Street, Bostwick, Ga. Funeral services Wednesday, 2 p.m., Gibbs Memorial Baptist Church with Rev. Billy Whittenburger, Rev. Norman Waldrip officiating. Interment Bostwick Cemetery. Survived by brother, Mr. Ev Walker McDougal, Stockbridge, Ga.; nephew, Mr. Raymond McDougal and family, Decatur, Ga.; family of Lamar P. McDougal, Gainesville, Ga.; family of Dan Nelson of Perry, Ga.; number of great nieces and nephews, step-daughter-in-law, Mrs. Katherine Baugh, Victoria, Tx.; two step-daughters, Mrs. Margaret Landers, Rochester, N.Y.; Mrs. Sarah Penick of Tx.; number of step-grandchildren, number of step-great-grandchildren. Simmons Funeral Home, Madison, Ga.

Submitted by Member #32 Lucille Mehrkam

THELMA ROSE "TAMI" ALFORD

THE HOUSTON POST
Houston, TX—13 Jan 1990

Thelma Rose (Tami) Alford, 83, died Thursday, January 11, 1990. Charter Member of Lazybrook Baptist Church.

Survivors are daughters and son-in-law Darlene and Jack Stich, Jacqueline Lineberger; sons and daughter-in-law, Kenneth Alford, Don and Margaret Alford, all of Houston; granddaughters Vicki Dunlap, Donna Hester and Susan Partain; great grandson, Mitchell Hester; great granddaughter, Meredith Hester; sisters, Edna Dodgen, Ruth Bergman, Erin Kesterson and Verna Moore; brothers, Robert and Ralph Ambler.

Services 3:00 p.m. Saturday, Lazybrook Baptist Church, 1822 West 18th St, Rev. J.K. Minton officiating. Interment Brookside Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be the Deacons of Lazybrook Baptist Church. Friends who wish may make donations to the Share the Victory Building Fund of Lazybrook Baptist Church.

Submitted by Member #137 Ruby Heard

RICHARD EARL ALFORD

THE CLARION-LEDGER
Jackson, MS—15 Apr 1990

CRYSTAL SPRINGS—Richard Earl Alford, 90, a retired rural carrier, died of pneumonia Saturday at Hardy Wilson Hospital in Hazelhurst.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Crystal Springs United Methodist

Church with burial in Poplar Springs Cemetery. Visitation is 4-6 p.m. today at Stringer Funeral Home.

Mr. Alford, born Aug. 3, 1899, five miles south of Crystal Springs, had lived in Crystal Springs since early adulthood. He was a member of Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, where for half a century he greeted the congregation at the door every Sunday, said his wife, Dorothy.

Originally a contractor, Mr. Alford spent most of his working years as a mail carrier. Along his mail route, which was more than 100 miles long, he was known as Uncle Earl to the children to whom he passed out gum.

"He was great with all little children, not just mine," said his daughter, Carol Moore of Baton Rouge, La.

The Covich County native was a master woodworker and ran a Jackson antique store called Alford's, a Master Craftsman. He built the first Federal Housing Authority house in Crystal Springs and had a shop in his back yard in which he created many items, including three-story doll houses built according to FHA standards with real windows and lighting. Other special pieces included two innovative cucumber graters for two agricultural experiment stations and an intricate systems piece for a bank in north Mississippi. He made household items such as bookshelves, cabinets and stereo cases.

"He did beautiful woodwork," Moore said.

He particularly enjoyed delighting his grandchildren, his wife said. He built a large playhouse for his granddaughter and a workable water mill for his grandson. He also later made fine furniture for the two.

"He was certainly a wonderful person when I was growing up, and my children felt the same way about him," Moore said.

In addition to his wife and daughter, he is survived by sisters, Mary M. Spencer and Martha Martin, both of Crystal Springs; and two grandchildren.

 Typewritten copy submitted by
 Member #51 Franceine Rees

BENNETT H. ALFORD

No source (newspaper clipping found in Bible)
 Probably Franklin County, NC—no date

Departed this life at half past eight o'clock on Thursday evening the 22d inst., at his residence near the Eastern extremity of Cedar Creek in the County of Franklin from dropsy of the Chest, Mr. Bennett H. Alford in the thirty-ninth year of his age. The deceased (together with many other relatives and a large circle of acquaintances and friends) left an affectionate wife and six interesting little children to bemoan their sad bereavement; he was an affectionate husband and an indulgent Father. He was born and raised in the County of Franklin, and highly esteemed by all who knew him, and regarded as being extremely industrious when in health, and a perfect moddle [sic] of an honest purpose in all of his dealings with his fellow men; he was for many years a strict member of the Baptist Church, and as we are informed had espired [sic] manifesting undoubted assurance of blissful immortality beyond the grave.

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Raleigh papers and New Orleans Creole*, will please copy
 (handwritten date—1857)

According to family recollections, Bennett's death occurred in a rare period of deep snow; it was impossible for his remains to be transported to the "family homeplace" so he was instead buried on the grounds of Mr. Harris, a friend and neighbor, under a cedar tree.

* Some of Bennett's relatives by marriage (Bell sister-in-law and family) were said to have been living in New Orleans or nearby at the time of his death.

The plantation is still intact, house and grounds, but the location of the tree is unknown. Grave was probably not marked.

[This typewritten copy of the obituary appears exactly as written above. It is not clear who wrote the notes after the obituary or who typed the copy.]

Franceine Rees provided the following information on the family of Bennett H. Alford, her ancestor:

Bennett Alford, age 33 in the 1850 census of Franklin County, NC, Timberlake's District, # 340. Several other Alford families living near by. Also in Bennett's household: Mary, age 24; Sarah, age 6; Rebecca, age 4; John, age 2 (Mary's sister, Rebecca Bell, married Simon Alford. They are shown in Dunn's District, with William, age 4 and Laura, age 3; nearby are Mary and Rebecca's parents, John and Sarah Bell, with four younger daughters.)

From FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS of Bennett and Mary Bell Alford—Bible title page dated 1844 (New Testament):

- Bennett H. Alford born 23 Feb 1818
- Mary Bell his wife born 4 Nov 1826
- Their children:
- Sarah Tabitha Alford born 25 Sept 1844 (remained unmarried)
- Rebecca Jane Alford born 26 Nov 1845 (married —? Moye)
- John R. Alford born 11 April 1849 [see obituary following]
- *Sidney Lawrence Alford born 16 March 1851
- Madison J. Alford born 3 June 1853 (remained unmarried)
- James O. (?) Alford born 21 March 1855 (no record as yet)

Bennett H. Alford Married Mary Bell 19 Dec 1843 (Much illegible scrawling in covers and record pages — can read these: R. J. Alford's Book presented By B. H. Alford her papa Henry Alford (name only)

Willis P. Alford (name only)
 Jeremiah (name only)

* This son was later known by a reverse of this name, Lawrence Sidney Alford (called Lawrence). He married Susan Parker Arrington of Nash and Franklin Counties and left several children, including my grandmother.

 Typewritten copy submitted by
 Member #51 Franceine Rees

JOHN R. ALFORD

[Son of Bennett and Mary Alford]

No source
 Franklin County, NC—circa 1927

Mr. John R. Alford, one of the most influential and beloved citizens of this community passed, to his great reward, at his home here on Tuesday March 1st. "Uncle John," as he was usually called by all the younger set of the community, was born April 11, 1849, being at the time of his death seventy-seven years, ten months and twenty days old. The greater part of his life was spent in this vicinity. He was married twice, the first time to Miss Louisa Alford and the second time to Miss Georgianna Bunn who survives him. To the first union there were born four children, two of whom survive him, these being Jerry L. and Julius E. Alford of this place. He is also survived by two little granddaughters who made their homes with him and to whom he was very much devoted they being the only children of a son who died several years ago. No children were born to the second union.

Mr. Alford was a member of the board of County Commissioners of this county for several years and for several years he served the county ably as a Justice of the Peace. He was also a cotton weigher in Louisburg for several years and always in all important places he held he gave general satisfaction. He was a member of the Masonic order and one could tell by his life he lived

that he adhered strictly to the true principles of Masonry. A good and worthy citizen has gone to his just reward. The widow, children and grand children have the sympathy of a host of friends. The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground near the Alford old home place, near here.

Submitted by Member #1 Alicia Roundy Houston

**EDNA (ALFORD)
HOSELTON**
[daughter of THO853OR]

No source
Included in typed letter to Alicia Houston from Hazel Owen, 16 Apr 1989

Edna Hoselton, 88, died March 2, 1983 at her home in Bend. She was b. Dec. 28, 1892 in Coburg to parents Thomas & Francis Alford.

Edna was m. Aug. 16, 1920 in Eugene to H. J. (Hal) Hoselton who survives her. In addition to her husband she is survived by a dau., Melba Fox of Bend; and 5 grandchildren, Bruce, David and Tim Fox all of Bend, Joanne Galloway of Texas and Donna Brockway of Los A. Ca. There are five gr-gr. children and 2 gr. gr. grand children; several nieces & nephews. 3 nieces living in the Coburg area are Lucille Pitkin, Ina Peoples and Alene Dornon.

Edna was preceded in death by a dau., Marilyn Fox who d. Feb. 20, 1982; 3 sisters, Lydia Gray, Etta Chandler, Clara Vogt; 2 brothers, Clarence Alford and Clayton Alford.

A graveside service was held Mon., Mar. 7 at Deschutes Memorial Gardens, Bend.

Typewritten copy submitted by Member #1 Alicia Roundy Houston

**CATHERINE K.
(BRINKER) ALFORD**
[wife of ALB833MO]

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE
Medford, OR—10 Oct 1925

Catherine K. Alford, mother of M.L. Alford, City Recorder of Medford and one of the early pioneers of Oregon and Jackson County, died at her home in Talent Friday, Oct 9 at 2:20 p.m. after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Alford crossed the plains by ox team in 1850, westward bound, with friends, her parents being dead, locating in Linn Co., OR. She was married to Albert Alford in 1854 & came to Jackson Co. in 1869, locating first on the Kahler Ranch near Tolo. In 1874 she moved to Talent where she has resided & where Mr. Alford died in Oct 1921. The deceased was born in MO on Dec 24, 1838 and was 86 yrs, 9 mos & 15 days old at her death. She was a devout member of the Baptist Church in which she was active until a few years ago when her health commenced to fail. She was a devoted wife & mother & friend to everyone. Her splendid deeds of kindness from pioneer days until her death will be remembered by many people in this county. The deceased was the mother of four children: R.A. Alford of Klamath Falls, M.L. Alford of Medford, Mrs. L.F. Willets of Klamath Falls and Mrs. C.W. Walthers of Talent, deceased. She leaves five grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren living. The three children who are living were present at the time of her death. Funeral services will be held at her late residence in Talent at 2 p.m. Sunday. Interment in Medford Cemetery. Conger Funeral Parlors in charge.

CONGRATULATIONS!

*Lodwick Houston Alford
and
Mary Katharine Kirkland
celebrated their
50th Wedding Anniversary
on
10 August 1990*

Staci Alford Update

AAFA Member #5 Truman Alford wrote the following update on his niece's activities since we first profiled her in AAFA ACTION, Vol. II, No. 3, December 1989. We all congratulate Staci and wish her many more successes during her sophomore year!

Staci had a truly magnificent year, both academically and scholastically, at Notre Dame University, and each member of our Association can take pride in the manner in which she has represented the Alford name. Although only a freshman, some of her accomplishments were: named the Female Athlete of the Year at Notre Dame; struck out more and walked fewer batters than any female pitcher in the entire Midwest; was the first woman ever to pitch a no-hit game for Notre Dame, started 22 games, completed every game, and was never relieved from any game; pitched and won the game which gave Notre Dame the Midwest championship.

My wife Margaret and I were at Notre Dame a couple of weeks ago and saw an article on the school bulletin board about her achievements for the year. We saw her pitch two games, and she was fantastic. Her grades have been mostly B's, which is not bad considering the many days she has missed classes while participating in athletics. As you know, she is there on an athletic scholarship.

**Welcome to
20
New Members
This Quarter!**

Archibald Alford and His Family

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Montgomery, AL

About the author:

Born 4 March 1949 Montgomery, AL, the son of Amos Folmar HEAD (b. 4 Mar. 1919 Coffee Co. AL) and Imogene CAMPBELL HEAD (b. 2 May 1923 Butler Co. AL).

Educated at The Montgomery Academy (secondary); Universite de Rennes a St. Malo (France); Harvard College; Auburn University (B.A.); Auburn University at Montgomery (M.Ed.); Universite de Quebec a Chicoutimi

Married 1 Feb 1969 to Erma Harwell COOK, daughter of the late Mary Helen WATTS and John Tyler COOK.

Children: Andrew Folmar HEAD (b. 1 Feb. 1978) and Mary Tyler HEAD b. 17 Feb. 1982

Religious affiliation: Active member of the First United Methodist Church of Montgomery.

Occupation: Classroom teacher of French and English at Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery, AL (just completed eighteenth year of teaching).

Avocation: Genealogy (need you ask?)

I suppose my interest in genealogy was stirred by the fact that three of my four grandparental families hold yearly family reunions, and as a child, I tried to keep up with how everyone was related to everyone else at those gatherings.

Also, one reunion is always held at the "home" church of the family, where the cemetery holds five or six generations of ancestors. It was an important part of the annual reunion to wander through the cemetery and point out where the various relatives were

buried, and to re-tell the old stories about the lives and times of those long passed.

I began even in high school trying to find out more about these interesting ancestors, and my fascination with the search has only grown in the years since. Now, I spend at least as much time and effort on other families as on my own lines. The ALFORD's, for example, are the ancestors of several of my friends and relatives, but I am not personally related to them at all (at least, not that I know of!).

My hobby has become more and more rewarding as my files of families in this area have become more extensive over the years. It is a frequent occurrence lately to run into someone who is researching a line on which I have gathered a lot of data. I can consequently offer information, as well as suggestions on how to proceed with research. For example, helping Dave Price identify the father of his ancestor, Artemus Salathiel ALFORD, was well worth all the time and effort it took to locate the proof we were seeking.

Finally, this hobby has given me the opportunity to meet (at least through correspondence, if not in person) a wide range of fellow "tree climbers" from all over the country, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my relationships with all of them over the years.

If anyone can come up with a less expensive, more rewarding hobby, please don't tell me about it; my wife already refers to this as my "obsession," rather than my hobby, so I'd better not get started on anything else that I might enjoy more!

—Ron Head

Alfords of St. Clair County, Alabama, and Nearby Counties

[Until further proof is obtained concerning the children and descendants of Archibald and Elizabeth ALFORD, this tentative grouping must be considered conjecture only, supported by various degrees of circumstantial evidence.]

Our first suspected record in Alabama of this individual (who was probably Archibald ALFORD) is in the 1820 census of St. Clair Co. AL, where one "Bald ALORD" seems likely to be our man. He lists a total of six individuals in his household: a male and a female over 21, and one male and three females under 21. This distribution of male and female children, however, does not agree with what we will see in later censuses, where we find several males born by 1820.

The 1830 St. Clair census has two ALFORD's, whom we suspect to be father and son, and who appear on pp. 226 and 228 respectively:

Balda ALFORD	1780-1790
female	1790-1800
male	1810-1815
male	1810-1815
female	1810-1815
male	1815-1820
male	1820-1825
female	1820-1825
male	1825-1830
female	1825-1830
William ALFORD	1800-1810
female	1800-1810
male	1820-1825
male	1825-1830

William ALFORD married in St. Clair Co. on 23 Feb. 1829 to Priscilla TRUSS, apparently the daughter of

Samuel and Silvira? TRUSS, both born about 1780 in NC. Thomas ALFORD married Patsy TRUSS (Priscilla's sister?) in St. Clair on 4 Mar. 1828, but is not found in the 1830 census. [He and his wife may be included in Balda's enumeration, or in someone else's.]

Another early St. Clair marriage is that of James JOHNSON and "Fernaty" ALFORD on 23 Sept. 1832. "Fernaty" may well be the same p73 name as "Panata," a daughter of William & Priscilla (see 1850 below). "Panata" may also be the same individual as "Naty" ALFORD who appears in 1850 with Samuel & Sivira? TRUSS in 1850 (presumably her grand- parents).

In 1840, "Bally" ALFORD appears in neighboring Benton (later re-named Calhoun) County, as follows:

Bally ALFORD	1780-1790
female	1780-1790
male	1820-1825
female	1820-1825
female	1820-1825
male	1825-1830
male	1830-1835

On p. 236 in the 1840 St. Clair census appears William ALFORD, whom we saw earlier in 1830, and on p. 232 are found three of his presumed siblings:

William	1800-10
female	1800-10
male	1810-20
male	1825-30
female	1830-35
female	1830-35
male	1835-40
female	1835-40

Thomas	1800-10
female	1810-20
male	1820-25
male	1825-30
male	1830-35
male	1830-35
female	1835-40
female	1835-40

Jeff	1810-20
female	1800-10
male	1825-30
female	1835-40

Isham	1810-20
female	1820-25
male	1835-40

In 1850, Bally (b. 1780 NC) and Elizabeth (b. 1795 GA) ALFORD appear on p. 74 in the census of Cherokee Co. (adjoining Calhoun, where Bally was in 1840). In their household is their presumed son, Richard ALFORD (b. 1829 AL). Nearby, on pp. 75 & 76, appear Jefferson ALFORD (b. 1810 GA) and Jackson ALFORD (b. 1830 AL). Jefferson ALFORD married Nancy Ann ALLEN, and their marriage was legalized by an act of the state legislature in 1846 (might they actually have been married earlier?). The children in Jefferson's 1850 household were these:

Sarah	b. 1836
James	b. 1846
Eliza	b. 1847

Jackson ALFORD appears with wife Jane (b. 1831 GA) in the household of Alfred G. PERRY (b. 1795 NC) and wife Sarah (b. 1810 GA), perhaps his parents-in-law.

Not too far away, on p. 64, appears Allen ALFORD (b. 1824 AL, his wife Mary (b. 1828 SC), and their daughter Mary (b. 1848 AL).

By 1850, Thomas and Patsy (TRUSS) ALFORD seem to have disappeared from the area.

Back in St. Clair in 1850, we find on p. 141 William ALFORD (b. 1807 GA) and wife Priscilla TRUSS (b. 1802 NC) with these children:

Sylvire? E.	b. 1833 AL
Elsy	b. 1834 AL
Panata?	b. 1836 AL (fem)

John	b. 1839 AL
Louisa	b. 1843 AL

Next door to William and Priscilla lived Thomas ALFORD (b. 1830 AL) and wife Ann (b. 1830 AL) with their daughter Saralu? Q., (b. 1849). Thomas ALFORD married Emily A. J. JOINER on 27 July 1848 in St. Clair, and we assume him to be a son of William and Priscilla.

On p. 140, only six households away, we find Isham ALFORD (b. 1815 TN) and wife Selvira? (b. 1824 AL). Isham married on 15 Aug. 1838 in St. Clair Co. to Ann HODGES, whom her father names in his will as Sylvia A. ALFORD. Their children in 1850 are these:

Britten	b. 1839 AL
Frances	b. 1842 AL
Allen	b. 1843 AL
Burtis	b. 1845 AL
Louisa	b. 1849 AL

NOTE: The 1860 Sabine Co. TX census shows another son between Bertis and Louisa, "Balldy," who seems to have been named for his grandfather. He may have been accidentally omitted from the 1850 census.

On p. 105 of the 1850 St. Clair census, Samuel and Silvira? TRUSS (both b. 1780 NC) appear with "Naty" ALFORD (b. 1837 AL) in their household. She may be the "Panata" who appears as a daughter of William and Priscilla (TRUSS) ALFORD in the same census. On the preceding page, we see John ALFORD (b. 1819 GA) who married in St. Clair Co. on 27 Jan. 1842 to Teresa MONTGOMERY (b. 1824 AL). Their children in 1850 were listed thus:

Sarah E.	b. 1842
Mary	b. 1844
Thomas A.	b. 1847
Martha J.	b. 1850

Bally ALFORD (b. 1780 NC) and wife

Elizabeth (b. 1800 GA) are still in Cherokee Co. in the 1860 census, on p. 253. Four households away, on the same page, we see Jefferson ALFORD (b. 1813 TN) without a wife, but with these children:

James b. 1847
Eliza b. 1848
Georgianna b. 1850
Fannie b. 1854

Fifteen households away, on p. 251, appears the household of Jackson ALFORD (b. 1833 AL) and wife Mary (b. 1833 GA). With them is Jane JOHNSON (b. 1796 SC), who could be Mary's mother. The children with them in 1860 are as follows:

Elizabeth b. 1851
Thomas b. 1853
Julia b. 1856
John A. b. 1860

Several ALFORD families turn up in 1860 St. Clair County. William ALFORD (b. 1810 TN) has a different wife, Margaret (b. 1820 SC), so Priscilla (TRUSS) must have died during the 1850's. With William and Margaret on p. 94 appear these children:

Louisa b. 1846 [by Priscilla]
Isabella b. 1858 [prob. by Margaret]

Six households away, on the same page, we see Richard ALFORD (b. 1828 AL) with wife Louisa (b. 1834 AL). Richard ALFORD married Louisa HODGES in St. Clair Co. on 23 Oct. 1851. She was a younger sister of Sylvia Ann HODGES, who had married Isham ALFORD in 1838. These were Richard and Louisa's children in 1860:

Sarah b. 1852
Eliza b. 1854
Redden b. 1858
[this is a HODGES family name]
John b. 1860

Further away in the census, on p. 14, appear John ALFORD (b. 1839 AL) and wife Mary (b. 1842), who have no children. This is probably William and Priscilla (TRUSS) ALFORD's son, who was with them in 1850.

Next door to John and Mary appears another ALFORD household. The husband is listed as "Francis" C. (b. 1836 AL), but from later records, it is certain that this was really Travis C. ALFORD, and that he was born around 1824. His wife Frances was born around 1831 in AL, and their children in 1860 were these:

James b. 1849
John b. 1852
Elisabeth b. 1854
Susanah b. 1856
Frances b. 1860

On p. 71 of the 1860 St. Clair census, we see Thomas ALFORD (b. 1830) and wife Emily JOINER (b. 1830), whom we saw as "Ann" in 1850. Apparently she was born Emily Ann J. JOINER. Their children in 1860 were the following:

Sarah b. 1849
Elcy b. 1854
Juda b. 1858

The only other ALFORD family in 1860 St. Clair is headed by John (b. 1820) and Terrissa (b. 1826) ALFORD. They had these children in 1860:

Mary Ann b. 1846
Thomas H? b. 1848
Martha J. b. 1851
William b. 1853
Sarah E. b. 1854
Alice b. 1855
Wade B. H. b. 1859

Isham ALFORD and Allen ALFORD had moved west by 1860, into Sabine Co. TX. (Isham's father-in-law's estate settlement lists Isham's residence in 1856 as Bureson Co. TX). In Sabine Co. in the 1860 census, on p. 330,

Isham ALFORD (b. 1817 GA) and wife Anna (b. 1826 AL) have these children:

Frances b. 1842 AL
Allen b. 1844 AL
Bertis b. 1846 AL
Balldy b. 1849 AL
[not listed in 1850]
Louisa b. 1851 AL
Thomas b. 1855 AL
Julias b. 1857 TX (male)

Two households away, we see W. B. ALFORD (b. 1840 AL), who is certainly W. Britten, son of Isham. W. B.'s wife is Arletha L. (b. 1838 AL), and they have one son:

Ausborn b. 1859 TX

On p. 331, nineteen households away, appears Allen ALFORD (b. 1824 AL). His wife is listed as Polly A. (b. 1825 GA), and they have five children in their household:

John b. 1844 GA
[not listed in 1850]
Mary b. 1847 AL
Nancy b. 1851 AL
Thomas b. 1856 AL
William b. 1860 TX

The 1870 census listings continue to show close associations among these ALFORD's. In St. Clair we find John and Terisa (MONTGOMERY) ALFORD and children on p. 90, and nearby Thomas A. ALFORD, their oldest son.

On p. 105 we find William ALFORD and his second wife Margaret, and their children Isabelle, Belsora, and Ann. Five households away are John and Mary ALFORD (son and daughter-in-law of William and his first wife Priscilla), and their four children.

And on p. 112 appear Travis and Frances ALFORD, with their eight children.

Jeff ALFORD had moved to Etowah Co. by 1870, and appears there on p. 342 with only his widowed mother Elizabeth (b. 1781 GA) in his household. Next door, however, are three of his older children by Nancy Ann ALLEN: J. E., Georgia, and Fannie. Also next door are Nancy GULLEDGE (whom Jeff would marry after 1870) and her sons William (b. 1862) and Allen (b. 1866), who would later carry the ALFORD surname. We can only speculate at this time whether they belonged to Jeff.

Jeff ALFORD and his wife Mary were divorced in Etowah Co. in 1866. On p. 344 of the 1870 census of that county (very near to Jeff) appear one Mary ALFORD (b. 1841 SC) and her son James W. ALFORD (b. 1864 AL). This would certainly seem to be the wife who divorced Jeff four years earlier, and their child.

In conclusion, these close relationships suggest that we might group this family in the following manner:

Bally / Baldy / Archibald? ALFORD, b. about 1780 NC and d. 1860-70, probably in Cherokee Co. AL. He married (poss. 2nd wife) Elizabeth, b. 1781-1800 GA and d. after 1870, probably in Etowah Co.

Residences:

1820-30 St. Clair Co. AL
1840 Benton (Calhoun) Co. AL
1850-60 Cherokee Co. AL
1870 Etowah Co. AL (Elizabeth)

Their probable children:

1. Thomas ALFORD, b. 1800-1810 and d. after 1840 in St. Clair County. He m. 4 March 1828 in St. Clair Co. to Patsy TRUSS. Thomas is on same p. in 1840 St. Clair with Isham and Jeff. Thomas and William apparently married TRUSS sisters.
2. William ALFORD, b. about 1810

GA (TN?) and d. after 1880 in St. Clair County. He m. (1) 23 Feb 1829 in St. Clair Co. to Priscilla TRUSS. She was b. in 1802 in NC and d. in the 1850's. William m. (2) about 1857 to Margaret _____, who was b. in 1820 in SC and d. after 1880. William is near "Balda" in 1830 St. Clair. He and Thomas seem to have married TRUSS sisters. He is six households from Isham in 1850 St. Clair, and six households from Richard in 1860 St. Clair. He is not far from Travis in 1870 St. Clair.

3. Jefferson J. ALFORD, b. 18 March 1812 GA (TN?) and d. 4 June 1887. He m. (1?) by 1846 to Nancy Ann ALLEN (b. 1815 SC). He m. (2) about 1861 to Mary _____ (divorced 1866). He m. (3) after 1870 to Nancy GULLEDGE (b. 1842 SC). [Buried Liberty Cemetery, Etowah Co. AL.] He is on same page in 1840 St. Clair with Thomas and Isham, and nine households from "Bally" in 1850 Cherokee. He is twelve households from Jackson in 1850 Cherokee. His apparent mother Elizabeth is with him in 1870 Etowah.
4. Fernaty? ALFORD. b. about 1814? and d. ?. She m. 23 Sept 1832 in St. Clair Co. to James JOHNSON. Her name is possibly used by William for his daughter, listed as "Panata" or perhaps "Naty" in two places in the 1850 St. Clair census.
5. Isham ALFORD, b. 1815 TN (GA?) and d. after 1860 in Sabine Co. TX. He m. 14 Aug 1838 in St. Clair Co. to Silvia Ann HODGES (b. 1824 AL). Isham is on same page in 1840 St. Clair with Thomas and Jeff. He and Richard married HODGES sisters. Isham is six households from William in 1850 St. Clair. He and Allen are 21 households apart in 1860 Sabine Co. TX. He named a son "Baldy," presumably for Isham's father.

6. John ALFORD, b. 1819 GA and d. after 1870 in St. Clair County. He m. 27 Jan 1842 in St. Clair to Teresa MONTGOMERY (b. 1824 AL). John is seven households from Samuel TRUSS in 1850 St. Clair. (Samuel TRUSS was apparently father-in-law of both Thomas and William ALFORD.)
7. Allen ALFORD, b. 1824 AL and d. after 1860 in Sabine Co. TX. He m. Mary (Polly) A. _____ (b. 1828 SC or GA). Between 1850 and 1860, Allen moved from Cherokee Co., AL, where Bally, Jeff, and Jackson lived, to Sabine Co. TX, where he appears in 1860 just 21 households away from Isham.
8. Travis C. ALFORD, b. 1825 AL and d. after 1880 when in St. Clair Co. He m. (1) Frances _____ (b. 1831 AL); m. (2) America _____ (b. 1830 AL). These two could be the same wife. Travis has not been found in the 1850 Census. In 1860 St. Clair, Travis is next door to William's son John. In 1870 St. Clair, he is seven pages from William, and in 1880 St. Clair, Travis is in the same enumeration district as William, but seven pages away. He named his youngest son (b. 1871) Archy, perhaps for Travis' father.
9. Richard ALFORD, b. 1829 AL and d. after 1860 when in St. Clair Co. He m. 23 Oct 1851 in St. Clair Co. to Louisa HODGES (b. 1834 AL). Richard is in the household of Bally and Elizabeth in 1850 Cherokee. He and Isham married HODGES sisters. In 1860 St. Clair, he is six households away from William.
10. Jackson ALFORD, b. 1830 AL and d. after 1860 when in Cherokee Co. He m. (1) Jane PERRY? (b. 1831 GA); m. (2) Mary

JOHNSON? (b. 1833 GA). Jackson is twelve households from Jefferson in 1850 Cherokee, and 21 households from Bally and Elizabeth. In 1860 Cherokee, Jackson is fifteen households from Jefferson, and nineteen households from Bally.

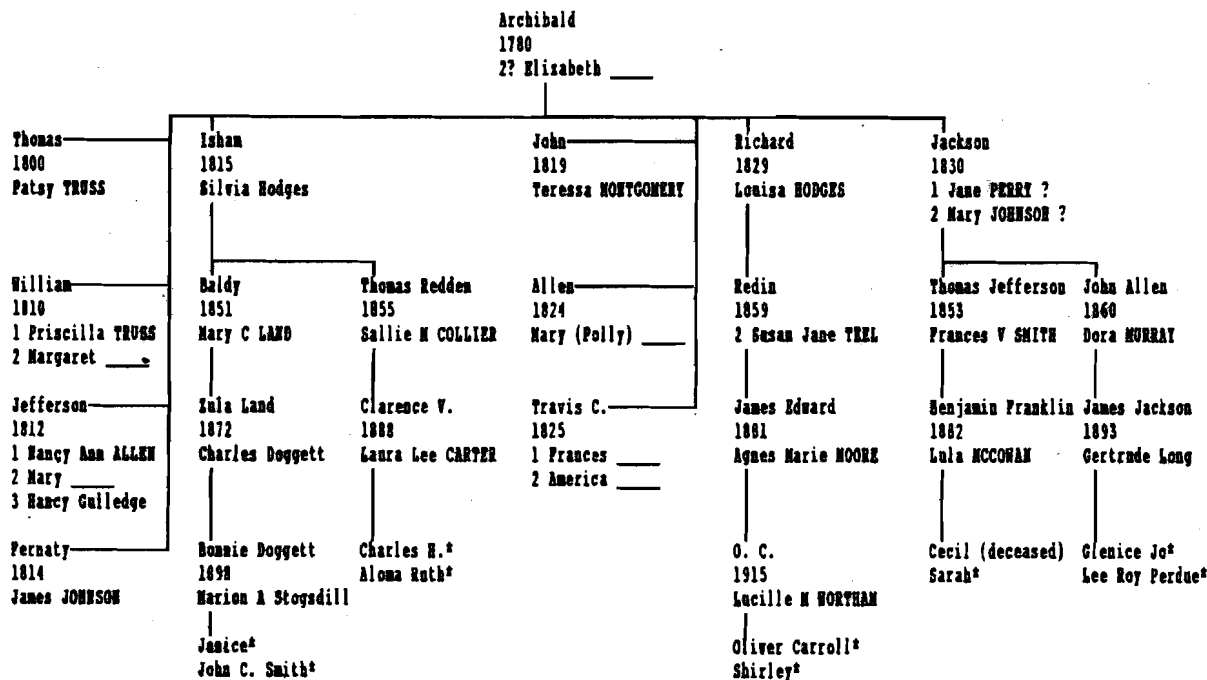
NOTE: There is a noticeable correspondence between the names in the Isham ALFORD family, above, and the family of Isham ALFORD (born about 1749 NC) whom many assume to be a son of Lodowick ALFORD who was born about 1710 in VA. This Isham had a son Brittain W. (1781-1849) of Pike Co. GA, who married Barsheba BRASSELL on 19 March 1805 in

Greene Co. GA. Their probable children include these:

- Isham ALFORD, b. 1806; m. 1824 Monroe Co. GA: Mary BROWN
- Jefferson ALFORD, b. ?; m. 1833 Pike Co. GA: Emily MIMS
- Jameson ALFORD, b. ?; m. 1839 Pike Co. GA: Susan MORRIS
- Brittain ALFORD, b. 1826

Descendants of Archibald Alford

Name is Alford unless otherwise indicated.



If Ron Head's theory and conclusions about Archibald or Baldy Alford are correct, the families of the five AAFA members identified in the chart above with asterisks are distant cousins.

Alfords from Ireland in the IGI

Many Alfords and Alford descendants have expressed considerable interest in the "Alfords" of England, Ireland, Wales, and Scotland. With the help of Alicia Houston, AAFA Census Project Officer, we now have a complete set of the Alfords in the LDS-IGI of the British Isles. The records for Ireland are listed below.

Members will recognize a couple of new spelling variations. These may or may not be related to the "Alfords." Other spellings in the IGI which were not listed here are OL-PHERT, OLPHERTS, and ELLERFORD. If you think they

are pertinent, let us know and they will be published later.

Birth Place and Married Place are not listed as they are all assumed to be Ireland. The records in the LDS-IGI were all birth, christening or marriage. The date of birth or christening is shown under the birth date. The "Event" on the right of the page distinguishes between actual birth or baptism.

The computer grouped all children under parents with identical names. It is possible that some of the parents listed could actually be different persons with the same name.

NAME (ALFORD UNLESS OTHERWISE)	BIRTH DATE	SPOUSE	DATE MARRIED	EVENT & LOCATION: COUNTY, TOWN, AND/OR PARISH
ANNE ALFRED	1822E	TESKEY, HARDRUSS	18420228	M LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. MICHAEL
CATHERINE ALFORD	1818E	CARTER, JAMES	18380301	M LIMERICK, ADARE
ELIZA ALFRED	1820E	FARRELL, JAMES	18401214	M LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. MICHAEL
ELIZA JANE OLFOR	1850E	STEWART, HENRY	18700331	M LONDONDERRY, LONDONDERRY
ELIZABETH	1796E	LONG, GEORGE	18160804	M LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. JOHN
HENRY	1802E	ARMSTRONG, ELIZABETH	18220315	M MONAGHAN, CLONES
HENRY	1809E	WESLEY, CATHERINE	18290917	M LIMERICK, ADARE
HENRY ALFERT	1826E	JOHNSTON, MARGARET	18460204	M MONAGHAN, CLONES
JAMES ALFRED	1825E	MCMANARA, BRIDGET	18450602	M DUBLIN, DUBLIN
JOHN ALFRED	1804E	WILLIAMS, MARGARET	18240229	M LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. MUNCHIN
JOSEPH	1807E	DEMPSEY, MARY	18270225	M LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. JOHN
MARGARET ALFRED	1787E	FITZGERALD, JOHN	18070617	M LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. JOHN
MARIA ALFRED	1829E	COGHLAN, CHRISTOPHER	18490416	M LIMERICK, RATHKEALE
MARY ANNE	1794E	WHITE, DAVID	18140928	M LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. MICHAEL
MARY ANNE ALFRED	1815E	HIFFLE, RICHARD	18350625	M LIMERICK, ADARE
MICHAEL ALFRED	1814E	BURGH, MARY	18340713	M LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. MICHAEL
PRISCILLA ALFRED	1819E	TATE, WILLIAM	1839	M DOWN, DOWNPATRICK
ROBERT ALFRED	1817E	DWYER, JANE	18370207	M LIMERICK, RATHKEALE
ROBERT ALFRED	1846E	SPEIRIN, SUSAN	18660206	M LIMERICK, DREHIDTARSNA
SAMUEL ALFRED	1816E	CALLAGHAN, HONORIA	18361205	M LIMERICK, LIMERICK
SAMUEL ALFRED	1816E	CALLAGHAN, HONORA	18361205	M LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. JOHN
SARAH	1869E	SLEVIN, THOMAS	18891006	M DUBLIN, DUBLIN
THOMAS	1634E	BYRNE, MARGARETT	16541026	M DUBLIN, DUBLIN, ST. MICHAN
WILLIAM	1782E	GREY, MARY	18020203	M LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. MARY
WILLIAM ALLFORD	1701E	WILLOBY, ANNE	17210717	M DUBLIN, DUBLIN, ST. PETER

Parents: ALFORD, EDWARD and MANLEY, EURIAN
WILLIAM 18680718

B TIPPERARY, GOLDEN

NAME (ALFORD UNLESS OTHERWISE)	BIRTH SPOUSE DATE	DATE MARRIED	EVENT & LOCATION: COUNTY, TOWN, AND/OR PARISH
<i>Parents: ALFORD, HENRY and _____, CATHERINE</i>			
ELIZABETH	18320426		C LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. MARY
HENRY	18360622		C LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. MARY
JOHN	18340122		C LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. MUNCHIN
JOHN	18380207		C LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. MARY
HENRY	18040129		C LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. JOHN
JOSEPH	17990301		C LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. JOHN
<i>Parents: ALFORD, HENRY WILLIAM and MURRAY, SOPHIA</i>			
JENETTA CHARLES	18660824		B DUBLIN, DUBLIN
<i>Parents: ALFORD, JAMES and CONRY, ALICIA</i>			
MARY JANE	18650125		B DUBLIN, DUBLIN
<i>Parents: ALFORD, JOHN and COLLIER, MARIA</i>			
BRIDGET	18660523		B DUBLIN, DUBLIN
CATHERINE	18640608		B TYRONE, DONEMANNA
ELIZABETH	18250401		C LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. MUNCHIN
MARGARET	18311009		C LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. MUNCHIN
<i>Parents: ALFORD, MICHAEL and DOYLE, SARAH</i>			
ANNE	18670710		B WEXFORD, GOREY
MICHAEL	18670313		B DOWN, BALLYMACARPET
<i>Parents: ALFORD, RICHARD and _____, ANNE</i>			
ANN	18260415		C LIMERICK, ADARE
<i>Parents: ALFORD, ROBERT and DONNELL, SARAH</i>			
ROBERT	18660412		B TYRONE, DUNNAMANAGH
THOMAS	18451223		C LIMERICK, RATHKEALE
<i>Parents: ALFORD, SAM and _____, JANE</i>			
MARY	17270305		C DUBLIN, DUBLIN, ST. PETER
<i>Parents: ALFORD, THOMAS and FOLEY, MARY</i>			
None Given ALFORD	18650101		B DUBLIN, DUBLIN
SARAH	18681208		B DUBLIN, DUBLIN
JOSEPH	18650522		B TYRONE, DONEMANNA
<i>Parents: ALFORD, WILLIAM and EDGE, MARTHA</i>			
ALBERT	18640622		B WICKLOW, OVOCA
EMMA MURTHA	18661126		B LIMERICK, ADARE
JEMIMA	18691122		B MONAGHAN, DRUM
TRESSA	18641222		B MONAGHAN, DRUM
<i>Parents: ALFRED, HENRY and _____, CATHERINE</i>			
MARY ALFRED	18300829		C LIMERICK, ADARE
<i>Parents: ALFRED, JOHN and _____, ANNE</i>			
JOHN ALFRED	18271210		C LIMERICK, ADARE

NAME (ALFORD UNLESS OTHERWISE)	BIRTH SPOUSE DATE	DATE MARRIED	EVENT & LOCATION: COUNTY, TOWN, AND/OR PARISH
ANNA MARIA ALFRED	18270608		C LIMER., LIMERICK, ST. MUNCHIN
MARY ALFRED	18290428		C LIMER., LIMERICK, ST. MUNCHIN
MARY JANE ALFRED	18680829		B MONAGHAN, CLONES
ELLEN ALFRED	18341012		C LIMERICK, ADARE
ELLEN ALFRED	18371203		C LIMERICK, ADARE
JOHN ALFRED	18320909		C LIMERICK, ADARE
REBECCA ALFRED	18400105		C LIMERICK, ADARE

Parents: ALFRED, JOSEPH and DEMPSEY, MARY

MARY ANNE ALFRED	18400821		C KERRY, KILLARNEY, ROMAN CATHOLIC
ANNE ALFRED	18290315		C LIMERICK, ADARE
CATHERINE ALFRED	18320112		C LIMERICK, ADARE
ELIZABETH ALFRED	18360229		C LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. JOHN
EMMA ALFRED	18530506		C LIMERICK, ADARE
JOSEPH ALFRED	18371025		C LIMERICK, ADARE
JOSEPH ALFRED	18430115		C LIMERICK, ADARE
JOSEPH, ALFRED	18370505		C LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. MARY
MARY ALFRED	18350904		C LIMERICK, ADARE
SUSAN ALFRED	18480804		C LIMERICK, ADARE

Parents: ALFRED, JOSPEH and _____, MARY

WILLIAM ALFRED	18450504		C LIMERICK, ADARE
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Parents: ALFRED, MICHAEL and DOYLE, SARAH

JOHN ALFRED	18640530		B WEXFORD, GOREY
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Parents: ALFRED, RICHARD and _____, ANNE

RICHARD ALFRED	18351129		C LIMERICK, ADARE
SAMUEL ALFRED	18301017		C LIMERICK, ADARE

Parents: ALFRED, ROBERT and SPEIRAN, SUSAN

HARRIETT ANNE ALFRED	18661212		B LIMERICK, ADARE
MICHAEL ALFRED	18421121		C LIMERICK, RATHKEALE
_____ ALFRED	18410623		C LIMERICK, RATHKEALE

Parents: ALFREED, WILLIAM and _____, MARY

ELLENOR ALFREED	16980523		C DUBLIN, DUBLIN, ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
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Parents: ALLFORD, GEORGE and DENT, CATHERINE

_____ ALLFORD	18660209		B DUBLIN, DUBLIN
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Parents: ALLFORD, GODFREY and _____, MARY

SARAH ALLFORD	17800123		C LIMERICK, LIMERICK, ST. MARY
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Parents: ALLFORD, PAT and SUNDERLAND, KATE

_____ ALLFORD	18670324		B DUBLIN, DUBLIN
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Parents: ELFORD, ARTHUR and FLYNNE, ANNE

JOSEPH ELFORD	18691020		B KINGS, TULLAMORE
THOMAS ELFORD	18640625		B KINGS, TULLAMORE
THOMAS ELFORD	18660730		B KINGS, TULLAMORE

Columbus Washington Alford

The following was adapted from an article prepared by Ruby Alford Heard for publication in the Leake County (Mississippi) History.

Columbus Washington⁶ (1850-1936), James Floyd⁵ (1817ca-), Zaddock⁴ (1787ca-1823), Julius C.³ (1797-1820), Lodwick² (1710-), James¹ (1687-).

Columbus Washington Alford, known as "Lum", was the son of James F. and Sarah (ELLIS) Alford. He was born 18 January 1850 in Troup County, GA. His birth was during the short term of President Zachary Taylor who died 9 July 1850. President Taylor became ill from the heat while laying the cornerstone for the Washington Monument July 4, 1850 and died five days later. Daniel Webster was convinced that Taylor's death prevented the outbreak of the civil war in 1850.

Lum died 30 November 1936 in Freeny, Leake County, Mississippi. He is buried there in Shockalo Cemetery (New Bethel). Earlier that month Franklin D. Roosevelt had defeated Alf Landon for the Presidency.

Columbus married Martha Maryann (Mollie) D. GLOVER 17 September 1871 in Reeltown, Tallapoosa County, Alabama. This was just two months after William "Boss" Tween was exposed by the New York Times for taking up to \$200,000,000 in fraudulent contracts, kickbacks, false vouchers and other corrupt practices which brought New York to the verge of bankruptcy. It was just two weeks before Brigham Young was arrested for practicing polygamy—part of the pressure brought on by the Federal Government against the Mormons. And it was just three weeks before the fire in Chicago would kill 250 people and do damage estimated at \$196,000,000.

Maryann, the daughter of John Sanders

and Mary Glover, was born 11 August 1857 in Tallapoosa County, Alabama. She died 27 January 1944 near Estes Mill at Four Corners in Leake County, Mississippi. She too is buried at Shockalo Cemetery (New Bethel).

Columbus and his family moved from Alabama to Mississippi about 1880. They rented a home for a year after moving and then bought land in the Freeny area, giving five bales of cotton for it.

Lum was an ordained "Hardshell" Baptist preacher. He was liberated to preach in February 1897, ordained at Shockalo in May 1906 and called as pastor with elder J. R. Willis in November 1906. For the next fifteen years, he was called every November as pastor at Shockalo. He retired in 1922 due to ill health. He continued to perform marriages, preach and conduct funerals as his health permitted.

Children:

- i. Frances Vashu Alford, born 18 August 1872 in Tallapoosa County, AL; died 31 March 1949 and is buried at Goshen, Leake County, MS; married Wiseman [Banjo] QUICK 25 December 1889.
- ii. Maryann Elizabeth "Widdie" Alford, born 6 February 1874 in Tallapoosa County, AL; died 1 January 1947 and is buried at Ruston, Lincoln County, LA; married (1) John MILLS 13 February 1890 and (2) Billy RIVES 13 November 1921.
- iii. Wilburn Whitfield "Whit" Alford, born 5 September 1875 in Tallapoosa County, AL; died 21 May 1962 and is buried at Pleasant Hill, Leake County, MS; married Virginia Amanda

HOLLINGSWORTH 24 October 1896.

- iv. Edward "Ed" Franklin Alford, born 23 February 1877 in Tallapoosa County, AL; died 16 May 1940 and is buried at Pleasant Hill, Leake County, MS; married Laura HOLLINGSWORTH 22 December 1897.
- v. John Willie Alford, born 17 January 1879 in Walnut Hill, Tallapoosa County, AL; died 6 July 1906 in Rankin County, MS, and is buried in Steen Creek Cemetery, Florence, Rankin County, MS; married Lora Lola BRIDGES 6 July 1906 in Rankin County, MS.
- vi. Lular Pearl Alford, born 23 September 1881 in Leake County, MS; died 20 February 1952 and is buried at Pleasant Hill, Leake County, MS; married William Owen PERKINS 23 September 1897.
- vii. Susan Ealy Alford, born 16 April 1884 in Leake County, MS; died 26 June 1950 and is buried at Goshen, Leake County, MS; married John Christopher WEIR 6 May 1906.
- viii. Nellie Ann Alford, born 19 February 1888 in Leake County, MS; died 3 October 1954 and is buried at Pleasant Hill, Leake County, MS; married (1) Robert SANDERS 26 June 1906 and (2) Alex LANGSTON 4 May 1919.
- ix. Ellar Cornelius "Nealie" Alford, born 14 March 1890 in Leake County, MS; died 27 September 1915 and is buried in Shockalo Cemetery, Leake County, MS; married Walter CROSSWELL 18 March 1906.

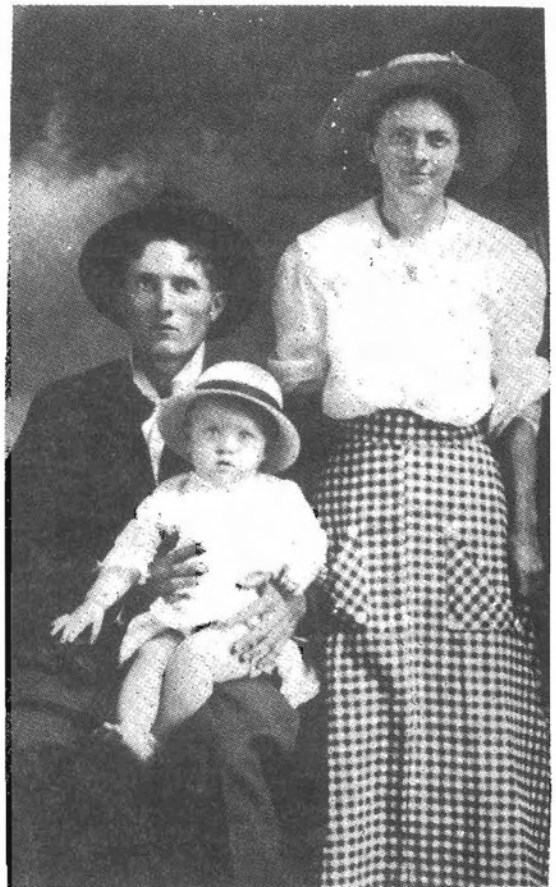


Columbus "Lum" Washington Alford Family ca 1903

In chairs in front, children of Whit Alford: *Jacob Columbus, Maude Milinda*. Front row L to R: *Edward Alford; his wife Laura Hollingsworth Alford, holding daughter Essie; Lum; his wife Maryann Glover Alford; Whit's wife Virginia Hollingsworth Alford, holding daughter Mary Elizabeth "Matt"; Wilburn Whitfield "Whit" Alford, holding daughter Minervia Ann "Dolly."* Second row L to R, all children of Lum: *Samuel Hamilton, Ellar Corneleus, Susan Ealy, Nellie Ann, and Ular Valeria*.

- x. Samuel "Sam" Hamilton Alford, born 2 January 1893 in Freeny, Leake County, MS; died 14 February 1971, in Carthage, Leake County, MS, and is buried in New Hope Cemetery, Estes Mill, Leake County, MS; married Frances Everline "Evie" ESTES on 3 September 1913 (parents of Ruby Alford Heard).
- xi. Oberline Golden Alford, born 21 October 1894 in Leake County, MS; died 25 February 1895 and is buried at Shockalo, Leake County, MS.
- xii. Ular Valeria Alford, born 8 February 1896 in Leake County, MS; died 6 January 1962 and is buried in Caldwell Cemetery, Freeny, Leake County, MS; married Otho Olin KELLY on 11 December 1913.

Samuel Hamilton Alford and Evie (Estes) Alford with son Frank Martin, who was born 1919 and died 1920. Another son, James Raymond was born January 1920 and died February 1920. Ruby was born in 1921 and Bernice Lucille was born 1925.



Alfords in the Revolutionary War

Below is an index of Alfords in the Revolutionary War from MICROCOPY M860-1, extracted by Gil Alford. Following this list is a short biography on two of the Alfords, a series we plan to continue in future issues.

File	Cross Ref	T	Rank	Name (Alford)	Unit
3116	3122	R	PRIVATE	ALEXANDER ALFERD Alternate Name: ALFORD	7 CONNECTICUT REGIMENT
3117	3123	R	PRIVATE	ANDREW ALFERD Alternate Name: ALFORD	3 & 4 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
3119	3123	R	PRIVATE	ANDREW ALFOOT Alternate Name: ALFORD	3 & 4 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
3120				ALEXANDER	CAPT COFFEN'S COMPANY, VERMONT MILITIA
3121			PRIVATE	ALEXANDER	CAPT SALSBURY'S COMPANY, VERMONT MILITIA
3122			PRIVATE	ALEXANDER	CONNECTICUT REGIMENT
3123	3124		PRIVATE	ANDREW	3 & 4 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
3124	3123	R	PRIVATE	ANDREW	4, 8 & 12 REGIMENT
3125			PRIVATE	ASAHIL	1 MASSACHUSETTS REGIMENT
3126				BENEDIC (sic)	WARREN'S 15 REGIMENT, VERMONT MILITIA
3127				EBER	BALDWIN'S REGIMENT ARTIFICERS Alternate/Expanded Unit: CONTINENTAL TROOPS
3128			CORPORAL	ELIJAH	WEED'S REGIMENT MASSACHUSETTS MILITIA
3129			PRIVATE	GEORGE	PENNSYLVANIA REGIMENT, CONTINENTAL
3130				GEORGE	LT POST'S COMPANY, VERMONT MILITIA
3131	3132		PRIVATE	JACOB	3 & 7 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
3132	3131	R	PRIVATE	JACOB	7 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
3133			PRIVATE	JOB	8 CONNECTICUT REGIMENT
3134			PRIVATE	JOHN	VIRGINIA
3135			CORP/PVT	JOHN	— REGIMENT, CONTINENTAL TROOPS
3136			PRIVATE	JOHN	HASLET'S DELAWARE REGIMENT
3137			PRIVATE	JOHN	2 NEW JERSEY BATTALION
3138			PRIVATE	JNO	VIRGINIA
3139		R	PRIVATE	JOHN	4, 8 & 12 VIRGINIA REGIMENT Alternate/Expanded Unit: 8 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
3140			PRIVATE	JOHN	8 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
3141	4279	R	PRIVATE	JOHN Alternate Name: ALLFORD	9 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
3142			SERGEANT	JOHN HALL ALFORD	ARTILLERY REGIMENT CONTINENTAL TROOPS
3143				JOSEPH	— EEDING'S REGIMENT CONNECTICUT MILITIA
3144		R	LIEUTENANT	JOSIAH Alternate Name: ALVORD	WEED'S MASS. REGIMENT MILITIA
3145				BLANK RECORD	
3146				PELATIAH	18? REGIMENT CONNECTICUT MILITIA
3147			PRIVATE	PELATIAH	5 CONNECTICUT REGIMENT
3148			PRIVATE	PRICHARD	HALL'S DELAWARE REGIMENT
3149		R	PRIVATE	SAMUEL Alternate Name: ALFRED	3 MASSACHUSETTS REGIMENT
3150				SAMUEL	5 CONNECTICUT REGIMENT
3151			PRIVATE	SAMUEL	8 CONNECTICUT REGIMENT
3152	4281		PRIVATE	THOMAS Alternate Name: ALLFORD	3 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
3153				THOMAS	3 MARYLAND REGIMENT

3154			THOMAS	NAVAL
3155			WILLIAM	MOORHEAD'S INDEPENDENT COMPANY, PENN.
3156	3157	R	PRIVATE	WILLIAM
3157	3156		PRIVATE	WILLIAM
3158	3123	R	PRIVATE	ANDREW ALFRED
			Alternate Name: ALFORD	8 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
3159	3158	R	PRIVATE	ANDREW ALFRED
				4 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
				Alternate/Expanded Unit: 3 & 4 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
3160			PRIVATE	GEORGE ALFRED
3161			PRIVATE	JOHN ALFRED
3162	3163	R	PRIVATE	JOHN ALFRED
			Alternate Name: ALLFORD	9 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
3163	3162	R		JOHN ALFRED
				13 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
				Alternate/Expanded Unit: 9 VIRGINIA REGT
3164				SAMUEL ALFRED
3165			PRIVATE	THOMAS ALFRED
3166			PRIVATE	WILLIAM ALFRED
4279	3141		PRIVATE	JOHN ALLFORD
			Alternate Name: ALFORD	9 VIRGINIA REGIMENT
4280			PRIVATE	JOHN HALL ALLFORD
4281	3152	R	PRIVATE	THOMAS ALLFORD
			Alternate Name: ALFORD	15 REGIMENT CONTINENTAL TROOPS
				3 VIRGINIA REGIMENT

Alexander & Asahel, Revolutionary War Vets

Alexander Alford (1752-1836)

Alexander, son of Benedict and Jerusha (Ashley) Alford, was born 25 June 1752—probably in Hartford County, Connecticut, although some say he was born in Vermont. He died 13 August 1836 in Colchester, Chittenden County, Vermont.

Alexander married Elizabeth Lease on 29 August 1782 in Williamstown, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. Alexander was from Rutland County, Vermont, at the time, and the ceremony was performed by the Reverend Seth Swift. The couple settled in Colchester, Chittenden County, Vermont. Elizabeth was born about 1765: on 8 October 1838 she stated that she was age 73. She died 18 January 1849 in Vermont.

Alexander enlisted in 1775 in Captain Gideon Brownson's Company in Colonel Warner's Regiment of the

Green Mountain Boys and took part in the expedition to Quebec. He remained there until the retreat of the army.

He enlisted, for three years from Colchester, as a private in January or February 1777. He served in Captain Titus Watson's Company, Colonel Flemon or Heman Swift's Seventh Regiment, General Washington's Brigade, General Putnam's Division of the Connecticut line and in Continental service. He served the full period and was discharged someplace in New Jersey.

He was present on 6 October 1777 for the storming of Fort Montgomery on the North of the Hudson River on board a Row Galley called Lady Washington commanded by Captain Lewis.

Although it is not mentioned in his pension application, a DAR lineage record indicates he was in the battle at Fort Washington.

He applied for a Revolutionary War

pension 10 April 1818, and the certificate was issued 11 June 1819. He received a pension of \$8 per month. He filed a Revolutionary War claim 20 June 1820 requesting an increase in his pension because his wife was sick in bed and had trouble with her eyes. He stated he was a farmer suffering from cancer and had four children living with him. He identified the children as Daniel 12, Eliza 9, Jane 16, and granddaughter Laura Ann 4.

Upon his death in 1836 Elizabeth's pension commenced also at \$8 per month. A later record showed \$80 per year to begin March 4 1843.

The index on those in the Revolutionary War lists an Alexander who served in Captain Coffen's Company, Vermont Militia, and one who served in Captain Abraham Salisbury's Company, Vermont Militia. These two were also separate entries in a list published in *THE MAGAZINE OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY*, Vol.1 No. 3 (October 1929). According to this source, the

time of service of both these Alexanders was in 1781. Alexander, the subject of this article, did have two older cousins named Alexander, but they were thought to be of Connecticut. No evidence of any pensions were found for other Alexander Alford.

If you are interested in reviewing the pension files on Alexander Alford or other Alford, refer to National Archives Micro Copy 804-31. If you prefer actual copies of the documents, they may be ordered from the National Archives and Records Administration, 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20408. You will need to write them first to obtain the appropriate form: NATF FORM 80. If you order copies of Alexander's pension record, you should cite pension number W20600.

At least one DAR line is based on the service of Alexander Alford, that of Miss Mary L. Braman #48754. If you have copies of DAR lineages in which Alford are listed, please send a copy to the Missouri office of AAFA.

(Asahel Alford, 1761-1853)

Asahel Alford was born 1761, probably in Massachusetts. He died 25 June 1853 probably in New York. He

married Lydia _____ who was born about 1760.

Asahel enlisted in Beckett, Massachusetts, on 1 January 1776 as a private in Captain Moses Ashley's Company, Colonel John Paterson's Massachusetts Regiment. He was taken prisoner at the Cedars on the St. Lawrence River but delivered to the American army in ten days.

Asahel enlisted for three years on 1 January 1777 in Massachusetts. He was in Captain Moses Ashley's Company, Colonel Joseph Vose's Regiment, Massachusetts Line, Continental service. He served until 7 January 1780 and was discharged in Highlands on the Hudson River in New York. He took part in the battle when General Burgoyne was taken, in battles at Monmouth and Long Island. He was in winter quarters in Providence, Rhode Island, with General Glovers Brigade, Colonel Joseph Vose's Regiment.

Asahel received a pension of \$8 per month commencing 22 September 1819. At that time he was 58 years old and residing in Sharon, Portage County, Ohio.

In 1822 he identified himself as a laborer with rheumatism. He and his

wife Lydia, age 62, had living with them a daughter, Melinda, about 30 years old, who was crippled and unable to work. His deposition puts him in New York at this time.

In 1850 he was living in Columbia, Herkimer County, New York with Cyrus Alford and his wife Clarinda.

Elijah Alford, of Portage County, Ohio, signed an affidavit to support Asahel's pension claim, stating that he knew him and that they had served together. No kinship was established.

From MICRO COPY 804-31 Pension # S45184

More information on Asahel can be found in Mary Coffin Johnson's *THE HIGLEYS AND THEIR ANCESTRY, An Old Colonial Family*. Asahel was born 22 November 1760, son of Elijah and Hannah (Higley) Alford. He had six brothers and sisters and eight children. One brother, according to *THE HIGLEYS*, was Elijah, born in 1757, who moved his family to Portage Co., OH. A complete account of this branch of the family (Descendants of Benedict Alford born about 1619 in England) can be found in Gil Alford's newsletter *ABOUT ALFORDS*, Number 31-32, Spring-Summer 1990.

The Alexander Alford Letter

Last quarter we stated plans to publish an "old Alford" letter in each issue of *AAFA ACTION*, beginning in that issue with one from Caroline Bridges Alford, the new bride of Alexander Alford of Copiah County, Mississippi. Alexander was the son of Sion and Catherine (McPhaul) Alford of Robeson County, NC. Alexander wrote the following letter to his father three years after his marriage. Notice that he mentions his baby daughter, Emma. In future issues you'll see letters written to Emma some seventy years later.

Rockport [Mississippi] August 12, 1860

Dear Father,

I will attempt to write you a short letter. I have not much news to write you. We are all well except our little girl. She is not well. Seems to be rather puny at this time; teething I suppose. Caroline wants to have her Ambrotype taken and send it to you. She thinks hers is better looking than anyboddies babe. But I fear Emma will not sit long enough to take. She does not grow very

fast.

The most disturbing news I have to write is the protracted drought. We have had no rain of consequence since the first of May. My ground has not been wet since that time. Corn is the most complete failure that I have ever seen. I will not make more than one third enough to do me. Peas and potato crops will be short and unless it rains soon they will make nothing. Cotton is

(Continued on p. 30)

(A. Alford Letter, cont. from p. 29)

cut off half if not more. The dry weather has been general in great measure throughout the state, though in many places not so severe. I think this neighborhood has suffered as intensely as any I have heard from. If I fail to make a pea and potato crop I will have to buy about a thousand bushels of corn.

Henry is now out of employ. He has been employed up to this time tolerably constant. He thinks there is a chance to get business up as a clerk in a merchantile house on the railroad. If he succeeds he will do better business even if his wages are not so high. He will be constantly employed. His health is bad. The health of our connections here is good. Cousin Jacob Ard died last Thursday of consumption. Politics are tolerably high in Mississippi at this time. Breckenridge and Lane will carry the state by the usual Democratic majority. My own private opinion is that Lincoln will be elected. I believe I have nothing more.

*Yours Affectionately,
A. Alford*

The Henry mentioned in the last paragraph is thought to be Alexander's half-brother Henry Giles Alford who later moved to Texas.

Don't forget to send us copies of your old Alford letters. They need not have genealogical content. Many are interesting from a human interest viewpoint, and they all have some historical significance.

Inquiries

From Lucille Mehrkam, Member #32
10170 Gardenia,
Houston TX 77018-4313

Lucille is seeking information on the Andrew Alford who was listed in the 1880 census in Lamar County, Texas. He was born about 1844 in Arkansas and married a Sarah who was born about 1845 in Tennessee. She was probably a widow White as there was a 19 year old J. W. White living with the family as a stepson. All of the children were born in Arkansas except the first who was born in Texas. Their ages in 1880 suggest years of birth as follows: females S. L. 1869, N. J. 1871, L. W. 1874, E. E. 1875; males G. E. 1877, SAMUEL M. 1878 and W. A. 1879.

The 1850 census of Arkansas lists two Andrew Alford's. An Andrew J. was one month old at the time of the census, son of Peyton and Miranda Alford in Crawford County. Peyton was born about 1823 in Georgia. The other Andrew was born about 1842 according to the census. He was the son of Madison Ewing Alford and was enumerated in Pike County. Information from the family indicates he was born 12 May 1842 and died after 1910, but nothing else is known of him. It is possible this is the same person.

At the time of the 1910 census in Pike County, Arkansas, Andy J. Alford, born about 1843 in Arkansas, is living with William A. and Sarah Alford. William A. was born about 1882 in Arkansas. This is probably the W. A. Alford listed in the 1880 family, with the father Andrew now living with him.

Can anyone help with this family?

From Patrick Roper, Member #307
5039 Forest Hill Road
Jackson, MS 39212-5741

Patrick would like to correspond with other people researching any of the following:

Franklyn Asberry Roper, b. 9 Apr 1838, d. 4 May 1868 in AL

Alice Love Corley, b. 18 Nov 1843, d. 16 Dec 1919 in MS; wife of F. Roper

John A. Roper, father of Franklyn

B.N. Corley and his wife M.E., parents of Alice

From Rod Bush, Member #116
5892 Karen Ave.
Cypress, CA 90630

Rod is researching the following non-Alford surnames:

Dawson, Fortson, Gray, Higginbotham, McLemore, Pope, Purvis, Radford, and Satterwhite.

From James P. Alford, Member #115
14106 Pinerock
Houston, TX 77079

James is looking for information on Julious Sherrel "Paddy" Alford, b. 28 March 1880 in Marshall, TX. He was a foundry worker and lived in Kansas and Missouri from 1899-1903 and in New Orleans from 1903-1906. He worked on the Panama Canal in 1906.

[See "Ghost Stories," p. 43, this issue]

Ultimate Ancestor James Alford

The following account was prepared by Gil Alford, who used a variety of sources and data submitted by several of the members. Jim Alford of Houston, TX, reviewed a copy of Gil's draft and most of his comments have been incorporated.

This James Alford was the progenitor of more Alford's than any other Alford ancestor known to date. Through two of his sons, Lodwick and Julius, he can claim more of our Association membership than all the other ancestors combined.

James Alford was born about 1687, probably in Virginia. Some believe he died in New Kent County, Virginia, between 1721 and 1735. More recent research in North Carolina suggests he moved there with the family and was the James Alford recorded in some of the earliest Alford history of that state. On this possibility Jim Alford of Houston added, "The older James in North Carolina may still have been the brother of Lodowick Sr. and not his father, though this is probably not the case since one or more of the brothers (James and Warren) stayed in Virginia and continued producing Alford-Bailey descendants there."

There are two primary schools of thought as to his ancestry. One is that he is the descendant of a Benjamin and Mary (RICHARDS) Alford who was a merchant in Boston, Massachusetts. They did have a son named James who was born 19 July 1691 and baptized 26 July 1691. Hugh Edwin Alford, in his *IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS*, reported that his extensive research could not prove a connection with this family, and in fact, nearly proves the impossibility of such a connection. Contrary to some popular belief, there is nothing to connect this Benjamin Alford with Benedict and Alexander Alvord/Alford who came to

Boston from England in the early 1630's. The following are comments from Jim Alford of Houston. "As for James being from Boston, balderdash! Those people were city-bred merchants and artisans who looked down on the southern farmers and had nothing to do with them beyond visiting in trade ships. Why would the son of a Yankee trader with a London family move to a squalid tobacco plantation in Virginia? Did William and John move with him or did he just randomly settle with some distant cousins? Later, when the Boston crowd picked a fight with the Crown, they couldn't be nice enough to their country cousins."

Others believe that James was the son of a John or William Alford. Both were active in Virginia in the generation prior to James. Either or both of these candidate fathers may have come directly to Virginia from England. Circumstantial evidence seems to favor William as the possible father. The following comes from a paper done by Dr. John Abright Alford in 1981.

WILLIAM ALFORD in 1682 received a Land Grant of 450 acres on the south side of the York River in New Kent County, Virginia. A similar grant of 150 acres was made to JOHN ALFORD that same year. Unfortunately, no information is available as to their relationship to each other. An easy assumption would be that they were brothers who came to America together.

Sufficient evidence is available, however, to be reasonably sure they were the forebears of many of the Alford's in the southern part of the United States today. It is believed they migrated directly from England, but they may have been descendants of Richard Alford who came over with the Roger Smith Expedition.

The Vestry Records (1684-1786) and the Parish Registry (1680-1787) of St. Peter's Parish have many interesting references to Alford's during that time. Out of these records and others comes the claim that JAMES ALFORD was the son of either John or William, probably William, and this provides the beginning of the lineage of Barnabas Seaborn Alford" [John Abright Alford's ancestor].

Development of this conclusion illustrates how a mixture of facts, logic and assumptions are used to arrive at a conclusion. It is as simple as A, B, C, D:

- (A) As indicated above, William Alford's Land Grant was along the south side of the York River. A prominent route of the time, the "Upper Road", ran along this river.*
- (B) The records show that James was the father of five sons: Lodowick, Goodrich, James, Jr., Warren and Julius.*
- (C) The Vestry Book states that 'brothers Lodowick, Goodrich, Julius and James were required to tithe along the Upper Road in 1725'*
- (D) It then is logical to assume that WILLIAM ALFORD WAS THE FATHER OF JAMES WHOSE SONS were required to tithe along the Upper Road.*

The next two paragraphs and the subparagraphs, dealing with the ancestry of James, come from Jim Alford of Houston.

I've toyed with it many times and I'm still considering several most likely scenarios for the Virginia bunch:

- a. *The simplest scenario is that "John Sr and William (of New Kent Co.) were brothers." This has been endorsed before. There are problems with it though, due to the apparent difference in wealth and probably age of the two.*
- b. *"John Sr. was the father of William, James and John Jr", ie., William and James were brothers, not father and son. This would fit your thinking, I believe and is a perfectly plausible supposition.*
- c. *"John Sr. was the father of William and John Jr., and James was a son of William." This may well be the ultimate truth. John Sr. was likely the brother of William (of Elizabeth City) who was in the King's service. They seem to have been age and wealth peers. John Sr. had money and transported plenty of indentured servants to help establish the Colony in the New World. William, the officer, was power-crazy and ultimately lost his life because of it.*

Try this chart: John Sr. (ca 1640-1710), his brother Maj. William (ca 1642-1675)

William (ca 1665-), his brother John Jr. (ca 1675-1726)

*James (ca 1690-1769), brothers unknown
(Circumstantial evidence suggests that William married a Tanner and James married a Bailey or vice-versa.)*

A lot of the above is based on several observations:

- a. *John Sr. was well-to-do and able to pay the transport of many persons, something that a young man without inheritance could not do.*
- b. *Wil'am, the Deputy Escheator and militia officer, was a contemporary of John Sr. A 1671 deed of his was*

- witnessed by a James who was likely a grown son. This might be the origin of the Colonial Dames assertion that James is descended from William and Dorothy of Elizabeth City. This should be noted in your article because it may well be correct! If so, it would make James a lot older than we believe now and mess up theories about him being in North Carolina later. I'm not ashamed to crawlfish when I'm proved wrong!*
- c. *It is statistically improbable that all of the scattered John and William references around Virginia in the mid-to-late 1600's represented more than one or, at best, two persons of the same name. There were precious few people in Virginia (5000 or less) to begin with and the probability of there being more than a tiny handful of Alford's is very small. Within the general English population less than one in 20,000 (estimate) were Alford's, so why would we accept a different ratio in the Colonies?*
- d. *The scattered couples John and Elizabeth (1662), John and Lettice (1689) and John and Grace (1717) could well have been John Sr. and John Jr. My thought is that John Sr. was the one married to Elizabeth and then to Lettice.*
- e. *Due to the repeated use of names on the surviving lists of transported persons, we can't rely on that source to distinguish people or even discern the true data of their arrival.*

We have nothing to prove or refute any of these theories about the father of James at this writing; therefore we presently consider James as the beginning ancestor (first generation) for many branches of our Alford line.

We know nothing of the wife of James

Alford. We do know that his children include at least the following:

- i. *Goodrich Alford, born about 1708 in New Kent County, Virginia; died about 1753 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina; married Sarah _____;*
- ii. *Lodwick Alford, born about 1710 in New Kent County, Virginia; probably died Franklin County, North Carolina about 1800; married (1) Elizabeth _____ (2) Susannah _____ and probably (3) _____;*
- iii. *James Alford, born 7 February 1712/13 in New Kent County, Virginia and baptized there 12 April 1713 in St. Peter's Parish.*
- iv. *Warren Alford, born about 1715 in New Kent County, Virginia, and baptized there 28 August 1715 in St. Peter's Parish; may have died young;*
- v. *Julius Alford, born September 1717 in New Kent County, Virginia, where his birth, but no baptism, was registered in St. Peter's Parish; died 1771 in Bute (later Warren) County, North Carolina; married Lucy ?NEW-TON?.*

Jim Alford of Houston added, "James very likely had another son, John, who went to North Carolina. He appeared in the 1749-52 Granville County Tax Lists living near Julius Alford and John Ferrell. Until I actually examined the tax lists (thanks to Bill Mitchiner and James Sorrell) I was inclined to dismiss him as a 'stray.' He had only one tithable, may or may not have had children, and likely died in 1752-53. This would bring the known sons to six: Goodrich, James, Lodowick, Warren, Julius, and John and would be consistent with known family naming patterns (no Richards, Anthonys or Thomases in the group!)."

Booklist Additions

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

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

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Forsyth County—established from Cherokee and Lumpkin, 1832

- Shadburn, Don L. *PIONEER HISTORY OF FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA, Volume I*. Roswell, GA: WH Wolfe Associates, 1981. Title page and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **W.L. "Bill"**, 157 (attended revival meeting at Shiloh Methodist Episcopal Church after Civil War); **Alfred OLFORD**, 116 (member of Antioch Baptist Church).

- *HISTORY OF FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985. Title page and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Asa**, 110 (drawer in Gold Lottery from Washington Co.); **Nancy**, 81 (widow, drawer in Gold Lottery from Tainall Co.); **Posey**, 553 (Indigent Confederate Soldiers Pension); **Thos.**, 127 (on 1830 Census); **Turner**, 91 (drawer in Gold Lottery from Harris Co.).

Gwinnett County—established from Cherokee lands and Jackson, 1818

- Flanigan, James C. *HISTORY OF GWINETT COUNTY, GEORGIA 1818-1960, Volume II*. Hapeville, GA: By the author, 1959. Volume I was not indexed and not checked for Alford's. Title page and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Alice**, 229 (member of Bethesda Methodist

Church 1959); **Alice Gertrude**, 409 (daughter of James Alvin and Emma Alford); **Alice Rebecca**, handwritten on p. 157 but actually on p. 162 (member of Lawrenceville High School senior class 1943); **Anne**, 409 (daughter of Roger and Elizabeth Alford); **Arthur**, 157 (member of Lawrenceville High School senior class 1913); **Asabel**, 409 (private in Revolutionary War [not clear from where]); **Benedict**, 410 (private in Revolutionary War [not clear from where]); **Benjamin Alvin**, 409 (son of James Alvin and Emma Alford, m. Charlotte Smith); **Carl Kelley**, 409 (son of James Alvin and Emma Alford, m. Edith Gilbert); **Carolyn**, 228, 229 (author of article on and member of Bethesda Methodist Church 1959); **Celia Caroline**, 409 (daughter of James Arthur and Celia Alford); **Charles**, 409 (son of James Arthur and Celia Alford); **Cullan H.**, 429 (m. Parthenia Tallulah Brandon, who was probably b. 1850's or 1860's); **Drewry C.**, 409 (came from SC and settled in Hart Co.); **Edward**, 409 (son of Robert and Anne Alford, m. Judith Downing, studied law; also, son of Roger and Elizabeth Alford; also, Sir, son of Edward and Judith Alford); **Elijah**, 410 (private in Revolutionary War [not clear from where]); **Elizabeth Ginn**, 327 (member of Lawrenceville First Baptist Church 1959); **Emmacile**, 409 (daughter of Helion and Margaret Alford); **Francis**, 409 (b. 1539 son of Robert and Anne Alford, studied law); **Helion Giles**, 409 (son of James Alvin and Emma Alford, m. Margaret Smith); **Henry**, 409 (son of Edward and Judith Alford); **James Alvin/J.A.**, 93 (m. E.C. Kelley 1887), 120 (postmaster at Sweetwater 1884-1903), 140, 409 (lived on road near Bethesda Methodist Church and later had mercantile store at Gloster beginning in 1875), 409 (m. Emma Kelley); **James Arthur**, 409 (son of James Alvin and Emma Alford, m. Celia Kelley; also, son of James Arthur and Celia Alford), 477 (m. Colis Kelley); **James H.**, 327 (member of Lawrenceville First Baptist Church 1959); **Jane**, 327 (member of Lawrenceville First Baptist Church 1959), 409 (daughter of Carl Kelley and Edith Alford); **John Inzer**, 409 (son of James Alvin and Emma Alford, m. Omer Shermer; also, son of John Inzer and Omer Alford); **John**, 409 (son of Edward and Judith Alford), 410 (seaman in Revolutionary War [not clear from where]); **Katheryn Kate**, 409 (daughter of James Alvin and Emma Alford, m. C.M. Parson); **Kelley G.**, 327 (member of Lawrenceville First Baptist Church 1959); **Kelley Jr.**, 327 (member of Lawrenceville First Baptist Church 1959), 409 (son of Carl Kelley and Edith Alford); **Kelley**, handwritten on p. 157 but actually on p. 162 (member of Lawrenceville High School senior class 1951); **Kelley, Mrs.**, 327 (member of Lawrenceville First Baptist Church 1959); **Launcelot**, 409 (son of Robert and Anne Alford; also, son of Edward and Judith Alford); **M.**, 70 (m. Richard Peters 1865); **Martha**, 559 (m. Charles A. Anderson [who was probably b. circa 1850]);

Mary Louise, 409 (daughter of James Alvin and Emma Alford, m. Robert Cleveland); **Rebecca**, 409 (daughter of Walter B. and Daisy Alford, m. James Hutchins); **Robert**, 408 (of London, father of Sussex and Hertfordshire families, m. Anne Brydges), 409 (son of Edward and Judith Alford); **Roger**, 409 (son of Robert and Anne Alford; m. Elizabeth Ramsey); **Samuel**, 410 (served in Revolutionary War [not clear from where]); **Sara**, 74 (m. W.R. Rambo 1872); **Sh-ermer**, 409 (child of John Inzer and Omer Alford); **W.B.**, 168, 169 (member of Lawrenceville City Council 1935-36, 1938, 1947-48); **Walter B.**, 409, 416 (son of James Alvin and Emma Alford, m. Daisy Keown); **Walter**, 120 (postmaster at Gloster after 1914), 393 (on County Board of Education 1938-41), 409 (son of Helion and Margaret Alford); **William**, 409 (b. 1600 son of Edward and Judith Alford, was vicar of Pirton, Wilkshire).

• Ingmire, Frances T., comp. *THE FIRST SETTLERS OF GWINNETT COUNTY, LAND LOTTERY FORTUNATE DRAWERS 1820*. St. Louis, MO: By the author, n.d. Title page and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **Julius Sr.**, 6 (residence Greene Co.).

• Ingmire, Frances T., comp. *GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA MILITIA ENROLLMENT 14 DEC. 1863*. St. Louis, MO: By the author, n.d. Title page and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **William**, 1 (age 17, farmer from SC).

Houston County—established from Indian lands, 1821

• Henry, William R. *HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA MARRIAGE RECORDS 1825-1898*. Warner Robbins, GA: Central Georgia Genealogical Society, Inc., 1986. Title page and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **Lucy**, 34 (m. Andrew Jones 13 Dec 1852); **Patten**, 1 (m. Mary Yaun 3 Jan 1849); **John ALLFORD**, 27 (m. Martha E. Glanton 12 Aug 1852).

• Henry, William R. *MISCELLANEOUS ESTATE RECORDS OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA Annual Returns Book "A" 1824-1833, Appraisements & Sales Book "A" 1824-1834*. Warner Robbins, GA: Central Georgia Genealogical Society, Inc., 1988. Title page and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **Bryant**, 11 (insolvent account 1829); **H. ALFROD**, 22 (note due on 1832 property sale).

• Henry, William R. *WILLS & INFERIOR COURT MINUTES OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA Will Book "A" 1827-1855, Inferior Court Minutes 1821-1836, Inferior Court Minutes 1836-1852*. Warner Robbins, GA: Central Georgia Genealogical Society, Inc., 1987. Title page and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Axiom S.**, 4 (executor of will of James Burnside 1851); **James**, 10 (executor of

will of Harrison Haskins 1851); **Jane**, 10 (named as sister of Harrison Haskins in his will 1851).

Howell, Addie Paramore. *CEMETERIES & OBITUARIES OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA*. Macon, GA: Omni Press: 1982. No listings in cemetery section. Title page and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **George W.**, 130 (d. 13 Sept 1834, age 22); **Smith and Alford**, 130 (named as a company in 1834). Obituaries are from *The Georgia Journal & Messenger* of Macon, GA.

Jones County—established from Baldwin, Bibb, and Putnam, 1807

• Ingmire, Frances T., comp. *JONES COUNTY, GEORGIA MARRIAGE RECORDS 1812-1870*. St. Louis, MO: By the author, 1985. Title page and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **Goodridge**, 1 (m. Lora Alford 14 June 1821); **Isaac**, 1 (m. Matilda Bayne 23 Dec 1827); **James**, 1 (m. Jane Harkins 26 July 1832); **Jeptha**, 1 (m. Jane Scroggin 30 July 1820); **Lora**, 1 (m. Goodridge Alford 14 June 1821).

• Williams, Carolyn White. *HISTORY OF JONES COUNTY, GEORGIA FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS, SPECIFICALLY 1807-1907*. Macon, GA: The J.W. Burke Company, 1957. Title page and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **A.J.**, 892 (m. Sallie M. Long 10 Dec 1882); **A.O.**, 688 (first husband of Alice Tarver; also son of A.O. and Alice Alford); **Alice Tarver**, 688 (wife of (1) A.O. Alford and (2) L. Sketoe—d. 1891); **Alice**, 688 (daughter of A.O. and Alice Alford); **Ava**, 688 (daughter of A.O. and Alice Alford); **Clinton**, 777 (1821 Land Lottery drawer); **Goodridge/Gudridge**, 757 (on 1811 Tax Digest List), 777 (1821 Land Lottery drawer), 845 (m. 14 June 1821 to Lora Alford); **Isaac**, 855 (m. Matilda Bayne 23 Dec 1827); **James L.**, 799 (1827 Land Lottery drawer); **James**, 860 (m. Jane Harkins 26 July 1832), 897 (sold slaves 1849); **Jeptha**, 777 **Lora**, 845 (m. 14 June 1821 to Goodridge Alford); **Peyton**, 799 (1832 Land Lottery drawer), 968 (witness will of James Jones 1828); **Turner**, 777 (1821 Land Lottery drawer).

Pike County—established from Monroe, 1822

• Mitchell, Lizzie R. *HISTORY OF PIKE COUNTY, GEORGIA 1822-1932*. Spartanburg, SC: The Reprint Company, 1980. Title page and all the pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Brit.**, 136 (private in Civil War); **Brittain**, 8 (attended Pike County's first election meeting 1823); **J.A.**, 38 (Col. of West Point, gave speech at Whig rally 1840).

Spalding County—established from Henry, Pike, and Fayette, 1851

Griffin, Mary, comp. *ABSTRACTS OF WILL BOOK A*

(1852-1880) *SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA*. N.p.: Griffin Historical and Preservation Society, 1983. Title page, Foreword, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Aley A.**, 7 (niece of Columbus J. Butler and daughter of J.T.A. Alford); **Clemmie A.**, 8 (witness to will of Columbus J. Butler 1861); **Emily L.P.**, 7 (niece of Columbus J. Butler and daughter of J.T.A. Alford); **J.Q.A.**, 14 (witness to will of George Prothro 1874 and codicil 1875); **J.T.A.**, 7 (witness to will of Columbus J. Butler 1861, and named as father of 3 nieces named in will); **O.H.**, 7 (witness to will of James Butler 1859); **Susan C.**, 7 (niece of Columbus J. Butler and daughter of J.T.A. Alford).

Griffin, Mary, comp. *MARRIAGE RECORD A, DIRECT AND REVERSE (1852-1873 SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA)*. N.p.: Griffin Historical and Preservation Society, 1983. Title page, Foreword, and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **Dave**, 1 (m. Catherine Prothro 5 March 1866).

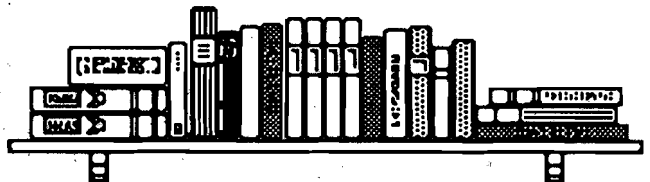
Purdy, Geraldine, comp. *ABSTRACTS OF DEED BOOK A, SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA*. N.p.: Griffin Historical and Preservation Society, 1983. Title page and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **J./John T.A.**, 18, 60, 61, 68, 94 (witness 1846, 1849, 1852, 1853), 37 (of Spalding Co., buys land in Spalding Co., formerly Henry Co., 1853), 62 (buys with others land originally in Monroe Co. to be held in trust for a Male College).

Troup County—established from Indian lands, 1826

Allen, Randall A. and Danny Knight, comps. *ESTATE RECORDS OF TROUP COUNTY, GEORGIA 1827-1850*. LaGrange, GA: Family Tree, 1987. Title page and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Brittain**, 2 (purchaser at estate sale of Isham Alford 1833); **David C./Sherell**, 4 (orphan of Zadock Alford); **David**, 1 (purchaser at estate sale of Erasmus C. Alford 1843); **Erasmus C.**, 1 (inventory and appraisal 1841), 1 (estate sale and annual returns 1843), 1 (annual returns 1844), 1 (noted as former guardian of Albert E. Cox 1844); 2 (annual returns 1847, 1849); 4 (appraiser of estate of Zadock Alford 1838), 65 (guardian for Albert E. Cox, orphan; note says Erasmus became Albert's guardian in 1834, but no returns were filed until 1845), 286 (purchaser at estate sale of Henry Rogers 1837); **Isham**, 2 (inventory and sale 1833); **J.C.**, 185 (purchaser at estate sale of John Kendrick 1837); **James Floyd**, 4 (orphan of Zadock Alford); **Julius C.**, 1 (purchaser at estate sale of Erasmus C. Alford 1843); **L.**, 1 (purchaser at estate sale of Erasmus C. Alford 1843), 129 (purchaser at estate sale of Simeon Hammond 1846); **Lodowick C./Lodwick C.**, 2,3 (son and orphan of Erasmus C. Alford); **Lodowich/Lodowick/Lodwick**, 4 (guardian for orphans of Zadock Alford, 1831-1839); **Lodwick/Lodowick**, 1 (administrator for Erasmus C. Alford 1841), 2 (administrator of estate of

Erasmus C. Alford 1849), 65 (guardian for Albert E. Cox, orphan; note says Lodowick became Albert's guardian in 1841 upon the death of Erasmus C. Alford, but no returns were filed until 1845), 244 (purchaser at estate sale of Thomas Oglesby 1836), 286 (purchaser at estate sale of Henry Rogers 1837); **M.**, 150 (purchaser at estate sale of John Hill 1850); **Margaret E.**, 1 (widow of Erasmus C. Alford); 2,3 (widow and guardian of children 1847-50); **Margaret Erasmus/E.**, 2,3 (daughter and orphan of Erasmus C. Alford); **Mary E.C.**, 2,3 (daughter of Erasmus C. Alford); **Richard**, 223 (purchaser at estate sale of Phillip McKamie 1849); **Spier/Spire Warren**, 4 (orphan of Zadock Alford, 1831-1838; 1 Jan 1839 note: David and James are 2 remaining orphans, indicating that Spier had died or reached maturity); **Spire/Speir**, 2 (purchaser at estate sale of Isham Alford 1833), 100 (purchaser at estate sale of Francis Foster 1839); **Zadock**, 4 (annual returns for 1826-1838; returns for 1826-31 were filed in 1831 in Morgan Co., GA, with a copy filed in Troup Co.).

• Bruce, Merle Massengale. *EARLY MARRIAGES TROUP COUNTY, GEORGIA 1828-1900*. Roswell, GA: WH Wolfe Associates, 1982. Title page and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **A.M.** [male], 3 (m. F.E. Shank 1 Nov 1874); **Caroline M.**, 293 (m. Lawson Slaughter 1 Nov 1860); **D.A.** [female], 183 (m. T.W. Johnson 8 Nov 1865); **David S.**, 3 (m. Julian Frances Ellis 16 May 1839), 4 (m. Epsa E. Norris 12 March 1846); **Eliza E.**, 213 (m. M. Austin Martin 2 July 1844); **Elizabeth A.T.**, 212 (m. Benjamin H. Martin 30 March 1835); **Elizabeth**, 274 (m. James W. Richardson 24 Oct 1844); **George W.**, 4 (m. Jane Piper 26 Sept 1839); **Goodrich**, 4 (m. Mary Richardson 29 Feb 1844); **James F.**, 4 (m. Sarah J. Ellis 13 July 1838); **Julieta W.**, 69 (m. Albert E. Cox 26 Nov 1840); **Julius**, 4 (m. Elaphar Hickey 13 Jan 1847); **L.N.**, 4 (m. Margaret A. Hogg 17 July 1892); **Maggie R.**, 163 (m. Jarrel N. Hogg 22 Dec 1881); **Margaret E.**, 149 (m. Henry T. Heard 8 Sept 1857); **Martha C.**, 247 (m. George C. Palmore 25 Jan 1849); **Mary Cade**, 150 (m. Peter A. Heard 25 Nov 1851); **Mary H.**, 163 (m. A.J. Hogg 6 Aug 1885); **Mary S.**, 63 (m. Joseph P. Collins 22 Oct 1884); **S.W.**, 4 (m. Lyna J. Hammond 7 Feb 1875); **Spire W.**, 4 (m. Caroline M. Cotten 12 Jan 1837); **Thomas**, 4 (m. Susan Barden 28 Aug 1848); **William L.**, 4 (m. Mary A. Hutcherson 22 Apr 1852).



Part 2: 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)

English Alfords

ORIGIN AND EARLY MENTION OF THE NAME ALFORD IN ENGLISH RECORDS. THE RELATION OF THE AMERICAN ALVORD FAMILY TO THE ENGLISH ALFORDS.

In any consideration of the earliest data regarding the Alvord family, it must be remembered that the name is identical with Alford* and that all the Alvord family ancestors in England were ALFORDS and not ALVORDS. There are a very few instances of the latter spelling in Co. Somerset, Eng. The transition to Alvord from Alford was a natural one since f and v are kindred letters. (The descendants of Alexander Alford, the progenitor of the American Alvord family have consistently spelled their name A-l-v-o-r-d. The descendants of the other Alford immigrants have used the original spelling). It therefore follows that in observing the early occurrences of the name in English archives and records, it is more important to note similarity to Alford than Alvord. Hence, there is little reason to believe that there is a reference to the Alford name in the Domesday Book of William the Conqueror (1060), although one Alward and one Allured appear, each possessed of a hyde of land (about 100 acres).

* The following variations of spelling the name occur in the early New England records: Alford, Allford, Alfred, Alvard, Alvert, Alverd, Alvert, Alved, Allord, Alloord, Alluard, Allucrd, Alhurd, Olford, Olverd, Olvord.

It has been suggested that the name was originally Alfred, from King Alfred the Great, but evidence is lacking to support such a theory. Nor should it for a moment be thought that the name is derived from a place where "all forded" the river. The name is distinctly Saxon in origin rather than Norman and the true source or derivation of the name is furnished by Canon J. G. Alford of Bristol, England [author of the other 1908 book being printed in this quarterly].

"Alde was an ancient form of old as in alderman. Aldeford was the old ford across a river, and Robertus Dominus de Aldford was master, lord or governor of a military station (Aldford Castle) commanding the old ford across the Dee above Chester. The changes then followed:

Richard Dom. de Aldford
Radulf de Aldford
Henry de Aldford
Robert de Alford (a descendant of "Bigot" who came over with William the Conqueror. He was miles [Knight] in 1160).
Thomas Alford
Alexander Alvord.
(The above is not to be taken as a direct line of ancestry.)

"This comes from the oldest pedigree of the name, and the connection of the Somerset family with the Aldford Castle in Cheshire is early but distinct. The northern Alfords gradually died out or sank in position, while the Somerset Alfords became land-owners (though not extensive ones) about 1560, and have maintained their position as professional gentlemen."

The following are very early occurrences of the name:

"Middleton or Milton (Clivedon), Fol. 48, No. 114. Grant by William de Clyveden for the good of his soul and those of his parents and friends to the

canons of Bruton of the church of Middleton.

Testibus:
Roberto, Archidiacons Ilberto et Servasio decanis,
Rogero de Alderforda, etc.

"Folio 14,15. No. 35, A. D. 1256. Agreement made in the Lady Chapel of Bruton between Sir William, Prior of Bruton, and William de Careville before Sir H. Lovell. Sir Ralph sine Averio (Sansaver) Hugh his son Knights, Master Thomas de Alde the ford (Alford) John Rufus of Lamay, etc. Richard Landres, William Pincema Mathew de Beteville, etc. The said William de Careville released to the prior all right which he had in the pathes and foot stiles above the Barn of the said Prior in the field which is called Hyde toward Begwode.

Testibus:
Wittelmo de Plescey,
Wittelmo Hurcarl,
Robert de Crudenhulle,
W. de La Lade,
Henrico de Campo florido,
Wittelmo de la Coume,
Thomas de Dike.

"No. 202. Deed by which Isabella who was the wife of William Fitz Adam of Cherleton, etc. (quit-claim), this is a very long charter.)

His testibus:
Domino Andria Wake,
Domino W. de Doneheved,
Domino Humfrido le Kael,
Domino W. de Loueny Majisto,
W. Fauerole,
R. Bissop,
W. de Combe,
Radulfo Huscarl." (Somerset Rec. Soc. Vol. 8.)

In 1292, 20 Edward I, certain lands at Barrington and Chillington, Co. Somerset, were held "by the service of finding a man on foot to serve at the Castle of Aldford, Cheshire, in the time

of war." (Canon J. G. Alford.)

In 1327-8, Edward I, the names of Thomas Alford and John Alford appear under the parish of Henstridge, Co. Somerset. (Subsidy Rolls.)

In 1335-6,9 Edward III, John Alford of Williton, Co. Somerset, cler, made a grant of a tenement at Williton. (Hist. M. S. Com., Vol. XVI, p. 74.)

In 1484 there died an Allford, Vicar of Cannington, near Bridgewater. "There was an inscription in Brass under the Alter steps" to his memory, in which he was called "a Benefactor." (Collinson's Somerset.)

In 1520, Thomas Alford, patron of Pilton; in 1523, Henri Alford and George Alford, both of the Hundred of Whitely; in 1524-5, John Alford of Ile Abbots and John Alford of Bickenhall, all in the County of Somerset, are mentioned.

The foregoing is sufficient to show the antiquity of the family and that it was early established in Co. Somerset, which will be shown to be the locality from which the progenitors of the Alford and Alford families in America came, i. e., the descendants of Alexander and Benedict Alford. No evidence exists which shows whether any of these early names are in direct line of the American families.

"The Alford's of Somerset were landowner in the county, as is still the case, and two members of the family were county magistrates—the family being one of evidently good position in the county for the last three hundred years—but they became known chiefly as a clerical family. A veritable family of priesthood, six successive generations, in two diverging but unbroken lines, having taken Holy Orders." (Canon J. G. Alford.)

Henry Alford, D. D., late Dean of Canterbury was a descendant of the Somerset Alford's.

The Family Registry

By Pamela Alford
AAFA Publications Editor

I spent a few days in at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City in August, gorging myself on genealogical research. Whenever I hit a dead end or couldn't make my brain think anymore, I did something easy—grabbed books from the Georgia shelves (where my Alford's were) and copied every indexed page with an Alford on it for the Booklist. At five cents a page, copies were a bargain! On Sunday, when the library is closed, I typed 'em up on my trusty Mac—that's why all the books listed in this quarter's "Booklist Additions" are from Georgia!

Unfortunately, I didn't make any progress on my own line of Alford's, but I had a good time, and I found out about a new service the library offers that I think AAFA members should know about: The Family Registry. According to their brochure, "The Family Registry can help you find others who are doing research on the same family lines you are working on. You can then contact them to coordinate your efforts and share results."

Basically, you submit a Research Coordination Registration form for each individual you want to register to the library. They then computerize the information and include your name and address as the researcher.

Then, like I did, other researchers can look up the names they are researching in the library's computers. If you look up John Alford, for instance, all the entries with that name, including all the spelling variations, will pop up, along with some identifying information: dates, places, spouses, and/or children. Hit a couple more keys and the name and address of the entry's submitter is displayed.

I found several people researching some of my lines, and one had a lot of data I didn't have! Now I'll write to them and share info. Even if these people have moved or don't answer my letters, I printed out the information (five cents a sheet again) and now have a lot of leads on new lines!

However, when I actually looked up Alford, I was surprised to find that about 90% of the names were from New England or England. Only a couple of southern lines were represented. Turner Alford from Georgia and his family were being researched by someone, and several entries that had the Seaborn name in them were displayed. Other than that—zip for Southerners!

I felt so bad about this that I decided to make it easy for all AAFA members to register their Alford (or any other) families in The Family Registry. I've enclosed a blank form which you can fill out and submit on one of your Alford's—but they must be deceased. (If you're a northern Alford, do it anyway because all researchers on an individual get their names listed.)

Try submitting the name of one of your problem people, as long as you have at least one identifying date and/or place. If you get really ambitious, xerox the form and submit lots of them! The more exposure you get, the more results you're likely to receive.

And if anyone writes to you and you can't help them or you don't really connect, send their letter to Gil at the Association address. Maybe AAFA records can help, and maybe we'll get a new member!

This is a great deal—it's free!—so don't pass it up!

The Lost Graves

By Bob Alford Sterling, Member #320

Summer, 1854

Troup Community, East Texas

Spire W. Alford paused for a moment to wipe the sweat out of his face. He was chopping the weeds out of 40 acres of waist high corn. The woods past the field were full of game, including deer, rabbit, and squirrel. This was a good place. Resting with one arm wrapped loosely around his hoe, Spire bent down and scooped up a handful of soil. It was sandy, but well drained and suitable for growing a crop for the farm animals.

For four long years, Spire had worked to build a house, clear the land, and put in a crop. Soon, he wanted to have his whole family together again. His wife Caroline made only infrequent trips to visit. She was so far away and he missed her.

Spire was worried. He squinted in the hot, July sun and glanced over his shoulder in the direction of the house. A slave named Dorcas was there looking after two of his children: 16-year-old Marcilius and 14-year-old Partha. They were sick with the fever. Spire was weak from the fever too, but someone had to work the field.

Spire was a long way from LaGrange, Georgia. There waiting were Caroline and four more children: Leonidas, Didema, Alexander, and Spire Jr. Back in the spring of 1854, a pregnant Caroline made the trip to Texas to visit her husband. Despite the distance between them, they managed to get together every several months or so. On the way back to Georgia, she delivered a baby boy. She named the boy Spire Warren, after his father.

For several generations, settlers had worked the land there in West Georgia until the soil, drained from years of cultivation, began to produce less with every new year. When the land gave out, people moved West to

fresh areas which had never before seen a plow. Spire, like so many of his contemporaries, looked to the West to find his future. Spire and a cousin named Sippy Alford first traveled to East Texas around 1849. The war with Mexico had been won and the great Republic of Texas had been admitted to the Union as its largest state in 1845. New settlers were welcomed with open arms. Spire bought 1260 acres of land in February of 1850.

By the summer of 1854, Spire was one of hundreds of pioneers who populated the fertile Red River valley area just about 30 miles southwest of Texarkana. Back in Georgia, Caroline Cotten Alford waited for her husband to send for her and the other three children. But by August, 40-year-old Spire and his two oldest children lay dead from the fever. Spire left behind a fully furnished house, a female slave, several hundred acres of land with 40 acres of which in a high state of cultivation, numerous farm animals, and farming implements. In short, an estate worth thousands of dollars—which in 1854 was considered a small fortune. Spire never got to see his youngest son.

Claim against the Estate of Spire W. Alford

Made July 15th, 1855

(Note: The third child mentioned below is speculated to be a daughter of the slave Dorcas named Harriott. Dorcas and Harriott are listed in the inventory of the estate as property of Spire.

Dorcas is listed as being worth \$350.00; Harriott is listed as having no net worth, probably because of her youth, and the fact she is female).

For John L. Dennas

To building rock wall around the grave of the deceased and three children, \$15.00

Personally appeared before me James

Brown and acting Justice of the Peace after being duly Sworn deposite and Saith the above account is just and true to the best of his knowledge after all just credits are allowed.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 12 of July 1856,

J. L. Dennas

Santown, Georgia

June 28, 1856

Cousin Sippy Alford I received your letter accompanied with a deede to the lands that my husband Spier W. Alford owened when he died with a request for me to signe the deed. I dont think that it would be just for me to signe the deed. I am willing to wave my right to a dower on the lands that my husband owened in Texas but I dont thinke that is the proper way to do so.

I herby autherrise you as the administrater on my husband's Spier W. Alford's esstate to sell all of the lands that he owened in the State of Texas at the time of his death and I herby wave my right as his widder to take my dower on the lands that he died in persession of in texas and I herby autherrise you to sell and make a feesimple title to my intrestes in said lands and I will come in as a child for my introust in said lands in witness wherof I herby signe my hand and seal this the 28 of June 1856.

Carolin M. Alford

Witness

Joseph A. Palmer

The following is the text of a personal letter included with the one above. The one above is more of a legal document.

We are as well as common we have

nothing knew. The people are generally well croses are only tolerable. The season has bin dry. We need rain at this time what croses was injured with the rust. I wount you to reserve graves and the grave yarde in some of the lands I dont wont the land cleared up to the graves. If what I have said in refferance to the land is insurfisment. I am willing to do anything that is nesserey after the land is sold I can sign the deed to the percheraser if you thinke it is nesserry let it be knowen on the day of the sale that the title be good....give my love to cousin Elizer & the children I should be glad to see her. Say to Dorcas that I wont her here verry mouch. I hope that next winter we all will get to gether again. I moust close. Yours in Last,

Caroline M. Alford

*The State of Texas
County of Cass
Late August, 1854*

County Court August term, 1854.
To the Honorable Chief Justice of Cass County, your petitioner represents that Spire W. Alford, late of the County of Cass, departed this life about the first of August 1854 at his residence in said county without a will leaving a widow and three children minors and also a large amount of property lying and being in said County of Cass. The promises being considered your petitioner pray your Honor to grant him letters of administration on said estate in our form of law and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray,

Sippi Alford
by J.C. McAlpine, Attorney

*The State of Texas
County of Cass
September, 1854*

Know all men by these present, that we, Sippi Alford as principal and William Leftwick and Columbus

Palmore as surities, are held and firmly bound unto the Chief Justice of the County of Cass in the sum of four thousand, four hundred dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made unto the said Chief Justice, we bind ourselves and our heirs executors administrators, individually and severally, firmly by these presents, signed with our hands and sealed with our seals (the seals being scrawls) the 26 day of September, A.D. 1854. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound has been appointed administrator of the estate of Spire Alford, deceased. Now if the said Sippi Alford shall well and truly perform all the duties required of him under said appointment, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect,

Sippy Alford
William Leftwick
Columbus Palmore

*Santown, Georgia
December 7th, 1857*

Sippy Alford, Esq.
by the politness of Wm Leftwick

Cousin Sippi I availe my self of this opitunity to drope you a few lines you will lerne that we are all well. I was glad to here by Wm Leftwick that you & yours wer well. I have bin expecting a letter from you for some time & when Wm Leftwick came in I was in hopes that you had sint me some word about my businefs but he sayes that you sint me not a word. I was in hopes that you would have the esstate wound up this winter so that I could have got what little was coming to me this winter but from what William Leftwick sayes I fere that I shant be able to do so. I was making arrangements to come or send to Texas this winter to have a settle ment with you on the esstate but from what Wm Leftwick sayes I think it best to wait

owntell I can here from you. He sayes that he dont thinke that the man that bought the land will be able to pay all the money this winter & if he dos not you will not be able to make a final settlement this winter. I wish you had sint me some money by William. I think if you knew how mouch I need money you would have sint me some. I have now bin here three years without a dollar & at the mussey of my friends for the two last years I have wonted to buy me a home but I could not for the wont of money. J.A. Palmer has bought Andrew Alford place and is willing that I should live ther but I have no money to buy such things as I need to go to house keeping so I dont know what to do. When you get this I wont you to thinke of my conditioin & do the best you can for me. If you can wind up the esstate this winter I wont you to do so & if you can & will let me know I will make some arrangements to have an agent ther to make the settlements with you & bring what little ther is to me. If you cant wind up the esstate this winter & be ready for a final settlement it is not nesarsary for me to come or sind as I wont one tripe to do. If you cant wind up the esstate this winter I wont you to send me all the money that you can if you can see any man coming from ther to Georgia that you can depend on. I know a man who expects to go to Texas some time soon if you will write to me that you have money that you will send I will get him to call & get it. Wm Leftwick sayes that Jarrel Hogg will come to Georgia soon. If he dos you could sind it by him if you have any money that you can sind. You need not be affraid to sind it. I will give you any showing that you wont. I wont you to be safe & I will do any thing that will make you safe. I have letters of Gardianship for the children & can give you a proper receipt. Send the money by a responable man & whin he gives me the money I can give him a receipt or I can sind you the receipt or I will give it to any man that you will name & he can hold the receipt or sind it to you. Cousin Sip money I need &

money I must have if I can possibly get it. If Jarrel Hogg dos come to Georgia I wont you to sind Dorcas by a responsible man that you see that is coming to Georgia & I will give you a proper reccit for her. Be sure to write to me as soon as you get this. If I can get any money I wont to know it & if I cant get non I wont to know. So be sure to write so I will know what to depend on if I am to stay her & beg my bread I won to be at it. Wm Leftwick telles me that you have a man ther for me. If I have to get married I will, so send me the money or the man. I am on the carpet. Widders have a hard time in this world so I moust marry if I can. Cousin Elizer I often thinke of you. You may have some day of my troubles since I left you but you dont know what they have bin. You moust pray for me. You may be a widder some time. Except my love for you & all your family.

Caroline M. Alford

*Troup County, Georgia
1857*

Received of Sippy Alford Adminis-
trater on the esstate of Spier W. Alford
Deceast Late of Cass County Texas one
negro woman by the name of Dorcas
belonging to the esstate of said Spier
W. Alford, Dec.

Caroline M. Alford
Guardian for the minor children of
Spier W. Alford Dec., Late of Cass
County Texas

*Troup County, Georgia
December 30th, 1859*

\$2178.08
Received of Sippy Alford administrater
on the esstate of Spier W. Alford, Dec.
late of Cafs Co. Texas, one houndred
and twenty four dollars 72 ct, Dec 12th
Eighteen houndred & fifty fore, and
ninty one dollars and 56 cts, Jan 15
Eighteen houndred & fifty five and

eight houndred dollars Dec 10th
Eighteen houndred & fifty Seven and
three houndred & fifty five dollars, Dec
24 Eighteen houndred & fifty Eight and
also by the hand of P.L. Trammell
Eight houndred dollars Dec 30th
Eighteen houndred & fifty nine. Given
under my hand & let this Dec 30th
Eighteen houndred & fifty nine.

Caroline M. Alford
For my Self & as Gardean
for all my children

*Santown, Georgia
March 30, 1860*

Cousin Sippy Alford, Der Ser

I received your letter some time
since & should have written to you
some time since but I have bin wating
hoping to get some one that was going
to Texas to see you and bring what
money you had for me. Several of the
neighbors have bin speaking of going
but now it is ounsertin when thay will
go so I wont you if you pleas to buy me
a check on New York. Buy one on the
Continental Bank of N.Y. if you can &
if you cant get on that Bank. Why any
good Bank of N.Y. will do. Have the
check made parerable to J.A. Palmer &
send it to him to Longcane Post Office
by male. Be sure wen you buy the
check & mail it that you can prove that
you did buy one & make it to J.A.
Palmer if it ever should be nesersary.
Attend to this as soon as you can if you
pleas. I will send you the recceit for the
money in this letter.

From the tenner of your last letter
you appered to be a littell netteled at
my last letter. You put a rong construc-
tion on my letter. I never have bine
affraid that you would intenchonly
cheat me out of a dollar. I have ever
esstemed you as one of my best friends
& I will never forget your kindness to
me when I was in Texas. But I did fere
there was some misstake & that was the
reason that I wonted you to send me the
different amounts & the expences of

the administration & I thinke a littell
harde of you for your ansur of that
parte of my letter. If you was to aske
souche a favor of me I certinly would
take a plesure in accomerdating you
and I think you ought to give me all the
information you could as I am a pore
widder & have no one to go to Texas &
looke after my introust. I know it would
have put you to some trouble but I hope
you will be paid for all of your trouble
with me. From your letter the land
brought \$1700 or \$1800 houndred
dollars & the perisherable property
brought over eleven houndred dollars
& the Dennis & Wilerame Det if I
remember right was some twelve
houndred dollars & Dorcas hiered for
some fore houndred dollars that makes
some \$4500 dollars & I dont thinke that
A. Alford was in det mouch you lost
but in det of \$124 that I ever herd of &
you have sente me \$2164 & have but
nine houndred more making some three
throughsan dollars that I get has the
expences bin \$1500 dollars and some
of the money ought to have bin on
introust & the land was rentied for
somthing. It dos looke to me like there
was some mistake.

I intend to have the thing looked
into some day I thinke it is my duty to
do so. I have my children to rase. My
husband worke hard for what littel he
had & his children ought to have it. I
know you wont them to have all that is
coming to them & would not cheat
them out of a cent. But you are like
other men lierable to mistakes & have
made some. You wrote by Mr. Tram-
mel there would be but about one
hundred dollars more & I see there is at
least \$939.70 more if you make one
mistake you may make more. I hope
you wont think hard of me for this
plane talke that is the way for friends to
talk. The old adage is a good one watch
your friend & you will have no
enemies. I wish I could se you and
talke this thing over but hope you
understand me. My Self & family are
as well as common. We are trying to do
the best that we can. We have nothing
new or strange except the Female

Collage in Lagrange buned down last Wensday night. We have a late cold spring. Give my love to Cousin Elizer & the children & Palmor & his wife & children & Low & his family. I dont know that I ever will see you all any more in this life but I shall remember you all as long as I live for your kindnes to me. You moust continue to write me. Tell Cousin Elizer to write to me.

Your Friend Respectfully,
Caroline M. Alford

*The State of Texas
County of Cass
Summer, 1860*

Administrator shows by the account current that said estate is in his debt three thousand and three dollars and that he has received three thousand, nine hundred and forty two dollars and seventy cents leaving in his hands belonging to said estate the sum of nine hundred and thirty nine dollars and seventy cents and prays for the court to pass an order authorizing this administrator to pay said last named sum of money to Caroline M. Alford, surviving widow of the deceased, in her own right and as guardian for her children and take her receipt for the same and be discharged thereafter from further liability and will forever pray,

Sippi Alford

*Page 191, 1860 Census
Troup County; West Point, Georgia*

C.M. Alford, female, age 41
Leonidas, male, age 16
J., female, age 14
Alex, male, age 12
S.W., male, age 6

*Civil War Era
1861 - 1865*

Caroline M. Alford marries Thomas Winston Slaughter. They move across the state line to near Roanoke, Alabama in Randolph County.

*March 29, 1864
West Point, Georgia*

Fifteen-year-old Alexander Alford enters the service of the Confederate States at West Point, Georgia. He serves in Company D of the 37th District Georgia Militia. Serving under Colonel W.W. Cato, he advances in rank from private to order sergeant. One of his responsibilities is to guard the bridge spanning the Chattahoochee River along the Alabama/Georgia border. Alexander is furloughed March 1, 1865. Almost 50 years later, Alexander is denied a pension because he served in the Georgia Home Guard, not the regular infantry.

*Troup County, Georgia
November 1, 1874*

Alexander Marshall Alford, Spire's next to youngest son, marries Frances Elizabeth Shank.

*Winston County, Alabama
Summer, 1879*

Alexander and his family move from Troup County, Georgia to Winston County, Alabama near what is now the Bankhead Wilderness Area.

*Cornett Community (previously known as Troup Community)
1929*

The Cornett family discovers a rock wall on the land previously owned by Spire Alford. The wall encloses an area measuring approximately 12 feet by 12 feet. Most of the rocks are removed to the Cornett house some distance away for the construction of a

"summer cellar." What remains of the gravesite is a low rock perimeter about a foot high which is soon hidden by the growth of underbrush.

*Morris County, Texas
Summer 1954 (100 years after Spire's death)*

A light blue Buick Roadmaster pulls up at a small service station in Daingerfield. Out step Marshall and Owen Alford, great-grandsons of Spire Alford. They had always heard of the legend of Spire who died in Texas a long time ago. They know the graves are marked, not with headstones, but with a rock wall. The purpose of the stop is to find someone who knows where the graves are. The service station attendant has never heard of the graves and does not know any Alfords. Marshall and Owen try a couple more places in town, but eventually drive back to Winston County, Alabama somewhat disappointed. Over the next several years, Marshall and Owen occasionally stop in Daingerfield and ask about the graves.

*Linden, Texas
Cass County
1986*

Spire W. Alford's estate papers are discovered in the Court House in Linden. Copies of the estate papers, and copies of correspondence between Caroline and Sippy Alford belonging to Della Mae Kennedy are forwarded to Alfords living in North Alabama. Descendants of Spire and Sippy Alford exchange letters and phone calls.

*Morris County, Texas
March 1987 (132 years after Spire's death)*

Marshall and Owen Alford, each accompanied by one grandson, meet Jim and Linda Alford and their children



Alexander and Frances Elizabeth (Shank) Alford

outside the post office of Naples, Texas. Jim Alford is a direct descendant of Sippy Alford. It is the first time in over 100 years descendants of Spire and Sippy have gotten together. From the post office, two vehicles drive to the Cornett Community in Cass County. At the Cornett house, the summer cellar constructed of the rocks from Spire's grave is found.

The group is joined by David Thomas who grew up in the area and has seen the gravesite. But he doesn't remember exactly where it is. Marshall and Owen are both in their eighties, but effectively lead the party of 10 or so searching for the gravesite. The soil is sandy and most of the area is covered with 10 to 15 year old pines trees and various low growth

including honeysuckle vines, blackberry bushes, and sage brush.

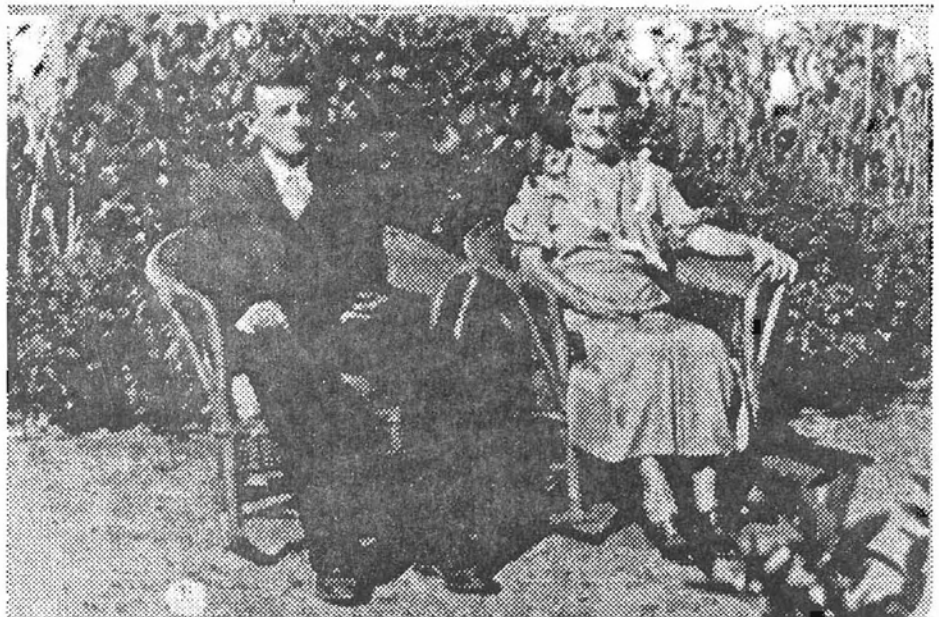
The search party covers a few acres near the Cornett houseplace, but to no avail. At one point in the search, Marshall holds up a 50 dollar bill and offers to give to it the first one to locate the gravesite. By now, it is late in the afternoon and the search party is growing tired and hungry. The search is called off about 4 pm. The next day, the Marshall and Owen Alford group travel back to Alabama. Before they leave, Jim and Linda assure them the search for the gravesite will continue.

*Roanoke, Alabama
Randolph County
1988*

Owen Alford and his oldest grandson, Mitchell Owens, travel to Bethel Church just South of Roanoke to the gravesite of Caroline M. Alford Slaughter. They replace Caroline's headstone which, over the years, had weathered and was broken.

Summer, 1990

Marshall and Owen are getting older, but often think of going back to Texas to visit, at least once, their great-grandfather's gravesite. The grave is still lost, but the search has not been discontinued. Perhaps someday soon, the gravesite will be discovered. It is not known



John Warren & Amy Cleo (Tidwell) Alford

for sure if the site still exists, even though various area residents claim to have seen it over the years. It may have been covered by undergrowth; the remainder of the stones may have been inadvertently removed by some well-meaning neighbor; or the site could have been bulldozed for a county road or some other civic project. The hope is, the site can be found and Spire's final resting place can be properly marked. Then he can be recognized and remembered as the East Texas pioneer that he was.

The author is indebted to several people. Their help provided the information contained in this article: Ruby Heard, Gil Alford, Della Mae Kennedy, and Jim and Linda Alford. The North Alabama Alfords are most grateful.

The Author's Lineage

- Spire Alford & Caroline M. Cotten
 - Marcilius Didema
 - Partha Alexander
 - Leonidas Spire Warren
- Alexander Alford & Frances
 - Elizabeth Shank
 - Celestia Odessa
 - Daisy F.
 - John Warren
- John Warren Alford & Amy Cleo
 - Tidwell^{M1}
 - Myrtie Owen Warren
 - Marshall Daisy Alford
 - John Warren Alford and Ira Hulsey^{M2}
 - Louis
- Owen Warren Alford & Mary Jane
 - Miller
 - Peggy Jean
 - Elizabeth Joyce (Betty)
 - Eula Owene
 - Johnnie Evelyn
- Johnnie Evelyn Alford and Billy
 - Thomas Sterling
 - Robin Alford
 - Jane Ellen
- Robin Alford Sterling and Wanda
 - Gail Blevins

Ghost Stories

Maybe it's only coincidence mixed with wishful thinking—not the stuff of genealogical research, certainly—but doesn't it sometimes seem that the spirits of your ancestors are nudging you in the right direction? AAFA has two members who've experienced the ghostly nudge, and they were impressed enough to share their stories with us.

Looking for Answers in All the Right Places

By James P. Alford, Member #115

My missing grandfather has been found, or at least the trail has been picked up after 87 years! This IS a ghost story. . . . I went to San Francisco last summer looking for Grandfather. All I found were two dead sisters and a brother. Not being one to miss an opportunity and having had a few beers, I went to the cemetery on my last night there and "asked" his sisters where Grandfather went. (I ruled out asking his brother since he had been cremated.) Less than one hour later on PBS, I watched the "answer"—a special on the building of the Panama Canal! I knew this was it, and I kept studying the photos looking for ole Grandfather! Seven months later, I

found where to write for information on people who built the Canal. . . . YES, dear readers, Grandfather went to work on the Canal, February 17, 1906, after hiding out three years in New Orleans. The National Records Center, St. Louis, sent me copies of his employment application papers.

Out in the Trenches

This one's anonymous . . . so we won't think he's crazy!

In 1984 or '85 my wife and I visited the Vicksburg battlefield in Mississippi. As we entered the drive behind the Confederate lines at the northern perimeter, I had an indescribable feeling so strong that I stopped the car and walked along the trench lines and just stood there, soaking it in. Now the strange part. I recently learned that my great-grandfather served with Company C in the 27th Louisiana Infantry and had fought and been captured at Vicksburg. A map of the Vicksburg defenses shows the 27th Infantry was dug in on the northern perimeter for the entire battle! I was probably standing within 100 yards of their trench when this occurred, but that was before I even knew my great-grandfather's first name!

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Part Eight: Josiah Alford's Alford Family Notes

London and Hertfordshire

We now return to the family of Sir Edward Alford.

6. **John Alford** of Hamsey and Offington, co. Sussex, esquire, was the son of Sir Edward Alford by his second marriage with Ann Corbett. He was born about 1645. The Alumni Oxonienses, Equitis gives the following:—"Alford, John, fil. Edward of Offington, Equitis. Church of Christ. Matric: 1664, age 17, of Offington." He lost his father when only eight years old, and succeeded to the Sussex estates on reaching the age of 21. He married the following year, and had nine children, of whom four died in infancy and two others at later ages, as shown in the pedigree, Table III. The three who survived were:

- i. Mary, born in 1669, who, in 1697, married Colonel Sir Thomas Wenham.
- ii. Elizabeth, born in 1671, who married Richard Bridger, of Hamsey Place near Lewes.
- iii. John, of whom next (7). In 1679 at the age of 34. John obtained a seat in Parliament, sitting as representative for Midhurst, Sussex, from 1679 to 1681, and for Bramber from 1688 to 1689. He died at Offington and was buried at Broadwater, in 1691, at the age of 44. His widow, Sarah Alford, lived till 1737, when she died at the age of 86. Her monumental inscription, upon a flat stone in the church at Broadwater, is:

In memory of John Alford, Esquire,
who died

May 16, 1691, at aged 44.

Here also are deposited the remains of
Mrs. Sarah Alford

Who lived his wife 23 years, and his
widow 46.

She departed this life Jan. 22nd. in the

86th year of
her age, and our Blessed Lord 1737."

Also at Broadwater, are the following inscriptions to their children:

"Edward Alford, Esquire, son of John Alford, Esquire, of Offington; ob: January 18, 1697; act: 17."

"Mrs. Sarah Alford, daughter of John Alford, Esquire, late of Offington. Died Feb: 3, 1727. Aged 50."

7. **John Alford**, of Coombe, co. Sussex, Esq., was the youngest and only surviving son of John Alford of Offington and Sarah his wife. He was born in 1683, and matriculated at New College, Oxford, in 1701, being described as "Son of John Alford of Offington, Armiger. Desiring to follow in the steps of his father, grand-father, and great-grand-father, he endeavoured to enter Parliament, but apparently failed to obtain a seat. There is no record of his marriage, and in 1744, at the age of 61, he died leaving neither widow or child. In Broadwater Church is a mural monument in the north transept: "To the memory of John Alford, esquire, who died 1744, the last of the ancient family of that name heretofore of Offington in this Parish; whose remains, together with those of his ancestors and kindred, lie buried in this channel." The direct line of the Sussex Alfords thus came to an end, as his monumental inscription records, and the Sussex property passed away from the family. "The manor of Hamsey (Coombe Place), near Lewes, was devised by John Alford, esq., to John Wenham," son of his sister Mary, who married Sir Thomas Wenham. Some part of the property also passed to the Bridgers.

The following may here be noted: Major John Alford is mentioned several times in the year 1645. His connections

with Berkhamstead, in Hertfordshire, would lead one to suppose that he belonged to this second, or Sussex, branch of the family. While he was noted as a Parliamentary soldier, Sir Edward as we have seen, was severely fined as a Royalist. "Wednesday, September 10, 1645. At two o'clock this morning the signal was given to storm the City. The horse were commanded by Major Alford, and within the line met a party of the Royal Horse, whom they forced to retreat, mortally wounding Colonel Taylor, and taking several prisoners." Evans' History of Bristol, pp. 203, 204.

"In 1650 Major John Alford held Crown lands on an unexpired lease at Berkhamstead." Clutterbuck's County of Hertford.

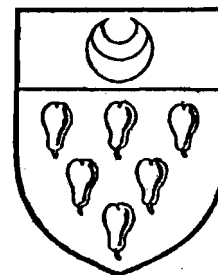
"Major John Alford, a Parliamentary Soldier, held Berkhamstead Place, Herts, under lease in 1656. Berkhamstead House, Manor, or Castle was leased by King James to the family of Morays, or Murrays. The Great Park had contained 1252 acres. About the time of King Charles the Murrays left, and the unexpired term of nine years was assigned to Major John Alford in February, 1650. The Estate and Manor of Berkhamstead are now held by Lord Brownlow under the Duchy of Cornwall." Public Record Office Papers.

The Cornwall Library at Naseby contains a small quarto illustrated tract, not found in the British Museum, published in London 1651, entitled A Narration of the Proceedings of this present Parliament and their Armies, etc. Page 19 begins: "A full narrative of the late dangerous designe against the State, written with Master Love's owne hand, whereby he setteth downe the several meetings and secret actings with Major Alford, Colonel Barton and others."

Table IV

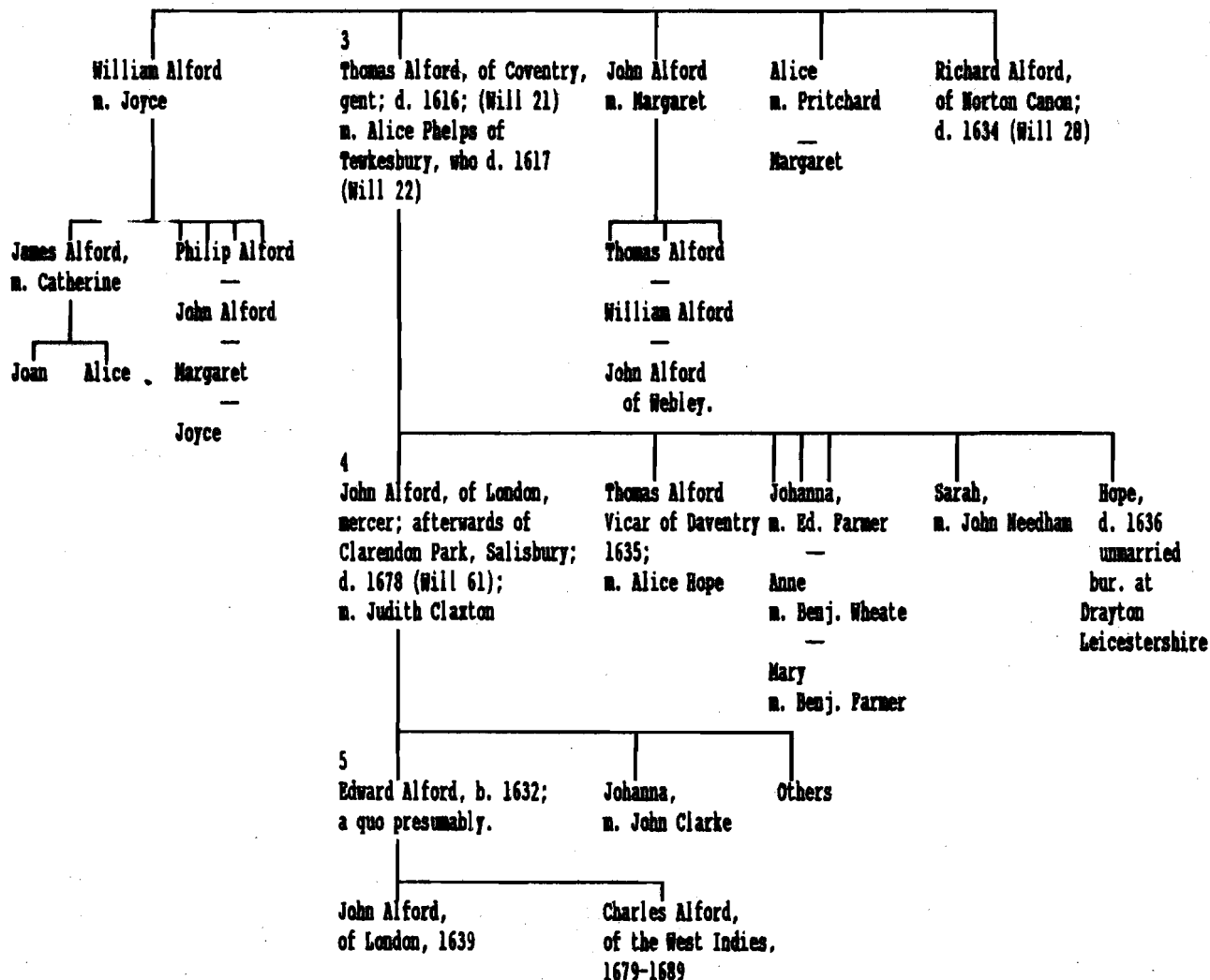
ALFORD OF HEREFORD, COVENTRY AND NORTON, ETC.

Presumably The Third Branch of the Northern Stock



1
 Thomas Alford, presumed to be the son of
 Thomas Alford of Molt, later of Co. Hereford, 1505;
 and London; d. 1535

2
 John Alford,
 of Cawther Hill
 Co. Hereford;
 d. 1614 (Will 19);
 m. Elisabeth



An Essex connection of the family is apparent, for the will of Roger Alford of Chelmsford, 1517, shows that the family were then of some position in the county. A writ to the Sheriff of Essex, 7th Elizabeth, 1565, mentions John Alford of Southweld: also Stephen and Thomas Alford of Felstead. In the Visitation of Essex in 1612 we find: Arms (quartered with Raynsford) Gules, a cross flory argent, Alford. And elsewhere the record of the marriage of an Alford with Robert Kempe of Finchingfield. In 1662 Theophilus Alford, son of John Alford of Ashton, Devonshire, became vicar of South Weald, and his son, John Alford, described as of Brentwood, Essex, matriculated at Trinity College, Oxford, in 1675, aged 16. Edward Alford, son of Roger Alford, was M.P. 1603 to 1628 for Colchester. The records of Monoux Foundation School at Walthamstow, in Essex, giving some interesting particulars concerning the Alford family. "Robert Alford, (the father of Roger) was one of the original devisees in Sir George Monoux's Will." The Governorship and Trusteeship of the Grammar School which he founded at Walthamstow thus coming into the hands of the Alfords. In 1599 "Edward Alford, grandson of the devisee, and son of Roger, being in possession of the premises in conjunction with Elizabeth Alford, widow (of Roger) and Edmund Fettiplace (their son-in law) became himself a Benefactor to the Charity." His benefaction being still known as "Alford's Gift." The Alford property on which the charges for this Charity were made was in the parish of All Hallows Staining, in London. It was reported formally in 1636 "that Schoolmasters had been appointed by the Alfords who had been unable to teach the Latin tongue." An "inquisition" was held and a new "decree" made by a Commissioner in 1658. We may here record the following entries in the Registers of St. Dunstan's in West, London: 1589, Feb. 10, Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Alford, gentleman, baptized. 1592, Jan.

7, Anne, daughter of Cuthbert Alforde, baptized. 1601, June 14, Robert, son of Edward Alford, gentleman, baptized.

The Alfords of Hereford, London, and Clarendon Park

The exact descent of this family is not clear, but it apparently formed the third branch of the Northern stock. The founder of this branch was Thomas Alford, presumably the youngest son of Thomas and Jane Alford, of Holt (see table). Of him we have these particulars: The Public Record Office Ancient Deeds, Hereford, B. 530, mentioned a "Bond by Walter Waters, rector of Bishopstone, co. Hereford, and Thomas Alford, of Brownshyell, in the said county, 20 Henry VII." Thomas Alford was appointed "Gentleman Usher of the King's Chamber" to Henry VIII.

The British Museum Royal MSS. contain the following interesting record concerning him: "Clothes and Jewells delivered to Thomas Alford, 16 November, 20 Henry VII. A purple damask gowne with gold fringe, with 130 diamonds set in golden buttons, and 131 flowers of gold and pearls on the garde gowne. A purple doublet with 54 rubies and gold buttons and



points," etc., etc. Thomas Alford was afterwards appointed "Spigurnel," or "Sealer and Signer in Chancery," in which capacity he is mentioned many times in Royal Office State Papers of the years 1533 and 1534. Vol. vi, 578 (25), May 1533, records a "Grant to Thomas Alford to be Keeper of the New Park, near Westminster, with the custody of the King's Lodges in the

same Park; and Receiver of the Rents of the Lands near Charyng crosse lately acquired by the King from Abbot and Convent of Westminster."

Also vol. vii, 1601 (2), December 1534, "Grant in Fee to Thomas Alford of lands called Brookys at Ipswich, Suffolk; Westminster, Dec. 2nd. A circumstance of especial interest is that he was a witness to the "Sentence given concerning the validity of the King's Marriage to Anne Boleyn: present, Thomas Cromwell, Thomas Leigh, LL.D., and Thomas Alford." Vol. vi, 737 (7).

He died at a comparatively early age in 1535, for a "Grant" of that year mentions "Thomas Alford, deceased, Signer and Sealer in Chancery." His son appears to have been John Alford, of Cawther Hill, co. Hereford. His will is to the following effect: John Alford of Cawtherhill, co. Hereford, 1614. To be buried in the Church of Norton. Bequest to the Church of Norton. "Elizabeth my wife. . . William my sonne. . . Alice my daughter. . . My sonne Thomas' daughters. . . John Allford my sonne. . . Thomas his sonne . . . John Alford sonne of my sonne John of Webley." "My best mare. . . my best horse . . . my good mare . . . my yearlinge colte." My son Richard. Elizabeth Meredith my son Richard's wife's daughter. My daughter Margaret's two sons John and James. Thomas son of my son Thomas. My son William, Executor." P.C.C. 91 Lawe.

John Alford married Elizabeth and had issue :

- i. William Alford (see Table IV)
- ii. Thomas Alford, of whom next (3)
- iii. John Alford (see Table iv)
- iv. Alice, m. Pritchard
- v. Margaret
- vi. Richard Alford of Norton Cannon, Hereford, whose will was proved in 1634: "To be buried at

Norton. . .Phillipp the son of William Alforde.. . James, John, Margaret and Joyce, Children of the said Wm. Alforde. . . John Alford the younger of Welles. . .Joan the daughter of James and Catherine. . .Her sister Alice. . .Alice Pritchard my sister. . .To my brother William my house at Norton. . . James his son. . .My sister in law Joyce Alforde. . .Margaret Alforde my sister in lawe. . . John Alforde and William my brothers. . .Marie Alforde. . .Margaret the younger. . . Joyce the younger. . .Mary Alforde. . . John Alford my brother, Wm.h is sonne. . .Philip Alford, James Alford, John my brother." P.C.C. 82 Seager.

3. **Thomas Alford**, of Coventry, gentleman, was the second son of John Alford and Elizabeth his wife. He died 1616, and his will is to the following effect: Thomas Alford of Coventrie, 1616. "To my wife Alice my nowe dwelling house in Well Street in the citie of Coventrie, with the stable and gardens, also my house called the Croft in Bishopgate Street, and after her decease to my sonne John Alford, and for lack of issue to my sonne Thomas Alford (a minor). . .To my wife all my plate . . .My daughters Johanna, Anne, Mary, Sara, Hope, my five daughters . . .To my daughter in lawe Alice Hope a piece of plate." "If anny of my sonnes and daughters doe take riotous and ungodly courses, and will not be ruled by the counsel of their mother, that stubborn and disobedient child shall have no more than £20." P.C.C. 51 Cope

He married Alice Phelps, of Tewkesbury, whose will here follows: Alice Allford of Conventrie, widow, 1617. Bequest "to poore of Tewkesbury where I was borne. . .all of my lands at Tewkesbury to Alice Stawell my daughter," Edward Stawell her husband land in St. Giles in County of Cornwall.

"To my sonne John Allford. . .to Thomas Alford my sonne. . .to my five daughters." P.C.C. 51 Cope

Their children were:

- i. John Alford, of whom next (4).
- ii. Thomas Alford. He was educated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. "The Rev. Thomas Alford was Minister of Daventry 1635-1637. The Registers for the year ending Lady-Day 1635 were signed by his predecessor; those for the year ending Lady-Day 1636 by himself; and those for 1637 by his successor. His death does not appear in the Register of Burials probably therefore he resigned." He married Alice Hope. "There are no entries in the Register as to any member of his family."
- iii. Johanna, m. Edward Farmer.
- iv. Anna, m. Benjamin Wheate.
- v. Mary, m. Benjamin Farmer.
- vi. Sarah, m. John Needham.
- vii. Hope, whose inscription is at Drayton, in Leicestershire, as below: Arms: Gules, six pears.
"Here lyeth the body of
'Hope Alford,
the youngest daughter of
Thomas Alford, Esquire,
who dyed 25 November 1636,
anno aetat: suae 23."

4. **John Alford**, of London, mercer, entered his pedigree in Visitation of London, 1634. He is described as descended from the old Alford family at Cheshire, and the Hearlds confirmed to him the arme in the same year. He became a man of considerable wealth and importance, and lived in later life at Clarendon Park, Wiltshire, "an ancient palace and domain two miles south-east of Salisbury, once the seat of the Earl of Pembroke." "The manor belonged to the Crown, and was granted by Charles II to the Duke of Albermarle, from whom it passed to the Earl of Bath. The magnificent estate of Clarendon Park extends over 4,000 acres. There is an

excellent Manor House, with remarkably picturesque Park of 300 acres, which is richly timbered, and the lake in it is the noted resort of wild-fowl. Here the famous Constitutions of Clarendon were signed in the 12th century. Here also Edward III and his royal prisoners, the King of France and Scotland, passed the summer months in 1357. The Estate was held in the later part of the seventeenth century by John Alford." The marriage of his daughter is recorded in the Harleian Visitations. Also London Marriage Licenses "John Clarke, of London, bachelor, 33, and Johanna Alford, spinster, 22, daughter of John Alford, of Clarendon Park, county Wilts, gent, 15 September, 1663."

Election of Officers

At the meeting in October it is expected that the Constitution (articles of incorporation) and By-Laws will be changed to limit the elected officers to President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It is also probable that the term of office for these persons will be established at three years.

There will be an election of officers at the meeting, with only those present voting.

The officers who are currently serving have been in office since the association was started—perhaps we can thank them for their hard work and dedication by giving them a rest!

If you would like to enter your name as a candidate for one of these offices, please advise the Association office. If you're serious about serving the Association, don't be shy! We welcome your help.

If you do not want to serve, but know of a person who would, get their permission and enter their name in nomination for the office.

Biography: Tressie Bowman

By Lucy Shull Stevens and Gil Alford

The lady many of us have come to love and know as Tressie Bowman was born 16 January 1899 in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas. She was the daughter of Leander Lemuel and Mary Pamela (White) Nash. Leander, called Lec, was born 12 November 1859 in Limestone County, Alabama. Mary was born 12 May 1866 in Aurora, Kane County, Illinois. So Tressie began her life with an attraction for both the north and the south.

By the time she was nine years old the family had moved to Texarkana, Arkansas, where her mother died in March 1908. At that time Tressie had two sisters living: Mary, about 19 years old, and Frankie, about seven. Tressie's father was a railroad man and was gone from home much of the time. Mary did most of the housework and took care of her younger sisters, but in 1910, at age 21, Mary died. Mr. Nash tried to get live-in help but finally gave up and placed Tressie and Frankie in a Catholic convent, Sacred Heart Academy. Neither of the girls were of the Catholic faith; however, their father came home and took them to the Methodist Church as often as he could.

Later Tressie's father married a widow, Josephine (Sheppard) Myers, the daughter of Senator Sheppard from Arkansas. Josephine had her own children, including a set of twins. She owned a small store in Doddridge, or Fouke, Arkansas, and Tressie and all the children had to help in the store. The lady next door had the telephone exchange in her home, and she offered to teach Tressie how to run the switchboard. She later became a telephone operator.

Tressie remembers one of the most thrilling moments of her life as the time she heard news of the Armistice in

World War I. She opened all the keys on her switchboard and rang everyone on the exchange so they could hear it from New York. She could hear all kinds of praise and thanksgiving from the mothers of sons who were "over there" and she could hardly see for the tears in her eyes.

While she was working the switchboard, Tressie "met" James Matthew Shull. He was born 24 June 1884 in Sabine Parish, Louisiana, the son of William Levi and Lucy (Maines) Shull.



"Matt" was a bookkeeper for a lumber company which was served by the switchboard. They seemed to fall in love with each other's voices, and although Matt had told her he had only one leg, their "relationship" continued. They finally met in person and were married three months later on 14 Dec 1918 in Texarkana.

After the birth of their daughter Lucy (AAFA DAR Project Officer Lucy Shull Stevens), the family moved to Louisiana where Matt worked in the

court house in Minden and was Clerk of Court in Coushatta. Matt went to Jacksonville, Florida, about 1924-25 when the "boom" started. Tressie, her father (who had divorced Josephine), and Lucy followed by train. From there the family returned to Coushatta, Louisiana, where Matt started his own Abstract and Title Company. He later co-owned another similar company in Many, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, which he still had an interest in when he died on 20 November 1934 in Caddo Parish, Louisiana. He is buried in the Bayou Scie Methodist Church Cemetery near Zwolle, Sabine Parish, Louisiana.

Before he died, however, the family lived in several other towns in north Louisiana—wherever there was an oil boom. During that period Tressie signed on with the Fuller Brush Company and as the only female salesperson led all the salesmen in the six parish area. It was said that she could talk the tail off a donkey and sell it back to him.

Matt died 20 November 1934, after a lingering illness following a stroke. After his death, Tressie and daughter Lucy moved to Shreveport, Louisiana, where Tressie took a job as a practical nurse. In 1935, her sister Frankie's husband was able to get her a job with the American Cotton Co-op Exchange in New Orleans where they lived for a year and a half. When that job played out, they returned to Minden, Louisiana, and Tressie worked in various jobs in and around Shreveport. From there she moved to Dallas, Texas, where she worked for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC), a government agency established by President Hoover in the early 1930's to aid businesses and home owners with loans.

By that time Lucy had finished high school and business school. When she joined her mother in Dallas in 1939 she

took a Federal Civil Service exam and began to work for the Federal Reserve. In 1941, Lucy received an appointment in Washington D. C. with the government. She moved there and lived with her aunt Frankie and her husband. Lucy met her future husband, Bob Stevens, on her first day of work at the Veterans Administration.

Nine months after their marriage, Tressie could stand it no longer—she moved to Washington to be near her daughter and her new husband. Since Bob went into service just six months after the marriage, Tressie lived for a while with Lucy. Later, she got an apartment in Washington and lived alone. Tressie worked for the RFC in both Dallas and Washington D. C. When the RFC closed, she went to work for the National Naval Medical Center as a library assistant. She retired in 1962. Tressie joined the National Genealogical Society and at one time served as their treasurer and councilor.

Tressie loved to dance, and those who are old enough will remember all the dances held for the servicemen during World War II at the USO, where Tressie did volunteer work. She met Lewis Orlando Bowman, Sr. at a government dance, and they were married 17 June 1949 in Washington D.C.

Lewis was born in 1904 in Hambleton, West Virginia, and died in 1976 in Bethesda, Maryland. Lewis also liked to dance and they both liked to travel, so they traveled extensively and danced frequently. Lewis was a sail maker and leather worker at the Naval Gun Factory. Needless to say the couple made many genealogy research trips and attended several reunions.

From birth Tressie had an Alford connection. Her mother, Mary Pamela White, was the granddaughter of Pamela Sikes. From there she traces her ancestors back through five additional generations of Sikes to Increase Sikes, Sr. who married Abigail

Fowler in 1670. Abigail was the daughter of Joanna Alford Fowler. Joanna was the sister of Benedict Alford and Alexander Alvord, both progenitors of notable New England branches of the family. Tressie is able to trace her Alfords back to the mid-1500's in England.

Tressie's first husband gave her another Alford connection. Matthew Shull's great grandmother was Lucy Alford Maines of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, daughter of Jacob Alford. Jacob, who moved from North Carolina, with a short stay in Georgia, to Louisiana in the very early 1800's, was the progenitor of most of the Sabine Parish Alfords, the Washington and Tangipahoa Parish Alfords, and many of the Alfords of Pike and Walthall Counties in Mississippi.

In July 1970 Tressie published her first issue of the *ALFORD FAMILY BULLETIN*. The stated purpose of her bulletin was to prove the ancestry of Jacob Alford and to learn the connections between the New Kent County, Virginia, Alfords and those of New England. That first issue was a 15 page document with page one being a letter explaining and introducing the publication. The other 14 pages were packed with census data, probate record indexes, abstracts of wills, information from pension applications, deed abstracts and indexes, marriage lists, and a family chart on Jacob Alford and the data applied to a myriad of states. She continued to publish these bulletins, at the rate of about two annually, usually in July and December until the fall of 1979 when she published her final issue. There was a hiatus from December 1971 until July 1976 and some years she managed only one issue. In 1977 she experienced a fire in the basement of her building and lost some of her records. She had cataract surgery in the fall of 1979 and was scheduled for an implant. That, together with other surgery and illness in 1978, and the ever increasing postal rates, nearly ended the bulletin. In 1971

the subscription was \$2 per year, and when she stopped in 1979 the price had increased to \$7. Never did she publish an issue that was not packed with interesting and useful information on Alfords.

While most of her data came from her own personal research, Tressie depended on input from readers for some of her bulletins, and there are names mentioned in the bulletins who are members of the Alford American Family Association today. Some of those noted are Lucille Mehrkam, Rod Bush, Alberta (Arletta) Skillen, Robert S. Barrows, D. L. Alford, Rose Alford Shelton, and Margaret Windham.

Tressie Bowman was the first person to undertake a project which addressed all Alfords in all geographic areas and in all branches of the family. Other important works such as Colonel Harlee's *KINFOLKS* and Hugh Edwin Alford's *IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS* limit themselves to a small part of the family.

Over the years Tressie researched and collected information on Alfords by the thousands. Data was meticulously entered on individual records—3 x 5 inch slips called pea slips. She also prepared family group records on each family she found. Copies of all of these have been made available to AAFA either by Mrs. Bowman or through her daughter, Lucy Shull Stevens, an AAFA member and the Association DAR project officer. The family group records are available to members from the AAFA library.

As long as Alford descendants engage in research on their family history, Mrs. Bowman will be remembered. They may not use her bulletins or even see her name, but all will be indebted to her for the work she did in pioneering research on Alford family history. As an expression of appreciation for her work, she was the first person to receive a lifetime honorary AAFA membership.

Alfords in the IGI—Nine States

In the December 1989 issue of *AAFA ACTION*, Alfords from the Alabama 1988 LDS (Mormon Church) International Genealogical Index were listed. In March 1990 those from the North Carolina index were printed. Tennessee Alfords were listed in the June 1990 issue. With 50 states and only four issues of the quarterly each year, you might figure that it will take over 12 years to get all the LDS-IGI listed. Not so! There are some states with few, if any, Alford entries.

From time to time a mixed list will be printed listing the Alfords from those states with few IGI entries. Nine different states have been consolidated in the following list: Alaska, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Maine, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.

In the last issue, the IGI data was supplemented with other data on Tennessee Alfords available in AAFA files (excluding census data). The following list has also been supplemented with Association data.

We want to share Alford information that we receive from members or others who submit data to the Association. The format used for the IGI is the best one for that purpose. Rather than initiate a separate section or feature in the quarterly, we will include such information in the IGI list each quarter. When information is being printed from a state with many Alfords in the IGI, it will be kept separate and not "contaminated" with extraneous information.

One small feature has been added in the list in this issue. If information is included on the children of a person listed, a "+" appears before their name. The children will be found elsewhere in the list under a heading showing the parents' names.

Remember: the fact that information is printed in the IGI does not mean it has been proven, and many Alfords are missing from the IGI lists.

NAME (ALFORD UNLESS SPECIFIED)	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	SPOUSE	DATE MARRIED	PLACE MARRIED
+ ABRAHAM	1820CA	NY	_____, LEONIA		
ADA W. ALFRED	1877E	IL ????	ALLEN, JAMES H.	18970813	IL GREE
ADELINE	1834E	IL ????	NEWMAN, GEORGE W.	18540226	IL PEOR
ALBERT	1800E	NY	DELAWEYER, JULIA ANN		
ALMIRA ALFRED	1819E	IL ????	WATERSON, LEONARD	18390818	IL MORG
AMANDA ALFRED	1837E	IL ????	PETERS, MOSES R.	18570323	IL PIKE
AMY E.	1843E	NJ ????	YOURNISON, C. K.	18631207	NJ CUMB
ANN	17760213	PA CHES	HOOPES, WILLIAM	17970308	PA CHES
+ ARNOLD HOBART	1899=<	IL ????	CRAWFORD, MARTHA L.		
BETSEY	1795E	ME ????	CRANE, BOYCE	18150209	ME KNOX
BUSTER	1787E	TN ????	BRYANT, MARY	18070221	TN WILS
C. B. (female)	1843CA	OH ????			
CHARITY	1799E	TN ????	LIGGAN, JOHN	18190212	TN WILS
CHARLOTTE	1802E	ME ????	METCALF, JESSE	18221003	ME KNOX
+ CHAUNCEY	1805E	OH ????	_____, HARRIET J.		
+ DAVID	1690=<E	NJ ???			
EDMUND ALFRED	1859E	IL ????	KOONS, MARY E.	18790204	IL KNOX
+ EDWARD ALFRED	1862E	IL ????	BORROR, EMALINE/EMMA	18821112	IL COLE
ELIZA ANN	1827E	TN ????	CLAMP, JAMES C.	18471126	TN DAVI
ELIZABETH	1721E	VA ????	GREGG, SAMUEL	17310331	VA MIDD
ELIZABETH	1836E	IL ????	BLACKWELL, WILLIAM H	18561121	IL CALH
ELIZABETH ALFRED	1814E	IL ????	SCOTT, WILLIAM	18340824	IL MORG
ELIZABETH ALFRED	1832E	IL ????	ROBBINS, SAMUEL S.	18520530	IL BOON
ETHEL MARIE	1910E	ID ????	BEDKE, HERSCHEL M.	19301004	ID BING
+ FRANCIS CHADWICK	1880<E	ENGLAN?			
+ GEORGE	1708<	NJ ????	_____, ALSE		
GEORGE ALFRED	1830=<	NJ ????			
+ GEORGE C./S.	1831<	NJ ????	_____, SARAH B.		

NAME (ALFORD UNLESS SPECIFIED)	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	SPOUSE	DATE MARRIED	PLACE MARRIED
GEORGE W. ALFRED	1829E	NJ ????	THEBOUT, ANNA	18490823	NJ ESSE
GERILDA F.	1866E	MT ????	LULCE, JOHN	18861216	MT MISS
+ IRA ALLFORD	1780=<E	PA ????			
+ J. C.	1937=<		DEES, ANNIE MURLE		
JAMES	1753E	DE ????	WELCH, ELIZABETH	17731014	DE NEWC
+ JOEL D.	1833=<	NJ ????	_____, MARTHA		
JOHN	1755E	DE ????	WELCH, REBECCA	17751005	DE NEWC
JOHN	1855E	IL ????	FURGASON, MARGARET	18751202	IL MENA
+ JOHN	1864=<	ID ????	DRAKE, MARY JANE		
+ JOHN C.	1853<	PA ????	MCCULLOUGH, ELEANORE		
+ JOHN CALVIN	1876<	OK ????	BLALOCK, MAGGIE		
JOHN WELLER	18370225	PA LAWR			
JOSIAH ALFRED	1839=<	NJ ????	_____, ANNA		
JULIUS	1786E	TN ????	HAYS, ANN	18060218	TN WILS
KATHERINE ALFRED	18750607	IL HENR	KEIM, JOHN B.		
+ LAMBERT M.	18340219	NC WAKE	BOND, LUCY A.		
LEONA	1891E	NM ????	THOMPSON, WALTER C.	19110111	NM ROOS
LICINDA ALFRED	1832E	IL ????	PERKINS, CALVIN D.	18520509	IL PEOR
LOUISANCE	1807E	TN ????	CRUDUP, ELISHA	18270414	TN WILS
LUCY ANN ALFRED	1830E	IL ????	COLEMAN, EDWIN	18500413	IL CASS
MARGARET	1595CA	MA	NORMAN, RICHARD	1615	
MARGARET	1742E	NJ ????	TURNER, RICHARD	17621206	NJ WOOD
MARGARET A.	1861E	IL ????	RIORDAN, EDWARD	18811113	IL MENA
MARTHA C.	1829E	NJ ????	THORN, FRANKLIN F.	18491225	NJ GLOU
MARY	1715E	NJ ???	HERRIOTT, JOHN JR.		
MARY E.	1853E	IL ????	ENGLE, DAVID J.	18731102	IL MENA
MARY E.	1856E	NJ ????	BACON, DAVID B.	18760625	NJ GLOU
MARY JANE	1877E	OK ????	HARTZELL, JOHN EATON	18970606	OK CLEV
MATILDA, MRS. -	1822<	NJ ????	RINEAR, DANIEL	18420809	NJ GLOU
MELVINA	1851E	PA ????	KIDDER, CHARLES A.	18710101	PA ERIE
+ NATHANIEL	1809=<	ME ????	_____, DEBORAH R.		
NATHANIEL C.	1840E	ME ????	_____, ANNIE E. H.		
+ PETER ALFRED/ ALFORD	1824/23	PA GREE	_____, MINERVA		
+ PETER ALFRED/ ALFORD	1824/23	PA GREE	_____, NANCY / PEARL		
PHEBE	1816E	IL ????	HINES, JONAS	18360303	IL MORG
+ R. B.	1790CA	OH ????	_____, CAROLINE		
RHODES ALFRED	1851E	IL ????	HARMISON, PHILENA V.	18711229	IL MOUL
+ ROBERT	1805CA	VA	CART, SARAH		
+ ROBERT G'THRIDGE ALFRED	1896<	NJ ????	UPRIGHT, ELIZABETH L		
+ ROLLIN	1853=<	IL ????	SPENCER, RUTH	18730612	IL ADAM
ROSWELL B. ALFERD	1816E	OH ????	LODGE, MARTHA	18361116	OH SICO
SAMUEL	1747E	PA ????	FREEMAN, ELIZABETH	17670616	PA PHIL
SAMUEL	1761E	PA ????	BURNAM, MARY	17810827	PA PHIL
+ SAMUEL	1886=<	ID ????	DOWN, ELIZABETH		
SAMUEL SCOTT	1861E	PA ????	KERCHOFF, MARY E.	18811026	PA LAWR
SARAH ALLFORD	1793E	NJ ????	MULFORD, JAMES	18130609	NJ SALE
SARAH ALPHA	1790=<E	NC ????	BAKER, JOHN		
SINTHY	1815E	IL ????	FINLEY, ANDREW	18350519	IL SANG
+ SPIRE WARREN	1868=<E	AL ????			

NAME (ALFORD UNLESS SPECIFIED)	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	SPOUSE	DATE MARRIED	PLACE MARRIED
STERLING	1821E	IL ????	INGERSOLL, FLAVILLA	18411216	IL WILL
THOMAS ALFRED	1833=<	NJ ????			
+ WILLIAM	1792=<E	TN ????	____, SARAH		
WILLIAM ALFRED	1833=<	NJ ????			
+ WILLIAM LACY					
ALLFORD	1869<	OK ????	LEE, MARTHA JANE		
WILSON OSBORNE	1901<	OK ????	GULLEY, VIRGLE		

Parents: ALFORD, ABRAHAM and _____, LEONIA

GERTURID		LA ??			
WILLIAM	184802	LA	____, DELPHINE		

Parents: ALFORD, ARNOLD H. and CRAWFORD, MARTHA L.

ALICE JEANNETTE	192002	IL LAWR			
DAVID LEON	19381006	IL LAWR			
FRANCIS HOBART	19180630	IL LAWR			
MAGGIE FAY	19240630	IL LAWR			

Parents: ALFORD, CHAUNCEY and _____, HARRIET J.

NANCY ELIZA	1825E	OH ????	LEMISON, TEAMON	18450907	OH SCIO
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Parents: ALFORD, DAVID and

SARAH	1721E	NJ ????	HERRIOTT, DAVID JR.	17410909	NJ WOOD
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Parents: ALFORD, EUGENE C. and FLETCHER, CAROL E.

EUGENE CLIFTON	19610301				
GARY E.	19670519				
JAY E.	19640427				

Parents: ALFORD, EUGENE C. and LAVENDER, MARTHA A.

+ EUGENE CLIFTON	19330930	GA MUSC	FLETCHER, CAROL E.		
MARTHA ANGELYN	19390401	GA ????			

Parents: ALFORD, EUGENE C. and MCGAN, TILLIE LEE

+ EUGENE CLIFTON	19080229	TN MAUR	LAVENDER, MARTHA A	19320624	SC GREE
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Parents: ALFORD, FRANCIS C. and

+ FRANCIS CHADWICK	1900E	OK ????	PARKER, MARJORIE M A	1923CA	OK GARF
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Parents: ALFORD, FRANCIS C. and PARKER, MARJORIE M A

REGINALD GENE	1925CA	OK GARF			
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Parents: ALFORD, GEORGE and _____, ALSE

CHARLES	1728=<	NJ ????			
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Parents: ALFORD, GEORGE C. S. and _____, SARAH B.

FRANK	18580719	NJ GLOU			
HANNAH	1856	NJ GLOU			
MARY ERMA	18531118	NJ GLOU			
Not named	1860	NJ GLOU			
SARAH B.	18511016	NJ GLOU			

NAME (ALFORD UNLESS SPECIFIED)	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	SPOUSE	DATE MARRIED	PLACE MARRIED
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Parents: ALFORD, HERMAN and

CLARA MARY 18580613 NJ CUMB

Parents: ALFORD, J. C. and DEES, ANNIE MURLE

PAMELA DIANE 19570618 ALASKA

Parents: ALFORD, JOEL D. and _____, MARTHA

JOHN WILMER S. 18540310 NJ GLOU

Parents: ALFORD, JOHN and DRAKE, MARY JANE

ELIZA ANN 18880311 ID BANN

WALTER 188512 ID BANN

Parents: ALFORD, JOHN C. and MCCULLOUGH, ELEANORE

HOWARD SCOTT 18740105 PA LAWR

MARY REBECCA 18721106 PA LAWR

Parents: ALFORD, JOHN CALVIN and BLALOCK, MAGGIE

JOHN DEE 18980613 OK WASH

Parents: ALFORD, JOHN W. and DAVENPORT, CLARISSA

JOHN W. LA

Parents: ALFORD, LAMBERT M. and BOND, LUCY A.

ALEX BOND 18710106 NC / TN

ANNIE J. 18640218 NC / TN

ELLA 18610217 NC / TN

+ EUGENE CLIFTON 18810603 TN MAUR MCGAN, TILLIE LEE 19060626 TN MAUR

FRED 18690427 NC / TN

JOHN ROY 18591007 NC / TN

LAMBERT M. 18630724 NC / TN

MARK O. 18670119 NC / TN

WILLIAM A. 18620409 NC / TN

Parents: ALFORD, NATHANIEL and _____, DEBORAH R.

DALPHINA V. P. 18360225 ME KNOX

ELIZA ELLEN 18320613 ME KNOX

ENOCH L. 18290605 ME KNOX

FRANCIS HELLEN 18310105 ME KNOX

NATHANIEL C. 18341129 ME KNOX

Parents: ALFORD, PETER and _____, MINERVA

ALICE MINERVA 18761016 PA GRE?

LUISA ISOBELLE 1878CA PA GRE?

MELISSA 1883? PA GRE?

SARAH 1874 PA GRE?

SIMON PETER 1872 PA GRE?

Parents: ALFORD, PETER and _____, NANCY

ELIZA JANE 1850 PA GRE?

HENRY JACKSON 1868 PA GRE?

NAME (ALFORD UNLESS SPECIFIED)	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	SPOUSE	DATE MARRIED	PLACE MARRIED
JACOB G.	1864	PA GRE?			
LETTIE/LUDY ANNE	1867	PA GRE?			
MALINDA E.	1859	PA GRE?			
MARY ANN	1848	PA GRE?			
SAMUEL	1861	PA GRE?			
SARAH	1852	PA GRE?			
+ WILLIAM HENRY	18560605	PA GREE	____, FELEY		
WILLIAM HENRY	18560605	PA GREE	STANLEY, ELIZA JANE		
WILLIAM HENRY	18560605	PA GREE	____, HATTIE		

Parents: ALFORD, R. B. and _____, CAROLINE

CAROLINE	1809CA	OH SCIO	PLUGSTON, JOHN	18361116	OH SICO
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Parents: ALFORD, ROBERT and CART, SARAH

ALICE	1854	IN	JONES, WILLIAM W.	18730624	
BENJAMIN C.	1848	IN	____, MATILDA		
DELILAH	1842	IN			
ELENOR	18400805	IN	CHALFONT, THOMAS	18640404	
ELIZABETH	18300226	MCDOWELL, WILLIAM		18480323	
GEORGE WASHINGTON	18301023	VA	HANEY, ELIZABETH P.	18540914	
JAMES M.	1835CA	VA	MILLER, MARY J.		
JOSEPH	1837CA	IN			
ROBERT	1845	IN			
SARAH ANN	1833CA	VA	SWART, PIEBE	18560619	

Parents: ALFORD, ROLLIN and SPENCER, RUTH

FREDERICK SPENCER	1874	IL ADAM			
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Parents: ALFORD, SAMUEL and DOWN, ELIZABETH

SAMUEL LESLIE	19070320	ID ADA			
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Parents: ALFORD, SPIRE WARREN and

MARY MISSOURI	1888E	AL ????	SMITH, OWEN FLEMING	19081124	AL CHAM
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Parents: ALFORD, WARREN and

FRANCIS	1839CA	MS			
GEORGE W.	1846CA	LA ??			
MARGARET H.	1844CA	MS			
MARY ANN	1842CA	MS			
THOMAS R.	1841CA	MS			

Parents: ALFORD, WILLIAM and _____, JANE

SUSANNAH JANE	1830E	NC/MO	PITCHFORD, WESLEY D.		
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Parents: ALFORD, WILLIAM and _____, SARAH

ELISABETH B.	1812E	TN ????	MCGREGOR, RANSFORD	18320814	TN
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NAME (ALFORD UNLESS SPECIFIED)	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	SPOUSE	DATE MARRIED	PLACE MARRIED
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Parents: ALFORD, WILLIAM H D and MENEES, GRAZILDA

FRANCES	1859CA	TN			
MARTHA	1856CA	TN			
MARY LOUISA	18491104	TN ROBE	WOOD, JOHN F.	18681004	MO WEBS
MILTON	1853CA	TN			
SUSANNAH	1852CA	TN			

Parents: ALFORD, WILLIAM HENRY and _____, FELY

CLAYTON	1880	PA GRE?			
ISAAC	1875	PA GRE?			
JOHN	??	PA GRE?			
MINERVA	??	PA GRE?			
RENA	18850316	PA GREE	DAVISON, LAFAYETTE	18970223	PA GREE
ROSIE	??	PA GRE?			
TOM	1877	PA GRE?			
WILLIAM HENRY	??	PA GRE?			

Parents: ALFRED, EDWARD and BORROR, EMALINE/EMMA

CLAUD CLEVE ALFRED	18841127	IL COLE			
GEORGE THOMAS ALFRED		18831002	IL COLE		
WILLIAM RUSSELL ALFRED		18960915	IL COLE		

Parents: ALFRED, GEORGE and

Not named ALFRED	18510829	NJ ESSE			
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Parents: ALFRED, JOSIAH and _____, ANNA

EMMA J. ALFRED	18600701	NJ GLOU			
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Parents: ALFRED, ROBERT G. and UPRIGHT, ELIZABETH L

LAURA ESTHER ALFRED	19170627	NJ BURL			
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Parents: ALFRED, THOMAS and

Not named ALFRED	18540618	NJ ESSE			
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Parents: ALFRED, WILLIAM and

Not named ALFRED	18540424	NJ ESSE			
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Parents: ALLFORD, IRA and

CLARISSA ALLFORD	1804-10	PA ????	WESTON, JOHN	1821CA	PA CRA?
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Parents: ALLFORD, WILLIAM L. and LEE, MARTHA JANE

BENJAMEN FRANKLIN ALL.	18901224	OK PITT			
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Parents: ALLFORD, WILSON O. and GULLEY, VIRGLE

WILSON OSBORNE ALLFORD	19220331	OK PITT			
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Parents: UNKNOWN1 and

MILTON	1810CA	NC	_____, MARTHA	1850CA	MO
+ WILLIAM HENRY D.	18110405	NC	MENESS, GRAZILDA	18480924	TN ROBE

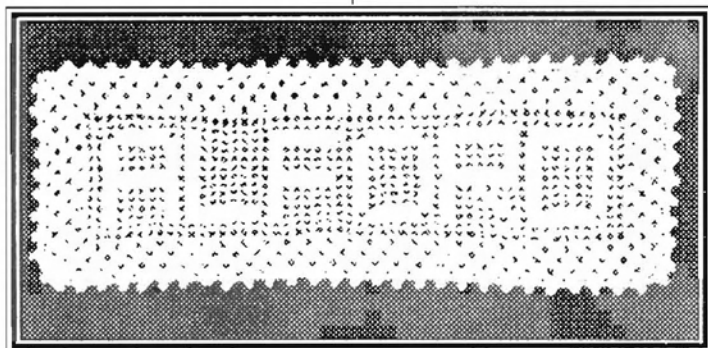
Parents: UNKNOWN2 and

+ JOHN W.	1812E	MS	DAVENPORT, CLARISSA	LA	
+ WARREN	1810CA	MS			

Alford Items Available: Pins and Crochets

Alford Crochets Available Again

Mrs. Katherine Black of Houston, TX, AAFA Member #134, has designed and crocheted an extraordinary and unique piece of work honoring the Alford name. It is a delicate, off-white panel about 9 1/2 inches wide and 3 1/4 inches high with the name ALFORD crocheted in block letters in the center. When framed these pieces of handiwork make a very impressive Alford item to display in your home or as a gift. They look great against a dark background or in a clear frame against the light of a window.



Katherine donated some of these panels to the Association, and at the meeting in Houston last year, they were offered to members in return for a \$50 donation. They were gone in an instant! Katherine is still offering to provide the Association with the panels, so if you'd like your own crocheted ALFORD panel, send your donation of \$50 to the Association.

Editor's note: When I received a sample crochet so I could photograph it for this article, I couldn't believe my eyes! I never saw anything like it! My donation is in the mail. Now I'm thinking about Christmas and all my Alford relatives. . . .



Actual Size

AAFA Pins for Sale

At the meeting in Houston the membership expressed an interest in having inexpensive pins manufactured featuring the AAFA emblem.

An order has been placed for colorful one inch poly-top epoxy dome pins with a military clutch. They have a beige background with all lines and lettering in gold, a bright yellow pear, and green leaves. They're beautiful!

The boxed pins should be available for delivery by the time you receive this newsletter. Send \$3.00 to the Association for each pin you wish to order.

Membership Expirations

With the emphasis we place on membership, we never want to give the impression that our membership is greater than it really is. With members listed up through number 326 in this issue, one might conclude that we have 326 active member families. The same conclusion might be made from the graphs in each issue. That is not the case. Up through the last quarter, 7% of the members had failed to renew their membership. As of mid-August the percentage is up to a little over ten percent and is surely to increase as a result of those who fail to respond to the expiration notices mailed out with the June newsletter.

To preclude any misrepresentation on membership and for the benefit of those who may be trying to keep a running account of active members, we will begin to publish each quarter a list of those who did not renew their membership. The list on the next page is for the period 1988, 1989 and about half of 1990. The failure on the part of some of those listed is probably from an oversight—even though follow-ups have been sent to most of them. It should be noted that at least four of those listed were persons or institutions given gift memberships. It is possible that some of these are deceased. There is only one known deceased member,

Mr. Herman Alford, who is not listed.

It is expected that several of those who joined during the push towards the meeting in Texas last year will not renew. They will be reported in the next issue. The date of original registration and the class of membership (F=founding & C=Charter) is shown for those who are interested. The ultimate ancestors are listed for those who might find some need for that data.

We hope that some of you will be reading your own name on this list—that means you sent in your renewal just before this issue came out. Thanks!

Membership Expirations

MBR# and NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ANCESTOR
003 MRS. JEWELL GALLAUGHER	1664 OAK	BARTLESVILLE	OK 74003	JOHN
018 MRS. ELLIS W. BULLOCK, JR.	2 HYDE PARK ROAD	PENSACOLA	FL 32503	WILLIAM
023 M&M WILLIAM E. BURKE	5335 MAIN STREET #159	SPRINGFIELD	OR 97478	THOMAS
024 MRS. J. CLINTON BYBEE, JR.	12207 BROKEN ARROW	HOUSTON	TX 77024	WILLIAM
036 MR. MICHAEL L. ALFORD	28 PARK LANE	WATERBURY	CT 06710	B. MCCLURE
047 MR. GILBERT K. ALFORD, SR.	40421 KATHY STREET	GONZALES	LA 70737	JAMES
065 MRS. CHERYL A. KULA	8209 NW 4TH AVENUE	VANCOUVER	WA 98665	THOMAS
077 MRS. FAYE A. CANNADY	4056 BLUEBONNET DR.	GREENSBORO	NC 27407	HINESBERRY
083 MRS. ROBERT W. SMITH, JR.	5447 MARCIA AVENUE	NEW ORLEANS	LA 70124	??????????
084 MR. ROBERT ALLEN ALFORD	11988 FOREST OAK CT.	BATON ROUGE	LA 70815	ALBERT W.
085 MISS EVA FRANCES ALFORD	6851 ROSWELL ROAD, #C8	ATLANTA	GA 30328	JAMES
086 MRS. OMER S. ALFORD	374 E. PACES FERRY RD 110	ATLANTA	GA 30305	JAMES A.
089 MR. W. BILL MC CAIN	P. O. BOX 13320	ALEXANDRIA	LA 71315	??????????
090 MR. STANLEY H. JORDAN	100 OLDE OAK DRIVE	JONESBORO	GA 30236	FORT
095 MRS. FRANCES S. CALLAWAY	1410 DOYAL DRIVE	MORRISTOWN	TN 37814	JAMES
099 MR. CLIFFORD ALFORD	100 PAR AVENUE	BORGER	TX 79007	JOHN A.
100 MR. LESTER W. COOK	1133 WEINBERGER RD	PONCHATOLA	LA 70454	JOHN
103 MRS. YVONE REPEL	1308 MASON SMITH AVE	METAIRIE	LA 70003	JAMES
107 MRS. INEZ SUROVIK	304 N. HILL STREET	CALDWELL	TX 77836	JAMES
111 L.W. ANDERSON LIBRARY	P. O. BOX 1647	GULFPORT	MS 39502	
112 MR. TROY THOMASON	225 N. MCNEIL STREET	MEMPHIS	TN 38112	JOHN
113 MR. J. R. ALFORD	9200 WESTMINSTER AVE	WESTMINSTER	CA 92683	WILLIAM
123 LTC. LONNIE R. ALFORD	P. O. BOX 3263	TOPSAIL BEACH	NC 28445	JESSE
127 MRS. MARIWYNN WATSON JR.	410 BLUEBONNET	TYLER	TX 75701	JAMES
132 DR. R. MARK ALFORD	16934 HIDDEN TIMBER WOOD	SAN ANTONIO	TX 78248	JAMES
136 MR. JOE B. ALFORD	112 MIRAMAR DRIVE	CO. SPRINGS	CO 80906	JAMES
140 MRS. JOANN ALLEN	ROUTE 2, BOX 124	GIRARD	IL 62640	CHARLES
144 MR. W. J. ALFORD	627 CAMBRIDGE DRIVE	SANTA CLARA	CA 95051	JESSE
149 MRS. BARBARA BOYLE	266 ALTAMONT PLACE	SOMERVILLE	NJ 08876	JAMES
155 MRS. JACQUELYN ESTES	107 COUNTRYWOOD CIRCLE	CLINTON	MS 39056	WILLIAM RICHARD
156 MISS KAREN ALFORD	ROUTE 1, BOX 501	PHEBA	MS 39755	LITTLE- BERRY
157 MRS. LONA CONTRERAS	4881 AVALON	EUGENE	OR 97402	ANN
159 MRS. SUSAN RUSSELL	410 COLUMBIA, #405	MAGNOLIA	AR 71753	JAMES
162 LCDR JOHN M. ALFORD III	4141 N. HENDERSON RD #728	ARLINGTON	VA 22203	JOHN M.

Welcome New AAFA Members

MBR # and NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ULTIMATE ANCESTOR	EVENT DATE & PLACE
307 MR. PATRICK E. ROPER	5039 FOREST HILL ROAD	JACKSON	MS 39212	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
308 MRS. SANDRA JO THOMPSON	424 LEONARD AVENUE	WASHINGTON	PA 15301	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
309 MR. WILLARD LEE ALFORD, JR.	2460 W. ESTES AVENUE	CHICAGO	IL 60645	JOHN WILLIAM SR	B 18110124 ENGL
310 MRS. SUE UNDERWOOD	1349 RUDDY OAK COURT	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA 23456	WILLIAM	B 18031010 NC
311 MISS DIANNA M. ALFORD	501 SW 75TH STREET, G-11	GAINESVILLE	FL 32607	JOHN	B 1787CA SC
312 DR. GEARY S. ALFORD	2121 EASTOVER DRIVE	JACKSON	MS 39211	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
313 MR. JAMES ARTHUR SHEARIN	2628 FORESTVILLE ROAD	WAKE FOREST	NC 27587	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
314 MR. JAMES O. SORRELL	104 CARMICHAEL COURT	CARY	NC 27511	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
315 MRS. DOROTHY E. ORGILL	POST OFFICE BOX 545	PINEDALE	WY 82941	BENEDICT	B 1619CA ENGL
316 MRS. LINDA J. MEEK	3514 BAYWOOD	SHREVEPORT	LA 71118	ROBERT	B 1760CA ENGL
317 MR. PHILIP ALFORD, JR.	ROUTE 2, BOX 286	LEWISVILLE	AR 71845	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
318 MRS. GLENICE JO PERDUE	1248 N. HYVIEW	MANSFIELD	TX 76063	JACKSON	B 1830 AL
319 MRS. ANDREA E. FANTACCI	3634 CYPRESS PARK	ZACHARY	LA 70791	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
320 MR. BOB ALFORD STERLING	251 WOODSIDE DRIVE	OWENS CROSS ROADS	AL 35763	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
321 MR. OWEN WARREN ALFORD	STAR ROUTE	HOUSTON	AL 35572	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
322 MR. HOWARD ALFORD	ROUTE 4, BOX 133	MAGNOLIA	MS 39652	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
323 MRS. KATYE D. P. ALFORD	ROUTE 2, BOX 372H	ELM CITY	NC 27822	KISAR	B 1814CA NY
324 MRS. MILDRED MEYER	MAPLERIDGE DRIVE	CINCINNATI	OH 45227	BENJAMIN	B 1919CA ENGL
325 MR. RONALD A. HEAD	3154 LEBRON AVENUE	MONTGOMERY	AL 36106	Not an Alford Descendant	
326 MR. WILLIE JOE ALFORD	POST OFFICE BOX 1833	HAMMOND	LA 70404	JAMES	B 1687CA VA