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## Genealogist's Report

**D**id your county courthouse burn? Did your family move around a lot and you can't seem to track them? Where was that elusive grandmother born, and what was her father's name?

The U.S. Federal Census is essential to tracing your family tree, especially during the period between 1800 and 1900 when vital records were generally not kept on a consistent basis, if at all. The census is most valuable as a tool for finding other sources of information. When you know where your kin were living, you then know where to look for other records, such as cemeteries, courthouses, or churches.

In 1989 AAFA launched an extensive program to locate, extract and publish all the census data for every Alford in America. The good news is that when the project is complete, you'll have a comprehensive picture of the migration patterns and family structure for all your Alford kin. The bad news is that it's not done yet. Nevertheless, we are making great progress.

One year ago, we had almost no information extracted from the census on our current state of focus, Louisiana. Several volunteers worked long hours to provide details for the upcoming meeting. Janice Smith extracted 1840, but couldn't find several previously indexed names. After making a second trip and looking frame by frame, she found not only the elusive Alford, but also two others who had been missed on the index. (She has my vote for most tenacious researcher!) Janice also extracted the forty Alford families enumerated in 1860, and verified the previously extracted 1850 census. Lynn Shelley extracted all the Alford listed in the 1880 Soundex (over a hundred families). Thanks to her and Mildred Richbourg, almost all of 1870 is now available. Mildred also extracted 1830 from her private collection. Accolades to these dedicated LA volunteers.

Other volunteers, namely Margaret Windham and Andrew Leath, have contributed significantly to our progress this year. Andy either extracted or verified several pre-1850 units and Margaret extracted the 1850 Missouri and 1860 Ohio census. You'll be surprised when you see the

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## Treasurer's Report

By Doris Alford Vetri, Treasurer

Prepared by Doris Alford Vetri, AAFA Treasurer

This report is inclusive through 8/31/93. I leave for the Louisiana meeting on Tuesday, October 5. I will have an up-to-date report at the meeting, and I will also be bringing a printout of the AAFA checking account for anyone wishing to see it.

I look forward to seeing all those friendly faces in St. Francisville!

### Figures as of August 31, 1993

	1991 Actual	1992 Actual	1993 Budget	8/31/93 Actuals
<b>REVENUE</b>				
ANNUAL MEETING	4699.30	4128.00	4700.00	3115.00
DONATIONS	1164.05	2111.80	1500.00	2195.00
DUES - Initial & Renewal	5495.00	6073.00	6300.00	3495.00
REG FEE (Initial)	756.00	388.00	500.00	290.00
RESALE of Items Purchased	1459.30	1155.45	1000.00	127.00
MISC. INCOME		216.35	200.00	97.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>13573.65</b>	<b>14072.60</b>	<b>14200.00</b>	<b>9319.00</b>
CARRYOVER FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	2481.47	1900.21		4603.49
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>16055.12</b>	<b>15972.81</b>		<b>13922.49</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
ADVERTISING	30.00	30.00	100.00	24.00
ANNUAL MEETING	4498.41	3899.71	4700.00	359.68
MISCELLANEOUS	217.27	1.00	100.00	21.00
POSTAGE & PO BOX	1139.89	1306.99	1500.00	1190.19
POSTAGE QUARTERLY	1425.25	1574.99	1900.00	1174.83
PRINTING	745.47	60.00	500.00	
PRINTING QUARTERLY	2493.62	2779.18	3400.00	2275.00
PURCHASE FOR RESALE	2241.89	295.48	300.00	1826.96
RESEARCH	226.20	195.25	300.00	240.95
STATIONERY	613.83	516.76	600.00	
SUPPLIES	514.09	709.96	800.00	370.91
NON EXPENDABLE ITEMS	8.99	0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>14154.91</b>	<b>11369.32</b>	<b>14200.00</b>	<b>7483.52</b>
<b>NET WORTH</b>	<b>1900.21</b>	<b>4603.49</b>		<b>6438.97</b>

## Letter from the Editor

By Pam Thompson, Publications Director

➔ Did you notice that the New Member Lineages that usually begin on this page are missing? Two reasons: first, we wanted to be certain that this issue of the quarterly arrives in your hands before the 1993 Annual Meeting in St. Francisville, LA; and second, Gil is now waiting to receive back the very detailed lineages he sends to new members, asking for their input and corrections, before we publish them. (When a new member sends his/her lineage, Gil puts the data into the computer, adds any information that AAFA has, and sends a printout to the member to proofread and check.) Therefore, we decided to go to press without waiting for the return of all the new member lineages. **NEW MEMBERS:** Consider this a gentle reminder to look those lineages over carefully and get them back to AAFA as soon as you can!

Speaking of lineages, we didn't publish one for Neal Alford #565, Addice Thomas #573, or Jean Alford #582 because we're still waiting to get them from these members. And we apologize to Louise Cravens #584 and Sandy Elliott #587 for inadvertently omitting their lineages from the last issue. We'll print them in the next one.

➔ Did you notice the reminder you got in the mail from AAFA headquarters to hurry if you're going to register for the St. Francisville meeting? As of August 24, 60 people had registered—a good number for being more than a month away. Now we need all the procrastinators and last-minute deciders to nail down their plans and get those reservations in, especially for the Ramada. AAFA is holding a block of rooms there from Oct. 7–11—call now.

➔ Did you notice that I'm still doing this job? No one courageously stepped forward to fill in for a year—except, of course, Gil. How about some volunteer

typists with DOS or Macintosh computers? I know you're out there. You're probably spending all your spare time helping the homeless or working for world peace, but if you can find a couple of hours a month to type Obituaries, Alford's in the News, and other text, let me know.

➔ Did you notice that your Summer 1993 issue of *AAFA ACTION* arrived very late—at least by the standards of our normal schedule of March, June, September, and December. You probably didn't get it until mid- to late August. One reason I changed the schedule to Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter is to give myself some leeway. August is, after all, still summer! I actually did mail the Summer issue to the printer on July 1, but a series of delays ensued from that point. It's nice to know that many of you are so eagerly awaiting *AAFA ACTION* that you get irritated when it's "late." Bottom line: we'll keep doing our best—we being Gil, who sends me a lot of the material; AAFA Secretary Max Alford, who inserts, stamps, and labels for about a full day; and me. "We" is also really the printer and the post office, but we don't have much control over those partners in this effort!

➔ Did you notice that we've begun a new series in this issue called "Reflections"? We'll be publishing "Reflections" each quarter and are counting on your input. It's your chance to record for posterity some of the events of your life and the life of your ancestors (just in case you never publish your family history!). Start writing now about events that occurred in your family in 1794, 1894, 1944, and 1969. Did you get married in 1944? (Include your wedding picture for publication.) Was your grandfather born in 1894? Was your son in Viet Nam in 1969? (Send an Army picture.) Send your stories and photos to me and we'll publish them in the proper quarters next year!

➔ Did you notice the "Odds and Ends" item last quarter about Debbi Logan's offer to check the civil War Military Correspondence for you? I took her up on her offer and received back a wonderful packet of material pertaining to the unit of my ancestor, Pierce Lewis Alford. This is the kind of material that "fleshes out" the life of an ancestor for you. To take advantage of Debbi's help, you must first know the unit, usually Regiment and Company, in which your ancestor served. The first place to check for this information is the National Archives, but you must use a special form. Request this form from:

General Reference Branch (NRRG-P)  
National Archives and  
Records Administration  
7th and Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20408

After you fill it out with your ancestor's name, the state you think he served from, and whatever other data you know about him, mail the form back and wait for your answer. If you do get his military records, please copy them and send to AAFA for our records. Then write to Debbi!

➔ Did you notice that AAFA has a new committee? It's the Photography Committee, with Jack Kinabrew as the Photograph Project Officer. He has put a lot of thought and work into setting up a procedure for collecting and cataloging photos. An awards program is even in place already! Now it's up to you to send in those pictures. We're especially interested in old photos, of course, but pictures that are new now will be old someday, so send your best current photos as well. When you get a copy made for AAFA, consider making a few extra and distributing them among various family members to reduce the chance of loss.

➔ Did you notice that we're making an effort to include more information on the northern branch of the "Alford" family? In this issue we've reinstated the

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## Collecting "Alford" Photos

By Jack Kinabrew, Photograph Project Officer

The Board of Directors has set up a Photography Committee to collect, preserve, and catalog photographs of "Alfords" (people) and of interest to "Alfords" (buildings, monuments, gravestones, signs, artifacts, etc.). As usual, AAFA is interested in Alfords and all spelling variations.

To kick off the operations of this committee, we are instituting annual photographic awards, with the first one to be at the St. Francisville meeting, October 8-10, 1993. Attendees and non-attendees are invited to participate by submitting photos that AAFA can keep for our files.

### AWARD CATEGORIES

1. Portrait (one person) of an "Alford" or descendant born before 1930.
2. Portrait (one person) of an "Alford" or descendant born during or after 1930.
3. Group photo (2 or more people) of an "Alford" or descendant born before 1930. (This category has a lot of potential: an "Alford" with family members, an "Alford" with his Civil War company, an "Alford" receiving an award, many "Alfords" from various families at a reunion, etc.)
4. Group photo (2 or more people) of an "Alford" or descendant born in and after 1930.
5. Scene of "Alford" interest.

A prize of \$20.00 will be awarded to the best entry in each category. The winners will be selected by the members of the photography Committee, whose judgement will be final.

A special award will be made to the person submitting the most entries.

All entries will be displayed in the AAFA meeting room at the Ramada Inn. Winners will be announced at the buffet dinner on Saturday, October 9.

### CONDITIONS

Entries for this year must be filed with the Photography Committee in the AAFA meeting room at the St. Francisville Ramada Inn between 9:00 AM on Friday, October 8 and noon on Saturday, October 9. Or, they can be mailed to be received by October 7—send to:

Jack Kinabrew  
6178 General Haig St.  
New Orleans, LA 70124

Entries may be of any size and in color or black and white. Either original photographs, photographic copies, or half-tones are acceptable. Xeroxes and similar types of copies are not acceptable. (A half-tone is a kind of copy suitable for publication. They cost about \$10 for as many as you can fit on a standard page, can be made by art shops, etc., and do not harm the original.)

If the photographs are mounted on album pages or other backing, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THEM. This is a job for experts; amateurs will likely do more harm than good. Just cut out the mounted photograph and submit it as is, or have a photographic copy made and submit it.

Each entry must be accompanied by a sheet showing the following information:

1. Name of the person submitting the entry.
2. Date and place picture was taken. (May be approximate.)
3. Occasion for photograph (wedding, reunion, birthday, anniversary, etc.), and/or name of person who took the picture.

4. For Categories 1-4, name(s) and identifying data (birth date and/or other vital statistics) of person(s) shown. Indicate relationships if appropriate.
5. For Category 5, descriptive information about the subject. (A.B. Alford home, Summit, MS; Holly Grove Cemetery, Soso, MS.; W.E. Alford headstone, Felder Cemetery, Topisaw, MS.; etc.)

### DO NOT WRITE ON THE FACE OR BACK OF THE PHOTOGRAPH.

All entries shall become the property of the Alford American Family Association. They will be properly and, whenever possible, archivally preserved in the AAFA files for the use of its members in their research.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We expect to catalog the photos in a database so that whenever someone requests a picture of someone or something, we will be able check the database to see what is available, provide xerox copies of all pertinent photos to the requester, and allow him to decide if he wants to purchase photographic copies of our originals.

This can be a tremendous resource IF people submit the old photos they have. For one thing, this is a way to distribute your irreplaceable old photos to at least one other place—duplication is one of the best methods of preservation. Also, think about how thrilled you'd be if you found a source that had a picture of one of your ancestors for whom you thought there were no photographs! That's how researchers will feel 50 years from now when they discover the photo of your grandparent that you submit now—commonplace to you but a treasure to future generations.

In the last quarterly, "Odds and Ends"

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# Awards Program

By Pam Thompson, Publications Director

## Most New Members Sponsored

You have just a very few weeks left during which to enter this year's program.

One award will go to the member who has sponsored the most new members. Listed below are the sponsors of new members since the last meeting based on those applications that identified a sponsor. In a few cases the sponsor was not identified but known as such to the association. If you pass an application to a prospect be sure that your name is listed as a sponsor on the application form.

ALFORD, MURRAY L. #236	8
ALFORD, WILLIAM JR. #278	4
HEINK, KARL #458	2

One each for the following:

- ALFORD, DICK #534
- ALFORD, GIL #019
- ALFORD, LANNY #516
- ALFORD, LODWICK #011
- ALFORD, MAX # 230
- BROWN, JEAN #142
- BROWN, MARGIE H. #063
- COLLINS, PAT #523
- MURRAY, WINSTON #188
- PANSANO, LINDA #106
- WALDROP, JUANITA #472

## Most Family Group Sheets

Time for the 1993 award is running out here too.

We ought to have one of these for every Alford in your branch of the family or that you know. They do not have to be complete or professionally done. They don't even have to be typed. We will supply you with all the

blank forms you can use for Alford records. Just drop us a card and tell us how many you want. If you have a computer genealogy program and are doing any work on the Alford's at all it should be easy for you to enter into this fray. Remember - the Alford's you report need not be your kin. A person who is not even a member has sent more than most of you.

#259 PEARIGEN, JARE	40
#041 ALFORD, ROBBIE	36
#498 ALFORD, BURT WESLEY	35
#553 ALFORD, LOUISE	20
#134 BLACK, KATHERINE	12
#564 POLK, BILL	9
#542 RICHBOURG, MILDRED	7
— ALFORD, WILLIAM C.*	7
#569 ALFORD, STEPHEN	4
#277 MILLIGAN, LOU FLOY	4
#544 ROGERS, JOHN	4
#165 CABLE, EDNA	3
#377 DICKENS, SUE ANN	2
#513 GRAVIT, BRENDA KING	2
#373 PHILLIPS, PATRICIA	2
#364 ECHOLS, KATHERINE A.	2
#534 ALFORD, DICK	1
#558 ALFORD, PETER H.	1
* Not a member	

## Best Non-Biographical Article

No new non-biographical articles were submitted for this issue. Maybe I should qualify that—I have a few articles that have been submitted but that I haven't prepared for publication yet. Nevertheless, we have a great group of candidates from the first three issues this year:

- Mary Alford Helms, "In Search of Alford's Past in Pike Co., AR," December
- James P. Alford, "Research Letters: From Jim Alford," December
- James P. Alford, "South Hall of LaGrange College, Georgia," March
- James P. Alford & Lodwick H. Alford, "Letters Concerning the Early

- Lodwicks," March
- Bob Sterling, "Alford's from Alabama in the Civil War," March
- Karen Alford, "Little Berry Alford's Seven Sons in Gray," Summer

## Best Biographical Sketch

This is probably the easiest category to enter—just choose one of your "Alford" ancestors and write about him/her. Perhaps you already know everything about the person—your father, for instance—and you'd like to get the story in print for other researchers now and for future researchers. If you don't have all the details you'd like, write as much as you know. With luck, another researcher will have your missing information. If that doesn't happen, at least what IS known will be recorded before that gets lost.

- Gil Alford, "Jeptha Martin Alford, 1862–1948," March
- Mary Alford Helms, "Remembering Robert Warren Alford, 1909–1973," Summer
- Lamb, Barbara Anne Wooten, "Laura Coleman Alford, 1890–1947," Fall
- Thompson, Pamela, "Pierce Lewis Alford, circa 1830–1864," Fall

The following two articles were not written by the submitters, but the submitters added information to the text, and in Don's case, transcribed the original handwritten document:

- Orville Alford, "Albert Alford of Knox County, Kentucky," Summer
- Don Alford, "Autobiography: Abner A. Alford, 1854–1927," Summer

Keep in mind that this Association and its quarterly is only as good as the input we get from you! I'm always thrilled to get an article from a new contributor, and I know Gil is delighted and encouraged when you send your family group sheets and other family information to him. If you've been participating, keep it up—and thanks! If not, we're waiting to hear from you! ♦

## 1992 Henry Hardy Alford Family Reunion

By Katherine Alford Echols, AAFA #364

[See "Descendants of Henry H. Alford, 1826-1887" in *AAFA ACTION*, September 1991, pp. 15-17]

The descendants of Henry Hardy and Emily (Pope) Alford met in the Fellowship Hall of the Free Will Baptist Church in Kenly, NC, on 25 October 1992. It was a beautiful fall day — too beautiful, in fact, for a few of our number were missing and must have gone to the mountains to view the Fall foliage.

Our President, Charles S. Alford of Greenville, NC, called the meeting to order. The patriarch or matriarch of each family introduced his or her offspring. A moment of silence was held for two members who had died since the last gathering, Mr. V. Earl Lewis and Mr. Charles Sargent. Mr. Lewis was the husband of Bessie Mae (Alford) Lewis of Knightdale, NC. He had ten children, 26 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren. Mr. Sargent, a native of Baltimore, MD, was the husband of Gaynelle (Alford) Sargent.

Minutes were read of the previous meeting, and a voluntary offering was taken.

Katherine Alford Echols was called on to tell about the AAFA meeting in Destin, FL. She told her relatives what they were missing by not attending. She also handed out family group sheets, hoping that AAFA would get some new members. *AAFA ACTION* was displayed, and the next meeting in Louisiana was announced.

Frances Lewis Cook, daughter of the late Earl Lewis, was called on to return thanks. The crowd was famished, for some had traveled for several hours. The food was delicious! The inlanders especially enjoyed the seafood brought by cousins from the coast. ❖

## Tressie Bowman in Hall of Fame

At the 1990 Annual Meeting in Raleigh, NC, Tressie Bowman, AAFA #39, was named as the first inductee into the Alford Hall of Fame by Alford American Family Association then-President Lodwick Alford. Mrs. Bowman's early Alford research, much of it now in AAFA hands, is an invaluable resource and gave our Association a firm basis from which to establish itself. Below is the text of the Proclamation Letter.

### PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Alford American Family Association was established in 1987 for the broad purposes of:

1. Collecting, recording, preserving, disseminating and perpetuating biographical data and historical information on Alford and their ancestors.
2. Educating members, particularly those of the younger generations, on Alford family history and how it relates to the history of our nation.
3. Furthering fellowship and camarade-

rie within the living Alford family.

and, Whereas, the Association is now firmly established with over 300 members nationwide and,

Whereas, the Board of Directors of the said Association are desirous of recognizing the individuals most responsible for the growth and good organization, and,

Whereas, the Board of Directors are desirous of recognizing from time to time those individuals who have most contributed to furthering the broad purposes of the Association and,

Whereas, the Board of Directors has directed and by and with their authority, there is hereby established THE ALFORD AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME and,

Whereas, induction into the Hall of Fame may be made on an annual or other basis and may include one or more individuals and,

Whereas, this Association would not exist without the work of one individual over many years including

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## Alfords in Mexican War, 1846-48

NAME (ALFORD)	RANK	UNIT
Benjamin Alford	Private	Co D 1 North Carolina Volunteers
Ephraim D. Alford	Private	Co B Seibel's Battalion Alabama Infantry
Ephraim G. Alford	Private	Co G Coffey's 1 Alabama Militia Infantry
Howard (H.P.) Alford	Private	Co C Calhoun's Mounted Battalion Georgia Infantry
J. (?—illegible) Alford	Private	1 Texas Foot Riflemen
Pierce L. Alford	Private	Co C Calhoun's Mounted Battalion Georgia Infantry
Russell Alford	Private	Co M 2 Regiment Missouri Mounted Infantry
(See also Russell Alfred)		
William Alford	Private	Hill's Co Texas Mounted Volunteers
William Alford	Corporal	Co M 1 Tennessee Infantry
Samuel Alfred	Private	Co G Illinois Infantry
(Original file 'Allred')		
Russell Alfred	Private	Co M 2 Missouri Mounted Infantry
William T. Allford	Private	Baldwin's 1 Alabama Volunteers (6 months, 1846) ❖

# Alfords in the News

## STEPHEN ALFORD

Sent by Jim Alford, AAFA #115

*HOUSTON CHRONICLE*  
Houston, TX—Friday, 25 Dec 1992

### Gunman at Yule Party Kills 3 Others, Himself

MIAMI—A man who had recently broken up with his girlfriend argued with her at his office Christmas party, then shot her and two of his co-workers to death before hanging himself, police said Thursday.

The attacks came as the party, at the A&E Aircraft Corp. office, was breaking up Wednesday night, said police spokesman Bill Kinnebrew. Another co-worker was wounded and the wife of another worker was sexually assaulted before Stephen Alford, 38, hanged himself, police said.

Kinnebrew said the shooting started when two of Alford's coworkers tried to stop an argument between Alford and his former girlfriend, Lorraine Newell.

"He was arguing with her, arguing with her, and two employees of the company came to assist in some fashion," Kinnebrew said.

One of Alford's co-workers, Al Paraiso, said the two had just broken up.

"I don't know why she came," Paraiso said. "I mean, she obviously was invited by Steve, but she made official her breakup."

Newell, 33; Jose Acosta, 23; and Omar Rincon, 25, were killed. James Ringo, 36, who was shot in the chest, was in critical condition Thursday at Jackson Memorial Hospital, said hospital spokesman Sam Kratis.

The condition of the woman who was assaulted wasn't immediately available.

About a dozen people were present when the shooting started, and one of those who fled called police from a nearby office. The caller told authorities

Alford was also depressed over his mother's death, which had happened about a week ago.

Alford had worked as a quality control inspector at A&E Aircraft for about a year. The company services aircraft parts.

He had been arrested for cocaine possession in 1985 and on burglary and drug charges in 1987, police said. It wasn't immediately known whether he was convicted.

Dora Luft, who works three doors down from the aviation company, heard the gunfire but thought little of it at first.

"Because they were having a party, we thought they were celebrating Christmas with firecrackers," she said.

Police arrived with crisis negotiators who talked to Alford before officers fired tear gas into the building, said another police spokesman, Juan Del Castillo.

Officers finally stormed the office, in a warehouse district near Miami International Airport, 4-1/2 hours after the shooting and found the four bodies.

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## PEG ALFORD

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*  
Jackson, MS—Tuesday, 3 Nov 1992

### Keep Your Own Journal? It Could Unlock Mysteries

Like author Virginia Woolf, Peg Alford thinks of her journal as a desk drawer, a place where she can put everything.

Alford of Arcadia Lakes, S.C., uses her unlined artist's sketchbooks as a place to write poetry, doodle, make lists, draw, start short stories and sort out the issues of relationships and work.

She is one of an increasing number of people putting pen to paper to discover themselves, enhance their creativity or connect with members of their family.

Although Alford said she had

"always" kept journals, about a year ago she began to research the idea that the unconscious has its own way of expressing itself. She began to experiment with journal-keeping techniques designed to promote personal growth. And she began to share her new discoveries with others as a teacher of journal-writing workshops.

This unblocked creativity was like a "direct, unimpeded line from my soul or being," said Alford, 36. She came to the conclusion that creativity and spirituality are synonymous.

Alford said her workshops are a place where people can explore childhood wounds, work on writer's block and find ways to express their creativity.

She introduces her students to some of the journal-writing tools she uses: lists, "as simple as what pleased me today and what irritated me today"; drawing a map of how they spend their time; and dialogues with themselves and other people in their lives.

Any thing they write can serve as a springboard to something deeper. The journal workshops are a place to laugh and cry, a place to share if desired and be supported, Alford said.

For many people, the process is therapeutic.

"A journal is a good place to dig around into issues," Alford said. "You can make things more concrete or visible to yourself by writing.... If you have the same issue going around and around like a broken record, putting it down can halt that circular process."

Alford, a fifth-grade teacher, said she hopes her workshops can help people get in touch with their childhood creativity. Too many adults, raised to value product over process, think, "Oh, I'm not creative," without realizing that's just a side of themselves that hasn't been nurtured, she said.

Although it sounds like so much inner-child, right-brain-vs.-leftbrain "hoey," Alford said, she is planning a workshop exercise or two in which students use the non-dominant hand and crayons to evoke that stage in life before

full motor control was achieved.

As for her journals, Alford, a mother of two teenagers, thinks about what will happen to them when she dies. "Is this a legacy?" she wonders. "Will this be good for my daughters to have?"....

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**LOUIS ALFORD**

Sent by Glenn Alford, AAFA #38

*TIMES-PICAYUNE*

New Orleans, LA—\_\_\_\_\_ Oct 1992

**Deputies Arrest Robbery Suspect**

Orleans Parish criminal sheriff's deputies arrested a suspect in an armed robbery Wednesday, the same day his picture appeared with those of other wanted suspects in the *Times-Picayune*.

Louis Alford, 31, was arrested about noon near North Villere Street and Franklin Avenue, Sheriff Charles Foti Jr. said. He did not know whether Alford was arrested on the street or in the building....

Alford's photograph appeared in the newspaper in a weekly column called *Wanted By The Law*, in which the Metropolitan Crime Commission gives rewards of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest of suspects. People who give tips remain anonymous.

Alford was wanted in connection with a June 20 predawn holdup at a service station at 4740 Canal St., Foti said.

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**SARAH ALFORD**

Sent by non-member Elmer K. Miller

*ATLANTA JOURNAL/COURIER*

Atlanta, GA—Saturday, 12 Sept 1992

**Missing Women Dated Same Man  
His second wife was strangled  
six years ago**

Steve Creasman's first wife died of cancer. The fate of other women in

his life isn't so clear.

His second wife was slain. Two of his girlfriends have disappeared without a trace. Their families want answers, and they want to warn other women.

Mr. Creasman, who was arrested Wednesday on charges of trying to steal his brother's car, is in a Rome hospital after trying to hang himself in the Gilmer County Jail, said Chief Deputy Ray Walker. Mr. Creasman likely will remain under psychiatric evaluation throughout the weekend.

It's the latest of Mr. Creasman's several suicide attempts, said his sister-in-law, Tami Tucker. Ms. Tucker's sister, Rita Creasman, was strangled on Oct. 4, 1986, and her body was dumped into a creek three miles from the Marietta home she shared with her husband and four children.

Cobb County Lt. M.A. Starnes said police interviewed Mr. Creasman as a suspect in the slaying, but did not have enough evidence to charge him.

"In six years, the case has not been out of our minds," said Ms. Tucker, who also is worried about her nephew. After a custody battle, Mr. Creasman has custody of the couple's 6-year-old son, who is with his grandparents this weekend.

Ms. Tucker forged a friendship with **Sarah Alford**, whose daughter, Twyla Mickey, disappeared without a trace in November 1989 while she was living with Mr. Creasman in Marietta. Ms. Mickey left a 9-year-old son, who is now living with his father.

"I can't believe she's alive because I believe she would have contacted me," Mrs. Alford said.

On Aug. 16, Belinda Francis Norred, 36, disappeared from her home at the Shadowood Mobile Home Park in Acworth. She had been seeing Steve Creasman, said Cherokee County Sheriff's Detective Ken Locke.

When Detective Locke interviewed Mr. Creasman, he asked him whether he had any old girlfriends who hadn't disappeared. Mr. Creasman bristled angrily at the suggestion and said one was in Florida, but he didn't know where.

Ms. Norred, known as Linda to her family, also leaves behind children, a 14-year-old daughter and 19-year-old son, said her mother, Louise Womack of Atlanta. Ms. Norred knew of her new boyfriend's past, but brushed it off.

"I begged her not to mess up with him," Mrs. Womack said. "I knew he had a problem. But Linda was just the type of person who didn't believe anything bad about anybody."

Ms. Tucker thinks women are drawn to Mr. Creasman's vulnerability. Her sister fell in love with him after she started cooking him meals following his first's wife's death.

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**TRAVIS ALFORD**

Sent by Julius Alford, AAFA #13

*McCOMB ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL*

McComb, MS—Wed., 26 Aug 1992

**Alford Re-Elected to Walthall Post**

Incumbent Walthall County District 4 Supervisor Travis Alford won't have to give up his new post with the Mississippi Association of Supervisors after all.

Alford defeated challenger Jerry Harvey 715-590 in a runoff Tuesday. Alford had recently been named president of the association, and would have had to vacate the post if he lost the runoff....

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**DORIS D. ALFORD  
THE ALFORD HOME**

Sent by Jack Kinnabrew, AAFA #87

*TIMES-PICAYUNE*

New Orleans, LA—1 August 1992

The Alford Home  
901 Hickory St., McComb, MS  
Thursday, August 6, 11:00 am

McCool MANSION has been commissioned to sell the family residence of



the late **Doris D. Alford**. An affordable MANSION set on one of the area's most impressive lots. It offers a spacious 4 bedrooms & 3-1/2 baths, formal dining & living. Sunroom, & living quarters in the basement. A Magnificent Setting! Tall Hardwoods on over one half city block! Terms: Inspection by appointment & 9:00 day of sale. Purchaser will deposit 10% of the bid price in Cash or Certified Funds at the close of bidding.

Contact: McCool Auctions, 601-362-1022

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**RALPH ALFORD II**

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*

Jackson, MS—Wed., 15 April 1992

[Caption below picture of car that had been driven into a dwelling:]

**Car Hits House in Byram**

Randy Chapman uses a winch to extract a car from a Byram mobile home's kitchen Tuesday afternoon after a teenager, Ralph Alford II, apparently lost control of his vehicle and crashed near the intersection of Ridgelea Road and West Ridge Road. Alford and three fellow Byram High students were uninjured. No one was in the house.

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**CHRISTOPHER P. ALFORD**

Sent by Jim Alford, AAFA #115

*HOUSTON CHRONICLE*

Houston, TX—Saturday, 21 March 1992

**Texan Guilty of Fraud**

Biloxi, MS—A Texas man was found guilty Friday of conspiring to defraud investors nationwide in an estimated \$50 million oil and gas investment scheme centered in Gulfport, Miss.

A federal jury convicted Christopher P. Alford of Houston on charges

of mail, wire and securities fraud, as well as conspiracy and money laundering.

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**MICHAEL BOYD ALFORD  
AAFA #495**

Sent by Shelby Alford, AAFA #271

*THE NEWS & OBSERVER*

Raleigh, NC—Sunday, 20 Oct 1991

[Includes photos unsuitable for reprinting.]

**History Afloat at Coastal Museum**

BEAUFORT [NC]—Curators of the North Carolina Maritime Museum say their ship is coming in.

Actually, quite a few of them.

The ships will come to the museum's new Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center, where workers will repair and restore vessels and will give the public a chance to learn about boat-building methods along the Carolina coast.

The museum will hold an open house at the center next month, and will begin work on the first projects in January.

"This will be one of the first ones to go in," **Michael Alford** says, picking at the blistered paint of a boat, dating from the 1920s, in a covered shed behind the museum. While the boat's hull is shaped like those of traditional shad boats, Mr. Alford, curator of maritime historical research, suspects that it was built not for the fish that ran in coastal waters but for the liquor that ran from the stills on shore.

Fishing from the boat would have been difficult because of the rounded stern, he says. Also, he says, the boat has an unusual, dugout keel made of a single piece of wood, giving it great strength but not enough room to haul a big load of shad.

Such vessels have been donated over the years to the Maritime Museum by people who want the state to preserve its history, but who can't afford to repair or maintain the boats themselves. Many more donations have

been turned down, often because the state had nowhere to store the boats to protect them from further decay. The facility has 32 boats in storage, with five on display inside the museum.

The North Carolina Maritime Museum was founded in 1951 mostly with a collection of stuffed fish and whale harpoons, which for years was displayed in a Beaufort storefront. In 1975, the Department of Agriculture agreed to expand the museum's mission to study and record the history of building and using boats in the state.

Since the present facility opened on Front Street in 1985, visitor interest has grown, Mr. Alford said. More than 100,000 people walk through the museum each year to see rotating exhibits from sea shells to photographs and to learn about early steam engines used in North Carolina waters or about the many ships that were lost off the coast in the "Graveyard of the Atlantic."...

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[The item below ran as a paid political advertisement prior to James Alford's unsuccessful bid for re-election.]

**JAMES B. "HOSS" ALFORD  
AAFA #344**

*THE FRANKLIN TIMES*

Louisburg, NC—Saturday, 27 Oct 1990

**Facts You Need to Know About James B. "Hoss" Alford**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

1. Lifetime resident of Franklin County
2. Son of Lala Batchelor Alford and the late Zollie F. Alford
3. Married to Merle Bunn Alford and has two sons, James B. Alford, Jr. and William Gus Alford
4. Has six grandchildren and one great grandchild

**EMPLOYMENT:**

1. Lancaster Funeral Home 1945-1946
2. Charlie Ford's Warehouse 1946-1947

- 3. North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles 1948
- 4. North Carolina Department of Transportation 1949–1986, retiring as Franklin County Maintenance Engineer

CHURCH

- 1. Active member of Pilot Baptist Church
- 2. Served as deacon for 30 years
- 3. Served on Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, Nominating Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, and Vice Chairman of Parsonage Building Committee
- 4. Choir Member and President of the Adult Choir
- 5. Past Superintendent of the Youth Department for 32 years

COUNTY SERVICES:

- 1. Served on the Franklin County Board Of Commissioners for the past four years representing District 1
- 2. Chariman of Board of County Commissioners 1988–89
- 3. Accomplishments of the board the past 4 years include:
  - (a) New schools at Youngsville and Gold Sand....
  - (l)14 convenience centers throught the county, replacing 62 unsightly garbage disposals....
- 4. Democratic Precinct Chairman of Dunn Township for eight years

“Hoss” states, “During the past four years, I have contributed much time and energy serving Franklin County as Commissioner. As a lifetime resident I feel that I have the genuine interest of the county and its people. My record of service to my community and county speaks for itself. I hope you will see the need for continued good county government. As a retired citizen I will be able to continue my time, energy and efforts to the needs of Franklin County and ask for your vote on November 6, 1990.”

Paid for by Committee to elect James B. “Hoss” Alford, Commissioner for Franklin County. Johnny Alford, Chairman

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**JO ANNE ALFORD**

*ATLANTA JOURNAL & CONSTITUTION*  
Atlanta, GA—Sunday, 27 April 1986

**Improving Teacher Education  
Creates Dilemma in State  
Officials concerned higher  
entrance standards could  
worsen shortage**

....Ray Cleere, Georgia’s vice chancellor for academic affairs, says improving teacher education is the University System’s “most serious academic priority.”

....The state Board of Education is debating a proposal aimed at attracting more knowledgeable teachers largely by circumventing the teacher training process. It would allow the state to grant teaching certificates to liberal arts majors

COMMUNITY & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- 1. Charter member of Pilot Lions Club, where he has served as:
  - (a) Song Leader, Tail-Twister, Program Committee Chairman
  - (b) Board of Directors
  - (c) Vice President
  - (d) 100% President
  - (e) 100% Zone Chairman of District 31 G
  - (f) Named Lion-of-the-Year 1980–1981
  - (g) Named Man-of-the-Year, Bunn Lions club in 1971
  - (h) Coordinator of Lions Day Activities
- 2. Member of Whitestone Masonic Lodge #155
- 3. Member of Bunn High School Booster club
- 4. Charter member of Pilot Fire Department where he has served as coordinator of Pilot Fireman’s Day for the past 17 years
- 6. Past President of Franklin County Fireman’s Association

who would teach in the "critical need" fields of math, science, foreign languages and special education.

....But others contend that the proposal comes at a time when teachers need more training, not less. "Along the way, someone has not had the courage to say to teachers that they need more training or they need to go," says **Jo Anne Alford**, a health teacher at Bainbridge High and Decatur County's teacher of the year. "We've just let them slide by. But if you let me slide for for 25 years, then whose fault is that?"....

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### MARCUS BERTRAND ALFORD

Sent by Pamela Thompson, AAFA #30 Grand-niece of Marcus

No source—3 October 1947

#### Second Confession Is Made in Alford Shooting Case

The second signed confession within a week in connection with the death two weeks ago of **Marcus Alford**, Merryville, has been obtained by Sheriff W.N. Perry. Both confessions were obtained by Perry and his office with virtually no assistance from any outside peace officers or other law agency.

Sheriff Perry reported Monday that H.D. Gunter who has been held as a material witness in the case signed a confession relating that he had aided and assisted D.T. Meyers in the planning of the attack on Alford.

The confession, which Sheriff Perry exhibited to reporters, said that Gunter agreed to supply the pistol which Meyers in a previous confession said was used in the fatal attack. In return for advising Meyer as to how to carry out the crime and for supplying the weapon Gunter admitted that he expected a split on any money obtained.

Relating in grim detail the manner

in which the attack on Alford should be carried out, Gunter's confession recalled that he had advised Meyer not to use the gun "unless necessary" but that in the event he had to use it that he, Meyer, was to "get rid" of the gun as soon as possible thereafter.

While the confession Meyer signed a few days ago was somewhat vague as to the motive behind the crime the confession obtained this week by Sheriff Perry from Gunter clearly establishes the motive of the fatal attack on the Merryville resident as robbery.

However, according to Gunter's confession no money was obtained in the execution of the crime insofar as he knows.

[Marcus Alford was the son of John P.P. Alford and Elizabeth Prater Alford. He was b. 12 Oct 1883 in Waldo, Columbia Co., AR, and d. 14 Sept 1947 in DeRidder, Beauregard Parish, LA. He is buried in Merryville Cemetery next to his wife, Blanche Gibson Alford (1887-1953). They had 2 sons, Sesna (1905-1923) and Horace (1910-1992), neither who had children, and one daughter, Glenell (Alford) Meadows (1915-1990), who had 3 children.—Pam Thompson]

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### W.W. ALFORD

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*THE HAZLEHURST COURIER*  
Hazlehurst, MS—1 January 1925

Mr. And Mrs. J.C. Miller entertained at a family dinner at their home on Georgetown street Saturday, December 28th. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. **W.W. Alford** of Gallman, Mrs. H.B. Graves of Waynesboro; Dr. and Mrs. J.M. Catching, Mr. and Mrs. C.O. McKinnell, Mrs. J.L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Miller, Mr. Lamar Miller and Miss Mary Martha Miller, all of Hazlehurst.

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### WARREN ALFORD

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*THE HAZLEHURST COURIER*  
Hazlehurst, MS—21 January 1925

As is their usual custom, Mr. and Mrs. **Warren Alford**, of Gallman, entertained their children, grand-children and the "in-laws" at a Christmas dining on Christmas day. There were thirty-two present to enjoy this gracious occasion, the only absent two being Mr. H.B. Graves and Mr. Lamar Miller. A banquet fit for kings was served, but the best part of the day was the mingling of the family under one roof tree, and the renewing of old and precious memories.

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### VANCE ALFORD

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*THE HAZLEHURST COURIER*  
Hazlehurst, MS—2 October 1924

#### Rev. W.B. Hogg Wires News of Sister's Death

The telegram below was received in Hazlehurst Wednesday, and is self-explanatory:

Mrs. F.M. Hogg, Hazlehurst.

Accident happened 100 miles up valley Sunday night, 8 o'clock. Mamie died from shock at 3 Monday morning at hospital San Fernando. End came peacefully; was conscious to end. Two cars hit in passing. Three fatally injured in other car. **Vance** (Mrs. Alford's husband) slightly hurt. Feneral at San Fernando Wednesday at 2, account wished of Vance. My prayers are with you all.

W.B. Hogg ❖

## Part 19: Josiah Alford's Alford Family Notes

From Josiah George Alford's *Alford Family Notes Ancient and Modern* (London: 1908), pp. 133–156.

### THE ALFORDS OF ASHILL, ETC., SOMERSET

This senior line, commonly called "The Bishop's Branch", of the Alford's of Somersetshire, descended from Weston Zoyland stock through the second son of the Rev. Thomas Alford, vicar of that parish, whose eldest son Richard died without issue.

1. **Thomas Alford**, son of the above Thomas Alford and Mary his wife, was baptized at Weston Zoyland on Christmas Day 1742. He matriculated at Brasenose College, Oxford (where his father had been before him), in 1761, aged 19, as "fil. Cler.", and graduated B.A. in 1765. Taking Holy Orders he became rector and vicar of Ashill\*, and also vicar of Chard. By the death of his brother Richard he became head of the family, and held the property both at Weston Zoyland and at Ashill. Thomas Alford married in 1781 Sarah, daughter of John Coles, vicar of Bridgwater.

\* Until 1858 Ashill was a Peculiar.

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COLES—The Rev. John Coles, A.M., was vicar of Bridgwater from 1742 to 1785, and family tradition says that he possessed only thirty sermons, which he preached in his grand old parish church over and over again, annually, through nearly the half century. He was, nevertheless, "highly esteemed as a parson", and it is recorded that "he was exceeding busy and clamorous during Parliamentary elections", receiving an adverse deputation "with a stream of cold water"—literally—from the parish fire engine, which was kept at that time in the porch of his church! His portrait (painted in 1774), in gown and bands, has descended to the compiler. The late General Thomas Gordon Coles and his son "Pasha" Charles Ed. Coles, C.M.G., continued this family, through which also a connection was made between the Alford's of Somerset and the Bullers of Devon. Another daughter of Mr. Coles, Susannah, married John Symes, surgeon, of Bridgwater, and became the mother of John Coles Symes, a well known London lawyer of the last century, of 31, Fenchurch Street, and The Cedars, Clapham. Some notes on the Symes family will necessarily follow.

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The children of Thomas Alford and Sarah his wife were:

- i. Letitia, baptized at Ashill 9 July 1782. She died, unmarried, at Up-lyme, in 1869, and was buried at

Ashill, where the following inscription is to be found :

"In memoriam Letitia Alford,  
who died at Lyme Regis,  
19 June 1869, aged 86.

The daughter of  
The Reverend Thomas Alford  
Formerly vicar of this Parish."

- ii. Edward Wynne Alford of Bridgwater, baptized at Ashill 30 November 1783. He was "weak in mind and body", and dying unmarried in 1839, was buried 29 November at Ashill.
- iii. Charles Alford, of whom next (2).
- iv. Frances, born 1788; married, 1811, at Bleadon, Somerset, Morley Chubb, merchant, of Bridgwater. She died in 1850.

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CHUBB—Morley Chubb, merchant, of Bridgwater, had by his marriage with Frances Alford, eight sons and four daughters. The eldest son, John Chubb, solicitor, of Cirencester, married Caroline Tudway, and died s.p. in 1859. Of the other sons, Hammond Chubb was for thirty years secretary to the bank of England, and died s.p. in 1904; while Thomas Alford Chubb, the third son, was secretary, and afterwards treasurer, to the South Eastern Railway Company. He married Margaret Lyon, and died in 1883, leaving four sons, the youngest being John Burland Chubb, F.R.I.B.A., of London.

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Thomas Alford's signature, as here given, is taken from a letter addressed to Mr. Richard Symes, solicitor, of Bridgwater (brother of the John Symes mentioned above), whose daughter afterwards married Mr. Thomas Alford's son. The letter concerned money arrangements with the Rev. John Coles. Thomas Alford "died of gout in the stomach", and was buried at Ashill 18 July 1805, his wife surviving him seventeen years. The abstract of his Will runs as follows:

"Thomas Alford of Ashill, in the co. of Somerset, clerk in holy orders, 1805 .... Richard Alford of Exeter and Sarah his wife .... my nephew and godson Samuel, son of my brother

Samuel Alford .... my nephew Thomas, second son of my said brother .... my niece and god-daughter Maria Catherine Ann Vere, second daughter of the late Mr. Nicholas Vere of Up-Lyme, in the co. of Devon, clerk .... my sister Fanny his wife.”

*(From the original will.)*

*Monumental Inscriptions. Ashill, Somersetshire:*

“Underneath lies the body of the  
Rev. Thomas Alford, M. A.,  
Rector and Vicar of this Parish,  
and Vicar of Chard in this county for 35 years.  
He married Sarah, eldest daughter of  
John Coles, A.M., Vicar of Bridgwater,  
by whom he had four children  
who are left to bewail his severe loss.  
He departed this life July 18, 1805,  
Aged 63 years.”

“Also the body of Sarah, wife of  
the aforesaid Thomas Alford,  
who departed this life February 6, 1822.  
They lived respected, and died lamented.”

2. **Charles Alford**, second son of the above Thomas and Sarah, was born at Ashill 24 January 1787. He was matriculated at Balliol College, Oxford, in 1805, the year of his father’s death, and took his B.A. in 1809. He was ordained to the curacy of Bleadon, Somerset, and in 1814 was presented by Miss Balsh to the rectory of St. Audries’, West Quantockshead, which living he held fifty-five years. The year following he married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Symes, solicitor, of Bridgwater and of Cannington.

The Rev. Charles Alford and Elizabeth his wife had issue:

- i. Charles Richard Alford, Bishop of Victoria, of whom next (3).
- ii. Thomas Alford, of whom hereafter (4).
- iii. Mary, born 1820, died 1896; married Edward Freeman, merchant, of Manchester.
- iv. Frances, born 1822, died 1890; married George Okell, merchant, of Manchester.
- v. Eliza, born 1823, died 1874; married Benjamin Weall, gentleman, of Wood Hall, Pinner, Middlesex.
- vi. Henry Alford, of whom hereafter (5).
- vii. Sarah, born 1826, died 1860; married Charles Price, M.D., of Swansea.
- viii. Lucy, born 1827, died 1893; married John Moulding, warehouseman, of Manchester.
- ix. Susan, born 1828, died 1839.
- x. Samuel Alford, of whom hereafter (6).

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SYMES.—Mr. Symes was a descendant of the old Somerset family of Symes of Poundisford Park, near Taunton, through the second son of Thomas Symes of Winterbourne, near Bristol, who had married into the Brydges family. By this marriage with Elizabeth Symes a connection was also formed with the ancient family of Sydenham of the same county, Mr. Richard Symes having married Betty, only child and heiress of John Sydenham of the Westowe Manor branch of that family, of which of that family, of which the Brymton line came to an end by the death, s.p., of Sir Philip Sydenham, bart., in 1739, and the Orchard Wyndham line by that of George Francis, Earl of Egremont, in 1845. A plot of ground called Sydenham’s Marsh, which was held by Humphrey Sydenham in 1581, has thus descended to the compiler, together with some portraits and many interesting relics of both the Symes and Sydenham families.

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Charles Alford inherited the Ashill property from his father, but was obliged to sell it, owing in a great measure to his love for a mail-phæton and pair of high-stepping horses,

which is a youthful recollection of the compiler. In his younger days he frequently drove a tandem, and once having a horse that was a bad crib-biter he sold it, of course at a loss, and a month or so later bought a taking animal at the Bridgwater Fair. A good price was given for the new purchase, and the rector drove it home with pride. Next morning his groom greeted him with the cry: “If yer baint been and bought the same old crib-biter over again.” And so it proved! At an increased price he had bought back the same horse, clipped and docked, and disguised for the Fair.

Growing infirm in his later years Mr. Alford put a curate into his rectory, and retired to Exeter. He died there intestate, some two years afterwards, aged 84, and was buried at St. Audries, 13 November 1869. The grave is immediately outside the south wall of the chancel, and on the wall within is a small brass, bearing the arms and inscription:

*On a chevron axure between three roses proper, three fleurs-de-lys.*

“In memory of  
the Rev. Charles Alford, B.A.,  
Balliol College, Oxford;

fifty-five years Rector of this Parish.  
Born 1786; Died 1869;  
and buried beneath.

The widow died at Clifton, Bristol, eight years later. Her will and inscription follows:

“Elizabeth Alford, widow of the late Rev. Charles Alford, rector of St. Audries’, West Quantlocks-head, in the co. of Somerset .... my son the Lord Bishop of Victoria .... my silver stand bearing the family arms .... my daughter Mary Freeman .... my daughter Fanny Okell .... my daughter Eliza Weall .... my daughter Lucy Moulding .... my grand-daughter Mary Freeman Okell .... residue to my said son Charles Richard Alford, Bishop. My said son, and my brother the Rev. Richard Symes, of Cleeve, Yatton, Somerset, Executors.” Dated 17 March 1870. Witnesses, James N. Haggett and Jane Stone. (Proved 1877.)

*From Original Will.*

*At Arno’s Vale Cemetery, Bristol:*

“Elizabeth Alford,  
widow of the  
Reverend Charles Alford,  
Rector of St. Audries, Somerset.  
Died at Clifton, 18 Oct. 1877.  
Aged 90.

‘At Evening-time it shall be light.’”

3. **Charles Richard Alford**, eldest son of the above Charles and Elizabeth Alford, was born at St. Audries Rectory, 13 Aug. 1816. At the age of eight he was sent to London, and placed under the care of John Coles Symes, who was first-cousin to both his father and his mother. Having been entered at St. Paul’s School, he passed in due time, with “the Candem”—a valuable scholarship—to Trinity College, Cambridge, taking his B.A. in 1839, M.A. in 1842, and D.D. in 1867. Ordained by the Bishop of Lincoln to the curacy of Finningley, he became successively Incumbent of St. Matthew’s, Rugby, Vicar of Christ Church, Doncaster, and then for ten years Principal of the Metropolitan Training College at Highbury. On 2 February 1867, he consecrated, in Canterbury Cathedral, Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong, an appointment of the Foreign Office. Retiring in 1872, he afterwards administered for a time the Diocese of Huron, Canada, settling in his later years at Kensington, and finally at Brighton.

“Bishop Alford in the advanced years of his retirement was a very regular member of the C.M.S Committee, where he was noted for his geniality, and for the rather unusual combination of decided

Protesantism with a vigilant guardianship of the rightful position of a Bishop.”

*(History of C.M.S., Vol. iii, p. 796.)*

Charles Richard Alford married first, at St. Margaret Pattens, London, 21 July 1841, Sarah Jacosha, daughter of John Fleet, of Fenchurch Street. She died 22 October 1876, and is interred in the Bidstone Cemetery, Cheshire, where is the following inscription:

“Sarah Jacosha Alford,  
the beloved wife of  
The Right Reverend Bishop Alford, D.D.,  
Sometime Bishop of Victoria.  
She fell asleep in Jesus on 22nd of  
October 1876; in the 60th year of her age.”

The children of Charles Richard Alford and Sarah his wife were:

- i. Sarah, born and died 1842; buried in the chancel of St. Matthew’s, Rugby.
- ii. Charles John Alford, of whom hereafter (7).
- iii. Harriet, born 1845, died at Doncaster 1847.
- iv. Josiah George Alford, of whom hereafter (8).
- v. Robert Gervase Alford, of whom hereafter (9).
- vi. Edward Fleet Alford, of whom hereafter (10).

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FLEET—These Fleets were of the Buckinghamshire and London family, of which Sir John Fleet, Lord Mayor of London 1692, was the most notable member. John George Fleet, brother of Mrs. Alford, died at Chiswick in 1902 “in an honoured old age”, having been one of the founders of the Church of England Sunday School Institute, and closely associated with much religious work. He married Esther Faithfull, a lady of remarkable talents, both literary and artistic. John Faithfull Fleet, C.I.E., Admiral Henry Louis Fleet, and Rutland Barrington Fleet, are their sons; and Admiral E.J. Fleet, their nephew.

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Bishop Alford married, secondly, September 26, 1877, Emma, daughter of Edward Sheardown, solicitor, formerly of Doncaster, who survives him.

Bishop Alford died at Tunbridge Wells, June 13, 1898, in his 82nd year, and was buried in the cemetery there, under a recumbent cross of polished red granite, on which is the following inscription:

“Charles Richard Alford, D.D.,  
Sometime Lord Bishop of Victoria,  
Born at St. Audries Rectory, Somersetshire,  
August 13, 1816,  
Died at Tunbridge Wells,  
June 13, 1898. Aged 81 years,  
‘Waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.’”

His will in abstract was as follows:

“Charles Richard Alford, Doctor of Divinity, sometime Bishop of Victoria, dated 15 April 1896. Proved 1898. My wife Emma Alford sole Executrix. My debenture stock in the Green Western Railway .... To my son Charles John Alford .... money in the hands of Messrs. Thompson, of 38, Mincing Lane, in the city of London .... my son the Rev. Josiah George Alford .... my son Robert Gervase Alford .... my son Edward Fleet Alford .... my sister Mrs. Frances Okell .... my niece Constance Annie Fleet .... the silver plate presented to me and engraven with a mitre to Josiah George Alford and Edward Fleet Alford, my two sons who have children to inherit it. My wife shall have during her lifetime all the remainder of my silver plate .... Teapot with inscription .... Silver soup ladle and twelve table spoons to my son Robert. To my son Edward my sapphire ring, being a memorial ring of Daniel Wilson, Bishop of Calcutta, formerly the property of my cousin John Coles Symes, and given by him to his cousin, the Rev. Richard Symes, who gave it to me, his nephew. My gold watch, given to me by Miss Anne Mary Fleet, and engraven with a mitre and initials C.R.V, to my grand-daughter Marion Grace Alford. The gold watch chain formerly worn by my father, the Rev. Charles Alford, with four seals attached, to my son Robert. The portrait of his great-great-grandfather John Coles, Vicar of Bridgwater, to my son Josiah. My books and manuscripts .... Residue to my wife.” *(From Original Will)*

Bishop Alford died head of his family; and through his mother Elizabeth Symes, and through his grandmother Betty Sydenham—there being no male heir in either case—was the direct lineal representative of the Bridgwater branch of the family Symes, and of the Westowe branch of the ancient family of Sydenham. All three families were of the co. of Somerset, in which county Bishop Alford was a landowner, holding the farms of Budleigh and Powell’s, near Taunton, at the time of his death, which passed by entail to his son Josiah George Alford. The north transept window in Cleeve Church is filled with stained glass as a memorial in his native county, while a canopied episcopal throne in the Cathedral at Hong Kong was erected as a memorial in his Colonial Diocese.

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It will now be convenient to deal with the other sons of the Rev. Charles Alford, of St. Audries.

4. **Thomas Alford**, second son of Charles Alford and Elizabeth his wife, was born in St. Audries Rectory, 16 Sept. 1817, baptized privately Oct. 1st, and received into church May 10th in the following year. With his elder brother he was taught in childhood by a governess at home, and, following his brother to London in due time, lived in 31, Fenchurch Street, with John Coles Symes and his sister Mary Symes, and attended the “Merchant Tailors”, a celebrated London Public School.

An incident of this London life is worthy of record. The two boys, pining for their country freedom, surreptitiously and laboriously carried stores of earth up the many stairs to of the tall city house, and gaining access through a window to a small lead flat, made there a garden on the roof. Their terribly dangerous journeys to and fro were at length observed by an opposite neighbour, a message was sent across the street, and a stern prohibition brought the boys’ *rus in urbe*, with its perilous joy, to an end.

His school days over, Thomas Alford bade farewell to England, never to return. Sailing for Australia, he made his way to Queensland, and settled at length at Toowoomba, on the Darling Downs. There he prospered, and marrying (7 Aug. 1839) Elizabeth, eldest daughter of George Boulton of West Maitland, brought up a large family, who are spreading and prospering in Queensland and New South Wales. Thomas Alford died at Toowoomba when only forty-seven years of age, 9th Jan. 1864, his widow surviving him forty-one years, and passing away at Toowoomba 12th Oct. 1905.

The family of Thomas Alford and Elizabeth his wife is as follows:

- i. Elizabeth, born 9 June 1840, at Paterson; married at Toowoomba, 1860, William Benjamin Green, of Mondure, Burnett; and, leaving six sons and four daughters, died at Toowoomba, 25 October 1905, a few days only after the death of her mother.
- ii. Mary, born 7 May 1842, at Clifford; married at Toowoomba, 25 June 1861, the Rev. Vincent Frederick Ransome, who, returning to England, became rector of Compton Bassett, Wiltshire. She died in 1875, leaving six sons and one daughter, and was buried at Chetnole, Dorset, where they had lived (Mr. Ransome being the curate in charge), on their return from Australia.
- iii. Thomas Alford, eldest son, born at Drayton, 11 October 1844. “Holds a good position in Brisbane.” He married, 3 January 1872, Sarah Margaret, eldest daughter of Edward Ogg, J.P., of Ipswich, Queensland. Their children are:

1. Thomas Edward Alford, born 26 January 1873.
  2. Ernest Henry Alford, born 16 March 1875.
  3. George Vernon Alford, born 1 June 1877.
  4. Florence Mary, born 29 July 1879.
  5. Violet Elizabeth, born 30 December 1882.
  6. Leslie Gerald Alford, born 18 April 1885.
  7. Constance Isabel, born 15 May 1887.
  8. Robert Dudley Alford, born 4 April 1893.
- iv. Frances, born 8 August 1846, at Drayton; married at Toowoomba, 29 December 1868, Francis Sutherland Homfray; died in India, at Peshawar, 18 March 1886, leaving two sons and four daughters. Mr. Homfray died in Calcutta, 18 Oct. 1888.
- v. Charles George Alford, second son, born 23 May 1848, at Drayton, co. Aubigny, New South Wales. He married at Bundaberg, 2 December 1873, Elizabeth Crofton, youngest daughter of John Nott, of Bundaberg, and settling in Sydney became a chief in the Bank of New South Wales. Their children are:
1. Ethel Marianne, born at Mount Perry 23 September 1874.
  2. Herbert Lionel Somerset Alford, born at Warwick, Queensland, 5 November 1876.
  3. Leofrie Crofton Alford, born at Toowoomba, 23 January 1882.
  4. Alan Charles Windermere Alford, born at Bundaberg, 20 July 1883.
  5. Gordon Beresford Alford, born at Toowoomba, 18 February 1885.
- vi. Henry King Alford, third son of Thomas Alford, then of Toowoomba, and Elizabeth his wife, was born there, 22 July 1852. He is a banker in Brisbane, and married, at Allora, 20 November 1883, Augusta Florence, only daughter of Francis Kates, of Hendon, Allora. Their children are:
1. Clifford Somerset Alford, born 23 April 1885, at Allora, Darling Downs, Queensland.
  2. Linda Marm, born at Allora, 9 July 1887.
  3. Francis Somerset Alford, born at Allora, 24 March 1889.
  4. Ethel, born at Roma, 14 February 1893, died 14 March 1893.
  5. Ronald King Somerset Alford, born 20 February 1898, at Roma.
- vii. Richard Symes Alford, twin son of Thomas and Elizabeth Alford, was born at Brisbane, 16 October 1854. He married at Normanby, 2 December 1893, Rachel [illegible middle name], daughter of Edward Ogg, J.P., of Ipswich, Queensland, and widow of Charles Warner. Their children are:

1. Rachel Gordon, born 12 September 1894;
2. Doris Symes, born 3 October 1895;
3. Jean Elizabeth, born 2 April 1898; all three [born] at Yeronga, Brisbane.

viii. William Boulton Alford, twin son Thomas and Elizabeth Alford, was born at Brisbane, 16 October 1854. He settled at Roma, and married at Cooktown, 27 June 1884, Kathleen Carlton, youngest daughter of R.A. Fitz-Gerald. Their children are:

1. Alma Fitzgerald, born at Brisbane, 19 April 1885.
2. Kenneth Fitz-Gerald Alford, born at Roma, 12 June 1887.

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5. **Henry Alford**, third son of the Rev. Charles Alford and Elizabeth his wife, was born at St. Audries Rectory, West Quantockshead, 16 February 1825. He received a business training, and after some years in the clerical department of the Great Western Railway Company, entered the government service in Somerset House. He married 11 January 1847, Julia Emma Oborn, of Wincanton, Somerset; and dying at New Farm, Ealing, 3 July 1906, was buried at the St. George's Cemetery, Hanwell, Middlesex. The children of Henry Alford and Julia his wife were:

- i. Louisa Emma Amelia, born at Bayswater, 28 March 1848.
- ii. Richard Symes Alford, of Hanwell, Middlesex; born at Wincanton, Somerset, 12 October 1849; married Miss Kirby.
- iii. Henry Thomas Alford, of Harlesden; born 28 November 1852; married Miss Stevens.
- iv. Elizabeth Mary, of Bayswater; born 25 December 1855.
- v. Emma, born 25 April 1859; married 15 October 1887, Leonard Samuel Guy, of West Ealing.
- vi. Arthur Benjamin Alford, of New Farm, Ealing; accountant to the Brentford Gas Company; born 9 October 1861; married 18 March 1885, Susan Augusta Simmonds, of Worcester. Their children are:
  1. Claude Percival William Alford, born at Chiswick, 1 July 1886.
  2. Arthur Norman Alford, born at Chiswick, 15 September 1887.
  3. Elsie Marguerite Lucy, born at Chiswick, 8 September 1889.
  4. Charles Ronald Alford, born at Chiswick, 23 April 1892.

vii. Lucy Ann.

viii. Georgiana, born 24 February 1867; married 29 Septem-



ber 1890, Walter Arthur Hughes, artist, of Harlesden.  
ix. Charles Chubb Alford, of Wealdstone, Harrow; born 25 November 1874; married Elizabeth Worsley.

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6. **Samuel Alford**, fourth and youngest son of Charles and Elizabeth Alford, of West Quantockshead, was born at St. Audries Rectory in 1830. Following the example of his brother Thomas, though not with equal future success, he too emigrated early in life. He married a Miss Cassen, and settled in New South Wales. Their children, so far as the compiler has been able to ascertain, are:

- i. Charles Alford,
- ii. Mary Ann,
- iii. John Alford,
- iv. Samuel Alford,
- v. Arthur Alford, and
- iv. Henry William Alford; all of New South Wales.

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We now return to the direct line of the family, through the sons of Bishop Alford and Sarah his first wife.

7. **Charles John Alford**, eldest son, was born at Rugby, 2 August 1843. He was educated at the Doncaster Grammar School, and later at a London School of Science, gaining some early mining experience in Wales. After some years in the Peninsular and Oriental service he became a mining Inspector and Engineer, in which profession he has gained considerable repute, being spoken of as "one of the best-known of our mining-engineers". He is the author of several technical works, amongst others: *Engineering Notes on Cyprus* 1880; *Geological Features of the Transvaal*, 1891; *Ancient and Prospective Gold Mining in Egypt*, 1900. He is a great traveller, a Fellow of the Geological Society, and a member of the Society of Engineers.

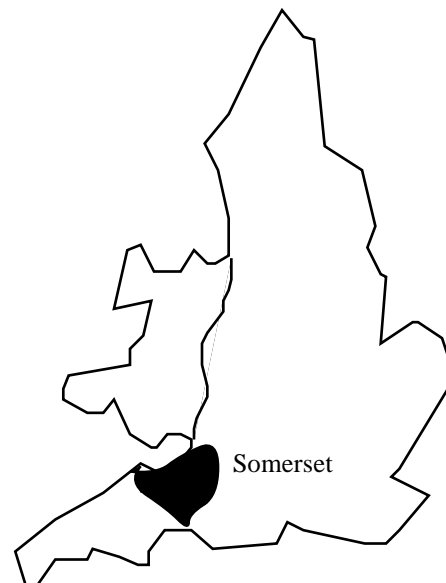
Mr. C.J. Alford married, in 1871, Mary Helena, daughter of the Rev. William MacDermott, formerly of Montrose, N. B., and afterwards Chaplain of the Westminster Hospital. They have no family.

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8. **Josiah George Alford**, second son of the Bishop, was born at Doncaster 1 January 1847, and educated at the Islington Proprietary School and at King's College, London. He matriculated at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 1866, and proceeded B.A. in 1869, and M.A. in 1873. Ordained at Chichester to the curacy of St. Leonard's-on-Sea, he shortly moved to Cleeve, Somersetshire, and in 1873 to Bristol, as Minor Canon. In 1880 he became Vicar of St. Nicholas', Bristol, serving for one year also as Chaplain to the Lord Mayor, Sir Robert Symes. In 1895 he was presented to the

Vicarage of Stoke Bishop, near Bristol, and in 1897 was appointed an Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral, and in 1905 Rural Dean of Stapleton. Serving since 1878 as Chaplain to the Gloucestershire Volunteer Artillery, he was awarded the Long Service Medal in 1896, and the Volunteer Decoration in 1899. Canon Alford is the compiler of these family notes, and the author of several items of church music.

Josiah George Alford married at St. Leonard's-on-Sea, 26 September 1871, Catherine Mary, third daughter of Colonel John Thomas Leslie, C.B., Bombay Horse Artillery, afterwards Commandant at Warley. Their children are:

- i. Marion Grace, born and baptized at Cleeve Somerset; married 8 May 1900, Henry Lawrence Ormerod, M.D., of Westbury on Trym.
- ii. George Leslie Alford, born at the Old Deanery, Bristol, 21 August 1875, baptized in the Choir of the Cathedral; died at 98, Marina, St. Leonards's-on-Sea, 23 October 1876, and buried in the Hastings Cemetery.
- iii. Agnes Mary, born at the Old Deanery, Bristol; baptized in the Cathedral—the first baptism in the new Baptistery and Font.
- iv. Violet, born in Berkeley Square, Bristol; baptized in St. Nicholas' Church.
- v. Charles Symes Leslie Alford, born in St. Nicholas' Vicarage, Bristol, 7 February, 1885; baptized by his grandfather, Bishop Alford, 6 April, in St. Nicholas' Church—Dr. Cornish, now Bishop of Grahamstown, being a sponsor. Educated at Marlborough. Matriculated 1903 at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; Captain and instructor of Musketry in the University Volunteers; B.A. 1907. He is of the seventh generation of University-men of his family, and is preparing for Holy Orders.



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Still continuing the family of Bishop Alford we come to:

9. **Robert Gervase Alford**, third son of the Bishop, was born at Doncaster 25 July 1848. He was a scholar of King's College, London, and trained as a civil engineer under Mr. Henry Carr—then engaged in rebuilding Blackfriars Bridge. Going out to China with his father in 1867, he entered the Colonial Service as Assistant-Engineer at Hongkong; and later, after ten years of private practice in the East, was employed at Portsmouth for the Torpedo Range works, and at Dover for the Harbour of Refuge Survey. In 1886 he was appointed Assistant-Surveyor of Works to the Prison Department in Scotland, living in Edinburgh. In 1902 he was moved to London, to a post under the Prison Commission at the Home Office, and lives at Hampstead. He became F.R.G.S. in 1878, M. Inst. C.E. in 1884, and F.R.S.E. in 1894.

Mr. R.G. Alford married, 6 Nov. 1979, at Chirst Church, Claughton, Cheshire, Marion, eldest daughter of James Ashburner of Fernleigh, Oxton. They have no children.

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The last of Bishop Alford's family:

10. Sir **Edward Fleet Alford**, knt., was born 30 June 1850 and baptized 13 August at Christ Church, Doncaster. He, too, went out with his father to China in 1867, and entered the service of Jardine, Matheson and Co., at Hongkong, becoming later a partner and representative of the firm at Shanghai, where he was also a Justice of the Peace. He retired in 1900, and lived in Kensington. In 1901 Lord Lansdowne, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, asked for his assistance at the Foreign Office and Board of Trade with reference to a new commercial treaty with China. In August that year the London "Times" stated:

"We are informed by the Foreign Office that Sir Alfred Bateman and Mr. E.F. Alford, late Chairman of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, are engaged in revising the duties of the Tariff for the forthcoming negotiations with the Chinese Government."

The Treaty was signed in the autumn of 1902, and the Birthday Honour List, Nov.9, stated:

"His Majesty has been pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon E.F. Alford, Esquire."

The notification was published that:

"Mr. Alford has received his knighthood on the recommendation of the Foreign Office, for important services in connection with the China Tariff."

The King's Speech on the prorogation of Parliament, 18 December 1902, contained the following paragraph:

"I have concluded with his Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China a commercial treaty, which promises to secure not only for this country, but for the commerce of the world, valuable facilities and advantages."

Edward Fleet Alford married, 2 Sept. 1886, at St. Matthew's, Ealing, Middlesex, Jane Eliza Helen Nathalie, daughter of the late John Shand, Lieut. Colonel Madras Staff Corps; and left issue:

- i. Lætitia Helen, born at Bowdon, Cheshire.
- ii. Edward John Gregory Alford, born 3 April 1890, at Bowdon, and baptized 3 June at Bowdon Parish Church by Archdeacon Gore. Educated at Tonbridge School, and entered at King's College Cambridge.

Sir Edward Alford died, 18 March 1905, at the Boltons, South Kensington, and his remains were buried at Cleeve, Somerset, where a polished grey granite cross marks his grave.

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**EXTRACTS FROM REGISTERS.**

*Ashill, Somerset*

- 1618, May 11. Thomas Alford and Joan Hawkins, married.  
1763, Jan.18. Mary, the wife of the Rev. Thomas Alford, buried.  
1770, Mar.30. Nicholas Vere, bachelor, parish of Ilminster, and Fanny Alford, spinster, married by licence.  
1777, Feb.26. "The Rev. Mr. Thomas Alford was buried."  
1782, June 4. Mr. Richard Alford, buried.  
1782, July 9. Letitia, daughter of Rev. Thomas Alford and Sarah his wife, baptised.  
1783, Nov.30. Edward Wynne, son of Rev. Thomas Alford and Sarah his wife, baptised.  
1787. "Charles ye son of the Rev. Thomas Alford and Sarah his wife, was born on ye 24th January 1787, was privately baptised on the Sunday following and admitted into the Church on ye 5th day of July in the same year."  
1805, July18. "The Rev. Thomas Alford was buried."  
1822, Feb.6 [?] Sarah Alford of Bridgwater, buried.  
1839, Nov.29. Edward Wynne Alford, of Bridgwater, buried.

*St. Mary's, Bridgwater*

- 1781, Sept. 18. "Thomas Alford, clerk, of Ashill, and Sarah Coles of Bridgwater, married (licence) by John Coles, Vicar."
- 1815, Nov. 27. "Charles Alford, clerk, of West Quantockshead, and Elizabeth Symes of Bridgwater, married (licence) by W. Wollen, Vicar."

*St. Audries, West Quantockshead, Somerset*

- 1816, Aug. 19. (Privately) Charles Richard, son of Charles and Elizabeth Alford, Rector of the parish, baptised. (Received publicly October 18.)
- 1817, Oct. 1. (Privately) Thomas, son of Charles and Elizabeth Alford, Rector of the parish, baptised (10th of May 1818, received into Church.)
- 1869, Nov. 13. The Reverend Charles Alford, Rector of this parish, aged 84 years, buried.

*St. Margaret Pattens, City of London*

- 1841, July 21. Charles Richard Alford, Clergyman, son of Charles Alford, Clergyman and Sarah Jacosho Fleet, daughter of John Fleet, of 141, Fenchurch Street, married (licence) by Josiah Pratt, B.D.

*St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, City of London*

- 1847, Feb. 25. Josiah George (born 1 Jan. 1847), son of Charles Richard and Sarah Jacosho Alford of Doncaster, baptised by Charles Richard Alford, Incumbent of Christ Church, Doncaster.

*Christ Church, Doncaster*

- 1850, Aug. 13. Edward Fleet, son of Charles Richard and Sarah Jacosho Alford, baptised by Charles Richard Alford, Incumbent.

*St. Leonard's Church, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Sussex*

- 1871, Sept. 26. Josiah George Alford, son of Charles Richard Alford, Bishop of Victoria, and Catherine Mary Leslie, daughter of John Thos. Leslie, C.B., Colonel (deceased), were married by Charles R. Victoria.

*St. Nicholas', Bristol*

- 1885, April 6. Charles Symes Leslie Alford, son of Josiah

George Alford, Vicar, and Catherine Mary his wife, baptised by Chas. Rich. Alford, D.D., Bishop.

*St. Matthew's, Ealing, Middlesex*

- 1886, Sept. 2. Edward Fleet Alford, son of Charles Richard Alford, Bishop, and Jane Eliza Helen Nathalie Shand, daughter of John Shand (deceased), Lt.-Colonel Madras Staff Corps, were married by Charles Richard Alford, D.D., Bishop.

*Bowdon Parish Church, Cheshire*

- 1890, June 8. Edward John Gregory, son of Edward Fleet Alford and Jane Eliza Helen Nathalie his wife, baptized by A. Gore, Vicar and Archdeacon.

## THE ALFORDS OF CURRY RIVEL, etc., SOMERSET

This second line, commonly called "The Dean's Branch", of the Alfords of Somersetshire, descended from the Weston Zoyland stock through the youngest son of the Rev. Thomas Alford, vicar of that parish.

1. **Samuel Alford** (senior), son of the above Thomas Alford and Mary his wife, was born at Weston Zoyland, and baptised there January 2nd, 1747. He matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford, in 1765, graduating B.A. in 1769, and M.A. in due course; and, taking Holy Order, became vicar of Curry Rivel in 1771. Four years later he married Mary, "daughter of Samuel Bush, of Ilminster, esquire", and became the founder of this important branch of the family. Their children were:

- i. Samuel Alford, of whom next (2).
- ii. Thomas Alford, born April 30, and baptized at Curry Rivel 6 May 1779. Entering the Navy his life was cut short by an accident, as recorded on a mural tablet in Curry Rivel Church:

"Sacred to the memory of  
Lieutenant Thomas Alford of the Royal Navy,  
whose remains are interred in  
Stonehouse Chapel near Plymouth.

He was unfortunately killed by the bursting  
of a gun on board H.M.S. "Triton",  
on the 7th day of March, 1801,  
in the 22nd year of his age."

- iii. Anne, baptized at Curry Rivel 8 January 1781, when four days old. She married, 1799, William Byrt Morgan, banker, of Shepton Mallet, Somerset, and died 1848.

Their son, William Francis Morgan married his first cousin, Rebecca Shute Alford; and their daughter, Martha, married Richard Allen, and died in Clifton, 28 June 1905, "full of years and of good works."

- iv. Henry Alford, of whom hereafter (3).
- v. Harriett, born June 7, and baptized at Curry Rivel 17 June 1784. She married in 1829 Charles Gibson, a Cambridge graduate, but of no profession, who died early in life. She died in 1856 at Weston-super-Mare—"a pretty old lady."

Samuel Alford founded "a Sunday's School at Curry Rivell" in 1786, "to check the profanation of the Sabbath among the poor children of the parish." The rules he made read strangely at this later date:

"A proper Person to be appointed who shall teach the children every Sunday, in reading, and learning the Church Catechism, for which he shall be allowed Five Pounds a Year....

"The School-hours from Lady-Day to Michaelmass to begin at 7 O'Clock in the Morning and continue till 7 in the Evening; and from Michaelmass to Lady-Day from 8 o'clock in the Morning till 5 in the Afternoon....

"Those Parents who Obstinately refuse to send their children to the School shall be deemed improper Objects to receive any Charity that shall be distributed in the Parish....

"The Master to see the Scholars come clean to School, and attend constantly every Sunday with them at Church....

"The children to be Publicly catechised by the Minister every Sunday Month after the Evening Service, and to be examined every Quarter by any of the Subscribers as to their proficiency in reading"....

The Accounts include the purchase of "Bibles, Prayer-Books, Reading made Easy, Horn Books", and "a box to keep the Books in"....

Five shillings "for teaching the children to sing", and five shillings for a quarter's salary for pplaying on the German Flute to the Scholars of the Sunday's School".

In 1787 Samuel Alford inherited the Heale Estate from his cousin, Miss Mary Powell (she having held it since the death of her brother Henry Powell, High Sheriff for the co. of Somerset), and then "removed from the Vicarage house and went to live at Heale."

An incomplete Terrier of the Heale property, taken in part

from a lease granted by Samuel Alford, gives the following details:

"Heale House or the Mansion House.  
The Lawn and Heale Close, 30 acres.  
The Orchard; the Mead.  
The Home Field.  
The Farm house and Cottage.  
Pigeon house plot.  
Hangman's orchard; Pittard's wood.  
Duckpool meadow.  
Cox's wood; Stoneley closes.  
Speke's mead; Wickmoor; Redcroft.  
Etc., etc. Total, 166 acres."

The chief feature of the "Lawn"—in reality a small Park—is its fine old walnut avenue, extending for some three hundred yards from inner to outer gate, and leading from Heale House towards the Burton Pynsent Monument. The usual entrance-drive passes up an avenue of mixed trees, the Turkey oak being prominent. Some grand old chestnuts occupy a central position, towards which a third avenue—of chestnuts—was planted by Samuel Alford when he came into possession.

The Deanery of St. Burian (a "Peculiar") was conferred upon Samuel Alford through the influence of Lord Chatham, whose seat—Burton Pynsent—was in the parish of Curry Rivel, and "with whose family, including the eminent statesman Mr. Pitt, he was on terms of intimacy." Like his father before him, Mr. Alford held the Commission of the Peace for his county. He died at Heale in 1799, his widow surviving him twenty-eight years. Both were buried in the Heale Vault beneath the south transept of Curry Rivel Church. Their monumental inscriptions follow:

*In the south transept of Curry Rivel Church:*

"Near this spot are deposited the remains of  
The Rev. Samuel Alford, A.M.  
Dean of St. Burian, Cornwall,  
and for 28 years Vicar of this Parish;  
who, after a long and tedious illness,  
departed this life on the 7th day of August, 1799,  
in the 53rd year of his age."

"Mary Alford, widow to the above,  
died March 19, 1827, aged 76 years,  
and was buried in the same vault."

*To be continued. ❖*

# Alfords in Business

## JO ANN ALFORD

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*

Jackson, MS—Tuesday, 7 July 1992

### Publishing Business Offers Personal Touch

*Jo Ann Alford*

**Business start:** While Jo Ann Alford started her business in 1988, she got into the publishing business in 1973 when she helped First National Bank, which is now Trustmark National Bank, with a company magazine.

She later got a degree in business and picked up photography through trips to Europe and Africa. She then branched out into desktop publishing.

She will lay out and design a publication, take necessary photographs, purchase the paper, deliver artwork and paper to the printing house and deliver the finished product.

“It’s a one-woman publishing company,” she said.

“My clientele has built up and stayed with me,” she said. “I decided along the way to do it by myself and not

have someone with me.”

While she is the company’s only employee, she considers the printers she works with as associates.

**Philosophy:** “People are precious to me. The best kind of service you can offer is personal service,” Alford said. “I treat my customers’ product like it was my own. You’re top-drawer with me. When you bring your business in, you get very personalized work.”

**Biggest decision:** Alford said one of the biggest decisions she has had to make was whether to continue her operation out of her home or move into a private office. She recently chose the latter.

“I had been working out of my living room. It was a big decision during a recession to move into an office,” she said.

“It was difficult doing business on your front sidewalk. It was difficult to get motivated to get out of your pajamas at 8 a.m. and get to work.”

Now the rent on the office, the telephone expenses and other costs are motivation to get to work, she said.

“My home is my home again.”

**Biggest obstacle:** “I don’t think there are any obstacles. I’ve been in Jackson almost 25 years. People like to see me coming. Spending too much time with my customers is probably a bad habit, but it’s a good habit, too.”

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## DIANN IRVING ALFORD

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*

Jackson, MS—Friday, 8 May 1992

### George Street Plans Reunion for August

#### The Jackson Restaurant and Bar Is Undergoing Renovation Before Reopening

Fresh green paint adorns the front of George Street Grocery, which new owners hope to resurrect with a reunion in August.

“Sometime around the first, middle or last of August,” said Jim McCaskill, who bought the once-popular watering hole

*Diann Irving Alford*

in November.

His partner at the nearby Two Sisters' Kitchen, **Diann Alford**, will run the restaurant and bar with Mary Perkins, who will manage George Street.

We're working to get some of the original crowd back," said Alford. "It's going to be your corner-bar-type thing, with a very limited menu but very good food."

The building's location at 416 George St., near the state Capitol and other public offices, made it a popular hangout for lobbyists, lawyers, legislators and reporters, who gathered around wooden tables to confab in the 1970s and 1980s.

...When it closed 16 months ago, then-owner Joey Mitchell blamed its demise on the decline of business in downtown Jackson and the competition from restaurants and bars in northeast Jackson.

But Two Sisters, just around the corner at 707 N. Congress St., draws a strong lunch crowd for its plate lunch buffet....

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### DIANN IRVING ALFORD

#### THE CLARION-LEDGER

Jackson, MS—Wednesday, 19 June 1991

#### A Jackson Restaurant Serves Down-Home Favorites, but Cuts the Fat and Sodium

[Includes photos unsuitable for reprinting.]

They call it Two Sister's Kitchen.

Grandmother's house is more appropriate.

"People come in and say, 'I'm going to my room,'" and traipse off into one of the five seating rooms, says Diann Irving Alford, co-owner of the North Congress Street duplex-cum-restaurant.

People fall asleep in the giant rocking chairs on the porch after a meal of butter creamed corn, green beans, fried chicken and apple crisp....

Women tell Alford, "I'm going on vacation and I've told my husband this is where he has to eat when I'm gone."

"I get up like getting ready for company every day," says Alford, a 39-year-old Jackson resident. "I want everyone to feel like they're going to grandmother's house." ....

"The idea was to give somebody value for the food," says co-owner Jim McCaskill, 41, who handles claims for KLLM Trucking Co.

Initially the idea was to renovate the two-story residence so another law firm or small business could move in, he says.

...Opting to go the restaurant route, he parked in the health-conscious niche.

"I had high cholesterol and I had high blood pressure several years ago."

Not anymore, though, McCaskill eats Sister's fried chicken "every day."

What helps, he says, is the skin is removed. The result is exceptional crisp outside, tender inside with no insidious skin between....

Alford and McCaskill met in 1988. She was a legal secretary looking for part-time work at the Illinois Central Railroad where McCaskill was employed.

She worked for him part time during Sister's opening in June 1989, and left her keyboard behind the next month.

"See, I couldn't cook, but I knew when something was cooked right," says McCaskill, whose mother ran a boarding-house.

Alford, who gives most of the credit for her skills to her mother, now shares kitchen duties with Brad Mayers and Miss B.

The Kosciusko native's training is not classical but familial....

The popular Poppy Seed chicken recipe is her sister's. But Alford and her sister are not the sisters in Sister's.

The two are 14-year-old Jennifer and 11-year-old Janet, the daughters of McCaskill. Alford's daughter, Amanda, 18, waits tables at the restaurant.... ❖

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## Laura Coleman Alford, 1890–1947

By Barbara Ann Wooten Lamb  
AAFA #488

**M**y grandmother, Laura Coleman Alford, was born October 4, 1890 in Gilliam, Sevier County, Arkansas. She was the daughter of ROBERT ALFORD (see below) and Mary CLEAVER. Laura died December 2, 1947 while visiting in Keota, Haskell County, Oklahoma—not far west of Fort Smith, Arkansas. She is buried in the Phillips Cemetery in Ashdown, Little River County, Arkansas.

Laura married Edgar Bernal McREYNOLDS KILGORE, in 1904. Although Edgar was born a McReynolds he changed his name to that of the grandparents who raised him, Kilgore. He was born May 22, 1885 in Little River County, Arkansas. He died December 20, 1940 in St. Michael Hospital, Texarkana, Arkansas. He is also buried in Phillips Cemetery.

Their children were:

- i. Edgar Lawrence McReynolds Kilgore, b. 1906.
- ii. Della Mae McReynolds Kilgore, b. 23 December 1908.
- iii. Guy McReynolds Kilgore, b. circa 1908–1910.
- iv. Audrey Faye McReynolds Kilgore (my mother), b. 29 June 1912 and married (1) Shadrach V. Wooten; after divorcing Shadrach, she m. (2) Edwin Louis Buffington.
- v. Bernice McReynolds Kilgore, b. \_\_\_\_\_ July 1916.
- vi. Charles W. McReynolds Kilgore, born and died same day 1918.

### ??? ROBERT ALFORD ???

ROBERT ALFORD was my great grandfather and a person I know nothing about except that legend says he is buried in Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. That is just across the Arkansas state line southwest of Fort Smith.

ROBERT ALFORD married Mary Cleaver about 1889 or 1890. She was born June 1872 in Texas and died 27 May 1947 in Wilburtain, McCurtain County, Oklahoma. She is buried there in Polly Cemetery.

They had two children:

- i. LAURA COLEMAN ALFORD (described above)
- ii. CARRIE A. ALFORD born June 1891.

Robert and Mary parted for some reason, and Mary Cleaver Alford married Powell DIXON on 26 January 1896 in Sevier County, Arkansas. She was 24 and Powell was 40 at the time of the marriage, which was the second for Mary. It is even possible that Robert died and left Mary with the two young children, but family legend has it that he was a doctor somewhere around Bald Knob, White County, Arkansas—but the date of this possible Bald Knob presence is unknown.

When Laura applied for her social security account number, she identified her mother as Mary ABNER CLEAVER; however, according to the granddaughter of Mary Cleaver her middle name was ABBOT. From the social security application it is apparent that Laura did not enter any of the data other than her signature, so it is possible she overlooked an error in her middle name as it was printed on the form. I also know from 1860 census records that the mother of Mary Abbot CLEAVER was Margaret Carrie Abbott who married a Cleaver. Margaret's father's name was Thomas W. Abbott.

If anyone can supply even the slightest information on this Arkansas Alford, it will be most appreciated. I will be happy to reimburse photocopy and mailing expenses. Please contact Mrs. Barbara A. Lamb, Post Office Box 608, Mineral Springs, AR 71851 or AAFA. ❖

*Laura Coleman Alford Kilgore*

*Mary A. Cleaver Alford*

## *Alfords in Sports*

### WARNER ALFORD AAFA #241

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*

Jackson, MS—Sunday, 24 Jan 1993

#### Alford Proposes Facilities Face Lift

OXFORD—Ole Miss is sprucing up its athletic department.

In addition to the \$3.5 million field house/training center project currently underway, the Rebels plan to start renovating the intercollegiate athletics building.

Athletic director Warner Alford

made the proposal during Saturday's athletic committee meeting.

Alford said the band hall across the street from the athletics building will be renovated at a cost of about \$100,000 for use by the athletic department. The business office, sports information department and baseball coaches offices will be housed there....

Alford didn't give a cost estimate on the renovation of the intercollegiate athletics building. He said he hopes to have the changes completed by August.

Football: Alford discussed the 1993 football schedule with the athletic committee but said he was not ready Saturday night to release it.

He said an announcement might come as early as Monday. Alford is

committed to playing at least one game in Jackson....

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### WARNER ALFORD AAFA #241

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*

Jackson, MS—Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_ Jan 1993

Ole Miss athletic director Warner Alford will get a new four-year contract in July. Alford is on the 44-member NCAA Council and as an officer with the Division 1-A Athletic Directors Association is in line to become that group's president. He is chairman of the CFA's Athletic Directors Committee. Chancellor Gerald Turner said a salary increase will be discussed when the extension is granted. Alford's current salary is \$82,425.

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### SCOTT ALFORD

Sent by Lodwick Alford, AAFA #11  
Grandfather of Scott

*FLORIDA TIMES-UNION*

No source—Tuesday, 1 Dec 1992

#### Athletes of the Week

Name: Scott Alford  
Sport: Basketball  
Class: Sophomore  
Hometown: Jacksonville  
Major: Criminal justice

Accomplishment: In the Ospreys' first men's basketball game, Alford led UNF scorers with 20 points. He made six two-pointers and hit 8 of 11 free throws as the Ospreys lost 93-87 to Embry-Riddle. Alford, who had three steals, also led the team with 10 rebounds.

*Warner Alford*



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### BOB ALFORD

Sent by Roberta Folds, AAFA #49

ATLANTA JOURNAL/CONSTITUTION  
Atlanta, GA—Tuesday, 27 Oct 1992

#### Workout Buddies

Some folks say no to sweating solo, preferring partners in pursuit of fitness

.... People who participate in other sports, such as weightlifting, tend to be more gregarious. For example, seven men have been meeting for 10 years to work out at the Buckhead Towne Club.

Three mornings a week the retirees—former businessmen, engineers, a Navy admiral—chat and sample the circuit weights, stationary bikes, treadmills and whirlpool tub together.

“This keeps our joints flexible and our minds sharp,” says former Prudential Insurance Co. manager Randy Miller, who is fighting a personal battle against a degenerative spine disease.

“We don’t run the 100-yard dash anymore, but we sure can walk it,” says **Bob Alford** while pacing the basketball court. Mr. Alford, 84, was chief engineer

*Bob Alford*

of the Georgia Public Service commission.

Later, the group breakfasts on gym coffee with cake or rolls brought from home....

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### LARRY ALFORD

Sent by Jim Alford, AAFA #115

HOUSTON CHRONICLE  
Houston, TX—Tuesday, 24 March 1992

#### Miller Sky-High on Amputee Alford

Johnny Miller watched 18-year-old Larry Alford hit balls on the Tournament Players Course driving range Monday and made a prediction.

“He really could make it on the PGA Tour,” said Miller, a tour veteran and former British and U.S. Open winner. “I think the sky’s the limit as far as his dreams are concerned. He could be an inspiration to a lot of people.”

Then again, he already is.

Miller was in Houston on golf course design business, but he also was glad to get the chance to spend some time with Alford.

The McCullough High School senior was a member of the golf team and headed to college on a golf scholarship before he almost died last August in a car accident. Alford sustained numerous serious injuries, but it was the amputation of his left arm that threatened to end his golf career.

Not any longer. Ted Muilenburg of the Houston Prosthetics Center worked with Alford and his family to develop a revolutionary new prosthesis designed specifically for golf.

Muilenburg said the prototype of the prosthesis was delivered to Alford on Christmas morning.

“He was hoping for a hand for Christmas, and he got one,” said Muilenburg.

Since then, Alford has been practicing his golf game. On Sunday, he

shot 3-over-par on the front nine of The Woodlands North Course. The big test came Monday, when he had to hit for Miller.

Miller, who taught himself how to play golf one-handed, does a lot of work for an amputee group known as AFTER. He teaches people who have lost limbs how to play golf with just one hand.

But Alford’s case was a little different, as Miller soon found out.

“In Larry’s case, he was a fine player before the accident,” said Miller. “With the perfect prosthesis and with his natural talent and age, he can become as good as he wants

“He’s the perfect case to see if an amputee really can compete with a normal-limb person. And I believe he’s the guy to do it. If he’s got the desire and his prosthesis is done right, there’s no reason he can’t be great.”

It was just what Alford wanted to hear.

“Sometimes I do have second thoughts,” said Alford. “But I feel in my heart that this prosthesis can help take me there. I know I have the will to do it.”

Alford still is regaining his strength. He attends school part time and is planning on attending a local college for at least a year while he practices. That would leave him eligible for four years of golf at a larger school the following season.

He also still suffers from phantom pain, making sleep at night difficult.

But none of that was important Monday. “I really believe I can make it on tour one day,” said Alford. “But having him come here and say the same thing makes everything worth while.” ❖

Welcome to

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New Members  
This Quarter!

## *The Alford-Little House*

Sent by Julius Alford, AAFA #13

*McCOMB ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL*  
McComb, MS—Sunday, 3 April 1983

The Alford-Little House near Hazlehurst recently was selected a member of the National Register of Historic Places. Sometimes called Rockport, the house is situated on a winding road off Highway 27 and leading to the village of Rockport.

Nora and Tam Etheridge of Jackson are its owners. He is a one-star admiral in the naval reserves and earlier bought an old home in Carthage which also is on the National Register.

But Rockport is Mrs. Etheridge's

special project. It is considered historically significant because several of its qualifications are typical of other Register members.

The house is the former residence of Dr. James T. Alford and his family from 1874 until the early 1900s. Alford was representative of country doctors. It was said he added a large bedroom on one side of the dogtrot-styled house with a room on either side so he would have direct access to the porch: "I don't want to stumble over a lot of furniture getting to my patients."

Dr. James Thomas Alford, son of Julius Caesar Alford, grandson of James L. Alford, great-grandson of Jacob and great-great-grandson of

Lodowick, was from the Alford family of Virginia and, later, of Alfordville, N.C., whose members settled in Mississippi, principally in Copiah County, Florida and Texas.

Dr. Alford's first wife was Martha Traweek; his second, Julia Steele. The family was related to the Cammacks, Catchings and Quins, among others.

Dr. Alford was the father of Jacob E. "Jake" Alford and James Blair Alford, both of whom moved to McComb in 1901. Jake bought the McComb City Drug Store and later established the Jacobs Theatre and the State Theatre, two of McComb's earliest movie theatres. James Blair taught school in Whitestown and married Miss Allie

*Alford-Little house in its setting facing the Pearl River.  
Old Copiah County hom has connections with McComb people.*

White, a sister of Gov. Hugh White. Their home in the Whitestown area, the White-Alford Home, also is on the National Register.

Three of Dr. Alford's grandchildren live in McComb—Louis and Julius "Pooley" Alford and Mrs. Ella Quin Alford Mixon.

The Alford-Little House became the home of the Alford family in 1874; the doctor died in 1894; and his family continued to live there until 1896.

During the next few years, various families moved in and out; in 1917 the Littles moved in. After her husband's death, Mary Little continued to live in the home until her death in 1976. There were no children, and the house had been willed to Galilee Baptist Church which, in turn, sold it to the Rev. Sullivan, a retired minister. From him, the Etheridges enthusiastically purchased the place.

## ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY

The degree of architectural integrity of the Alford-Little House is impressive. Nora Etheridge had long been looking for such a house but always before had found modern touches that destroyed the appeal of the houses she inspected. The dogtrot had been enclosed and now is a 10 x 25 hall; no one knows when the change was made, but a picture of 1889 shows the dog trot still there.

Original features have been maintained. The beautiful old hardware is the same; the original millwork is intact; the heart pine floors, never finished, are the originals; and even the mellowed colors of most of the rooms are those first applied. One of the most delightful features of the house is its lovely mantels for the three fireplaces; in their simple lines can be found the essence of good taste. Another feature worthy of much praise is an arch from a cross hall giving

entrance into the dining room. Nora Etheridge exults in it and calls it "real American folk art."

The walls of the perfectly proportioned rooms, sweeping up to 12-foot ceilings, are of particular interest. The boards are horizontal and, upon close inspection, appear to have been hand-planed after being put in place.

The 18 cypress windows, in most cases, have their original handblown glass with its interesting and lovely bubbles. In comparison, the solid doors look very firm and protecting.

The back porch is picture-pretty with its lattice work, and the view from it of a very old smoke house with double walls adds to the charm. On the old smoke house, plainly seen, are the outlines of windows which will be restored.

Sitting on the same tract of land bought by Dr. James Thomas Alford, the house has a very attractive exterior. Now shining in a new coat of white paint, it faces the world with a long porch that sweeps all the way across the front and invites one to sit and rest. An attractive ornamental railing of wood frosts the porch and goes down the eight front steps

Camellias and azaleas grow in the front yard, but dominating all is an ancient tree of some type of cypress. Like a sentinel, it stands guard protectively close to the house

Across the road that borders the front yard, a long row of crepe myrtle keeps back the Pearl River Swamp that lies just beyond. These very old trees, dripping with Spanish moss, present a flaming spectacle when in bloom.

On the 10.2 acres of the original tract there are very old pecan trees, now becoming neighbors of the new fruit trees which Mrs. Etheridge is planting. An oddity of the deed to the land is that

## Obituary of James Alford, 1740 – 1812

James Alford's will was published in the last issue of AAFA ACTION, "Guy Alford Part 8: James Alford's Will," pp. 54-56. His obituary is from an unidentified Georgia newspaper dated Thursday, November 12, 1812:

DIED, on Friday morning last, half after two o'clock, Captain James Alford, of Hancock county, who had a few months previous to his death entered the 72d year of his age, he left a loving affectionate wife, with eight children, and thirty-two grand children, to mourn and lament the loss of a kind husband, a loving and kind parent, and an affectionate grandfather. His death is lamented by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. There is one glorious consolation left, his wife, his children, his grand children, his relatives and all who knew him, he died in full assurance of joining the blest above as soon as his soul left its temporal tabernacle. O when a person dies in full assurance of an incorruptible crown and a glorious admittance into Heaven, well may they on their dying bed shout and cry aloud:

*"O death where is thy sting—  
O grave where is thy victory."*



three-fourths of an acre is separate and at a distance from the house plot as it was the site of a store operated in the past by the Alford family.

Nora Etheridge is happy with her house. Since acquiring it in 1980 she has guarded it carefully from alteration and has endeavored to preserve every facet of its uniqueness. "Washing and painting are the only things we do to it," she says.

Seated in the swing on her long porch and thinking of the future of her second home, Mrs. Etheridge says reflectively: "The house has to sort of talk with you." ❖



## *Pierce Lewis Alford, circa 1830–1864*

By Pamela Alford Thompson, AAFA #30

**P**ierce Lewis Alford, my great-great-grandfather, was b. about 1830 in GA. He married Amanda L. \_\_\_\_\_, who was b. about 1831 in SC. I have not located any members of this family on the 1850 census, but they appear on the 1860 census for Upson Co., GA [dwelling 98, p. 550]. This is the earliest written record I have found for this family:

P.L. Alford	30 M	Farmer	GA
A.L.	29 F		SC
J.P.P.	9 M		(blank)
W.J.	7 M		(blank)
James W.	5 M		(blank)
M.E. (?)	4 F		(blank)
R.W.T. Jenkins	19 M	Farm laborer	GA
O.P. Jenkins	12 M		(blank)

They had six children:

- i. John P.P. Alford, b. 2 Oct 1850 probably in Upson Co., GA. He m. 14 Nov 1869 in Thomaston, Upson Co., GA, to Elizabeth Prater. She was b. 18 Sept 1850, the daughter of Henry and Caroline (Purdue) Prater. John and Elizabeth had 13 children, 10 who lived to adulthood. John d. 18 March 1923 in Silsbee, Hardin Co., TX, and is buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Port Arthur, TX.
- ii. Warren Jackson Alford, b. 6 Nov 1852, probably in Upson Co. He m. 23 July 1876 in Upson Co. to Tabitha White. They had at least 8 children, according to the 1900 census, where they appear in Upson Co. The article following this one states that he d. 29 Jan 1936.
- iii. James William Alford, b. circa 1855, probably in Upson Co.; m. in Upson Co. on 9 May 1970 to Sarah E. Ansley. According to the 1880 census in Upson Co., Sarah
- iv. M.E. Alford, b. circa 1856 (from 1860 census).
- v. Richard W. Alford, b. \_\_\_\_\_ Apr 1859; m. circa 1885 to Agnes \_\_\_\_\_. On the 1900 census, this family is in St. Clair Co., AL with 5 children. Richard does not appear on the 1860 census with the family.
- vi. Nettie Alford, b. 15 Apr 1860 probably in Upson Co.; m. 29 Nov 1877 in Upson Co. to Dr. A.M. Jamerson. They had at least 7 children. Nettie d. 25 Jan 1911 in Upson Co. and is buried in Yatesville Methodist Cemetery there. Nettie does not appear on the 1860 census with the family.

Pierce Lewis Alford served in Company C of the 47th Alabama Infantry. I have sent for his Civil War record and have obtained a history of the 47th Infantry Regiment from the U.S. Army Military History Institute in Carlisle, PA. Tom Queen, a non-member descendant of Warren Jackson Alford, writes:

“To the best of our knowledge he was captured at the Wilderness Battle in Virginia and was either shot or died in POW camp.... Some background on him gathered several years ago indicated that he moved his family from Upson County, Georgia to Tallapoosa County, Alabama using a Land Lottery Grant that was for veterans of possibly the Mexican War. After he was killed his widow and children moved back to Upson County. She remarried an older Methodist minister named Abel Ansley.”

Jim Alford, AAFA #115, has the names “Pierce” and “Jackson” in his line, so he wrote the following:

My gr-gr-grandfather was Lodwick C. Pierce Alford (1812-1896) and his mother and grandmother were Jacksons. Further, he lived briefly in Tallapoosa County, Alabama before departing for Texas in 1840. Tallapoosa County is only a short distance west of Troup County, Georgia which was the family stronghold from 1828 on....

My immediate line is well established but, not all is known of Lodwick C. Pierce Alford’s brothers or cousins. His father and mother, Captain Lodwick C. Alford and Judith Jackson grew up in Greene County, Georgia and died in Troup County on their plantation near West Point.

They raised the three orphaned sons of Zadock Alford (Captain Lodwick’s brother) in addition to their own ten or so children. In all, there were about six males in this family who might have passed on the names Pierce and Jackson. There were two other brothers of Captain Lodwick C. Alford and Zadock Alford: Julius Caesar Alford Jr. and Halcut Alford. They, or their eldest sons, might have sired Pierce Lewis Alford.

From what I have been able to uncover thus far, the name “Pierce” came from the Reverend Lovic Pierce who was the first Methodist minister in Georgia. He lived at Greensboro in Greene County and was a neighbor of the Alfords. Captain Lodwick and most of his family were devout Methodists and the old Captain named more than one son for a Methodist minister.

Upson was divided from Monroe County east of Troup County in the 1820’s and lies adjacent to Talbot County. Two Alfords, Turner and William H. married and lived in this area in the 1825–35 time period. It’s possible that one of them was the father of Pierce Lewis. Or, it’s possible they were all brothers....

Tom and I would love to hear from descendants of the other children of Pierce and Amanda Alford—and we’re still looking for Pierce’s father! ❖

## Warren J. Alford, 1852–1936, Bridge Builder

This article from an unidentified book about Georgia's covered bridges was sent by non-member Tom Queen, great-great-grandson of Warren Jackson Alford. Warren was the son of Pierce Lewis Alford, about whom we know very little. Tom, who lives at 3893 Mill Glen Drive, Douglasville, GA 30135, attended AAFA's first annual meeting in Atlanta. I was thrilled to meet the only other descendent of Pierce Alford I had ever encountered other than descendents of Warren's older brother, my great-grandfather, John P.P. Alford. Not only that, he knew much more about Pierce than I did, including his name! See the separate article on him in this issue.

Several photos/illustrations, too dark on our copy for reprinting, are included with this article. Two photos of the bridge include the caption, "Auchumpkee Creek Bridge (1892) located in southern Upson County is also known as Hootenville Bridge. Near the area of the bridge was the Birdsong Plantation owned by George L.F. Birdsong."

The caption under the photo of Warren Alford says, "Warren Jackson Alford born November 6, 1862 [error: should be 1852], died January 29, 1936. builder of Auchumpkee Creek Bridge and many others that are now gone. Orphaned early in the war his relationship began with Dr. Herring in 1874 and continued until the death of the doctor in 1911."

The caption under what appears to be a drawing of Dr. Herring says, "Dr. James W. Herring born August 25, 1923, died January 14, 1911. Contractor for Auchumpkee Creek Bridge. Coming to Upson County in 1842, Dr. Herring was the builder and/or contractor of many structures. He was appointed County Commissioner of Roads and Revenues by Governor Atkinson and was also appointed to the County Board of Education by Governor Smith."

### Auchumpkee Creek Bridge

In the "Plantation Area" of southern Upson County, down below Birdsong Road, on Allen Road an old Town lattice bridge still serves the area residents. At one time, not too many years ago, there were several bridges of this type still in use in the county. But with the onslaught of nature and man, only the Auchumpkee Creek crossing is still in use.

Built by Warren Jackson Alford, under the supervision of Dr. James Wiley Herring, this old workhorse reaches across the creek one hundred and twenty-one feet. A clear span of ninety-one feet ten inches between its native stone piers reveals a well preserved camber typical in the lattice truss. Once there were a dozen or more lattice bridges in Upson County and the surrounding area built under contract by Alford and Herring.

Alford and Herring were brought together as an effect of the Civil War. Warren Alford's father was killed early in the war leaving his mother to support six children. As the war progressed, hard times fell on the South and at the age of twelve Warren begins his life long relationship with the Herrings. The relationship was to become so close that descendents of Warren Alford still speak of the Herrings as grandpa and grandma Herring. His primary education was at the knee of Mary, Dr. Herring's wife and in the early years of manhood he obtained building and construction knowledge from the learned doctor.

Warren J. Alford and Dr. James W. Herring of Upson County designed and built this truss from the true "mode" of the Town lattice patent of 1820, having only one top and one bottom chord. By the time it was constructed Town's patent had long since run out, therefore modifications could be and were made.

For unknown reasons the design was changed leaving us a most unique lattice truss.

Auchumpkee Creek Bridge has the only remaining lattice truss of its kind in Georgia. It is constructed with three trunnels and one bolt for fasteners in both top and bottom chords. And the web members are cut even with the outside edge of the top and bottom chords. Upon inspection of other lattice trusses remaining in the state, one will note that the web members are extended beyond the top and bottom chords. The purpose for this configuration is that about half of the web members resist tensile stress. Therefore for the pine wood of the period to provide sufficient longitudinal shearing area, the members should project at least four inches beyond the chords. The doctor, perhaps being somewhat fastidious, may have thought the trusses looked ragged and simply had Alford cut the web ends even with the chords. On the other hand the lumber for the web members may have been cut too short at the mill. The latter would offer a reason for the four fasteners in the chords. Although in the plans and specifications of the 1890's the lengths of the web members were well stipulated. (See Paynes Mill Bridge Specifications 1891)

As the years past after the death of Angier, the only child of the Herrings, Warren, was given more and more responsibility in the affairs of Dr. Herring. This fact is noted in the public record particularly in the sale of lumber to the county.

Dr. Herring was a skilled physician for his time and engineer of considerable ability as well. His first engineering feat after arriving in the county was the building of Rosehill Mills. This complex consisted of a saw mill, cotton gin, and compresses on Ten Mile Creek near



## Newspaper Ads Work!

By Mary A. Helms, Arkansas State Rep

Beware of putting an ad in the newspaper—you might find a relative or five!

A few Saturdays ago I had some time to kill, so I picked up the want-ad section of the newspaper. I was browsing through the Personals when I came across an ad that read, in part, "Seeking descendants of David and Polly Alford from Pike Co., Ark." There was an 800 number given.

Astonished? You bet I was! I ran to the phone and called, getting an answering machine. I left my message. About two hours later, the phone rang, and guess what?? Another cousin! He is Jerry McMennis. His third grandmother was a daughter of David and Polly Alford. We talked as fast as our jaws would allow! In the course of the conversation, I told him about Marian [Alford Hodges, #350], her brother Tom [Alford, #351], and our cousins, Don and Edwin.

So, be careful about placing ads in newspapers. You may find more cousins than you bargained for! ❖

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Thomaston. The grist mill, two dams which furnished the water power, and his beautiful home "Rosehill" near the mills still stand today. Dr. Herring practiced medicine in Thomaston, but was just as well respected for his political involvement. He was appointed by Governor Atkinson in the 1890's as Commissioner of Roads and Revenue. During this time he designed many bridges for the county.

The covered bridge on Allen Road, of which the construction date is not known, has an almost obscure existence. However the County of Upson did restore the structure in 1976 and thus preserved for generations this unique Alford-Herring legacy in wood. ❖

## Reflections 1993

This new "Reflections" series will be a compilation of events in U.S. and Alford history that take us back in increments of 25, 50, 100, 200 and 300 years. This first installment will include all segments for the year 1993, but in future issues we'll publish one segment each quarter.

For this issue we have recruited the Board of Directors members to contribute information on themselves and their Alford ancestors. Let's hear from many more of you with accounts from these years, along with photographs (which will be returned to you unharmed). Over the years "Reflections" will evolve into a very comprehensive history book of our "Alford" family intertwined with some of the main historical events of the world and our nation. It is being done to help satisfy one of the stated purposes of AAFA: "Educating, particularly those of the younger generations, present day Alford and Alford descendants; on Alford family history and how it relates to history of the nation."

Most of the U.S. history in the following came from Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.'s *THE ALMANAC OF AMERICAN HISTORY*, New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1983.

### 300 Years Ago—1693

The College of William and Mary was founded in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Alfords had been in both Virginia and New England for about 70 and 60 years respectively by 1693.

JOHN ALFORD, who we estimate was born about 1693, married Grace \_\_\_\_\_ and died before February 1727. He was the ancestor of LILLIAN B. GARDINER AAFA #332 of Memphis, Tennessee. He was probably a great, great uncle of many AAFA members.

RICHARD ALFORD died 1693 in England. He was born October 9, 1641 and married Lettice KAYSAR about 1644 in England. Richard was the ancestor of THALASSA C. HENCKEN AAFA #330 of Boston and her daughter SOPHIA STONE AAFA #167 of New Orleans.

JOSIAH ALFORD married Hannah WESTOVER May 22 1693 in Hartford County, Connecticut. Josiah was born July 6, 1649 in Hartford County and he died there May 10, 1772. Josiah is the ancestor of eight different AAFA members—who probably don't know each other! They are BETTY BEALS AAFA #438 of Allison Park, PA; CHARLES E. BOULSON AAFA #396 of Marshfield, MO; DEVIN PRESCOTT ALFORD AAFA #508 of New York, NY; DOROTHY E. ORGILL AAFA #315 of Pinedale, WY; JAMES ALLEN ALFORD, JR. AAFA #395 of Chelsea, MI; JOSEPH S. ALFORD, JR. AAFA #102 of Indianapolis, IN; MARY STITES STEINKAMP AAFA #427 of Torrance, CA; and RICHARD WAYNE FADNESS AAFA #552 of Chico, CA.

### 200 Years Ago—1793

Fugitive Slave Act was passed.

Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin.

Unsubstantiated charges of corruption were made against U.S. Treasurer Alexander Hamilton.

The 27-mile Middlesex Canal, linking Boston with the Merrimack River, was built and a horse-pulled barge was charged \$3.50 to travel its length.

September 18 President George Washington laid the cornerstone for the Congress House, or United States Capitol, in a ceremony incorporating Masonic rites.

November 25 a group of slaves in Albany, New York rebelled and set a series of devastating fires in the city.

December 31 Thomas Jefferson's resignation as Secretary of State became effective.

ELIJAH ALFORD was born about 1793, and he married Sarah NECKERBACHER. He was the ancestor of RUSSELL A. ALFORD AAFA #119 of Birmingham, Alabama.

J.A. HALFORD was born about 1793 in South Carolina. He is the earliest known ancestor of KIRBY WAYNE HALFORD AAFA #443 of Oxford, Mississippi. Unfortunately that is about all we know about his ancestor.

GEORGE G. ALFORD was born June 19, 1793 in Cayuga County, New York. He died April 1, 1847 in Houston County, TX. He was best known as the Quartermaster General for General Sam Houston in the war for Texas independence. He is included in a painting in the rotunda of the Texas State Capitol. He married (1) Jeannette Leisieur and (2) Ann Barfield. General Alford was the ancestor of WILLIAM ALFORD HEINK AAFA #493 of Merritt Island, FL, his son KARL HEINK AAFA #458 of Orlando, FL, MILDRED HARLOW ALFORD WARD AAFA #301 of Burnham, PA, and ALBERT ALFORD PAYNE AAFA #491 of Carlisle, IA.

JOB ALFORD married Abigail BENTON October 9, 1793 in Litchfield County, CT. Job was born there April 15, 1765. Job is the ancestor of HARRY C. ALFRED AAFA #546 of Panama City, FL.

GEORGE ALFORD, who we estimate was born about 1774, probably in Virginia, married Mary BURNSIDE February 14, 1793 in what is now Greene County, West Virginia. He is the ultimate Alford ancestor of NORRIS LYNN ALFORD AAFA #422 of Villa Hills, Kentucky and

THOMAS E. ALFORD AAFA #464 of Middletown, New York. Thomas is the father of JEFFREY W. ALFORD AAFA #477 also of Middletown and GREGORY G. ALFORD AAFA #514 of Ontario, California. George is also the ancestor of DR JAMES E. PHIPPS who is not a member of AAFA but was an early Alford contact. He did live at Huntington, West Virginia, but the last attempt to reach him failed.

THOMAS ALFORD married Phoebe CUMMINGS October 13, 1793 in Botetourt County, VA. We estimate that Thomas was born about 1770—probably in Wythe County, VA. He and his family moved to Mississippi where he appears to have died before the family was enumerated in the 1820 census. Thomas is the ancestor of ESTA YOUNG HENICK AAFA #436 of Yazoo City, MS.

### 100 Years Ago—1893

The Panic of 1893: Throughout the year, 74 railroads fell into receivership, 600 banks closed, 15,000 commercial houses collapsed, and the New York Stock market crashed beginning four years of deep depression.

Grover Cleveland was inaugurated for his second term. In July he underwent surgery for cancer of the mouth. Fearing word of his surgery might make the economic situation worse the operation was done in secrecy on a friends yacht. The operation was a success.

Fire raged through Boston in March, killing many and causing \$5,000,000 in damages.

The Mormon Temple was dedicated at Salt Lake City, UT. The huge and awesome structure cost about \$12,000,000 and took 40 years to build.

August 15 the Bering Sea Arbitration Court made a decision forbidding killing of seals within 60 miles of the Pribilof Islands.

September 16 saw more than 50,000 rush to settle the Cherokee Strip between Kansas and Oklahoma—6,000,000 acres bought from the Cherokees for \$8,500,000. Tommy "Wildcat" Alford later wrote about his experience in this event.

November 7 Woman's Suffrage was adopted in Colorado by popular vote.

SAMUEL HAMILTON ALFORD was born January 2, 1893 in Leake County, Mississippi. He married Frances ESTES there September 3, 1913 and died there February 14, 1971. Samuel was the father of RUBY ALFORD HEARD AAFA #137 of Jackson, Mississippi. Ruby was the AAFA Mississippi state representative until the Mississippi AAFA chapter was formed, at which time she assumed the duties of the AAFA Mississippi Genealogist. There is no doubt that she knows more about Mississippi Alford's than any other person.

Just a week later on January 10, 1893 came the birth of WILLIAM D. ALFORD in Columbus County, North Carolina. He married Jessie McHARGUE, March 25, 1917 in Taylor County, Florida and died June 24, 1973 in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was the father of DR. M.E. (MIKE) ALFORD AAFA #004 of Portsmouth.

It is probable that TOWNS ALFORD and his wife Sallie MOONEY both died in 1893 in Yalobusha County, Mississippi. He was born about 1848 in Troup County, Georgia and was the grandfather of MARTIN G. ALFORD (DOLORES) AAFA #147 of Abilene, Kansas.

JAMES JACKSON ALFORD was born about 1893. He married Gertrude LONG December 12, 1915 in McLennan County, Texas. He died 90 years later, February 7, 1983, and was the ancestor of GLENICE JO PERDUE AAFA #318 of Mansfield, TX.

DONNA ALFORD was born March

19, 1893, probably in Arkansas or the Indian Territory. She married Elijah O'Neal—that's all we know about her. She was the grandmother of WALLACE D. (LEE ANN) TURNER AAFA #020 who is from Arkansas but works/teaches in Alaska.

FRANCIS FLOYD ALFORD was born March 15, 1893 in Lawrence County, PA. He was the father of a EDNA JEAN ALFORD MEADE, one of our Alford contacts who is not a member of the association. She lives in Phoenix, AZ.

THOMAS JEFFERSON ALFORD died April 14, 1893 in Daviess County, Indiana. He was born there February 17, 1829 and married (1) Lucy PERKINS there August 28, 1849 (2) Nancy McCORD October 6, 1871 and (3) Mrs. Mary E. ELLIS January 22, 1891. Thomas is the ancestor of DEENA B. CROSS AAFA #126 of West Des Moines, IA.

FLORENCE INEZ ALFORD SUROVIK AAFA #107 will go down in history as the earliest born AAFA member. She was born May 12, 1893 in Burlison County, TX. She married William L. SUROVIK December 23, 1917 in Texas. At last report she was in very poor health in a Texas nursing home. It is probable that we have lost her at the time of this writing. Florence is the mother of WILLIAM LOUIS SUROVIK, JR. AAFA #209 of Caldwell, TX.

ROBERT CANNON ALFORD died May 26, 1893 in Tennessee. He is buried in Loudon County in New Providence Cemetery. He was born December 9, 1816 in Tennessee and married (1) Elisa WEBB January 26, 1843 in Roane County, TN and (2) Margaret MOURFIELD April 21, 1852 in Knox County, TN. Robert Cannon was the ancestor of SARAH H. MCEACHERN AAFA #053 of Loudon, TN; BENJAMIN F. ALFORD, JR. AAFA #447, AAFA President, of Wyomissing, PA; and his son BENJAMIN F. ALFORD,

III AAFA #448 of Knoxville, TN. Ben and his wife, Ruth, were present at the meetings in Jackson, MS and Destin, FL.

HENRY WARREN ALFORD was born July 1893 in Louisiana, probably in Gretna. He married Abbie LANDRY. His ancestors came from Ireland and he was the father of long time correspondent (not AAFA) WARREN H. ALFORD of Gretna, LA.

NELSON ALWARD married Lottie KILLAM July 20, 1893 in New Brunswick, Canada. Nelson was born there October 16, 1871 and died there in 1949. It is thought that the Alwards came from New Jersey where they might have been ALFORDs. Nelson was the ancestor of ROBERT KING AAFA #567 of Marshfield, MA.

WILLIAM EDWARD ALFORD married Ida M. MARTIN August 6, 1893. He was born December 1872 and died, probably in Indiana, July 3, 1937. [Ida died January 26, 1956 in Hancock County, IN.] William is the ancestor of WANDA C. HADLEY AAFA #101 of Hope, IN.

ELVY DURELL ALFORD was born August 20, 1893 in Clay County, AL. He was the grandfather of JOHN PAUL ALFORD (not AAFA), of Newnan, GA who responded in a 1985 Georgia Alford project.

WILLIAM BLAIR ALFORD married Kate Mae BRITTAIN September 9, 1893 in Copiah County, MS. He was born there August 29, 1871 and it was there he died May 12, 1950. William was the ancestor of PATRICK E. ROPER AAFA #307 of Jackson, MS.

WILLIAM EVERETT ALFORD was born September 12, 1893 in Linn County, OR and he died in Lane County, OR, January 23, 1981 where he is buried in Westlawn Cemetery. He married Addie L. HATFIELD in Lane County April 13, 1917. William was the father of ENOLA ALFORD BURKE AAFA

#023 of Springfield, OR and RANDALL A. ALFORD (not AAFA) of Winchester Bay, OR.

LEON OTTO ALFORD was born September 15, 1893 in Tangipahoa Parish, LA. He married Ethelind HUMPHREY and he died January 1, 1956 in Lincoln County, MS. Leon was the ancestor of JACK L. ALFORD who used to reside in Dana Point, CA. Jack was a long time correspondent but we lost contact about the time the association was formed—HELP!

MARTHA LUCINDA ALFORD died October 1893 in Dallas County, MO. She was born there December 8, 1861 and she married Samuel VARNER 1879 in Laclede County, MO. Martha was the ancestor of R. ETHYLE JONES AAFA #405 and her daughter SHIRLEY L. HITE AAFA #415. They were present at the Jackson, MS meeting; and MIKE MEAD AAFA #420 of Colorado Springs, CO.

LORENA CUMINE ALFORD married Willie Tee HEWITT December 3, 1893 in Indian Territory, OK. She was born in White County, AR December 6, 1876 and died in Carter County, OH October 22, 1963. Lorena was the grandmother of CLARENCE F. HEWITT, JR. AAFA #118 of Crossville, TN.

JENNY INDIANA ALFORD was born March 21, 1875 in Allen County, KS. She married William H. RODERICK there December 6, 1893. Jenny was the ancestor of LESTER W. COOK AAFA #100 of Ponchatoula, LA.

EARL JOHNSTON ALFORD was born December 17, 1893 in Worth County, GA and he died there June 9, 1954 being buried in Hillcrest Cemetery. He married Erin Sadie SHEALY in Worth County June 15, 1915. Earl is the father of EARL JOHNSTON ALFORD, JR. AAFA #518 of St. Augustine, FL.

JOHN ALFORD married Mary R. BURCH December 21, 1893 in Wash-



ington Parish, LA. John was born September 25, 1872 in Louisiana and he died in Washington Parish May 3, 1957. He was the grandfather of ROBERT EARL ALFORD AAFA #462 of Clinton, MS.

**50 Years Ago—1943**

Roosevelt met in Casablanca, Morocco with Churchill and other representatives of the Allies.

February, the Germans at Stalingrad surrendered, US Marines recaptured Guadalcanal, and US forces stopped Rommel’s drive in North Africa.

Dwight D. Eisenhower was given command of the North African Theater, and by May 13 the German and Italian commanders and hundreds of thousands of troops surrendered, ending that campaign.

Shoe rationing began throughout the US with each civilian limited to three pairs of leather shoes; a point-rationing system was introduced for processed foods. On April 1 meats, fats and cheese were added to the list of items rationed.

On April 8 President Roosevelt, in an effort to stem inflation, froze prices, wages and salaries.

April 13 the Washington memorial in Washington DC was dedicated.

June 9 The Current Tax Payment Act which created the withholding of federal income taxes on wages and salaries before being paid.

July 10 U.S. British, Canadian, and French troops under command of General Eisenhower invaded Sicily with a force that included 2500 ships. Sicily was taken by August 17 after the allies lost 25,000 men and the Italians and Germans lost 167,000.

August 1 a rumor of a murder in Harlem sparked a race riot that ended

with five people dead, 420 injured and about \$5,000,000 in damage.

August 17-21 U.S. Air Force planes destroyed or disabled about 300 Japanese planes and killed 1500 Japanese pilots and ground crew at Wewak, New Guinea, a major loss for the enemy.

September 3 after months of intensive bombing of Italy the allied forces invaded the mainland of Italy and the nation surrendered five days later. Mussolini, having spent 21 years as “Il Duce” of Italy had resigned on July 25.

September 9 Allied troops from some 700 ships landed at Salerno, Italy to fight the Germans who continued to resist and were not involved with the surrender of Italy.

On 14 March 1943 STEVEN VANCE ALFORD AAFA #346, who lives in Hampton, VA, was born.

Just eight days later JAN HARPER AAFA #195 of Houston, TX, was born. Jan is the daughter of HAROLD ALFORD AAFA #169 of Houston.

GERALD J. ALFORD of Battle Ground, WA, is one of our Alford contacts who not a member of the

association. He was born 24 March 1943.

In March, GILBERT “GIL” K. ALFORD, JR. AAFA #019, the first executive director of the AAFA, ended his first stint at Louisiana State University (LSU). He had entered the previous fall at age 16 after completing high school in Ferriday, Louisiana. With the US at war he was more interested in that than in obtaining an education. He had visited a US Marine recruiting station in New Orleans and persuaded his parents to sign papers giving him permission to enlist at age 17 so he resigned from the University. His father came down in their Plymouth coupe to pick him up and take him home. His father later told him that one of the most difficult things he had to do in his lifetime was to come take him away from LSU (his dad graduated from there in 1925). When they got home his mother had changed her mind and refused to sign papers which she said would be his death warrant. He went to work roughnecking for E. J. Johnston Drilling Company of Longview, Texas. The company was drilling a hole north of Ferriday with what was called a spark-plug rig. One of the crew on the morning tower dragged something over a propane gas line and broke it. The rig was set up deep in a

*Gil Alford and his bride-to-be, Mary Newkirk, in Ferriday, Louisiana, 1943.*

thick forest, accessible only by a board road and serviced completely on a large board turnaround. The propane gas filled up the cup-like area cut into the forest and about that time one of the crew lit a cigarette or did something else to set off the gas. Gil then went to work for the Nobel Drilling Company on a steam rig but drastic weather conditions suggested he might find better work. He then went to work for Geotechnical Corp with a seismograph crew in Natchez, Mississippi and later in Wewahatchika, Florida. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ferriday, Louisiana at this time.

WILLIAM EVANS ALFORD died in 1943 in Putnam County, West Virginia. He was born September 30, 1889 in Gallia County, Ohio and married Elizabeth SPRINKLE. He was the father of MARY E. SPOOR AAFA #388 of Crossville, Tennessee.

CECIL WYLIE ALFORD AAFA #012, of Denver, Colorado married Charlotte MEADOWS March 20, 1943 in Franklin County, Ohio. In 1943 Wylie was serving with the U.S. Army Air Corps (later to be known as the U.S. Air Force). They attended the 1990 annual meeting in Raleigh, NC but have been unable to since because of Wylie's poor health. They are the parents of MARY ANN ALFORD AAFA #363 of Natick, Massachusetts.

JOYCE ALFORD PIERCE AAFA #341, of Wilmington, NC, was born April 19, 1943 in North Carolina. She married Eugene PIERCE. Joyce attended the meeting in Raleigh, NC.

JACK F. ALFORD, AAFA #369, of Burleson, TX was born April 9, 1943 in Atoka County, OK. He married Janice M. WHITE April 18, 1964 in Wichita, KS. Jack has two brothers DON ALFORD AAFA #361 of Allen, TX and TRAVIS ALFORD AAFA #374 of Wichita, KS, who are members of the association and a number of cousins including MAX ALFORD AAFA #230

of Mesquite, TX, the AAFA Secretary who attended the Jackson, MS meeting, and DORIS ALFORD VETRI AAFA #303 of Telford, PA, the AAFA Treasurer who, along with her husband Sebastian, was present at the meetings in Raleigh, Jackson, and Destin.

JAMES ALLEN ALFORD married Mary Elizabeth MILKS April 10, 1943 in DeKalb County, Indiana. James, who was born in DeKalb County February 12, 1922 was the father of JAMES ALLEN ALFORD, JR. AAFA #395.

WILLIAM JAMES ALFORD died April 24, 1943 in Jefferson County, AL. He was born December 4, 1858 in Michigan and married Jennie Elizabeth CRAIG February 11, 1891. William was the grandfather of RUSSELL ALGER ALFORD, JR. AAFA #119 of Birmingham, AL.

JULIUS M. "POOLEY" ALFORD AAFA #013 graduated from McComb [MS] High School In May 1943 and immediately left for Mississippi College in Clinton, MS, to enlist as an Apprentice Seaman in the Navy V-12 College Training Program, where he was to stay for two semesters prior to being transferred to Tulane University.

SUSAN ALFORD DICKERSON AAFA #475, of Anson, TX, was born May 16, 1943 in McMullen County, TX. She married Charlie D. DICKERSON in 1972 in Johnson County, TX.

DOROTHY JEAN ALFORD JONES AAFA #286 of Colonial Heights, VA married Leon Clark JONES in Pike County, MS May 16, 1943. She was born there March 28, 1924. Dorothy is the mother of JEAN JONES WILSON AAFA #291 of Durham, NC, JANIS LEE JONES GATTIS AAFA # 339 of Colonial Heights, VA, and JEFFERY CLARK JONES AAFA #391 of Richmond, VA. Dorothy has made the meetings in Raleigh, NC and Jackson, MS, and Jean and Janis were present at the 1990 meeting in Raleigh.

ROBERT LOUIS ALFORD, JR. AAFA #048 of Houston, TX was born May 22, 1943. He married Mary D. GILBERTSON May 29, 1971 in Missouri. They were in attendance at the 1989 annual meeting in Houston, TX.

EUGENE R. ALFORD of Peoria, IL married Muriel \_\_\_\_\_ May 29, 1943 in Peoria. Eugene, who was a correspondent ten years ago (not AAFA), was born June 13, 1917 in Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas.

GREEN FLOYD ALFORD died July 2, 1943 in Worth County, Georgia where he is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery. He was born there March 21, 1879 and he married Emily Claude GIBSON in Macon County, Georgia January 7, 1903. Green was the grandfather of the late JAMES GIBSON ALFORD AAFA #418 [membership actually held by Mrs. James G. (Nancy B. Alford) of St. Matthews, SC] and MARY MAYS ALFORD FAULK AAFA #342 of Albany, GA and the great grandfather of Nancy's children J. WESTON ALFORD AAFA #432 in Seminary at St. Louis, MO and MARIANNA ESTELLE ALFORD VOISELLE AAFA #433 of Charleston, SC.

ROBERT ATTICUS ALFORD, JR. AAFA #148 of Houston, TX married Marian MARKHAM July 3, 1943. Robert was born April 27, 1922 in Burleson County, TX. Robert is the father of R. MARK ALFORD AAFA #132 of San Antonio, TX and NANCY E. ALFORD AAFA #160, also of San Antonio. Robert, Mark and Nancy were present at the meeting in Houston, TX in 1989.

EMMETTE EARL ALFORD, AAFA #439 of Liberty, MS was born August 8, 1943 in Mississippi. He married Pauline Mary MCCOY March 1, 1969 in Hinds County, MS.

MARY ANGELINE ALFORD MISCHER AAFA #240, of Houston, TX, married Walter M. MISCHER in

Harris County, TX August 15, 1943. Mary was born in Houston County, TX July 4, 1922. Mary and Walter were at the 1989 meeting in Houston.

BARBARA ANN ALFORD was born October 2, 1943 in Greene County, MS. AAFA members know her as DR. BOBBIE ALFORD AAFA #044 of Seattle, WA.

JOSEPH SAVAGE ALFORD, JR. AAFA #102 was born October 18, 1943 in Essex County, MA. He married Martha Louise BOYD June 15, 1968. They live in Indianapolis, IN.

JIMMIE RAY ALFORD, AAFA #500 of Chicago, IL, was born in Hopkins County, Kentucky November 24, 1943. He married Ellen D. LESAK May 19, 1968 in Cook County, IL.

JIMMIE EARL ALFORD was born December 23, 1943 in San Patricio County, Texas and he died March 2, 1991 in Panola County, MS. He married Betty Jo DECKER October 15, 1965 in Brazos County, TX. Jimmie Earl was the father of JEFFERY EVAN ALFORD AAFA #485 of Madison, AL.

ALONZA ALFRED ALFORD died December 27, 1943 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina where he is buried in Tarboro. He was born there October 22, 1861. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sally Jane BULLOCK whom he married in May 7, 1884 in Pitt County, NC. Alonza was the ancestor of four different AAFA members: JOE ALFORD AAFA #088 of Hampton, VA [Our Virginia State Representative]; his son W.J. ALFORD AAFA #144 of Santa Clara, CA; another son STEPHEN MICHAEL ALFORD AAFA #536 of Fort Walton Beach, FL; LONNIE R. ALFORD AAFA #123 of Topsail Beach, NC; and Mrs. LARRY W. (Ann A.) SIZEMORE AAFA #146 of Philadelphia, PA. Joe and Jeanne were at our meetings in Raleigh and Destin, and Stephen, living just "next door," attended part of our meeting in Destin.

## 25 Years Ago—1968

500,000 American troops were in Vietnam.

President Lyndon Johnson ordered reserve forces to active duty, curbed deferments for graduate students, signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, and announced his decision not to run for re-election.

In January, the Communists launched the Tet offensive.

First US heart transplant was performed in Los Angeles.

The US Navy Pueblo, along with 83-man crew, was seized by North Korean patrol boats.

April 4 Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis, TN.

April 8 a Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs was established to oversee narcotics and other drugs.

April 23 student protestors at Columbia University in New York City seized five buildings because of Columbia's involvement in research connected with the Vietnam war.

May 10 Peace (Vietnam) talks began in Paris, France.

June 1 Helen Keller died at age 87 in Connecticut.

June 6 Robert Kennedy, campaigning for the Presidency, was shot in Los Angeles by Sirhan Sirhan, a Jordanian immigrant.

June 8 James Earl Ray, accused of killing Martin Luther King, was arrested in London.

November 6 Richard M. Nixon was elected the next President of the United States.

DR. MARTHA ALFORD MARKS

AAFA #482, of the Chicago area, married Bernard Louis MARKS January 27, 1968 in Cass County, Texas. Martha is the daughter of TRUMAN ALFORD AAFA #005 also of the Chicago area.

Lovie ROSE, widow of WILLIAM ALBERT ALFORD, died in 1968 in Caddo Parish, Louisiana. We know little about these folks and yearn for more information. William was born, by our estimate, about 1887, maybe in Arkansas. Lovie was born 1882, probably in Texas. William died 1932, probably in Caddo Parish. William is the ultimate Alford ancestor—the father—of BETTY BUTTS AAFA #096 of Pascagoula, Mississippi.

RUBY PAULINE ALFORD HEARD AAFA #137 of Jackson, MS, married her late husband, Robert R. HEARD in Los Angeles, CA April 20, 1968. Ruby, the genealogist for the Mississippi Chapter of AAFA, was born in Leake County, MS August 2, 1921. Ruby was present at the Jackson, MS meeting.

HOLLIS VICTOR ALFORD died May 15, 1968 in Pike County, MS. He was born there October 10, 1891 and married Ethel MCMILLAN there December 3, 1921. HOLLIS HAROLD "HAL" ALFORD AAFA #226, of Longwood, FL is a son of Hollis Victor Alford and DOROTHY JEAN ALFORD JONES AAFA #286, of Colonial Heights, VA is a daughter (see May 1943). VICTOR HAROLD ALFORD AAFA #225, of Altamonte Springs, FL is a son of Hollis Harold. Hal was president of the association for a time and has been present at all meetings except the first one in Atlanta. Jo, his wife, has been with him at all except the Houston meeting. Vic has been to all meetings except the Atlanta meeting.

After completing her sophomore year at San Jose State College (now University), PAMELA ALFORD THOMPSON, AAFA Publications Director, married her first husband, Patrick James COLE, also an SJS student, on June 14, 1968.

They spent the summer working six days a week, she as a telephone operator and he at a cannery. They lost most of the extra money they made in a poor stock market investment. Pam didn't invest in the market again until 1984, when she began buying stock in her employer's company, Apple Computer!

During 1968 GIL ALFORD was a supervisory inventory management specialist serving as the Chief, Secondary Items Division, Directorate of Supply, US Army Mobility Equipment Command in St. Louis, Missouri. During the year he was awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Award for work done as the command project officer on a classified assignment then known as Project PATRIOT. That same year he completed the nine-week Army Logistics Management Course at Fort Lee, Virginia. He was a deacon and was active in Sunday school and training union in North Side Baptist Church, Florissant, Missouri.

JIMMIE RAY ALFORD, AAFA #500 of Chicago, IL, was born in Hopkins County, Kentucky November 24, 1943. He married Ellen D. LESAK May 19, 1968 in Cook County, IL.

MASON NORMAN ALFORD died June 1, 1968 in Pike County, MS. Born there April 15, 1911, he married Norine SABINE in McComb January 8, 1939. He was the father of MELVIN G. ALFORD, a professional musician of New Orleans, LA who is not a member of AAFA.

WALTER GRADY ALFORD died June 18, 1968 in Franklin County, NC. He was born there June 12, 1924 and married Wilhemina CLARK September 30, 1944. Walter was the grandfather of ROBBIE ALFORD AAFA #041 of Carrboro, NC. Robbie was present at our 1990 meeting in Raleigh.

MICHAEL BOYD ALFORD AAFA #495 of Morhead City, NC, married Suzanne KEITH June 22, 1968 in Wake County, NC. Michael was born in Darlington, SC, February 1, 1940.

ELLIE PARKER ALFORD died July 13, 1968 in Williamsburg County, SC and he is buried in St. John's Cemetery in Florence County, SC. He was born August 12, 1892 in Marion County, SC and he married Alice HYMAN December 28, 1912 in Florence County, SC. Ellie was the grandfather of GERALD T. ALFORD AAFA #250 and his brother JOHN P. ALFORD AAFA #254. Gerald lives in Burleson, TX and J.P. lives in New Braunfels, TX. Both Gerald and J. P. attended our meeting in Houston.

JAMES ALLEN ALFORD, JR AAFA #395 of Chelsea, MI, married Mary Janet RACKLEY October 4, 1968 in Fulton, County, GA. He was born January 14, 1946 in Hennipen County, Minnesota.

MILTON GRADY ALFORD, father of ROBBIE ALFORD AAFA #041 of Carrboro, NC, married Ollie B. PERNELL November 28, 1968. Robbie and his father were at the 1990 meeting in Raleigh.

MARJORIE FAYE ALFORD MCDANIEL AAFA #078, of Athens, TX, married Clyde O. MCDANIEL December 15, 1968 in Comal County, TX. She was born in Hemphill County, AR October 15, 1937.

GUY H. ALFORD died December 21, 1968 in Houston County, TX where he is buried in the Creek Cemetery. He was born January 7, 1888 in Houston County and married Tina Mae BARBEE there February 14, 1914. Guy was the father of DONALD E. ALFORD AAFA #515 of Poway, CA.

C. WYLIE ALFORD AAFA #012 (see March 1943) completed a tour, while on active duty with the U. S. Air Force, as Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland. He had been there since 1965. Wylie and Charlotte were present at the 1990 meeting in Raleigh, NC. ❖

*Brigadier General Ed Donley awarding Gil Alford the Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1968.*

# Obituaries

## MARY ELSIE ALFORD

Sent by Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #32

*THE HOUSTON POST*

Houston, TX—Wednesday, 2 Dec 1992

Mary Elsie Alford, 83, born September 11, 1909, in Howard, LA, expired on December 1, 1992, following a lengthy and courageous illness with heart disease and emphysema. Preceded in death by husband, Raymond G. Alford. She was a charter member of Willow Meadows Baptist Church. Survivors, sister, Donna Lynn Barr; daughter, Ramona Gwen Darden and her husband Albert "Nick" Darden; son, William W. Liddell and his wife Rita May Liddell; step-daughter, JoMuriel Roberts and her husband C.O. "Bobby" Roberts; grandchildren, Karen Rimes, William W. Liddell, V, Stephen D. Liddell, Jennifer Lynn Jackson; great-grandchildren, Tanya Marie House, Jo Lynn Cefalu, William W. Liddell, VI, Laurie Marie Liddell, Courtney K. Liddell, Lyndsay Liddell, Kathleen Liddell, Christine M. Jackson, Julia K. Jackson; and a great-greatgrandson, Andrew Todd House, Jr.; sister-in-law, Eleanor May; numerous nieces and nephews also survive. The family will receive friends at Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home, Westheimer at Dairy Ashford, on Wednesday evening from 7:00 until 9:00 P.M. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 3, 1992, at 11:30 A.M., in the funeral home chapel, with Rev. Paul J. Kent officiating. Interment will follow in Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery. The family extends profound gratitude for the exceptional care given by all the nurses and staff at St. Luke's Texas Heart Institute and special appreciation to Dr.'s Michael J. Mihalick, Larry P. Conrad and Stanton Fischer and to nurse, Carolyn Morris. In lieu of usual remembrances, contributions may be made to St. Luke's Texas Heart Institute, P. O. Box 20345, Houston, TX 77030.

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## LEONARD "BILL" ALFORD

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*

Jackson, MS—Tuesday, 14 July 1992

ENTERPRISE, Ala.—Leonard "Bill" Alford, 73, a retired Army major and Mississippi native, died of cancer Monday at Lyster U.S. Army Hospital at Ft. Rucker, Ala.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Green Hill Presbyterian Church with burial in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Dothan, Ala. Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. today at Searcy Funeral Home of Enterprise, Ala.

Mr. Alford, a Choctaw County native, was a retired U.S. Army officer.

Survivors include: wife, Elsie; son, Dwain Alford of Ft. Gordon, Ga.; sister, Louise Alford of West Point; and a grandson.

Memorials may be made to Green Hill Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 637, Enterprise, Ala. 36331.

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## WILLIE CLYDE ALFORD

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*

Jackson, MS—Sunday, 28 June 1992

MOORHEAD—Willie Clyde Alford, 67, a retired maintenance supervisor, died of a heart attack Friday at South Sunflower County Hospital in Indianola.

Services are 5 p.m. today at Roundaway Baptist Church near Indianola with burial in the church cemetery. Card Funeral Home in Indianola is handling arrangements.

A Lambert native, Mr. Alford lived most of his life in Sunflower County. He was a World War II Navy veteran and

was a member of Roundaway Baptist Church.

Survivors include: wife, Kathryn; daughters, Elizabeth Milstead of Clinton and Sandra Manuel of Itta Bena; sons, Glenn Alford of Memphis, Charles Edward Alford of Greenwood and Bill Alford of Moorehead; brothers, Earl Alford Sr. of Indianola and Jerry Alford of Yazoo City; and 10 grandchildren.

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## FLORENCE HALFORD

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*

Jackson, MS—Monday, 22 June 1992

MEADVILLE—Florence Halford, 88, a homemaker, died of heart failure Sunday at home.

Services are 3 p.m. today at Providence Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Parker's Franklin Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

A Meadville native, Mrs. Halford was a member of Providence Baptist Church.

Survivors include: son, Jesse J. "Buddy" Halford of Meadville; daughter, Lorraine Smith of Meadville; and seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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## SAMUEL J. ALFORD

Sent by Juanita Waldrop, AAFA #472, cousin of Samuel

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*

Jackson, MS—No date [probably 23 Oct 1989]

Samuel J. Alford died Sunday, Oct. 22, 1989, at Vicksburg [MS] Medical Center. He was 46.

Mr. Alford was a native of Morton. He had been a resident of Vicksburg for

the past 25 years, where he was associated with the Geo-Technical Lab of Waterways Experiment Station. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a member of Big Horn Hunting Club and Grace Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Theda P. Alford of Vicksburg; one daughter, Stephanie Alford of Vicksburg; one brother, Bob Alford of Rolling Fork; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Alford of Morton; and a number of other relatives.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Fisher Funeral Home Chapel and at 2 p.m. at Ott and Lee Funeral Home Chapel in Morton. Burial will be in Morton Memorial Gardens Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Fisher Funeral Home Chapel.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Miller, Billy Gene Wright, Mickey Sullivan, Jimmy Ray Palmer, Troy Parsons, Travis Coleman, Andrew Harrison and Frank Palmer.

Honorary pallbearers are members of Big Horn Hunting Club and Pavements Systems Division of W.E.S.

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### NOLAN RAY ALFORD

Sent by Julius Alford, AAFA #13

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*  
Jackson, MS—Sunday, 3 Dec 1989

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

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

Mr. Alford was a member of Lula Baptist Church.

Survivors include: wife, Joyce; son, Nolan R. 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 grandchildren and

four great-grandchildren.

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

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### FAE A. ALFORD

*ST. PETERSBURG TIMES*  
St. Petersburg, FL—Sunday, 27 Apr 1986

Alford, Fae A., 88, of 1510 Lake Ave., Clearwater, died Saturday (April 28, 1986). Born in Illinois, she came here in 1970 from Davenport, Iowa. She was a member of Girard United Methodist Church, Girard Ill. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Springtime Commandry and Second Monday Club Ladies of the Shrine, both of Clearwater. She was a life member and past Matron of Chapter 178 OES, Pyramid Temple 10, Daughters of the Nile and order of White Shrine of Jerusalem Oriental Shrine 7, where she was past Worthy High Priestess, all of Davenport. Survivors include her daughter Betty A. Russell, Clearwater, a sister Estella Machin, Mexico, Mo.; three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Moss-Feaster Belcher Road Chapel, Clearwater.

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### JOHN SYDNEY ALFORD

Father of William Reginald Alford, AAFA #211

*PENSACOLA JOURNAL*  
Pensacola, FL—31 Dec 1981

### Friends Mourn One Who Cared About His Town

A steady stream of visitors came to the neat white house near Warrington Wednesday to console the family of John Alford and reminisce about a guy who cared for the community where he lived.

On a wall in the family room were plaques and framed resolutions of

recognition from the Escambia County Sheriff's Department, the Friends of Law Enforcement, the Optimists Club and the County Commission, among others.

"That was John's wall," said his wife, Theresa.

Memorial services will be today at 1 p.m. at Myrtle Grove Baptist Church for Alford, who died Tuesday at his home. He was 60.

Heart trouble had slowed him down in the past two years, but Alford still kept in touch with what was happening at the courthouse and the sheriff's department. For years, he had been a regular at the courthouse, where he spoke out on issues and helped with various causes. And at night he would work with one of his loves, law enforcement, capturing dangerous jail escapees single-handedly and giving a hand to deputies in trouble.

"He was always very civic-minded," said Theresa Alford. "That's just the way he was."

He was the kind of kid who joined the army when he was a teen-ager and went off to World War II. He was captured by the Japanese in the Philippines and spent 3 1/2 years in a prison camp, where he suffered a foot injury which eventually led to the amputation of a leg.

He joined the sheriff's department in the late 1940s, but had to quit that job in order to keep his other, better-paying civil service position at the Pensacola Naval Air Station. In 1960, his leg was amputated and Alford retired from the Navy yard, but he kept busy traveling, co-founding Two-Way Radio, a South Palafox Street firm that handles marine electronics, and later working for Weis-Fricker, where he arranged transportation of mahogany from South America.

He also resumed his interest in law enforcement, riding with deputies or monitoring the police radio in his own car as he cruised the west side of town. He became a reserve deputy with the sheriff's department, but he passed up the security jobs that were offered reserve deputies. He was there to help regular deputies, not to make money, he said.

for 10 years,” said one deputy, David Barnes. Alford’s other “office” was at the courthouse, where he seldom missed a commission meeting. He and another man, George Bowman, had formed a group called “The Escambia Watchdogs,” which kept an eye on the commissioners and lobbied for money for the sheriff’s department.

One of his last and biggest projects came into being recently, a microwave communications system for the county. Alford led the push for the system, which advocates say will ultimately save the county hundreds of thousands of dollars over the old system of telephone lines.

Alford put in 14 months on that project, attending meetings, studying reports and lobbying for the microwave system. It was a lot of work, but “he just felt the county would be better off with the microwave, so he did it,” said his wife.

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**ELMER T. ALFORD**

*THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR*  
 Indianapolis, IN—5 Dec 1969

Vevay, Ind.—Elmer T. Alford, 61, R.R. 2, Vevay, a Switzerland County farmer, died yesterday in King’s Daughters Hospital at Madison. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the New Liberty Baptist Church near East Enterprise. Burial will be in New Liberty Cemetery. Friends may call at the Haskell and Morrison Funeral Home here after 4 p.m.

*John Sydney Alford*

Help them he did.

In 1979, a massive manhunt went on for 33 hours while authorities searched in vain for two jail escapees: Willie Watts, who was convicted of killing two people in a Brownsville convenience store, and Jerold Milligan, dubbed the “twice-a-night bandit” for a series of robberies. It was Alford, working on a hunch, who came across the two, at night, near a seldom-used road in Myrtle Grove. He held a carbine on them until officers arrived.

Another time, he came to the aid of a deputy who was being beaten up by a Warrington man. Alford jumped into the fight and helped the deputy; when his artificial leg fell off, he picked it up and threatened to hit the deputy’s assailant with it.

One of his “offices” was Sambo’s restaurant on Navy Boulevard, where he would stop to have coffee and kibitz with deputies before heading out on his patrols. Deputies came to him for advice, and learned that they could count on him for help. “He coached me

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**WARREN W. ALFORD**

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*THE HAZLEHURST COURIER*  
 Hazlehurst, MS—18 April 1927

Mr. Warren W. Alford died at his home in Gallman Friday night, August 12th, 1927. He was born in September, 1845, hence lacked but a brief time of reaching his 82nd birthday. The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Methodist church at Gallman, of which deceased was a devoted member for many years, and the remains were laid to rest in “God’s acre” at Gallman by the side of loved ones who had gone on before.

The funeral services were conducted by Mr. Alford’s pastor, Rev. J.E.J. Ferguson, by a former beloved pastor, Rev. C.A. Schultz, assisted by Rev. S.W. Sproles, Dr. S.C. Caldwell and Dr. C.W. Crisler. The little church would not hold one-half the people assembled to pay their last respects to the-beloved friend, kindly neighbor and Christian gentleman; but those who could not find room, remained in the grove without in respectful sorrow. Grand-sons served as pall bearers, and grand-daughters arranged a wealth of floral offerings on the new made grave.

Warren W. Alford was the son of Julius Alford, who came of sturdy North Carolina stock, and settled in the Gallman section of the county many years before the outbreak of the civil war. Mr. Julius Alford was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church at Crystal Springs. The subject of this sketch was born on his father’s farm north of Gallman, when the paternal home was situated on the west side of the Illinois Central railroad. The home was later established on the east side of the railroad, and adjacent to the Hazlehurst-Crystal Springs road, and has since been destroyed by fire. Warren Alford saw two years of active service in the Confederate army. Returning from the

war, he of course found his father's slaves all free, and the family fortunes greatly reduced by the havoc of war. He had, therefore, no opportunity to acquire an education but all his long life Mr. Alford was a great reader and student, and he became one of the best informed men in the county.

In the year 1866, Mr. Warren Alford and Miss Mary Blair Traweek were united in marriage. The bride was the daughter of Dr. Cornelius Traweek, of Georgetown and Hazlehurst, and the wedding ceremony was performed by a cousin, Rev. Martin Trawick, first pastor of the Hazlehurst Presbyterian church. Six children survive this happy union: Mr. W.B. Alford and Mrs. John L. Miller, of Hazlehurst; Mrs. Joel Lilly, Mrs. E.F. Jones and Mrs. Luther Ramsey of Gallman; and Mrs. H.B. Graves of Waynesboro. Mr. Alford also has surviving one brother, Mr. J.C. Alford, of Dayton, Texas, now himself nearing his 80th year.

This, in brief outline, is the life of Warren W. Alford. To make it complete, it should be added that he was one of the largest truck farmers in the county, and was connected with the mercantile firm of Alford & Miller, of Hazlehurst and Gallman, and was a man of more than ordinary business foresight and enterprise....

[In the same issue on a different page in a column titled "Items of Interest in Old Copiah" appeared the following:

A partial list of those from out of town who attended the funeral of the late Warren W. Alford Last Saturday: Dr. W.G. Alford of Memphis; J.E Alford and daughter, Miss Ella Quin, James Blair Alford and Misses Margaret and Melba Alford, of McComb; Mesdames Hiram Patterson and Leon Roberts, of Monticello; J.M. LeWis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis Terry, Mrs. James Luther Enochs, Mrs. Lora Smith Chambers, of Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Jones, of Auburn; Miss Pearl Alford, Rockport; Mr. H.B. Graves, Waynesboro; Rev. C.A.

Schultz, Lumberton; J.F. Alford, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Miller, Clarksdale; Mrs. A.L. Price and J.C. Price, Utica; Mrs. W.S. Catching, Philadelphia, Pa.; J.B. Catching and Mesdames F.B. Catching and R.R. Allen, Georgetown; Frank Alford, Mr. and Mrs. George Batton, Mr. and Mrs. Folkes, Rev. J.G. Galloway, Mesdames Will Price and Emma Siebe and Messrs. A. Lotterhos and C.M. Huber, of Crystal Springs.

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[The following item is not actually an obituary but was listed in the column "Local Paragraphs."]

### Infant ALFORD

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*THE HAZLEHURST COURIER*  
Hazlehurst, MS—16 April 1925

This community was saddened Wednesday night by news of the death of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Alford. The span of life of the little child was but brief, but was long enough to find a very tender place in the hearts of the young parents, and of the grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Alford.... To the many relatives in Copiah county, and to the large number of loved ones at Utica, the tender sympathy of many friends is given in this hour of sorrow. The little body was laid to rest this morning in Hazlehurst Cemetery.

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### CAROLINE BRIDGES ALFORD

[See the letter written by Caroline in *AAFA ACTION*, June 1990, p. 11.]

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*THE HAZLEHURST COURIER*  
Hazlehurst, MS—19 Feb 1920

A mother in Israel has passed to

her reward.

She was the daughter of Rev. R.R. Bridges, a Methodist minister. By blood and marriage she was related to a large connection in Eastern Copiah.

More than a half century ago she became the wife of Alexander Alford, a school teacher from Robeson county, N.C.

Mr. Alford afterwards became a tower of strength in his community and leader of good enterprises and good influences.

Into their home were born three sons and three daughters; all but one survived their honored parents.

Mr. Alford died at a good old age, March 30, 1912; Mrs. Alford Feb. 14, 1920. While they lived they were spoken of by their friends as the "Salt of the earth."

They won the respect, the esteem and the affection of the whole community.

Caroline Bridges Alford belonged to the old regime. Those like her are, for our sakes, "all too rare." She learned the principles of religion in the parsonage and practiced them in her home, in her own church and in her community. Solomon described her in the last chapter of Proverbs. She was frugal, industrious, kind-hearted, practical and pious. Her house was open. Her hospitality abounded. She loved the church. The heart of her husband safely trusted in her. Her children arise up and call her blessed.

In January she had celebrated her 83rd birthday. Friends hoped to be with her on returning birthdays.

The Sunday before her death she was an interested listener to the sermon preached at Pleasant Hill by Rev. J.M. Williams, on Rev. 4:3: "There was a rainbow round about the throne."

Her church membership was at Bethesda. Interment took place Sunday afternoon at Poplar Springs, in the family lot, about two miles east of Crystal Springs. Her pastor, Rev. C.S. Schultz, Rev. J.M. Williams and the writer of this sketch, paid loving tributes to the memory of this excellent woman.... ❖



## *Biographies from Eastland County, Texas*

The following articles appear in an unidentified history of Eastland Co., Texas. Judging from statements made by the writers of these biographical sketches, the book was probably published about 1988.

### [Ben Allen] Alford - [Mary] Hosea

Were married and lived in Lee County, Texas, 1885. Moved to Burnet County and then to Rising Star in 1895 where they farmed for several years. They had the following children: George Alford, my father, Eula, Preston, William, Asa, Jess, and Retha. The only survivor is Retha Alford Hitchcock of Brownwood, Texas. Ben Allen and Mary Alford moved to Brownwood, Texas, about 1910 where they spent their remaining years. *By Lynn Alford*

### [Cecil] Alford - [Sarah May] Barber

Cecil Alford was born near Abilene, Texas, August 23, 1910, the fifth child of B.F. and Lula McCown Alford. In 1913 the family returned Robertson County. In 1917, Cecil started school at Bald Prairie. He remembers his mother, but in February, 1918, she died with flu soon after the birth of twins; and soon one twin died also. Relatives and a good Negro neighbor helped the family.

In 1924 they moved to Eastland County where B.F. worked for an oil company plant. Cecil and the other children went to school at South Ward.

In 1926 B.F. rented a farm near Lone Cedar School. They farmed, and Cecil worked for neighbors or plowed for his father and helped raise chickens, hogs, cattle and horses. They sold eggs and cream and picked cotton.

During the depression, money was very scarce; and they baled hay and cut wood, and Cecil went west to find work. In the 1930's he helped build Eastland Post Office. He often walked to work; but the builder liked Cecil's work and hired him for the Ranger Post Office.

Just before World War II, Cecil helped build the Army Camp at Brownwood, but soon left that job for work on a ranch near Staff.

Social events included church dinners, picnics, a picture show, and hayrides or horseback riding, and the young people attended these gatherings. Cecil Alford met Sarah May Barber at church at Staff, and after about five years they married, April 2, 1941.

Cecil and Sarah May Alford farmed and raised chickens and cows and sold fryers and eggs and cream or butter. Cecil baled hay for neighbors with horse-drawn equipment, and thrashed wheat using an old-time thrasher. He raised good hogs and pigs, and raised corn to feed them.

On September 15, 1945, their first son, Norman Lee, was born at Gorman, Texas.

In 1946, they moved to the house south of Lone Cedar where Cecil was raised. Cecil farmed that place and others nearby.

On May 28, 1948, a second son, Jerry Lynn, was born at Gorman. That year, Cecil had dangerous adventure on the Leon River. Stray hogs had gotten into his corn patch; so he took a shotgun and a dog and went at night to investigate. The marauder was a wild hog with huge tusks!

Cecil and Sarah May lost their farm to Lake Leon in 1953, and moved to Olden, where the boys finished school with honors. Both finished Abilene Christian College.

Cecil worked for Texas Electric and Featherite at Ranger. He kept good cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, and raised hay, all of which he loved to do. On May 7, 1980, Cecil Alford died, at home. He had ijust finished sowing his crop and checking on his cattle. He died happy.

Sarah May sold the farm in 1981 and moved to Eastland, where she lives and works at Eastland Memorial Hospital. Norman Lee Alford and Jerry Lynn Alford and their families live away from Eastland. *By Sarah May Barber Alford*

### [Curtis] Alford - [Marguerite] Almand

Curtis Alford, son of Mr. & Mrs. Allen Alford, was born October 8, 1914, in Maysfield, Texas. The Allen Alford family moved to Brown County while Curtis was small. Allen Alford expired in 1918.

Years later Mrs. Minnie Alford married Mr. Guy House. The family moved to Sipe Springs, Comanche County, Texas. Curtis attended school in May, Texas and Sipe Springs, Texas.

In Sipe Springs, Texas, December 26, 1936, Curtis married Marguerite Almand, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D.N. Almand (Jack) of Sipe Springs, Texas. Curtis and Marguerite lived south of Sipe Springs, Texas, on their oil lease, where he worked and drilled.

To this union two sons were born. Edward Allen Alford was born August 6, 1938, in Gorman, Texas, Blackwell Hospital. Dr. D.V. Rogers was our doctor. Tommy Jack Alford was born February 18, 1945, in Gorman, Texas, Blackwell Hospital.

Curtis sold the oil lease, and the family moved to Rising Star, Eastland County, Texas in 1951. He was a drilling

contractor and a rancher while living in Eastland County. After a lengthy illness of leukemia, Curtis expired at age 70, January 1, 1985, in Humana Hospital of Abilene, Texas. He is buried in Elm Cemetery of Eastland County.

At the time of this writing (November 6, 1987), Mr. & Mrs. Edward Alford and son Jason live in Abilene, Texas. Edward's daughter, Leslie Alford Boyd, lives in Anson (Mr. & Mrs. Vance Boyd).

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Alford and son Chance live in Spring, Texas. Marguerite Alford lives in Abilene, Texas. [no author]

### [George] Alford - Hilton

Were married in 1912 and lived on a farm in the Okra community. They had four children Lynn, Willard, Aza Lee, and Willia Faye. Willard and Aza Lee died during the influenza epidemic of 1918. Willia Faye married Pat Patterson and has three children Linda, Beverly, and Dana. She now lives in Mineral Wells, Texas. She married Pat Patterson who died in 1987. The parents attended church in Okra and did their shopping in Carbon and Rising Star where they sold their cotton to the local buyers. *By Lynn Alford*

### [Jacob] Alford - [Twillie] Gibson

Jacob Lewhorn Alford was born (1864) and reared near Shreveport, La. He was of Scotch decent. His father (or grandfather) was a Methodist minister and held the first Methodist Revival in Texas. (Legend has it that he took his rifle in one hand and Bible in the other, and laid them both on the rostrum while he preached.)

Jake Alford's wife was Dr. Gibson's daughter, Twillie.

Jake worked as a detective, also Brown

County Deputy Sheriff, while studying law. He passed the bar at age 23. He moved his family from Brown County to Rising Star in 1910. He established a law practice which spanned 55 years.

He and Mrs. Alford had 13 children: two died as small children. Mrs. Alford died about 1915. Judge Alford later married Mrs. Carrie Joyce, who also preceded him in death.

Jake was an affectionate, generous and very caring man. His children and 37 grandchildren adored him. One year (1941) he had five grandchildren in the Rising Star High School graduation class.

The Alford's were all represented in the Armed Forces. Two of Jake's sons served in the Navy in WWI, and two sons and a daughter, plus numerous grandsons served in WWII. Judge Alford died in 1941. *By Jane Hicks*

### [Lynn] Alford - [Dorice] Davis

Was born in 1914 at home and delivered by Dr. Bell who practiced in the community. We attended the Methodist Church in Okra. After it closed we attended the Baptist Church in Long Branch. I attended school four years at Hallmark and my teachers were Mrs. Hallie Acker Marsh and Miss Alice Whitling. The other five years were in Okra School.... The last year was spent in the Rising Star School where I was graduated. Juanita Claborn, Bernice McMillan and I took turns driving our cars to Rising Star.

Very little recreation went on during the depression. We went fishing on Elm and Sabanno Creeks, played baseball on Saturdays, if we were not busy in the fields. We played basketball on outdoor courts at all the schools I attended. Mr. Jack Gingrich, our coach at Rising Star, used a lot between two buildings in the back of the Star Trading Company that helped protect us from the wind. We

attended the King Tut Theater in town on Saturdays, if time permitted. My closest friend, Truitt Been, son of Elzo and Frances Been, lived nearby.

After finishing high school I attended Daniel Baker College and graduated in 1936. Upon graduation completion, Dorice Davis, a classmate, and I were married and taught school in Plains, Texas, for two years. Dorice's father was Dr. Guy Davis the President of Daniel Baker College. We then moved to Dawson County and taught for four years before I entered the U.S. Coast Guard OCS in New London, Connecticut. After serving the European and Asian Theaters for four years, we resumed our teaching in the Dawson County schools. I then attended Sam Houston State College. After serving as Superintendent of the Klondike School District, and my wife as an English teacher in the district, we retired in 1974. We have lived in Lamesa since 1950.

We have three children and six grand children. Barbara Alford Archer and her husband Maurice of Lamesa have twin sons, Stephen, of Midland, and Michael, who died in 1978. We also had twins, Thomas Hilton Alford and Nancy Alford Hartley. Thomas Hilton Alford of Vernon Hill, Nancy Alford Hartley of Bay City, Texas and her husband Joe have two children, Lynn and Dustin.

We have seen our son graduated from Texas A&M and Trinity Divinity School with a Doctorate in Theology. Barbara was graduated from Angelo State University with a BS in biology and Chemistry. Her son, Stephen, was graduated from Angelo State University with a BBA in finance. Nancy did not complete her college work before marriage.

We started farming in 1947 in addition to our teaching and still continue to raise cotton. We have had an enjoyable time traveling in this country and foreign countries. We are in reasonably good health.

(Continued on p. 44)

## Part 7: Descendants of Alexander Alvord

In the June 1990 issue of *AAFA ACTION* we began serializing *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Alexander Alvord, An Early Settler of Windsor, Conn., and Northampton, Mass.*, by Samuel Morgan Alvord (Webster, NY: 1908). The last excerpt we published was in the September 1991 issue, when we stated that we would discontinue the serialization unless we heard from readers who would like to continue with the Alvord genealogy. We heard from no one. Now, however, we are now seeing an increase in the percentage of new members who are part of the Alvord family. We will therefore continue with Samuel Morgan Alvord's book, beginning with the chapter on page 29 called "The Alvord Family in America—First Generation." Five pages, through page 33, are devoted to Alexander. They include the text of land record deeds as well as his will. The five pages have been abbreviated here, but anyone interested in receiving a copy of the full five pages may do so by requesting them from the Missouri office.

The text has been edited to expand abbreviations but otherwise is faithful to the original. A "+" sign before a child's number indicates that the line of this child is carried forward in the next generation. We will be publishing these extended lines in future issues.

### FIRST GENERATION

1. ALEXANDER ALVORD was probably baptized in Bridport, County Dorset, England, October 15, 1627; he died October 3, 1687 in Northampton, Massachusetts. He married Mary VORE, daughter of Richard and Ann Vore, October 29, 1646 in Windsor, Connecticut. Mary died in Northampton, Massachusetts prior to 1686. [*Sic*—see item from her father's will below, dated 1683, in which he calls Mary deceased.] They resided in Windsor, Conn., and Northampton,

Mass. Children:

- +2. i. Abigail, born Windsor, Conn., October 6, 1647
- +3. ii. John, born Windsor, Conn., August 12, 1649
- +4. iii. Mary, born Windsor, Conn., July 6, 1651
- +5. iv. Thomas, born Windsor, Conn., October 27, 1653
- +6. v. Elizabeth, born Windsor, Conn., November 12, 1655
- +7. vi. Benjamin, born Windsor, Conn., February 11, 1658
- +8. vii. Sarah, born Windsor, Conn., June 24, 1660
- +9. viii. Jeremiah, born Northampton, Mass., May 9, 1663
- +10. ix. Ebenezer, born Northampton, Mass., December 23, 1665
- +11. x. Jonathan, born Northampton, Mass., April 6, 1669
- 12. xi. Still-born child, born Northampton, Mass., 1671.

...The name henceforth will be spelled A-l-v-o-r-d, which spelling seems to have been adopted after his removal to Northampton, Mass.

The following deeds are from the Windsor, Conn., town records:

"Alexander Alford (Alvord) hath granted by virtue of purchase his home Lott six acres more or less...." (This lot had been previously, 1645, purchased by Alexander Alvord of Thomas Barger, and the above was a confirmation by the town.)

"Also six acres of Swamp on the Mill Brook...."

"Also by Gift from his Father Richard Voar, in the woods forty Two acres...." (About 1646)

"Alexander Alford of Windsor unto Humphrey Hyde ... four acres....Signed May 27, 1645...."

Jan. 2, 1653, Alexander Alford, John Strong, et al., grant a petition for a highway to Poquonock through their wood-lots. Jan. 18, 1660 he had a pew in the Windsor church among the short seats, paid 7s.

The residence of Alexander Alvord in Windsor was on a highway.... Alexander Alvord sold his place in 1654.... In 1661 he moved to Northampton, Mass.

From the Town Records of Northampton, Mass.:

"At a Legal Town meeting, Feb-r 20, 1661. Voted & agreed the day and year above written that Alexander Alvord was granted that portion of land that lieth in the Little Rainbow...."

[There follow a series of land transactions in which Alexander's last name is spelled variously Alverd, Alluerd, and Aluerd. The "v" in Alvord has probably become a "u" due to handwriting interpretation.]

April 13, 1680, an agreement was made between Thomas Lyman, John Bridgman and Alexander Alvord for the maintaining the Common fence at the rear of their home lots.

In 1682 Alexander Alvord had the largest number of rods of fence to be built except John Stebbins: "A list of each man's proportion of fence which they now possess and own according as it was measured in 1679."

In King Phillip's War, 1676, the buildings of Alexander Alvord were burned—probably in the vicinity of what is now known as Pomeroy Terrace—outside the palisades. He received a war grant of land on Hawley St. in 1676 near the site of Chicago Beef Co.'s warehouse.

Alexander Alvord in Northampton,

Mass., lived near the meadow where the Phillip's place now is. Later he probably resided on Hawley St., near John Broughton.

The following references to Alexander Alvord have been gathered from various records:

"Alexander Alluard" signed a petition against imposts Nov. 4, 1668; signed a petition to Mass. legislature to form a society at Northfield, May 31, 1671; was admitted to the Northampton church after 1672; subscribed to Harvard College 4 lb. flax,—04s, 1672–3; took the oath of allegiance at Northampton, Mass, Feb. 8, 1678; was admitted as freeman in 1684. A local historian speaks of him as an "early settler and possessed of large means for the times."

Mrs. Mary (Vore) Alvord was one of the original members of the First Church of Northampton, Mass. She signed the church covenant, 1661, 4th, 18. Her father, Richard Vore settled in Dorchester, Mass., probably in 1630 with Rev. John Warham. He was a member of Mr. Warham's church in Dorchester and was one of the company that migrated to Windsor in 1635....

Item from Richard Vore's will, July 1, 1683: "I give Thomas Alvard, son of my daughter Mary Alvard, dec'd, 5 shillings."

Will of Alexander Alvord

.... May 23, 1687. Whereas I Alexand<sup>r</sup> Alvord of Northampton ... bequeath [my estate] as follows viz:

[Here we depart from the verbatim text to summarize the will:]

*Already received their full portions:*

Son John Alvord  
 Daughter Abigaile wife to Thomas Roote  
 Mary Weller deceased  
 Elizabeth Birth deceased

*Twenty shillings each:*

John Alvord  
 Samuel Root, son of Thomas Root  
 Experience Weller [child of Mary]  
 Abigail Weller [child of Mary]  
 Henry Burt's child [child of Elizabeth]

Son Benjamin Alverd: "that part of my old house joyneing to that w<sup>ch</sup> my son Weller lived in, together with that piece of Land it standeth upon which was given me by the town."

*Thirty pounds each:*

Son Jeremiah Alvord  
 Daughter Sarah Alvord

*Twenty pounds:*

Jon<sup>th</sup> Alvord

"The rest of my Estate ... I give to my son Ebenezer Alvord viz: my house barne, orchard, pasture, meadow land, stock, debts, household stuff and all my estate whatsoever, both moveables and immoveables."

Son Ebenezer Alverd to by sold executor.

"I desire my trustie ffriende Mr. Hawley to see this my will to be accomplished and to take speciall care of my unmarried children; to advise them in matching & to have y<sup>e</sup> oversight of y<sup>m</sup> while they remayne in a single condition."

Witnesses: Joseph Hawley and John Lyman

From Northampton Reg. of Probate, Hampshire Co., Vol. 1, p. 265. ❖

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*(Photos, cont. from p. 4)*

had a section on the collection of Civil War photos being compiled by the Military History Institute in Carlisle Barracks, PA. My husband, Bruce, and I were visiting family in PA in July and went to the Institute. After finding outstanding information on our several Civil War ancestors in their massive collection of military unit histories and other books, we went across the street to the building that houses the photo collection. The curator, Michael Winey, went directly to the volume containing Bruce's ancestor's unit and found a large photo of the regiment's band—the ancestor was a drummer! We were ecstatic—and extremely thankful to the generous person who submitted this photo.

So this is my challenge to you: Make the effort to submit at least one of your great old photos to AAFA. You'll make someone very happy some day, and you might be saving a picture of your ancestor from destruction! —PT ❖

*(Eastland Co., TX, cont. from p. 42)*

As I have enjoyed Mr. Langston's 1903 *History of Eastland County*, I hope this history may be enjoyed in future years by many persons. *By Lynn Alford*

**[Robert Lee] Alford -  
 [Bertha] Taylor**

Bertha Taylor met a guy named Robert Lee Alford, they met in the country and a year later were married. They didn't have a wedding party or a honeymoon. Bertha met Robert's parents a week after they met. They moved into an apartment in town where he found work. While there, a daughter, Barbara was born in August of 1933. They moved to Tyler, on to Verna, and finally settled in Eastland, Texas. They had another baby girl, Shirley, born in July 1935. They had two more girls and one boy.... [article cut off here]. ❖

## Booklist Additions

### NORTH CAROLINA

#### Bute County—established from Granville, 1764; discontinued 1779

• Holcomb, Brent. *BUTE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA MINUTES OF THE COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS 1767–1779*. Columbia, SC: N. pub., 1988. Title page, Introduction, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): ?, 292 (1778 deed from William Upchurch); **Alford's Crossroads**, 248 (place mentioned in road description); **Drury**, 323 (1779 released from paying a tax), 325 (1779 deed from Robert Butler); **Goodrich/Goodrick/Gutridge**, 96 (1771 deed from Lodwick Jr.), 124 (1771 named in road clearing order), 137 (1772 appointed "Sercher"), 231 (1777 deed to William Andrews); **Isam**, 265 (1777 deed from Nathan Hall), 325 (1779 witness to deed); **James**, 2 (1767 returned list of taxables), 16 (1767 witnessed deeds, present at court), 17 (1768 allowed by county to build "bridge over Tarr River at or near Ferrills Ford"), 18 (1768 present in court), 25 (1768 returned list of tithables), 26 (1768 to work on road "from Tarr River to Andrews Creek"), 28 (1768 witness to will of Joseph Horton), 33 (mentioned in court proceedings), 36 (1769 witness to 5 deeds, took oath for Justice of the Peace), 37 (1769 paid by county for completion of bridge over Tarr River), 47 (1769 administrator of Robert Cade Sr.'s estate), 53 (witness to deed), 54 (1769 made account of Robert Cade's estate, returned list of taxables), 58 (1769 to serve as Petit Juror), 59 (1769 executed a bond), 75 (1770 witness deed), 76 (1770 witness to 3 deeds of Lodwick Alford, present in court), 77 (1770 present in court), 81 (1770 mentioned: "Mr. James Alford's District), 82 (1770 deed to John Ferrill), 83 (1770 made account of Robert Cade's estate, returned list of taxables), 88 (1770 executed bond for John Ferrill "to keep an Ordinary where James Alford formerly lived"), 96 (1771 deed from John Rose, deed from William Owin Medlin, witness to deed from Lodwick Jr. to Goodrick), 104 (1771 named in Elizabeth Rose's relinquishment of right of dower), 108 (1771 named in List of Taxables order), 119 (1771 executor of will of Julius Alford), 139 (1772 "Joseph Norris is appointed to take the List of Taxables in this District that James Alford formerly took in"), 305 (1778 deeds to Keziah Douglass and William Elliott); **John**, 215 (1775 deed with wife to Jacob Hartsfield); **Julius**, 36 (1769 deed to John Rose), 37 (1769 named in road description), 106 (1771 named in road description), 119 (1771 will presented in court), 191 (1774 served as Petit Juror), 223 (1776 deed from John Ferrill), 224 (1776 witness to deed), 236 & 248 (1777 appointed overseer of road), 250 (1777 appointed military officer), 258 & 267 (1777 appointed assessor), 294 & 305 (1778 appointed

assessor), 318 (1778 named in bridge of Tarr River order), 326 (1779 witness to 4 deeds), 327 (1779 appointed Superior Court juror); **Lodwick**, 36 (1769 deed to John Ferrill), 37 (1769 witness to deed), 53 (1769 deed to Richard Upchurch), 54 (1769 executed a bond), 59 (1769 deed to Alexander Burnham), 76 (1770 deeds to Joseph Renn, William Baker, and Jacob Jones), 96 (1771 witness to 2 deeds), 119 (1771 executor of will of Julius Alford), 129 (1772 named as Petit Juror), 135 (1772 witness to 2 deeds), 145 (1772 named as bondsman in Thomas Jones estate proceedings), 151 (1772 named along with Lodwick Jun'r to view road), 162 (1773 Solomon Morgan, age 3, bound to Lodwick until age 21, executed bond, served as Petit Juror), 170 (1774 proved deed by oath), 173 (1774 overseer of road), 180 (1774 witness 2 deeds, acknowledged a deed to Andrew Tanner), 183 (1774 named as security in illegitimate child case), 190 (1774 executed a bond), 198 (1775 witness to deed), 204 (1775 witness deed from Lodwick Jun'r to William Ross), 213 (1775 involved in case, on Grand Jury), 223 (1775 witness to deed), 224 (1776 deed from Elizabeth Cowling), 258 & 270 (1777 appointed assessor), 265 (1777 deed to John Mullins), 278 (1778 bond for building "bridge over Tarr river near Ferrills); **Lodwick Jun'r**, 96 (1771 witness to deed, deed to Goodrick Alford), 119 (1771 appointed constable), 151 (1772 named along with Lodwick Alford to view road), 161 (1773 appointed Petit Juror), 192 (1774 Petit Juror), 204 (1775 deed to William Ross), 216 (1775 involved in case).

#### Edgecombe County—established from Bertie, 1741 (Edgecombe Precinct formed in 1732)

• Hofmann, Margaret M.. *ABSTRACTS OF DEEDS EDGECOMBE PRECINCT, EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA 1732 THROUGH 1758 As found in Halifax County, North Carolina Public Registry Deed Books 1–6*. Weldon, NC: The Roanoke News Company, 1969 (Third printing 1987). Title page, Table of Contents, Note to User, Index, and all the pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Goodrich**, 147 (1752 witness to Lodwick's deeds); **Lodwick**, 40 (1740 from Henry Dawson 100 acres on Elk Marsh), 63 (1755 Lodwick of Granville Co. to Joseph Blake 434 acres on Marsh Swamp as granted to Lodwick in 1753), 147 (1752 Lodwick of Granville Co. buys from Robert Cade 300 acres on Marsh Swamp, 1752 sells to Benjamin Haile 300 acres on Marsh Swamp), 191 (1744 buys from Joseph Syms 200 acres near Elk Marsh), 198 (1744 [1745] Lodwick of Edgecombe Co. sells to John Myrick 2 tracts on Elk Marsh), 230 (1757 named as previous owner of Benjamin Haile's 300 acres), 246 (1758 Lodwick and Sarah his wife of Granville Co. sell 282 acres by March Swamp to Thomas Gardner); **Sarah**, 246 (1758 named as Lodwick's wife).

• Williams, Ruth Smith and Margarette Glenn Griffin. *MARRIAGES OF EARLY EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA 1733–1868*. Rocky Mount, NC: Dixie Letter Service, 1958. Title page, Foreword, Introduction, Index, and all the pages that list Alford or variations:

<u>Alford</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Date of Bond or Marriage (m)</u>	<u>Page</u>
_____	Mary E. Barnes		188
	(Marriage proved by will of Charlie Barnes, 1840)		
Edmund	_____	4 Oct 1859	2
	Bondsman for Jesse Alford/Della Downing		
Jesse	Della Ann Downing	(m) 6 Oct 1859	2
Lacy	Sally Mayo	1838	259
Lucy	Cullen Little	4 Jan 1830	98 & 253
Mahala A.	Bythal Savage (m)	5 July 1860	139
Edmunds	Sarah Jones	6 Aug 1831	115

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## VIRGINIA

### Statewide or Multiple Counties

• Butler, Stuart Lee. *VIRGINIA SOLDIERS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, 1800–1815*. Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1986. Title page and the only page that lists Alford (no variations): **Benjamin**, 2 (laborer age 36, b. Rockingham, enlisted 12th Infantry in Lewisburg Feb 1813 and d. French Mills, Canada, Dec 1813.); **Jacob**, 2 (farmer age 26, b. Virginia, enlisted Dragoons in Sparta, GA, June 1812 and discharged June 1817).

• Wardell, Patrick G., comp. *VIRGINIA/WEST VIRGINIA GENEALOGICAL DATA FROM REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION AND BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORDS Volume 3—Iams through Myres*. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books Inc., 1992. Title page, Foreword, and all pages that list Alford or variations: **Mary Clark**, 93 (m. 22 Dec 1788 to James Landrum, Amherst Co., VA, in Jefferson Co., TN 1843—summary of James Landrum's records); **William**, 93 (signed marriage bond 13 Dec 1787 for Mary Clark Alford); **Thomas ALFRED**, 65 (m. Susannah Kennedy 1805 in Amherst Co., VA, served in Virginia sea service, d. 1832).

### Augusta County—established from Orange, 1738–45

• Vogt, John and T. William Kethley, Jr. *AUGUSTA COUNTY MARRIAGES, 1748–1850*. Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1986. Title page, Contents, Introduction, and all pages that list Alford or variations: **Robert**, 30 (m. Melvina

Rogers 26 Feb 1850); **Sally**, 229 (m. John Prior 11 Oct 1796); **John ALFORT**, 30 (m. Cary Coughenour 4 Oct 1830); **Sarah B. ALFRED**, 229 (m. Jamison D. McGuffin 7 May 1833).

### Botetourt County—established from Augusta, 1769

• Vogt, John and T. William Kethley, Jr. *BOTETOURT COUNTY MARRIAGES, 1770–1853, Vol. 1*. Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987. Title page and the only page that lists Alford or variations: **Thomas**, 31 (m. Phebe Cumming 13 Oct 1793), 31 (m. Betsy Millon 29 Sept 1796); **Henry ALFRED**, 31 (m. Eleanor Melling 9 Aug 1802).

### Giles County—established from multiple counties, 1806

• Vogt, John and T. William Kethley, Jr. *GILES COUNTY MARRIAGES, 1806–1850*. Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1985. Title page, Contents, all pages that list Alford (no variations): **Charles**, 79 (father of Eleanor); **Eleanor**, 79 (m. William C. Bateman 9 May 1843); **John**, 10 (m. Peggy Crawford 3 Nov 1815).

### Montgomery County—established from Fincastle, Botetourt, and Pulaski, 1776–77

• Kegley, Mary B. *NEW RIVER TITHABLES 1770–1773*. No publication data except year: 1972. "In the year 1773, the waters of the New River were governed by the new County of Fincastle...." Fincastle County was discontinued in 1777, and absorbed by Montgomery County. Title page, Preface, Index, and only page that lists Alford (no variations): **Thomas**, 25 (1773 1 tithe).

• Kegley, Mary B. *TAX LIST OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1782*. No publication data except year: 1974. Title page, Preface, map, and only page that lists Alford (no variations): **Thomas**, 1 (1 tithe, 7 horses, 16 cattle, no land, no slaves).

### Rockingham County—established from Augusta, 1778

• Kaylor, Peter Cline. *ABSTRACT OF LAND GRANT SURVEYS 1761–1791*. Harrisonburg, VA: Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society, 1938; reprint ed. Baltimore MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1976. This book includes grants from Augusta County before Rockingham County was formed from it. Title page, Preface, Index, and all pages that list Alford or variations: **Henry**, 59 (1769 46 acres

Cooks Creek); \_\_\_\_\_ **ALLFORD**, 104 (1781 and 1782 listed in descriptions as adjoining land); **John ALLFORD**, 131 (1791 275 acres "adjoining his own land"); **William ALLFORD**, 111 (1783 49 acres Dry River).

- Priode, Marguerite B. *ABSTRACTS OF EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATOR, AND GUARDIAN BONDS OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA 1778–1864*. Harrisonburg, VA: Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society, 1978. Title page, Introduction, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **James**, 58 (orphan of Thomas); **John**, 7 (bond entered 16 Oct 1810 for decedent John Alford), 58 (guardian of James); **Thomas**, 58 (guardian bond entered by Jacob Shaver 19 March 1832 for orphan James, son of Thomas Alford); **Wm.**, 21 (bondsman for decedent James Shannon 1782).

- Strickler, Harry M. *TENTH.LEGION TITHABLES, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA TITHABLES FOR 1792, A list of all the white males above 16 years of age in the County and all the slaves above 12 in the County in 1792*. Luray, VA: By the author, 1930. Title page, Introduction (3 pages with thorough discussion of tithables), Index, and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **Jno.**, 26 (Company [Militia District] 4, father of **Benjamin** and **Robert**).

- Wayland, John W. *VIRGINIA VALLEY RECORDS, Genealogical and Historical Materials of Rockingham County, Virginia and Related Regions*. Strasburg, VA: Shenandoah Publishing House, Inc., 1930. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **John Jr.**, 101 (1788 Militia "Vocher" of Capt. George Huston's Company); **John**, 11 (m. Margaret Alford 10 Oct 1799); **John**, 42 (1789 landowner in Militia District 4, 180 acres), 101 (1788 Militia "Vocher" of Capt. George Huston's Company listed with son Benjamin and 3 horses), 137 (1816 list of Muster Fines), 325 ("home was about one mile north of Cross Keys"); **Margaret**, 11 (m. John Alford 10 Oct 1799); **Nancy**, 34 (m. James Philips \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 1824); **Sarah**, 35 (m. Jacob Shaver \_\_\_\_\_ April 1825); **George ALFRED**, 325 (teacher circa 1830–40); **ALLFORD Tract**, 398 (name of land mentioned in will of John Carpenter 1841); **Sarah ALLFORD**, 10 (m. Abraham Funk 15 Oct 1798).

### Tazewell County—established from Russell, Wythe, 1799

- Schreiner-Yantis, Netti. *ARCHIVES OF THE PIONEERS OF TAZEWELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA*. Springfield, VA: By the Author, 1973. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **George**, 293 (1796 signed petition to form Tazewell Co.); **Stephen**, 293 (1796 signed petition to form Tazewell Co.); **William**, 153 (on 1820 tax list), 261

(on tax lists 1817–1820).

## WEST VIRGINIA

### Statewide or Multiple Counties

- *VIRGINIANS IN 1800: COUNTIES OF WEST VIRGINIA*. N.p.: By the author, 1987. Title page, introduction, and page 2, the only page that lists Alford's or variations. The listing includes information on number of white tithables, slaves, and horses. All Alford's listed had 1 tithable, no slaves, and various numbers of horses.

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>
Henry	Monroe	1800
John	Kanawha	1801
(2 Johns listed in this county, one with a horse and one without.)		
John	Monroe	1800
Joseph	Monroe	1800
Thos	Monroe	1800
Jas ALFERD	Monroe	1800
George ALFRED	Monroe	1800

[The introduction to this book states that its data can be used as a substitute census for the "the geographic area presently known as the State of West Virginia. See the 1800 Census published in this issue, which does not have these Alford's listed.]

### Cabell County—est. from Kanawha, 1809

- Geiger, Joe Jr. *CIVIL WAR IN CABELL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA 1861–1865*. Charleston, WV: Pictorial Histories Publishing Co., Inc., 1991. Title page, Introduction, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **John W.**, 133 (Barboursville citizen captured during the Guyandotte Raid of 10 Nov 1861); **Joseph A.**, 130 (Confederate soldier captured Feb 1865 in Cabell Co., serving as Captain in 8th VA Cavalry).

### Greenbrier County—established from Montgomery, 1777

- Reddy, Anne Waller. *WEST VIRGINIA REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTORS Whose services were non-military and whose names, therefore, do not appear in Revolutionary indexes of soldiers and sailors*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1973. Title page and only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **Robert**, 11 (Greenbrier County). ❖

## *“Alfords” in the 1790 Census*

Prepared by Alicia Houston, AAFA Census Project Officer, and her Census Committee team

The federal census of 1790 was the first nation-wide population count of the United States. Prior to that time, many of the Colonial states conducted censuses or kept tax records, but 1790 was important to family history researchers for two reasons. For the first time, our entire country was enumerated in a consistent format and during a narrow time frame.

The 1790 census is most useful for locating the residence of a family. Once you know the place your family lived, you then know where to look for other information, such as deeds, wills or church records. Census day in 1790 was August 1st, which means all information was collected on or after that date. In some states it took almost a year to complete.

In addition to the name of the head of household and the place of residence, the 1790 census gives general information regarding family composition. There are five fields of information:

1. Free white males 16 years and older
2. Free white males under 16 years of age
3. Free white females
4. All other free persons (i.e. freed slaves)
5. Number of slaves

Use these fields to interpret the numbers in the actual enumeration. In other words, in the first family listed below, John Alvord was the head of household, there were 4 free white males 16 years and older, 4 free white males under 16 years, 3 free white females, and no other people.

**INTERESTING NOTE:** Lodwick Alford, enumerated in Wake Co., NC, had more than twice as many slaves—24—than any other Alford in this census!

Since these statistics cover all persons living in the household, including boarders, servants, etc., one must be careful in drawing conclusions about a family.

The National Archives, and many other institutions have microfilm copies of census reports for the following twelve states: Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Vermont. Washington D.C. is included with Maryland. The census was taken in several other states; namely Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee and Virginia; but these records were apparently destroyed during the British attack on Washington during the War of 1812. For some of these states, efforts have been made

to reconstruct the federal census using state census or tax records. Reconstructed census records have been noted as such on the following tabulation. The entire 1790 census is reproduced on twelve microfilm rolls. In addition, a comprehensive index has been prepared, which is filmed on three rolls. The following extraction was taken from the federal index, as opposed to the original enumeration.

The extraction of “ALFORDS” in the 1790 census included spelling variations such as Alfred, Alvord, Halvord, Olford, etc. Maximum effort has been made to provide accurate data that is true to the original census. Errors or omissions should be brought to the attention of the AAFA Census Project Officer.

First Name      Last Name      Tabulation      Township      Page #

### CONNECTICUT

#### Fairfield County

John	Alvord	4-4-3-0-0	Fairfield	13
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#### Hartford County

Alpheus	Alford	0-0-6-0-0	Hartford	45
Jeremiah	Alford	1-0-1-0-0	Windsor	55
Jonathan	Alford	2-4-1-0-0	Windsor	54
Joseph	Alford	2-3-4-0-0	Windsor	55
Josiah	Alford	3-1-3-0-0	Granby	43
Lydia (Widow)	Alford	0-0-2-0-0	Hartford	45
Nathaniel	Alford	2-2-4-0-0	Simsbury	49
Nathaniel Jr	Alford	1-1-1-0-0	Simsbury	48
Thomas G.	Alvord	3-2-3-0-0	Farmington	40
Thomas G. Jr	Alvord	1-2-2-0-0	Farmington	41

#### Litchfield County

Alexander	Alford	2-3-5-0-0	Harwinton	57
David	Alverd	1-0-3-0-0	Litchfield	63
Eli	Alford	2-3-1-0-0	Harwinton	57
Elihu	Alverd	2-1-5-0-0	Litchfield	63
Joab	Alford	3-0-3-0-0	Harwinton	57
John	Alford	1-3-4-0-0	Harwinton	57

#### Middlesex County

Daniel	Alvord	3-2-5-0-0	Middletown	88
Orin	Alvord	1-1-5-0-0	Chatham	80
Rend	Alvord	1-2-4-0-0	Chatham	80
Seth	Alvord	1-1-2-0-0	Chatham	80
Seth Jr	Alvord	1-3-4-0-0	Chatham	80



**New London County**

Rachel Alvord 0-0-1-0-0 120

**Tolland County**

Jno Alford 1-2-3-0-0 Tolland 138  
 Saul Alvert 3-0-3-0-0 Bolton 132  
 Saul Jr Alvert 4-3-3-0-0 Bolton 132

**DELAWARE (Reconstructed Census)**

**Kent County**

Joseph Alford Murderkill 100  
 Maccabee Alford Murderkill 100  
 William Land Alford Murderkill 100

**New Castle County**

Robert Afforn Brandywine

**GEORGIA (Reconstructed Census)**

**Greene County**

Jas Alford  
 Jno Alford  
 Jul Alford  
 Wm Alford

**KENTUCKY (Reconstructed Census)**

**Lincoln County**

John Alford 6

**Mercer County**

Charles Alford 6

**MAINE**

**Lincoln County**

Lore Alford 1-0-2-0-0 Warren 49

**MARYLAND**

**Caroline County**

Aaron Alford 1-0-2-0-6 not listed 35  
 Maccabus Alford 2-1-2-0-1 not listed 35  
 Matthias Alford 2-1-7-0-0 not listed 35

William Alford 1-1-2-0-3 not listed 35

**Charles County**

John Halford 0-0-0-1-0 not listed 50  
 Free Negro

**Kent County**

Aron Alford 2-2-3-1-4 not listed 81  
 Moses Alford 2-0-0-0-5 not listed 81  
 Rachael Alford 1-0-3-0-0 not listed 84

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**Berkshire County**

Asahel Alford 1-2-3-0-0 Becket 24  
 Daniel Alvord 1-1-3-0-0 Lanesborough 27  
 Eleazer Alvord 1-1-4-0-0 Lanesborough 27  
 Elijah Alford 1-5-3-0-0 Becket 24  
 Joseph Alvord 1-2-6-0-0 Lanesborough 27  
 Josiah Alvord 2-3-3-0-0 Windsor 39

**Hampshire County**

Azarh Alvord 1-1-3-0-0 South Hadley 123  
 Benj Alvord 2-0-2-0-0 Montague 117  
 Bezaleel Alvord 1-2-2-0-0 South Hadley 123  
 Caleb Alvord 2-5-5-0-0 Greenfield 112  
 Eliab Alvord 2-1-1-0-0 Westhampton 130  
 Elisha Alvord 1-4-3-0-0 Easthampton 110  
 Gad Alvord 2-2-3-0-0 Granby 111  
 Gideon Alvord 1-0-1-0-0 South Hadley 123  
 Jehiel Alvord 1-2-2-0-0 Westhampton 130  
 John Alvord 2-0-1-0-0 Easthampton 110  
 Jonathan Alvord 2-0-4-0-0 Westhampton 130  
 Joseph Alvord 1-2-3-0-0 Conway 108  
 Justin Alvord 1-0-3-0-0 South Hadley 123  
 Phineas Alvord 1-0-4-0-0 Easthampton 110  
 Saml Alvord 2-4-2-0-0 South Hadley 123  
 Saml Alvord 1-1-2-0-0 W. Springfield 128  
 Zebadiah Alvord 2-0-3-0-0 Easthampton 110  
 Zera Alvord 1-1-3-0-0 Shelburne 122

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Grafton County**

Aaron Alvord 1-0-1-0-0 Hanover 32  
 David Allord 1-1-1-0-0 Burton 29  
 Henry Allord 5-2-3-0-1 Burton 29

**NEW YORK****Duchess County**

Bela	Alford	1-3-5-0-0	Frederickstown	82
Edward	Hulford	1-4-3-0-0	Frederickstown	82

**NORTH CAROLINA****Brunswick County**

Amy	Alford	1-2-3-0-0	Wilmington	189
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**Cumberland County**

Jacob	Alford	1-2-1-0-0	Fayette	38
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**Franklin County**

[The Alfreds below are Alfreds in other records, and Hinchin is probably Kinchin.]

Ansel	Alfred	3-6-4-0-0	Halifax	58
Hinchin	Alfred	1-1-5-0-0	Halifax	58
James	Alfred	1-1-5-0-1	Halifax	58
Job	Alfred	1-0-0-0-6	Halifax	58
John	Alfred	3-5-5-0-2	Halifax	58
Lodwick	Alfred	3-0-2-0-6	Halifax	58
Lucy	Alfred	0-2-4-0-0	Halifax	58

**Lincoln County**

[See these same entries under Rutherford County.]

Jn	Alford	4-4-5-0-0		116
Jn, Jr.	Alford	1-0-1-0-0		116

**Pitt County**

Jesse	Alford	1-1-1-0-0	Newbern	143
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**Robeson County**

Jacob	Alford	3-2-6-1-7	Fayette	49
James	Alford	1-1-2-0-1	Fayette	49
Sion	Alford	1-0-4-0-4	Fayette	49

**Rutherford County**

[See these same entries under Lincoln County.]

Jn	Alford	4-4-5-0-0	Morgan 3rd	116
Jn Jr	Alford	1-0-1-0-0	Morgan 3rd	116

**Wake County**

Hudson	Alford	1-2-3-0-0	Hillsborough	102
Lodwick	Alford	2-3-4-0-24	Hillsborough	102
Warren	Alford	2-3-2-3-11	Hillsborough	103

**Wayne County**

Benjamin	Alford	1-2-3-0-0	Newbern	150
Theophilus	Alford	2-2-3-0-1	Newbern	151
William	Alford	5-2-9-0-11	Newbern	150

**PENNSYLVANIA****Chester County**

James	Alford	2-1-4-0-0	London Grove	67
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**Cumberland County**

Daywald	Alford	1-2-4-0-0	Eastern	81
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**Washington County**

Hugh	Offard	1-0-1-0-0	not listed	245
Nathan	Offord	2-0-3-0-0	not listed	256

**Westmoreland County**

Agnes	Olefer	0-4-1-0-0	Armstrong	259
Andrew	Olifer	1-3-3-0-0	Hempfield	263
John	Alford	1-1-1-0-0	Rostraver	265

**RHODE ISLAND**

Rhode Island had no "Alfords" in the 1790 census.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

In 1790 South Carolina was organized into seven districts. Within the districts some used counties, others parishes, and some (for census purposes) no other political subdivision.

**Georgetown District**

James	Olford	1-2-3-0-0	Prince George Parish	55
Nancy	Olford	1-1-1-0-0	Prince George Parish	55
William	Olford	2-2-1-0-0	Prince George Parish	55

Listed with Sukey Squires.

**Ninety-Six District**

William	Allford	1-1-1-0-0	Spartanburgh County	89
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**Orangeburgh District**

Killis	Holford	2-4-3-0-0	South Part	101
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**VERMONT****Addison County**

Benedick	Olford	1-1-2-0-0	Ferrisburg	12
John	Alvard	3-1-3-0-0	New Haven	13
Phinihas	Alhurd	2-2-1-0-0	New Haven	13

**Chittenden County**

Alexander	Olford	1-3-2-0-0	Charlotte	24
Benedict	Alvord	1-2-3-0-0	Georgia	25

**Orange County**

John	Olverd	1-0-1-0-0	Brookfield	29
Nathan	Olverd	2-0-2-0-0	Brookfield	29
Selah	Olverd	1-0-1-0-0	Brookfield	29

**Rutland County**

Abraham	Olver	1-3-2-0-0	Pittsford	42
Amos	Olford	1-2-3-0-0	Castleton	37
Oliver	Olvord	1-1-2-0-0	Rutland	44

**Windham County**

Benjamin	Alvord	2-2-5-0-0	Dummerston	47
Gad	Alvord	2-0-3-0-0	Wilmington	57
Seth	Alvord	1-2-2-0-0	Guilford	48

**Windsor County**

Simeon	Olverd	1-0-2-0-0	Hartland	61
Stephan	Alverd	1-1-5-0-0	Woodstock	67
Stephen W.	Alverd	1-0-1-0-0	Woodstock	67

**VIRGINIA (1787 Reconstructed Census)****Amherst County**

John	Alford	3 persons	83
William	Alford	8 persons	47
William	Alford	10 persons	83

**Fluvanna County**

Ancil	Allford	6 W & 2 B	19
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**Lancaster County**

Zachariah	Alford	5 persons	56
Zachariah	Alford	6 persons	91

*(Continued on p. 56)**(Genealogist's Report, cont. from p. 1)*

extent of your northern Alford kin. Unfortunately, both these outstanding volunteers need to attend to other responsibilities and won't be available for census work. We hope it's only a "leave of absence", and give heartfelt thanks to them for lending their time and talents.

Your census project officer, although modest, doesn't want you to think that she only delegates work to others and shuffles papers. Drawing on the collection housed at the University of Pittsburgh library, the entire year of 1800 has been prepared and is being published in this issue. Also close to completion is 1810.

Intended primarily as a progress report, this article wouldn't be genuine AAFA without a plea for help. We really could use some fresh volunteers to expedite the work. There are big gaps in our census project. For example, we have very little from the New England states, even though we know Alford/Alvords were plentiful there. Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee are important transition states for southern researchers, yet we have significant gaps in information collected. The censuses for 1830 and 1840 are relatively easy to extract or verify. Only a couple of hours each are needed to complete 95% of these two units. Of course, we'll be wanting to complete the Virginia census, since we'll be meeting there next year. So you see, there is a lot to do. Please drop me a note—if you're willing to help, I'll give you all the instructions you'll need to get started. I'd love to hear from you, and together we'll do great things for Alford.

Alicia Roundy Houston  
AAFA Genealogist and Census Project Officer

**COMMENDATION FROM CHAIRMAN  
OF THE BOARD**

We are all grateful to Alicia and the Census Committee for the work they've done in making one of the building blocks of genealogical research available to us. Lodwick Alford, AAFA Chairman of the Board, speaks for all "Alford" in the commendation he wrote to her:

24 July 1993  
Dear Alicia:

Your outstanding work on the census data of Alford continues to draw the highest words of praise from all who are knowledgeable about your work.

You are hereby commended and heartily congratulated on the excellent quality of your accomplishments....

Cordially,  
Lodwick H. Alford ❖

## *"Alfords" in the 1800 Census*

Prepared by Alicia Houston, AAFA Census Project Officer, and her Census Committee team

The 1800 Federal census was the second American population count as mandated by the U.S. constitution. As a rule, the information collected in each successive census is progressively more detailed. Compared with the amount of information gathered in more recent times, the early census are somewhat sparse. They still offer glimpses of our progenitors, however, and are primarily useful in locating the places our families lived.

In addition to the name of the head of household and the place of residence, the 1800 census gives general information regarding family composition. There are twelve fields of information:

1. Free white males under 10 years of age.
2. Free white males between 10 and under 16 years of age.
3. Free white males between 16 and under 26 years of age.
4. Free white males between 26 and under 45 years of age.
5. Free white males 45 years of age and older.
6. Free white females under 10 years of age.
7. Free white females between 10 and under 16 years of age.
8. Free white females between 16 and under 26 years of age.
9. Free white females between 26 and 45 years of age.
10. Free white females 45 years of age and older.
11. All other free persons, except Indians not taxed.
12. Number of slaves.

The following example shows a household consisting of a couple, two female children, and perhaps a mother-in-law:

John Alford 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0

Since these statistics cover all persons living in the household, including boarders, servants, etc., one must be careful in drawing conclusions about a family unit.

The National Archives and many other institutions have microfilm copies of census reports for the following twelve states: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Vermont. The census was taken in several other states; namely Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Jersey, Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia; but these records were apparently destroyed during the British attack on Washington during the War of 1812. From some of these states, portions have survived. Everything currently available has been included in this extraction. Other states have made an effort to reconstruct the federal census using state census or tax records. Reconstructed census records have

been noted as such on the following tabulation. The entire 1800 census is reproduced on 52 microfilm rolls.

Indexes exist for all the 1800 census units, and these were used to locate Alford names on the microfilmed copies. The extraction of "ALFORD" in the 1800 census included liberal spelling variations such as Alfred, Alvord, Halvord, Olford, etc. This data was extracted, verified, reviewed and approved by AAFA census project volunteers. It represents, as nearly as possible, a true and faithful reproduction of the original enumeration. Errors or omissions should be brought to the attention of the AAFA Census Project Officer.

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First Name	Last Name	Tabulation	Page	Township
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### **Connecticut**

#### **Fairfield County, M' film series M32, roll #1**

John	Alvord	10010 10100 00	811	Weston
John	Alvord	12111 00031 01	832	Fairfield

#### **Hartford County, M' film series M32, roll #1**

Alpheus	Alfrod	00000-00000-50	33	Hartford
	Black			
Pelathiah	Alford	01020-30100-00	39	Hartford
Samuel	Alford	10120-10020-00	147	Farmington
Nathaniel	Alford	01010-10010-00	222	Simsbury
Eber	Alford	10010-00110-00	237	Simsbury
Eliphalet	Alford	00100-00100-00	237	Simsbury
Nathaniel	Alford	00001-01001-00	237	Simsbury
Josiah	Alford	11011-10020-00	268	Town Granby
Abner	Alford	10010-20010-00	269	Town Granby
Thomas	Alford	10110-11101-00	300	Bristol
Jeremiah	Alford	00001-00001-00	338	Windsor
Jonathan	Alford	21301-00001-00	340	Windsor
Joseph	Alford	00311-12101-00	355	Windsor

#### **Litchfield County, M' film series M32, roll #2**

Arba	Alford	20010-11010-00	31	Barkhamsted
Asahel G.	Alvord	20010-40010-00	68	Cornwall
Alex	Alford	21001-12001-00	86	Harwinton
Job	Alford	00001-00001-00	86	Harwinton
Job Jr	Alford	30010-00010-00	86	Harwinton
Roswel	Alford	01010-00100-00	86	Harwinton

Shubael	Alford	00010-10100-00	86 Harwinton
Eli	Alford	21010-20010-00	87 Harwinton
Eliphas	Alvord	00001-00111-00	231 Winchester
John	Alvord	10010-00100-00	231 Winchester

### Middlesex County

Orren	Alvord	00002-02201-00	391 Chatham
Seth	Alvord	20001-11010-00	392 Chatham
Rewel	Alvord	10001-12001-00	393 Chatham
Ashbil	Alvord	00100-00100-00	447 Middletown
Daniel	Alvord	01101-00101-00	469 Middletown

### Tolland County, M' film series M32, roll #2

John	Alfred	10010-20010-00	617 Tolland
Saul	Alvord	02201-21301-10	672 Bolton

### Delaware

#### Kent County, M' film series M32, roll #4

John	Alford	10100-10100-00	74 Mispillion
John	Alford	00100-20200-00	76 Mispillion
William	Alford	11010-30110-31	97 Mispillion
Joseph	Allford	00101-01001-12	125 Mispillion

#### New Castle County, M' film series M32, roll #4

E.	Alfree	12101-01101-00	271 Appoquinimik
William	Alfree	00111-10111-15	276 Appoquinimik

### District of Columbia

No Alford's or spelling variations in DC.

### Georgia

Only Oglethorpe County exists. No Alford's or spelling variations in this county.

### Kentucky

Note: Reconstructed from tax lists. Known as "Second Census" of Kentucky. Tax lists were from at least 2 Nov 1799 to 22 Aug 1800.

#### Barren County

Ansel	Alfred		3 No Twp Listed
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#### Bourbon County

Abraham	Alfrey		3 No Twp Listed
John	Alfrey		3 No Twp Listed

### Bracken County

Peter	Halfield		120 No Twp Listed
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### Garrard County

Charles Jr.	Alford		3 No Twp Listed
Charles Sr.	Alford		3 No Twp Listed
Jacob	Alford		3 No Twp Listed

### Montgomery County

James	Alfree		3 No Twp Listed
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### Scott County

James	Auford		10 No Twp Listed
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### Maine

#### Lincoln County, M' film series M32, roll #6

Lora	Alford	20110-21010-00	517 Warren
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### Maryland

#### Baltimore City Co., M' film series M32, roll #9

John	Alford	22010-22010-00	125 Baltimore City
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#### Caroline County, M' film series M32, roll #10

Mathias	Alford	21110-11010-50	3 No Twp Listed
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#### Kent County, M' film series M32, roll #10

Elizabeth	Alford	20100-20111-13	236 Middle District
Moses	Alford	00010-00000-00	236 Middle District

#### Prince Georges Co., M' film series M32, roll #11

Sarah	Allford	00000-00001-00	207 No Twp Listed
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### Massachusetts

#### Berkshire County, M' film series M32, roll #13

Elijah	Alford	02110-21101-00	265 Berket
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#### Hampshire County, M' film series M32, roll #15

Elizabeth	Alvord	00000-00002-00	8 Northampton
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Elisha	Alvord	10101-10010-00	9 Northampton
John	Alvord	11001-21102-00	10 Northampton
Timothy	Alvord	00001-02001-00	11 Northampton
Ahiel	Alvord	00201-01010-00	18 Westhampton
Eliab	Alvord	00020-30010-00	18 Westhampton
Jonathan	Alvord	00001-00401-00	18 Westhampton
Caleb	Alvord	02321-21101-00	45 Montague
Elijah	Alvord	10410-20010-00	72 Greenfield
Elisha	Alvord	20101-02002-00	136 Easthampton
Phineas	Alvord	20010-22110-00	137 Easthampton
Zebediah	Alvord	01011-00021-00	137 Easthampton
Samuel	Alvord	12201-31010-00	249 South Hadley
Azariah	Alvord	10101-01001-00	250 South Hadley
Bezalul	Alvord	21210-10110-00	250 South Hadley
Gideon	Alvord	01101-00011-00	250 South Hadley
Justin	Alvord	10010-10010-00	250 South Hadley
Gad	Alvord	11110-11110-00	255 Granby
John	Allord	30110-30111-00	264 Monson
Daniel	Allard	00001-11001-00	267 Monson
Daniel	Alvord	30010-11010-00	300 Worthington
Zerah	Alvord	20010-20010-00	320 Shelburne
Benjamin	Alford	10110-00010-00	350 W. Springfield
Samuel	Alvord	11010-11010-00	350 W. Springfield

### Worcester County, M'film series M32, roll #16

Isaac	Allard	20010-00100-00	279 Garry
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### New Hampshire

No Alford's or spelling variations in this state.

### New Jersey

Only Cumberland County exists. No Alford's or spelling variations in this county.

### New York

#### Cayuga County, M'film series M32, roll #28

George	Alford	32010-10110-00	702 Aurelius
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#### Chenango County, M'film series M32, roll #28

John	Alvord	01001-01001-00	758 Jericho
Benjamin	Olvord	00010-00010-00	934 Cazenovia
Josiah	Alvord	00010-00000-00	936 Cazenovia
Josiah Jr.	Alvord	00100-00100-00	936 Cazenovia
Ira	Olvoord	00010-20010-00	940 Cazenovia

#### Columbia County, M'film series M32, roll #22

Elisha	Olvord	01100-10100-00	212 Canaan
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#### Delaware County, M'film series M32, roll #22

John	Hulford	00110-20010-00	274 Middletown
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#### Essex County, M'film series M32, roll #22

Alexander	Alford	33001-01010-00	303 Crown Point
Benedict	Alford	22010-02010-00	303 Crown Point

#### Herkimer County, M'film series M32, roll #21

Asahel	Alford	21010-21110-00	481 Warren
Elijah	Alford	00100-00000-00	482 Warren

#### Montgomery Co., M'film series M32, roll #24

Georg	Alford	00110-30010-00	39 Canajoharie
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#### Onondaga County, M'film series M32, roll #24

Charles	Alvord	20010-20010-00	185 Homer
Ebenezar	Alvord	10110-20010-00	185 Homer
Thomas G.	Alvord	32010-10110-00	185 Homer
William	Alford	31001-10101-00	187 Solon

#### Otsego County, M'film series M32, roll #25

Aaron	Alvord	10010-10100-00	40 Worcester
Alexander	Alvord	02010-10010-00	42 Worcester
Asahel	Alvord	00201-01001-00	42 Worcester

#### Rensselaer County, M'film series M32, roll #26

Elezer	Alverd	11010-42010-00	99 Stephen Town
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#### Saratoga County, M'film series M32, roll #27

Elisha	Alford	10100-00100-00	19 Milton
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#### Tioga County, M'film series M32, roll #24

Edward	Holford	10001-30001-00	216 Lisle
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### North Carolina

#### Franklin County, M'film series M32, roll #31

Kinchen	Alford	01110-20100-00	452 Louisburg
Kinchen	Alford	10010-20011-00	468 Louisburg
Gutridge	Alford	01001-32001-00	469 Louisburg
Isaac	Alford	20110-21210-07	469 Louisburg
John	Alford	01121-00100-01	487 Louisburg

**Halifax County, M' film series M32, roll #30**

Matthew Holford 10100-00101-00 316 No Twp Listed

**Pitt County, M' film series M32, roll #32**

Jesse Alfred 41010-00010-00 293 No Twp Listed

**Randolph County, M' film series M32, roll #32**

[Editor's note: Allred is a name that appears frequently in southern records and is probably not an Alford derivative or variation.]

Betty Allred 11100-00211-00 297 Hillsboro Dist.  
 Eli Allred 00010-00100-00 297 Hillsboro Dist.  
 Isaac Allred 10100-00100-00 297 Hillsboro Dist.  
 James Allred 10100-00100-00 297 Hillsboro Dist.  
 John Allred 23110-20010-00 297 Hillsboro Dist.  
 John Allred 01101-00011-00 297 Hillsboro Dist.  
 John Allred 10010-42010-01 297 Hillsboro Dist.  
 William Jr. Allred 40010-00010-00 297 Hillsboro Dist.  
 William Allred 00101-00020-01 297 Hillsboro Dist.  
 Jonathan Allred 10010-10100-00 298 Hillsboro Dist.  
 Elias Allred 22210-21010-00 300 Hillsboro Dist.  
 Francis Allred 00100-00100-00 300 Hillsboro Dist.  
 James Allred 21001-13301-00 300 Hillsboro Dist.  
 John Allred 31010-11010-00 300 Hillsboro Dist.  
 Joseph Allred 10010-20100-00 300 Hillsboro Dist.  
 Margaret Allred 00211-01201-00 300 Hillsboro Dist.  
 Sarah Allred 00000-10010-00 300 Hillsboro Dist.  
 Thomas Allred 01011-00001-00 300 Hillsboro Dist.

**Richmond County, M' film series M32, roll #33**

Jonathan Alred 01010-32010-00 249 Fayetteville Dist.

**Robeson County, M' film series M32, roll #32**

James Alford 01010-50010-11 358 Fayetteville Dist.  
 Sion Alford 20010-21010-05 358 Fayetteville Dist.  
 Mary Alford 00200-00011-15 359 Fayetteville Dist.  
 Warren Alford 30010-00200-01 359 Fayetteville Dist.

**Rutherford County, M' film series M32, roll #33**

Solomon Alfred 01301-21101-00 94 Morgan Dist.  
 John Hallford 50010-20100-00 115 Morgan Dist.  
 Achillis Hallford 20010-00100-00 116 Morgan Dist.  
 Lucy Hallford 13100-01001-00 119 Morgan Dist.

**Tyrrell County, M' film series M32, roll #34**

John Alford 00010-01110-10 690 No Twp Listed

**Wake County, M' film series M32, roll #32**

Cade Alford 10100-10100-07 714 Hillsbrough Dist.  
 Lodwick Alford 02001-00001-0/18 714 Hillsbrough Dist.  
 Drury Alford 31010-20020-00 716 Hillsbrough Dist.  
 Hudson Alford 11120-10110-0/11 716 Hillsbrough Dist.  
 Jobe Alford 20010-02001-01 716 Hillsbrough Dist.

**Wayne County, M' film series M32, roll #32**

Sarah Alford 01100-12001-00 859 No Twp Listed  
 Etheldul Alford 10010-10010-01 868 No Twp Listed  
 Lodwick Alford 01010-00100-03 868 No Twp Listed  
 Benjamin Alford 20101-20010-00 871 No Twp Listed

**Ohio**

Only Washington County exists. No Alford or spelling variations in this state.

**Pennsylvania****Beaver County, M' film series M32, roll #36**

Martha Allford 41000-20010-00 177 South Beaver

**Chester County, M' film series M32, roll #36**

John Alford 11010-11101-00 707 London Grove  
 John Alford 00110-01010-00 722 Pennsborough  
 James Alfred 00101-00101-00 769 West Nantmill

**Green County, M' film series M32, roll #40**

James Allford 00000-00000-10 24 Whitely

**Lancaster County, M' film series M32, roll #39**

Philip Alvert 10201-20010-00 16 Elizabeth

**Rhode Island**

No Alford or spelling variations in this state.

**South Carolina****Barnwell County, M' film series M32, roll #47**

Killis Halford 23110-20100-01 69 No Twp Listed

**Charleston County, M' film series M32, roll #48**

James	Alfred	00010-00010-00	93 No Twp Listed
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**Darlington County, M' film series M32, roll #47**

Burwell	Halford	00010-11100-02	120 No Twp Listed
Owen	Halford	20100-00100-00	120 No Twp Listed
Jacob	Alford	10010-20200-00	122 No Twp Listed

**Edgefield County, M' film series M32, roll #47**

John	Alford	30020-20010-03	140 No Twp Listed
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Enumerated in household of H. Thorn Channel.

**Kingston County, M' film series M32, roll #49**

William	Alford	11010-10010-00	381 Georgetown Dist.
Jacob	Alford	20100-00010-00	382 Georgetown Dist.
Arthur	Alford	20100-00100-02	389 Georgetown Dist.
Jacob	Alford	20010-21010-00	389 Georgetown Dist.
John	Alford	01010-00010-00	389 Georgetown Dist.

**Liberty County, M' film series M32, roll #49**

James	Alford	00201-00200-00	448 Marion District
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**Vermont****Addison County, M' film series M32, roll #51**

John	Alvord	10010-30100-00	29 Cornwall
Oliver	Alfred	30010-22010-00	90 Ferrisburgh
John	Olverd	00001-01001-00	95 Monkton
Wilcot	Alvord	20010-20010-00	100 Newhaven
Jonathan	Allord	00011-10010-00	114 Bristol

Almost looks like ALBORD?

**Franklin County, M' film series M32, roll #51**

Ashley	Alford	41011-01100-00	466 Swanton
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**Orange County, M' film series M32, roll #51**

Nathan	Alvord	00001-00001-00	508 Brookfield
Nathan Jr	Alvord	20100-00100-00	508 Brookfield
Enos	Alvord	10010-10010-00	513 Brookfield

**Rutland County, M' film series M32, roll #52**

Amasa	Olvord	21010-00210-00	58 Castleton
Wm.	Olvord	00010-10100-00	213 Rutland

**Windham County, M' film series M32, roll #52**

Benjamin	Alvord	21010-22011-00	498 Dummerston
Moses	Alvord	20001-00010-00	498 Dummerston
Ashur	Alvord	10011-11011-00	564 Wilmington
Seth	Alvord	11010-11010-00	564 Wilmington

**Windsor County, M' film series M32, roll #52**

Selah	Alvord	10010-10010-00	371 Norwich
Henry	Alvord	00100-30010-00	402 Sharon
Simeon	Alvord	01001-00001-00	410 Hartland
Stephen	Alvord	01011-20311-00	425 Woodstock

**Virginia**

Only Accomack County exists.No Alford's or spelling variations in this county. ❖

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(1790 Census, cont. from p. 51)

**Pittsylvania County**

William	Alford	0 persons [?] 98
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**Rockingham County**

John	Alford	9 persons	76
John	Alford	10 persons	77❖

*Congratulations on Your  
50th Wedding Anniversary!*

*C. Wylie Alford (AAFA #12)  
Charlotte Meadows Alford  
20 March 1943*

*Leon Clark Jones (AAFA #286)  
Dorothy Jean Alford Jones  
16 May 1943*

*Robert Atticus Alford (AAFA #148)  
Marian Markham Alford  
3 July 1943*



*(Hall of Fame, cont. from p. 6)*

the start up of the first Alford family newsletter in 1970, the Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the first inductee into the Hall of Fame is Mrs. Tressie E. Bowman.

Her outstanding achievements in promoting the purposes of the Alford American Family Association are exemplary and are in the highest and finest traditions of the ancient, proud, honorable and illustrious name of ALFORD.

I therefore set my hand and seal this 13th day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

Lodwick H. Alford, AAFA President ❖

*(Letter from the Editor, cont. from p. 3)*

*Descendants of Alexander Alvord* series—Alexander lived in Connecticut and Massachusetts—and next quarter we plan to begin publishing marriage records from some of the northern states, beginning with Illinois. Many of you with roots in the New England states have let us know that we tend to concentrate on southern Alford in the quarterly. We recognize that and are digging for northern Alford information we can publish. One of the reasons we lean heavily towards southern data is that it seems to be our members with southern roots who write and send articles about their ancestors, or who do research in their area of interest—the South—and compile the data for publication. A majority of the newspaper articles come from southern newspapers because the southern readers send them. Every one of the Awards Program articles this year has a southern connection, and they were all written by members. Look at the Booklist Additions lately—all from southern states because Lynn Shelley goes to her southern libraries and xeroxes like crazy. Believe me, we welcome material from you northern descendants! Your challenge is to fill these pages with as much Alford info as your southern cousins. ❖

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