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## Twenty Things to Do

By Pam Thompson, Publications Director

If you're having trouble thinking of ways you can contribute to AAFA, one of the ideas below should nudge you into ACTION!

1. Renew your membership. It's a bargain at only \$16. (New this issue: forms for membership, etc., on the last page.)
2. Register to attend the 1995 Annual Meeting in Decatur, Alabama, October 13–15, 1995. We'd love to see you there!
3. Recruit a new member.
4. Write a biographical article about one of your Alford ancestors. It should be easy if you have an Alford parent or grandparent about whom you have personal knowledge. Include some photos. You'll be preserving information for posterity and increasing AAFA's store of knowledge about Alfords.
5. Watch your local newspaper for articles, obituaries, wedding, and anniversary announcements about Alfords. Submit them to *AAFA ACTION*. (That's how we get “Alfords in the News”!)
6. Volunteer to help with census extraction and proofreading—contact AAFA Census Project Coordinator Alicia Houston, 213 McMasters Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146. (See “Alfords” in the 1850 Alabama Census” in this issue for the results of this committee's most recent efforts.)
7. Send for the military records of your Alford ancestors and submit copies to AAFA. See p. 33 of the December 1991 issue for ordering information.
8. Dare I ask again? Volunteer to help me by taking over *AAFA ACTION* for one year. Page 3 of the March 1993 issue has my plea for help.
9. Visit a local cemetery. Photograph and/or copy all the Alford gravestones. Work with Evelyn Mistich: 509 Moncla Ave., Belle Chasse, LA 70037—Internet: RGDK81@prodigy.com.
10. Contribute an old Alford photograph to *AAFA ACTION*—include a short write-up about the subject.
11. Write an article about your family reunion. If you include some photos identifying the attendees, we'll print them. More for posterity!

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## New Member Lineages

Prepared by Gil Alford with the help of the members listed.

Each of the lineages below but one was sent to the member for review and comment. Appropriate changes and corrections were made on those that were returned. Those for which there was no response are being published as is but are correct to the best of our knowledge.

The footnote numbers that appear for some records in the far right column refer to comments at the end of the lineages

or in previous issues. (Due to space limitations, we do not repeat comments). Those with "7" have comments in this issue, while other footnote numbers are in previous quarters. See the references at the beginning of this set of endnotes.

It is suggested you read introductory remarks in previous issues if there is any question about the format below. Send remarks or questions pertaining to the lineages to AAFA, POB 1586, Florissant MO 63031—not to the editor in California.

### Membership # and New Member's Name

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#### # 723 Ruth Jeannine Alford Megert

1	rut930ca	RUTH JEANNINE	19300217	CA ORAN		
	m.	MEGERT, ALFRED C.				
2	JES898MN	JESSE ELLIS	18981213	MN RICE	19380327	CA SABR MT VIEW CA SABR
	m.	HAMILTON, OCTA MAE	19010913	TX	19730711	CA SABR 19250125 CA SABR
4	LEW870MN	LEWIS A.	18700717	MN FREE	19060223	MN MOWEOAKWOOD MN MOWE
	m.	HUMMEL, EMMA SOPHIA	18760920	MN RICE	19311226	MN RICE 18960603 MN RICE
8	ALO842NY	ALONZO	18420101	NY CLIN	19140328	WA THUR IOOF WA 3
	m.	REDIKER, ELLEN	1840	QUEBEC	18630504	NY CLIN
16	LEW814VT	LEWIS	18140911	VT ADDI		
	m.	COOLIDGE, CAROLINE				
32	ASH770VT02	ASHLEY OWEN	17700222	VT FRAN	18470314	NY CLIN ZION METHODIST NY CLIN 3
	m.	2 BAKER, ELIZABETH.	17831125	VT CHIT	18570617	NY CLIN 18001017 VT FRAN
64	BEN716CT02	BENEDICT	17160829	CT HART	17730430	
	m.	2 OWEN, REBECCA	17361128	CT HART	1831ca	OH GEAU 17611218 CT HART
128	BEN688CT	BENEDICT	16880427	CT HART	17730430	CT HART 1
	m.	WILSON, ABIGAIL	16840303	CT HART	17730430	CT HART 17140112 CT HART
256	JER655CT	JEREMIAH	16551224	CT HART	17090606	CT HART 3
	m.	HOSKINS, JANE	16710403	CT HART	17150519	16710403 CT HART
512	BEN619EN	BENEDICT	1619ca	ENGLAND	16830423	CT HART 1
	m.	NEWTON, JANE/JOANNA	1622ca	ENGLAND		16401126 CT HART
1024	THO585EN	THOMAS	1575-85C	ENGLAND	1636<	ENGLAND 1
	m.	2 HAWKINS, JOANNA	1594ca	ENGLAND	16360527	ENGLAND 16180511 ENGLAND
2048	WIL547EN	WILLIAM	1547	ENGLAND		2
4096	ALE520EN	ALEXANDER	1520ca	ENGLAND	1576/7	ENGLAND 1
	m.	_____, AGNES	1513ca	EN SOME	1578	ENGLAND
8182	JOH475EN	JOHN	1475ca	ENGLAND	ENGLAND	

#### # 724 Carol Hughes Gipson

33	per788va	PERMELIA	17880330	VA AMHE	18770630	KY CALL ASBURY
	m.	HUGHES, ROBERT	1770	VA	1775	18070910
66	JOH760VA	JOHN	17600508	VA FRED	18370224	TN DAVI ALFORD FAM. TN DAVI 4
	m.	BIBB, ELIZABETH	17581120	VA AMHE	18220704	TN DAVI 17830302 VA AMHE
132	WIL734VA01	WILLIAM	1734ca?	VA FRE?	1808ca	VA NELS
	m.	1 _____, LETITIA	1758ca	VA FRE?		
264	JOH696MD	JOHN	1696E	MD ????>	1748	VA FRED 4
	m.	_____, MARY			175804>	

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**# 725 James Wesley Alford**

1	JAM935GA	JAMES WESLEY	19350321	GA FULT				
	m.	ARMISTEAD, NANCY	19370311		19540926			
2	LAW910FL01	LAWRENCE CAESAR	19101215	FL PUTN	19830320	GA DEKA		
	m.	1 BURCH, EVELYN						
4	LOD885AL01	LODWICK HERRIN	18850111	AL MONT	19471112	FL PUTN	GREENWOOD	AL MONT
	m.	1 EASTERLAND, IRENE						
8	LOD855AL01	LODWICK HERRIN	18550203	AL MONT	19190307	AL MONT	GREENWOOD	AL MONT
	m.	1 SWINT, SALLIE	185908	AL			18780902	AL MONT
16	JUL799GA03	JULIUS CAESAR	17990510	GA GREE	18630101	AL MONT	FAMILY	AL MONT
	m.	3 BOSWELL, MARTHA H.	18190519	AL	18800708	AL LEE	18520222	AL MONT
32	LOD775NC	LODWICK CADE	17750202	NC FRAN	18570722	GA TROU	ALFORD	GA TROU
	m.	JACKSON, JUDITH	17780202	NC GUIL	18440630	GA TRO?	17890516	GA GREE
64	JUL747NC	JULIUS C.	1747ca	NC	18200825	GA GREE		GA GRE?
	m.	JACKSON, REBECCA	1748ca	NC	1825>	GA GREE	1773ca	NC ????
128	LOD710VA03	LODWICK	1710ca	VA NEWK	1787	GA		
	m.	3 _____, _____						
256	JAM687VA	JAMES	1687ca	VA		VA		
512	JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E		17100314	VA NEWK		

**# 726 Lydia Ann Wallace Davis**

3	car924ga	CARMEN JOYCE	19241228	GA MUSC				
	m.	WALLACE, CHARLES R.		AL FRAN				
6	JOS888GA	JOSEPH DEWITT	18880703	GA HARR	196708		WINFIELD	AL MARI
	m.	WILSON, RUBY LEE	18920323	MS ADAM	1963	AL MARI	19100717	AL MOBI
12	LAR849GA03	LARKIN J.	1849E	GA ??	1898 ??			
	m.	3 BECK, NANCY ANN	1852	GA	1898	GA HARR		
24	THO829GA	THOMAS	1829ca	GA	1860=>	GA		
	m.	BARTON, SUSAN	18480828	GA TROU				

**# 727 Barbara Alvord McGhee**

1	bar930wa	BARBARA JOAN ALVORD	19300516	WA LEWI				
	m.	McGHEE, RICHARD J.	19261211	OR MARI			19500625	WA LEWI
2	EUG892WA02	EUGENE IRVING ALVORD	18920616	WA KING	19610822	WA LEWI	STRICKLAND	WA LEWI
	m.	2 SIMMONS, MARGARET L.	19070925	MN LYON	19861119	WA LEWI	19250614	WA LEWI
4	IRI865WA	IRVING THOMAS ALVORD	18650806	WA KING	19450524	WA LEWI	CENTRALIA	WA LEWI
	m.	JONES, EUDORA MARY	18651120	GA THOM	19430926	WA LEWI	18910806	WA KING
8	THO832NY	THOMAS MOODY ALVORD	18320226	NY CORT	19180321	WA KING	HILLCREST	WA KING
	m.	SMITH, MARIA JULIA	18320916	NY ONON	191201	WA KING	18591208	NY ONON
16	SYL796NY	SYLVESTER ALVORD	17960604	NY CORT	18631007	NY CORT		
	m.	HALL, LUCY	18000107	NH SULL	18820925	NY CORT	18250203	NY CORT
32	EBE767CT	EBENEZER ALVORD	17670827	CT HART	18440102	NY CORT		
	m.	CRAMPTON, RACHEL	17700829	CT HART	18430913	NY CORT		
64	THO742CT	THOMAS GOULD ALVORD	17420301	CT MIDD	18100518	NY CORT	HOMER	NY CORT
	m.	ORVIS, KEZIAH	17430804	CT HART	17950921	NY CORT	17620802	CT HART
128	ASA720MA	ASAH EL ALVORD	17201216	MA HAMS	17610227	CT NEWL		
	m.	GOULD, RACHEL	17200918	CT NEWH			17410604	
256	THO683MA02	THOMAS ALVORD	16830828	MA HAMS	17681229	CT CHAT		
	m.	2 STRONG, MARY	16901229	MA HAMS				
512	THO653CT	THOMAS ALVORD	16531027	CT HART	16880722	MA HAMS		
	m.	TAYLOR, JOANNA	16650927	MA HAMS	17380228	MA HAMS	16810322	MA HAMS
1024	ALE627EN	ALEXANDER ALVORD	162710=<	ENGLAND	16871003	MA HAMS		
	m.	VORE, MARY			1686<		16461029	CT HART

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**# 728 Fletcher H. Ellzey**

23	mar8211a0a	MARTHA	1821ca	LA WASH	MS MARI	
	m.	STOVALL, WILLIAM	1818ca	MS		18391125

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**# 729 Iris Elizabeth Alford**

1	iri927ga	IRIS ELIZABETH	19271106	GA COLQ			
	m.	MASBACK, HAROLD, JR.	19260716	NY NEWY	Separate	19480821	GA FULT
2	WIL883GA	WILLIE JEFFERSON	18830207	GA PIKE	19600211	GA MERI	MACEDONIA GA MERI
	m.	MARTIN, CLARA LEE	18910120	GA UPSO	19520225	GA MERI	19091212 GA PIKE
4	JOH856GA	JOHN JEFFERSON	18561126	GA	19350731		MT OLIVE GA PIKE
	m.	RILEY, EMMA AMANDA	186012	GA			18800124 GA PIKE
8	THO814GA	THOMAS JEFFERSON	1814ca	GA PIKE	187308	GA PIKE	
	m.	MIMS, EMILY R.	1817	SC EDGE			18331218 GA PIKE

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The following are the sons of Iris Elizabeth Alford above:

**# 730 Harold Elmer Masback****# 731 Craig Alford Masback****# 732 Keith James Masback****# 733 Curt Arthur Miller**

Curt is the 1st cousin five times removed of Lucy Miller who married SAMUEL ALFORD of the BENEDICT ALFORD line.

**# 734 Donald C. Whitehead**

45	dic817ga	DICEY	1814ca	GA	1867ca	TX RUSK	
	m.	BARBER, JOHN	1812	NC	1883	TX RUSK	18370113 GA PIKE

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**# 735 Patricia "Dusti" Ide**

83	ann749va	ANNE	1749	EEE	VA		7
	m.	McKNIGHT, GEORGE	1768	EEE	VA		

**# 736 Robert Ross Alford**

1	ROB928CA	ROBERT ROSS	19280418	CA SANJ			
	m.	KRAMER, GLORIA	192810		Divorce	19490618	CA CALA
2	ELL894CA	ELLSWORTH	18941016	CA AMAD	19841116	CA CALA	
	m.	ROSS, GRACE	18980708	CANADA	19830714	CA CALA	19270709 CA SANJ
4	SHE867IN	SHERMAN	186702	IN	1940/43	CA SANJ	7
	m.	CHAMBERLAIN, LUCY	187312	NV	194507	CA CALA	1889/90 OR

**# 737 Anne C. Allen**

51	fai794ga	FAITH WATKINS	17940214	GA GREE	18560112	TX FAYE	
	m.	WEBB, JOHN C.	17901212		18400606	GA TROU	18120918 GA CLAR
102	JUL747NC	JULIUS C.	1747ca	NC	18200825	GA GREE	GA GRE? 3
	m.	JACKSON, REBECCA	1748ca	NC	1825>	GA GREE	1773ca NC
204	LOD710VA03	LODWICK	1710ca	VA NEWK	1787	GA	2
	m.	3 _____, _____					
408	JAM687VA	JAMES	1687ca	VA		VA	1
816	JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E		17100314	VA NEWK	3

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3	mar897al	MARY LOU "HONEY" m. ADAMS, ROY	18970424 AL MONT 18950728 AL MONT	19770627 TX GREG 19760802 TX GREG	GARDN/MEMORS 19191001	TX GREG
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11	ann868mo	ANNIE LUCY m. BRUCHER, WILLIAM H.	18680101 MO CAPE 18651023 MO PHEL	19100329 MO CAPE 19600903 MO CAPE		7
22	WIL830KY02	WILLIAMSON m. 2 REFRO, LOUISA E.	1830ca KY 18431125			7
44	WIL791KY	WILLIAM m. BAST, CATHERINE	17910831 VA GOOC 1796ca	18681118 MO CAPE 184711< MO CAPE		
88	JAC757VA	JACOB m. HUNTER, NANCY ANN	1757ca VA GOOC 1759ca VA LOUI	18030603 KY GARR 18470719 KY GARR	18130823	4
176	JAM713VA	JAMES m. BAILEY, LUCY	17130207 VA NEWK 1720ca VA	17820526 VA FLUV 1745ca VA		7
352	JAM687VA	JAMES	1687ca VA ????			1
704	JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E	17100314 VA NEWK		3

**# 740 Sara C. Vance**

55	del784nc	DELANEY m. HIGH, SAMUEL, JR.	17841217 NC 17971103 NC WAKE	18620612 NC 1858		
110	JAM749NC	JAMES LODWICK m. ROSS, SUSANNAH	17490707 NC EDGE 1752 NC FRAN	1820 NC WAKE 1838 NC WAKE	177971103	4

**# 741 Christine Alford Knight**

1	chr921la	CHRISTINE LIZA m. KNIGHT, CHARLES B.	19210101 LA WASH 1918ca MS CARR			
2	ESC878LA	ESCO SEABORN m. FUSSELL, MARY LOU	18780521 LA WASH 18830304 LA WASH	19580415 MS WALT 19460204 LA WASH	19460201	LA BIEN
4	SEA844LA01	SEABORN LOCHRAN m. 1 ELLZY, LAURA M.A.	18440519 LA WASH 184404 MS	19191122 LA WASH 1909	I ALFORD 18610425	LA WASH MS PIKE
8	JOH807LA	JOHN SEABORN m. BRUMFIELD, MARGARET	18071011 LA WASH 18190209 MS PIK?	19911115 LA WASH 18550918 LA WASH	IDDO FARM 1835ca	2 LA WASH

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**# 742 Woodrow Wilson Simmons**

3	lil89_la	LILLIAN m. SIMMONS, WILLIAM A.	189_ LA			
6	JUL870LA	JULIUS G. m. BRUMFIELD, LILLIAN E.	1870ca LA 1879ca MS		1955	
12	SEA834MS	SEABORN S. m. BALL, ANICE	18340818 MS 1846-49	19060222 1910>		
24	EDW792NC	EDWIN BARKSDALE m. SMITH, MARTHA P.	17921125 NC CUM? 18020302 SC	18780310 MS PIKE 18610808 MS	ROADSIDE 18181220	3 MS PIKE

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**# 743 Patsy R. Livingston**

23	har843la	HARRIET	1843ca	LA OUAC				
	m.	JESTER, ANDREW J.	1845ca	GA	19270721		18641208	
46	STA820GA01	STANFORD L.	1820ca	GA BURK				
	m.	1 SMITH, NANCY	1815ca	MS	1857<	AR UNIO	18380116	LA OUAC
92	HAY780GA	HAYWOOD	1780ca	GA	18450324	AR UNIO		AR UNIO
	m.	_____, ELIZABETH	1780ca	GA	1850-60	AR UNIO	1805ca	GA

**# 744 A. Renee Alford Shelfer**

1	ann950la0b	ANN RENEE	19500325	LA CALC				
	m.	SHELFER, JONATHAN W.	19480921	FL DUVA	19740110		KS SEDG	
2	RAY927TX	RAYMOND NEWTON	19270222	TX LIBE	19801010	TX HARR	OAKDALE	TX LIBE
	m.	MARSHALL, ROSEMARY	19270301	LA ORLE	19480809		LA CALC	
4	RAY901AL	RAYMOND GUY	19010306	AL MONT	19820201	AL ELMO	FOREST PARK	TX HARR
	m	MAY, MARY ELSIE	19090911	LA HOWA	19921201	TX	19340812	TX BELL

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**# 745 C. Dennis Elmore**

7	oll899ms	OLLIE MAE	18991029	MS WEBS	19770517	MS WEBS		
	m.	BERRY, JETHRO						
14	LEE876MS0A	LEE B. "BUZZIE"	18760218	MS	19380825	MS WEBS		
	m.	GIBSON, MARTHA VICIE	1882		1945	MS	18981224	MS WEBS
28	JOH835AL02	JOHN	18350326	AL	19150620	MS WEBS	PROVIDENC	MS OKTI 7
	m.	2 BISHOP, MARTHA	18460213	MS	19081030	MS	18690723	MS OKTI
56	LIT800NC	LITTLE BERRY	1801ca	NC	1878ca	MS WEBS	MT PISGAH	MS WEBS 7
	m.	BUTLER, MARY	1801ca	NC	1900ca	MS WEB?	18220103	NC WAKE

**Early Alford Ancestors of BRITTAIN ALFORD 1781 NC Branch**

BRI781NC	BRITTAIN WASHINGTON	17810204	NC	18490210	GA PIKE	ALFORD	GA PIKE	5
	m.	BRASELL, BARSHEBA	17850210	NC / GA	18541119	GA FAYE	18050319	GA PIKE
ISH749NC	ISHAM	17551030	NC	1832	GA TROU			5
	m.	FERRELL, ANNA	17550515	NC FRAN	1820<	GA	1780E	NC
LOD710VA03	LODWICK	1710ca	VA NEWK	1787	GA			2
	m.	3 _____, _____						
JAM687VA	JAMES	1687ca	VA			VA		1
JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E		17100314	VA NEWK			3

**Early Alford Ancestors of JACOB ALFORD 1761 NC Branch**

JAC761NC02	JACOB	17610815	NC BUTE	18240716	LA WASH		LA WASH	3
	m.	2 SEABORN, FRANCES	17660929	VA SU??	1850-60	LA WASH	1792ca	NC CUM?
JUL717VA	JULIUS	17170904	VA NEWK	177111	NC BUTE			1
	m.	NEWTON?, LUCY				1745EEEE	NC	
JAM687VA	JAMES	1687ca	VA			VA		1
JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E		17100314	VA NEWK			3

**Membership # and New Member's Name**

<i>Pedigree #/ Reference #</i>	<i>Alford: Name Spouse: Name</i>	<i>Birth Date &amp; Place Birth Date &amp; Place</i>	<i>Death Date &amp; Place Death Date &amp; Place</i>	<i>Burial Place (Alford) Marriage Date &amp; Place</i>	<i>Foot Note</i>
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**Early Alford Ancestors of JAMES T. ALFORD 1874 AL Branch**

JAM874AL	JAMES THOMAS	18740214 AL	19370119 AL ??	PINELEVEL	AL MONT	
m.	EVANS, JOSEPHINE	18730426	19600622	18940201	AL MONT	
JAC847AL	JACOB WESLEY	18470201 AL	19290524 AL	PINELEVEL	AL MONT	
m.	PUGH, LYDIA M.	184611 AL	18700209	AL MONT		
LEV814GA	LEVIN ELLIS	18140521 GA HANC	18960830	AL MONT PINE LEVEL	AL MONT	
m.	DERRICK, CHARLOTTE	18120119 SC LEXI	18811017	AL MONT 18341211	AL MONT	
WIL775??	WILLIAM JR.	1775ca NC				6
m.	ELLIS, MARY					
WIL734VA0A	WILLIAM SR.	17340731 VA NEWK	18250421	GA HANC		6
m.	_____, MARTHA					
LOD710VA01	LODWICK	1710ca VA NEWK	1787	GA		6
m.	1 _____, ELIZABETH		17350529	VA NEWK 1733ca	VA NEW?	
JAM687VA	JAMES	1687ca VA		VA		1
JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E	17100314	VA NEWK		3

**Lineage Correction:** The lineage of Ramona Alford Darden #715 as published in the previous quarterly was in error. In your copy of the Spring 1995 issue, Vol. VII, No. 4, page 7, please change the data shown for Ramona's grandfather James Alford, #4, to read the same as that of James Thomas Alford in "Early Alford Ancestors of JAMES T. ALFORD 1874 AL Branch" above.

**FOOTNOTES FOR NEW LINEAGES**

For Footnotes 1–6, see *AAFA ACTION* issues noted:

- 1 - Winter 1994, pages 9-10
- 2 - Spring 1994, pages 9-12
- 3 - Summer 1994, pages 9-15
- 4 - Fall 1994, pages 7-9
- 5 - Winter 1995, pages 10-13
- 6 - Spring 1995, pages 10-12

7 - See comments below arranged alphabetical by the reference

**ann749va**

A published Matthews family genealogy recorded Anne as the wife of George and mother of their daughter MARY McKNIGHT who was born about 1769 in Botetourt County, Virginia.

**ann868mo**

They lived in Omaha for several years before returning to Cape Girardeau, Missouri. After Annie's death William

Henry married Hattie Smith 22 Apr 1912. Anna had a brother, Jackson L. Alford born about 1870 and a sister, Emma Alford born before 1870 but who died at age 9. Anna had half brothers William G.M. Alford who married Pauline M. Brune in 1886 and Thomas Alford. There was a half-sister, Betty Alford.

**fai794ga**

Another date for their marriage is 30 August 1811.

**JAM713VA**

It is assumed by some, particularly Captain Lodwick H. Alford, first president of the Alford American Family Association, that this James did migrate to North Carolina with the rest of the family and was the father of James Lodwick "Major Tanner" Alford (1749-1820) the subject of another genealogy. He agrees that there is no evidence to support a connection between this James and the James Lodwick Alford in North Carolina.

There is substantial proof that a James

Alford, born about this time, did marry Lucy Bailey as shown, in what was then western Virginia. The fact that the Baileys and Alfords were both in New Kent County, VA, and because of the similarity of names used by James and Lucy, it is SUSPECTED that the James in Goochland and Louisa Counties, VA was the one born in New Kent County in 1713. It is not certain at this time if the James who died in 1782 in Fluvanna County, VA was the subject of this record or his son, James. (6/95)

**JOS888GA**

In 1910 he was rooming with his future in-laws in Mobile Alabama. The family was enumerated in Tallapoosa County, Alabama in 1920.

**JUL799GA03**

Apparently Martha Boswell brought at least one child to this marriage. Margaret Boswell, born 1850, who was enumerated with her half-brother Lodwick H. Alford in 1900. Another record says he was buried in Salem, Bullock Co.



**LAR849GA03**

Parents reported by Lydia Davis. She shows mother as "BARTON" however other records show Thomas married Susan Barden. Based on other family records it is now apparent "Barton" is correct? Marriage data comes from a marriage list and it is only ASSUMED that the same Larkin married all three persons. Lydia Davis does connect him with the first and third marriage. She reports children for this marriage to be: Susan Lee Alford Oct 1882, Jimmie Pearl Jun 1885 and Joseph Dewitt Jul 3, 1888. See census data in record with first wife.

**LIT800NC**

A three page list of the descendants of Littleberry Alford was published in *AAFA ACTION* Vol IV, No. 2 page 26, September 1991. See it for more information on this family.

Some researchers believe Littleberry was born in Wake County, NC because that was where he was married. It is probably just as likely that he was born in Franklin County, NC. An L. Berry Alford was taxed in Franklin County in 1834 for 254.75 acres and one white poll. So far no similar record has been found in Wake County. Note however that the 1850 Mississippi census shows his children were born in Alabama between 1826 and 1840 though we have been unable to find him in either the 1830 or 1840 Alabama censuses. There was a Littleberry Alford enumerated in the 1840 census of Nash County, North Carolina. He was age 30-40 but the number of children in the family rules them out as the Mississippi family. It might have been this Littleberry who was taxed in 1834 Franklin County. (Note that Nash, Franklin and Wake counties meet at a point not far from where many of our Alfords lived.)

There was also a Littleberry present in Franklin County as late as 1861. This is likely to be the 40 year old farmer, Littleberry Alford, who was enumer-

ated in the Franklin County family of Robert Moore in 1850. A Littleberry married a Elizabeth Moore on 11 March 1834 in Franklin County. He was still in the county in 1860 when he was enumerated as a laborer living with 55 year old Henry Foster and a 28 year old Lucy Burgess. A Littleberry Alford married Emmariah Lewis on 21 November 1863 in Franklin County.

Littleberry, subject of this record, married into and apparently moved with the Butler family. Another close family with which they associated and moved was the Aycock family. We know more about the Butler and Aycock families than Littleberry's family. The Aycocks moved from North Carolina to Alabama between 1820 and 1829. Polly Butler, who married Littleberry, had a brother named Willie Butler, and he married Mary Alford on 6 May 1822. Mary Alford is supposed to be the daughter of Isaac Alford and his first cousin Mary Alford. One of our North Carolina "experts" is looking into the possibility that Littleberry and Mary were also brother and sister.

**SHE867IN**

His birth date was recorded as Feb 1862 in 1900 but in 1910 and 1920 his age was such that it makes the birth in 1867. From a combination of several census records we have determined that Sherman had a brother, PERRY ALFORD, who was born 1861 in Indiana. Coming from Indiana during this period Sherman and Perry could be from several branches of the family. Hopefully the 1870 census, when extracted, will provide the answers we are seeking.

**WIL830KY02**

Everything is right for this William or Williamson to be the son of William and Cathy Bast but we are still lacking proof. Folks with the right name were at the right place and the right time but that is all. Treat it accordingly until proven. ❖

(*Twenty Things to Do, cont. from p. 1*)

12. Look for old letters written by or about Alfords and submit to *AAFA ACTION*.
13. Send in a previously unsubmitted Family Group Sheet on which an "Alford" is a parent.
14. Write to Gil Alford, Executive Director, and ask him what projects need officers. Volunteer for the one that interests you. We need people to manage the gathering, verifying, cataloging and submission for publication of a variety of records: military, cemetery, etc.
15. Go to the county office that records land records in your county. Search the index and extract all the "Alford" entries before 1900. See p. 54 of the December 1991 issue for an example. (Check the Booklist for already published lists—especially southeastern states.)
16. Do the same for wills, especially if you live in an area where we know Alfords lived. Make a copy of the complete will and probate records and send to Janice Smith, Wills Project Officer, 1513 Croston Drive, Plano, TX 75075—Internet: 73734.3121@compuserve.com.
17. Remember to tell AAFA if you move! (See p. 44 this issue for why this is important.)
18. Volunteer to help type material for *AAFA ACTION*. Almost any computer program will work—contact me or Gil if you can help.
19. Get on the Internet! Those of us communicating via e-mail get a lot done much faster than the old "snail-mail" way. Much of the material in this issue was sent to me by members via the Internet. (If you have Compuserve, America On Line, or a similar service, you're already there.) You can also do genealogical research on the Net.
20. Do at least one of the above during the next year! ❖

## *In Remembrance of AAFA Members*

By Gil Alford, Executive Director

### Willie Marshall Alford 1919 – 1995 AAFA #128

Willie Marshall Alford<sup>11</sup> (Nathan Bell<sup>10</sup>, Warren Jefferson<sup>9</sup>, Warren Jefferson<sup>8</sup>, Spire Washington<sup>7</sup>, Brittain Washington<sup>6</sup>, Isham<sup>5</sup>, Lodwick<sup>4</sup>, Lodwick<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born 18 November 1919 in Hinds County, Mississippi. He died at 2:38 P.M. Sunday, 19 February 1995 at the Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida.

Willie, who often went by his middle name, Marshall, was the son of

Nathan Bell Alford and Susie Mae Overby. He married Beatrice Virginia Ponder on 3 December 1945 in Brandon, Rankin County, Mississippi. They had three children: William Marshall Alford born 5 June 1947, Carolyn Diane Alford born 4 August 1950, and David Randall Alford born 10 June 1953.

He was born and raised on a farm near Jackson, Mississippi and spent the first 20 years of his life there. He was attending school in Terry, Mississippi, but he left when he was 17 and worked painting houses. On 29 November 1939, just after his 20th birthday, he joined the U.S. Army and spent the next nine years in service. He served in England, France, and Belgium in late 1944 and

1945, returning to the states in November 1945.

He remained in service and was with the occupation forces in Japan in 1946 and 1947. He returned to the United States and was discharged in July 1948. He completed the mechanics courses at the Armored Forces School, Ft. Knox, Kentucky and the Tank School, Detroit, Michigan, and was a master mechanic and a tractor mechanic.

He served as a master sergeant, the highest enlisted rank possible, with the 3509th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company, the 703rd Ordnance Maintenance Company, and with the 8th Army Auto Maintenance School in Japan. He was qualified as a sharpshooter with the US Caliber 30 carbine. He continued his service in the inactive Army reserves and was recalled to active duty in September 1950 when he was sent to Korea. He served in Korea from November 1950 through March 1951. He returned to the states and was discharged again. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal - Japan, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Service Star for the Rhineland Campaign, and the Korean Service Medal.

Between his tours of duty with the army Willie worked as a truck driver for the Dunn Construction Company, a road construction company, and he went back to work for them when he returned from Korea. From 1951 to 1967 he held all kinds of jobs in road construction from truck driver to general superintendent and worked in Alabama, Georgia and Florida. In November of 1967 he moved to a new company, General Asphalt, as Vice President of Construction and spent the next 15 years in that job,

*Willie Alford*

spending considerable time traveling for the company.

He was an avid bowler and taught his children to love and enjoy the sport. When serving in the army in Japan he worked as a pin setter at the local G.I. bowling alley. In 1970 he took up golf and played at every opportunity until a bad ankle began to pain too much. He was on the Bay Pines course in Orlando when he had his first heart attack in 1974.

His cousin, Charlotte (Mrs. Wylie) Alford, of Denver, Colorado, introduced Willie to the Alford American Family Association (AAFA) in January 1989. In the short six years that followed many in AAFA became acquainted with Willie. They come to respect, admire and love him for his friendly, cooperative, "can do" spirit.

When he submitted his application for membership, a letter came along with it saying, "I don't know how good I will be as I have dodged administrative work when possible—altho I have had to do some in the past. With some help from you and others I will be willing to try to fill the job as "Cemetery Project Officer" for the state of Florida, if there is no one else to take the job." Then a month later in February, he wrote, "If you do not as yet have a Cemetery Project Officer for Mississippi, I would be glad to take both Florida and Mississippi to get things started. I was raised in Mississippi and possibly could get some help in searching some of the cemeteries." In a later February letter: "I am working on some addresses here in Florida and keep trying to send out a few letters trying to reach some new members." Still in February: "I received your letter yesterday and also the "Founding Membership Certificate" which I am proud of. I will as I have time be trying to recruit some new members both here and back in Mississippi.... I will write to several papers here in

Florida and see if I can find some with a genealogical columnist. I have a lot to learn but am willing to help wherever I can."

He served the Alford American Family Association as representative for the State of Florida. He assisted the editor of the quarterly by typing numerous files into computer records and assisted the census team by entering thousands of census records into the computer. He was also the member responsible for maintaining the master computer genealogy files for his main branch of the family. He acquired and provided AAFA records, such as death certificates, for many Mississippi Alford's. He was a close and much loved friend of many association members, and he will be greatly missed.

The following was written by fellow church member, Clifford D. Boyer, and read at the funeral:

**THE HOME GOING OF  
MARSHALL ALFORD**

He has kept the faith and fought the  
good fight  
His joy is not complete.  
His face reflects the perfect light  
That comes from the mercy seat.

He was a builder of roads  
and character too  
To this his grandchildren can attest.  
Many lives, not just a few,  
Through Marshall all will be blessed.

His smile was sweet, his hand shake  
the same  
They lit up the church  
Sunday mornings  
No one could see the awful pain  
At times it struck without warning.

In latter times, voices sweet slowly  
slipped away.  
And Jesus' voice came loud and sweet,  
"It's time to fly away."

**H. Harold "Hal" Alford  
1929 – 1995  
AAFA #226**

Hollis Harold "Hal" Alford<sup>9</sup> (Hollis Victor<sup>8</sup>, Julius C.<sup>7</sup>, Warren Jackson<sup>6</sup>, Edwin Barksdale<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Julius<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was b. 2 January 1929 in Pike Co., MS, the son of Hollis Victor and Ethel McMillan Alford. He married Barbara Jo Lewis on 25 February 1960 in Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County, Georgia. They had two children: Victor Harold Alford, AAFA #225, born 11 December 1960, and Hollis Anne Alford born 22 January 1963. Hal died on 7 March 1995 in Altamonte Springs, FL, and is buried at Highland Memory Gardens in Forest City, FL. His obituary follows:

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*MCCOMB ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL*  
McComb, MS—9 March 1995

Longwood, Fla.—H. Harold Alford, 66, of Orlando, died of cancer March 7 1995.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. Friday at Forest City Chapel in Altamonte, Fla., until services there at 11 a.m. Friday.

Mr. Alford was born in Pike County and moved to Central Florida in 1976. He was a member of Calvary Assembly of God Church.

He was a regional estate planning specialist for Southern Farm Bureau for more than 30 years. He was a member of the Central Florida Estate Planning Council and the Central Florida Chapter of American Society of CLY and ChFC. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving as a captain in the U.S. Air Force. He served in the Air Force Reserves after the war.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Jo Alford of Longwood; one son and daughter-in-law, Victor and Lora Alford of Altamonte; one daughter and son-in-law, Cissy and

Scott Vanlue of Longwood; one sister, Mrs. Leon C. Jones of Richmond, Va.; and two grandchildren.

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Hal's parents' family in Pike County, like most in that period, were poor and made their living farming. Hal worked hard on the farm to help the family survive and for a diversion he collected arrowheads from the fields. At age 16, and after finishing the 11th grade, Hal hitchhiked to Mississippi State University, with a cardboard suitcase and \$100. At college he was a chemistry minor and a dairy sciences major. He worked his way through college by doing all kinds of side work but mainly by working in the cafeteria.

Hal was underage for service in World War II. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving as a captain in the U.S. Air Force and served in the Air Force Reserves after the war. He served in

Alaska doing intelligence work.

When he returned from service he went to work as manager of an ice cream packing plant in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. After that, in the early 1960s, he went to work for Allstate Insurance Company in Georgia. From there he moved to Farm Bureau Insurance and to McComb, Mississippi near his birthplace, and then to Raymond, Mississippi near Jackson. In 1966 he became the Louisiana state sales manager and moved to Baton Rouge. After a few years it was back to Jackson, Mississippi to be state sales manager for that state. While in Louisiana Hal won many awards including a key to the city of Baton Rouge.

Hal moved to Florida in 1976, where he worked for Southern Farm Bureau. He also had some real estate holdings and was quite involved in maintaining

occupancy in all of them.

He was always involved in his church and its choir even though he was extremely busy. He tried to attend as many functions as possible and to involve his children in the band and other activities. He was an avid reader—especially his Bible, which family members say has annotations and highlighting on just about every page. He was a member of Calvary Assembly of God Church.

Hal had few outside interests—occasional fishing or hunting—and did not become interested in his family history until after he was introduced to AAFA by his son, Victor, at the 1989 meeting in Houston, TX. Hal and Victor have attended most meetings of the Association. Hal, his wife, Barbara Jo Lewis Alford, son Vic, and sister Dorothy Alford Jones of Richmond, VA—and many in her family—have been very active in AAFA.

Dorothy's daughter, Jean, was the first AAFA North Carolina State representative and coordinated the 1990 Raleigh meeting. Hal's son, Victor, made a presentation on old photographs at the 1992 meeting in Destin, FL.

Hal was elected President of AAFA in Jackson, MS in 1991 but later had to resign because of other pressing commitments. He served on the board of directors from 1991 until his death.

When asked in 1991 if he would consent to be a candidate for AAFA president, he wrote: "As I told you, I need to retire before I take on more jobs. However, for you I'll consent to run (maybe I'll lose this one and make another.) Anyhow, I'll help in whatever way I can." In July 1992 AAFA received a letter in which he wrote: "Due to my travel schedule

*Hal Alford*

*(Continued on p. 24)*

# Alabama Obituaries

Robin Alford Sterling, AAFA #320, has ordered from the Alabama State Archives a microfilm copy (16mm) of the reel that contains the Alford section of the Alabama families Surname Clippings File. The Archives says that this "file consists mainly of clippings about Alabamians from Alabama newspapers and contains notices of appointments, marriages, legal proceedings, general news items, personal, obituaries, as well as articles and correspondence about family histories. This file is available on microfilm and is arranged alphabetically by surname. (ca. 1901-1982)"

Bob says, "When I first saw this file, I started printing out the contents (at a quarter a pop) before I realized the file was very large. Later I decided to just buy the roll of film for under \$20. I have ordered it from the State Archives. After I transcribe the contents for publication for you and Pam, I plan to donate it to the Association."

Since Bob has recently acquired an Internet address, he has sent numerous transcribed files from those first "quarter a pop" pages. In this issue are included obituaries with some additional information from the AAFA files, courtesy of Gil Alford.

In case you want to drop Bob a note thanking him for this tremendous contribution, Bob's Internet address is: BOBWONDA@moontarz.nuance.com. (Bob's wife's name is Wanda, but the address assigner spelled it incorrectly!)

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## GEORGE C. ALFORD

*The Alabama Journal*, 2 June 1942

Camden, June 2—George C. Alford, 48, died Friday afternoon at his home in Camden. He had been in poor health for some months. Funeral was held at

his home Saturday with the Rev. R.C. Kennedy and the Rev. Roak officiating. Burial followed in Camden Cemetery, with Mathews directing. Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Carrie Fails Alford; one son, Jack Alford, of Frisco City; two daughters; Mrs. Ed Jones and Betty Alford of Camden; his mother, Mrs. Lottie Alford, of Dixon Mills; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Sue Dalton, of Camden, and Mrs. Elizabeth Green, of Thomasville; two brothers, Lynch Alford of Montgomery, and Julius Alford, of Camden.

AAFA NOTE: George C. Alford was a descendant of William G. Alford, born in January 1826 in South Carolina. The family was a long time Wilcox County resident. George Fail Alford, Jr., who was probably a grandson of George, was or maybe still is the executive director of AL Tombigbee Regional Planning Commission. AAFA has heard from two descendants of this branch, but neither are members. The obituary appears to be not 100% correct based on data from the family and the census.

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## A.B. ALFORD

*Montgomery Advertiser*, 1 May 1940

A.B. Alford, 72, who resided on the Wetumpka Road, died suddenly at his home yesterday at 4 p.m. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Margaret Alford; five daughters, Mrs. Idell Wiggins, Mrs. Nitus Alford, and Mrs. J.B. Bozeman, all of Montgomery; Mrs. A.M. Schuman, and Mrs. Joe Fox, both of Bridgeport, Conn.; one son, G.W. Alford, Gate City, Fla.; and several grandchildren. Funeral plans will be announced by White Chapel.

AAFA NOTE: A.B. Alford was actually Obadiah "Tobias" or "Tobe" Alford who married Margaret Barfoot.

We trace this line back to William Alford of early Hancock County, Georgia. This obituary, when reviewed in light of more complete information, shows how misleading obituaries can be. Mrs. Idell Wiggins was Hattie Idella Alford who married Kimmey Wiggins, Mrs. J.B. Bozeman was Gladys Catherine Alford, Mrs. Joe Fox was Ruthie Victoria Alford, Mrs. Nitus Alford was Lillian Knightus Alford who married Walter Herbert Alford, and G.W. Alford was George Washington Alford. AAFA has members who descend from this family.

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## MRS. C.M. ALFORD

*Montgomery Journal* [?]  
15 April 1935 [?]

Funeral services for Mrs. C.M. Alford were held from her home at Ramer [Montgomery Co.] at 1:30 p.m. Sunday with the Rev. W.O. Calhoun officiating. The body was sent through country to Mr. Moriah, near Orion, for burial. Pallbearers were (active) L.A. Watkins, R.C. Watkins, Porter Brown, W.T. Holley, B.F. Moses and J.V. Henry, (honorary) Frank Stephens, Henry Stephens, Dowling Turnipseed, J.W. Beall, J.A. Beall and J.R. Beall.

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## ELIZABETH BYERS ALFORD

*Birmingham News*, 22 March 1947

Mrs. Elizabeth Byers Alford, age 87, of St. Clair Springs [St. Clair Co.], Ala., passed away Friday a.m. at a local infirmary. Survived by two sons, H.B. and J.B. Alford, both of Birmingham; two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Ramsey, Ashville, Ala., and Mrs. Orris Baker, St. Clair Springs, Ala.; 10

grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren. Funeral services Sunday 3 p.m. from the Cool Springs Baptist Church (near Ashville, Ala.), the Rev. E.E. Weaver and the Rev. George Williams officiating. Interment, adjoining cemetery. Active pallbearers, H.B. Alford, Jr., James H. Alford, R.C. Ramsey, Rubin Ramsey, Ralph Glidewell, Dr. O.T. Alford, Curtis Alford and Edward Skinner. Brown-Service Norwood, directing.

In another article:

St. Clair Springs, Ala., March 22—Funeral services will be held at Cool Springs Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Sunday for Mrs. Elizabeths Byers Alford, 87, who died at a Birmingham hospital Friday. The Revs. Edgar E. Weaver and George Williams will officiate. Brown-Service, Norwood will be in charge. Surviving are two sons, H.B. and J.B. Alford, Birmingham; two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Ramsey, Ashville, and Mrs. Orris A. Baker, St. Clair Springs; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

AAFA NOTE: Elizabeth Byers Alford was the widow of James R. Alford, a long time resident of St. Clair Co. He is probably the James who was the son of Travis Alford, in which case we connect them to the rapidly increasing ISHAM ALFORD branch. The H.B. Alford mentioned was either Hoyt Byers Alford or Hoyt Bass Alford.

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**FRANCES ALFORD**

*Mobile Press Register*, May 1941

Mrs. Frances Alford, native of Citronelle [Mobile Co.], Ala., but a resident of Leakesville [in adjoining Green Co.], Miss., for the past few years, died at a local infirmary Saturday evening, May 3, 1941, at 6:30 p.m. She is survived by two

sons, Ebb Alford of Leakesville, Miss., and Ruff Alford of Grove Hill, Ala.; one daughter, Mrs. Leila Churchwell of Leakesville, Miss.; 21 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren, and other relatives. Funeral services will be held from her residence in Leakesville, Miss., Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the Mount Pisgah Cemetery. Arrangements by the Higgins Mortuary.

AAFA NOTE: AAFA #718 JoLynn Alford Long (74743.3045@compuserve.com) is trying to learn more of her great-grandfather, the husband of Frances.

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**ELLA ALFORD**

*Birmingham News*, 12 September 1935

Decatur, Ala.—Funeral rites for Mrs. Ella Alford, 50, were conducted at Bear Creek Church, near Tuscumbia Wednesday, with Priest, of Decatur, in charge. She is survived by her husband, G.W. Alford; a son Eugene; two daughters, Rosella and Nina Jean Alford; two sisters, Mrs. K.W. Duke and Mrs. J.C. Johnson. Four brothers also survive.

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**G.W. ALFORD**

*Birmingham News* [?] 26 March 1941 [?]

Decatur, Ala.—Final services for G.W. Alford, 58, who died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home Monday were conducted Wednesday at Bear Creek in Marion County, with burial there. Surviving are two sons, Eugene Alford, Decatur; Hosie Alford, Carter, Ga.; three daughters, Mrs. Thomas Srygley, Decatur, Miss Nora Alford, Atlanta, and Miss Vina Alford, Decatur.

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**ALLEN ALFORD**

*Gadsden Times*, 13 October 1944

Allen Alford, Piedmont, Route 4, died at his home Thursday night at 8 o'clock following a short illness resulting from a heart attack.

The 79-year-old retired farmer was born and reared in Etowah County and prior to his death had served as deputy sheriff and county jailer for a number of years. He was a deputy for Sheriffs Chandler, Kirby, Gramling, Lister, Leeth and Griffin.

He was a member of Jones Chapel Baptist Church.

Funeral services are announced for Saturday at 2 p.m. at Youngs Chapel with the Rev. Taylor Chandler and the Rev. M.C. Rogers officiating.

Collier-Butler Funeral Home will have charge of burial arrangements at Youngs Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Eliza Johnson Alford; six sons, Robert, Cleve, W.C., Dewey and Louie Alford, all of Gadsden, and J.R. Alford, Boaz; three daughters, Mrs. Bessie Jenkins, Mrs. Thenia Pike and Mrs. Zannie Sims, all of Gadsden; a brother, Forrest Alford, Gallant; 23 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Grandsons of the deceased will serve as active pallbearers, and the following were named honorary pallbearers; Joe Gramling, Henry Smith, Jim Sims, E.L. Roberts, Dan Rutledge, Jim Works, Jeff Landers, Jeff Harris, Ed Heussey, Dr. Ford, O.P. Reagan, Judge W.M. Rayburn, Judge E.L. Hurst, Judge Harry Disque, Roy McCord, Luther Estes, M.S. Jones, Sam Hodge and R.A. Leath.

AAFA NOTE: Allen Alford was the son of Jefferson J. Alford and Nancy Gullede. Though not a direct ancestor of any AAFA member, he would be a distant cousin of many members since he is traced back to Isham Alford born 1755. Son "Cleve" Alford was probably Lester Cleve—maybe Cleveland.

W.C. Alford was Walter C. Alford.

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**BENNETT ALLAS ALFORD**

*Lee County Bulletin, 5 January 1967*

**Father of Local Resident Passes**

Funeral services were held for Bennett Allas Alford, 83, of Albertville, Jan. 3, at the First Methodist Church in Albertville. He was the father of William L. Alford of Auburn.

Mr. Alford lived in north Alabama all his life, having been born in Childersburg. In Albertville he established the Alford Cotton Co. a business which two of his sons and his daughter now operate.

In addition to his widow, the former Emma Sue Lumpkin of Albertville, and Dr. Alford, he is survived by three other sons, James H. Alford and Harold Bennett of Albertville and John Frank Alford of San Antonio, Texas, and a daughter, Mrs. J.W. Walker of Albertville and 16 grandchildren, five of whom live in Auburn, Linds.

AAFA NOTE: Bennett Allas Alford was the father-in-law of Eunice Ray Alford, AAFA #610 and the grandfather of AAFA members: Tim Alford #476, Harold Bennett Alford #692, Steven L. Alford #693, and Victor Ray Alford #694. They are descendants of Kinchen Alford, born about 1768 in North Carolina, the son of Lodwick Alford.

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**BERNARD RAMEY ALFORD**

*Montgomery Advertiser, 18 Feb 1949*

ALFORD, Bernard Ramey [sic], a resident of Elmore, Ala., died at a local hospital at 4:25 a.m. Thursday after a short illness. He was a

member of the Methodist Church. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Florelle Alford; a daughter, Miss Linda Alford [AAFA #106]; a brother Gerald W. Alford; an aunt, Mrs. Minnie Alford, all of Elmore; two sisters, Mrs. B.R. Tatum of Elmore and Mrs. Jimmie Harrington of Montgomery. The service will take place from the residence in Elmore today at 3 p.m. The Rev. Robert Meriwether will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Hebron Cemetery. Leak-Belser-Tucker in charge.

In another article:

*Montgomery Advertiser, 19 Feb 1949*

ALFORD, Bernard Raney. The service for Mr. Alford was held from the residence in Elmore at 3 p.m. Friday. The Rev. Robert Meriwether and the Rev. Fred Davis officiated. Active pallbearers were H.D. Trotter, J.N. Darby, Billy Turner, J.A. Curry, Earl Gray and T.B. Broadway. Honorary pallbearers were his co-workers with Dixie Electric Company, Noble Crump, Frank Jehle, J.E. Van Hoose, Charlie Jordan, Charlie Johnson, J.M. Blankinship, William Bozeman, Robert Carr, Thomas Wilbanks, Alvin Turner, O.B. Faust, L.E. McGarr, and W.E. Beasley. Burial was in Mt. Hebron Cemetery. Leak-Belser-Tucker in charge.

AAFA NOTE: Bernard Raney Alford should be Bernard RAMEY Alford. He was the father of AAFA #106, Linda Alford Pansano. His widow was Martha Florelle McEwen Alford. He was also related to James Harrington, AAFA #566. This family traces its Alfords back to William Alford of early Hancock County, Georgia. ❖

*Reunion of Descendants of Julius Caesar Alford of Mississippi*

The Fourth Triennial Alford Family Reunion of the descendants of Julius Caesar Alford and Mary Jane "Jancy" Cammack Alford will be held on 12 August 1995 in Gallman MS, near their homesite. The reunion committee, which includes AAFA #13 Julius Alford, is eager to have representatives from all five of the children in the family.

If you are a descendant of this family, be sure to contact:

Julius Alford  
P.O. Box 489  
McComb, MS 39648  
601/684-5998 or 684-5911

If it's too late to attend this year, get on the mailing list for next year's reunion!

Editor's note: Perhaps someone from the reunion will write a report for AAFA ACTION. A list of attending descendants and their lineage would be very helpful to future researchers! ❖

**Welcome**

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**Members**

**This Quarter!**

# Alfords in the San Jose Mercury News

Prepared by Pamela Thompson,  
Publications Director

Through the wonderful resource of the Apple (Computer) Library and the miracle of networking, I accessed, from my desk at work, the fully indexed computerized text of our local award-winning newspaper, the *San Jose Mercury News*, for issues from January 1992 through March 1995. Following is a summary of nearly all articles containing "Alford" as a last name. Two had already been published in *AAFA ACTION's* "Alfords in the News" because I'd spotted them, so they won't be repeated here, and three obituaries will be published in the "Obituaries" column. Most football players were mentioned in more than one article; a representative article was selected.

Many of the articles pertain to out-of-state subjects. In fact, only two of the Alfords are local. Six appear in national stories, and three are football players!

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## Mike Alford

*Many articles quote or mention police sergeant Mike Alford. An example:*

**Saturday, 4 January 1992**  
CHARGE FILED IN DEATH OF BOY, 4—GRANDFATHER ACCUSED UNDER NEW GUN LAW



A San Jose man whose 4-year-old grandson fatally shot himself New

Year's Day while playing with a loaded pistol has become the first person in California to be charged with criminal storage of a firearm under a law that went into effect hours before the shooting.

The law, known as the Children's Firearm Accident Protection Act of 1991, is patterned after similar laws in Florida, Connecticut and Iowa. It makes adults criminally liable for deaths or injuries of children that result from loaded firearms left within their reach.

The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office filed the charge Friday against the boy's grandfather, 47-year-old Carion Nicholas Conchas....

Conchas' whereabouts was unknown. San Jose police Officer **Mike Alford**, who is heading the investigation, said Conchas claimed he has received threats from other family members. The officer described Conchas as "very cooperative, very remorseful," and said Conchas was "moving around" but keeping in touch with authorities by telephone....

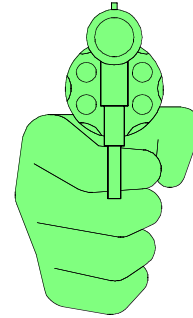
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## Mike Alford Claude and Mary Alford

**Wed., 22 December 1993**  
WAL-MART TO STOP STOCKING HANDGUNS

Bentonville, Ark.—Wal-Mart stores will stop stocking handguns beginning Feb. 1 but will offer them through catalogs, the chain announced.

A spokesman for the nation's largest retailer said Tuesday that the decision was unrelated to a lawsuit contending Wal-Mart employees were negligent in



selling a gun to a mentally disturbed man accused of using the weapon to kill his parents....

Family members of a slain Texas couple are suing Wal-Mart, contending store employees were negligent last summer when they sold a .38-caliber handgun to a man who acknowledged on a form that he had been treated for mental problems.

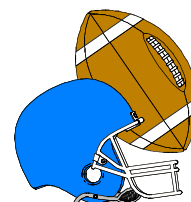
Authorities say Mike Alford used the gun to kill his parents, Claude and Mary Alford, at the couple's home in Alvin, Texas, Sept. 18. Alford hanged himself in jail after his arrest....

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## Nick Alford

**Saturday, 2 October 1993**  
COLLEGE FOOTBALL REPORT [partial]

BRONCOS UPDATE: Santa Clara's orphaned football players are finding success at other schools.... Josh Brouillette and Matt Taylor are starters on San Diego's offensive line, and





**Nick Alford** rushed for 60 yards last week in Tufts' opening game.

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**Katherine Alford**

Wednesday, 21 July 1993

WHAT'S COOKING AT HOME?  
NOT MUCH BESIDES TAKEOUT

New York—Every evening an army of bicyclists swarms over Manhattan, delivering boxes of pizzas, bags of burritos, cartons of General Tso's chicken.

Voila! Dinner is served.

In cities and towns all over the country, two-career couples, young families and single people in their 20s and 30s turn not to Mom in an apron but to supermarket takeout, pizza deliveries, restaurants or microwaveable prepared dinners....



Legacy of convenience

"It's smoke and mirrors when they get in the kitchen," said **Katherine Alford**, head teacher at Peter Kump's New York Cooking School. "It astonishes me that their culinary traditions are nonexistent."

Alford, 35, said she grew up with lots of convenience foods and understands their importance to women seeking time for careers or pursuits other than housekeeping....

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**Eric Alford**

Sunday, 30 October 1994

NEBRASKA DEFENSE PUTS  
SCREWS TO COLORADO 24-7



Lincoln, Neb.—Brook Berringer silenced his doubters and Nebraska's defense silenced Colorado. The result was a loud Cornhuskers' claim that they deserve to be No. 1....

Nebraska built a 24-0 lead on Berringer's 30-yard touchdown pass to tight end **Eric Alford** with 10 minutes, 42 seconds left in the third quarter....

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**Tony Alford**

Sunday, 23 October 1994

100-YARD TD RETURN CAPS  
UTAH'S WILD AND WACKY WIN  
[photo only—caption:]

Former Colorado State star Tony Alford consoles running back E.J. Watson after 45-31 loss to Utah.

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**Nancy and Matthew Alford**

Friday, 27 May 1994

S.J. COUNCIL NAMES COLE  
REPLACEMENT

A year and a day after it voted to condemn a black councilwoman for a

racially charged speech, the San Jose City Council on Thursday named a black bookstore owner to succeed Kathy Cole in the wake of her recall last month by voters in the city's Evergreen District.

Alice Evonne Woody, a former City Hall political aide, was sworn in at 9:25 p.m. to fill out Cole's term in District 8 through December 1996. Most of a crowd of about 150 onlookers cheered as Woody took the oath of office from Deputy City Clerk Nancy Alford, with her husband, Matthew, at her right side....

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**A.B. Alford**

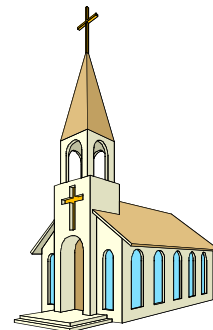
Saturday, March 19, 1994

FIGHTING THE INDIFFERENCE—  
AIDS GOES IGNORED IN SOME  
CHURCHES, BUT AN EFFORT IS  
MOBILIZING TO CHANGE THAT

It is a dark Tuesday night. A gentle rain splashes down on the parking lot outside Second Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. A small light shines from inside the church.

Ten women, 12 men and two children have ventured out to hear about AIDS programs sponsored by churches and synagogues in South Florida.

They sit in the first four pews of the three-story sanctuary and listen to the Rev. A.B. Alford tell how all 75 members of his South Miami Church of Christ became certified in HIV/AIDS education....



Janie Adams has helped lead the AIDS support group at First Baptist of Plantation since it was started seven years ago. Not many neighboring churches have followed its lead. For years, First Baptist had the only church-based AIDS support group in Dade and Broward counties. But Adams senses a shift in focus.

“I think there is just now beginning to be a feeling among a lot of churches that AIDS is something they need to look at, because demographically it’s becoming not ‘Do you know someone with AIDS?’ but ‘How many people do you know with AIDS?’ “

Some conservative congregations are coming around. Leaders of Alford’s fundamentalist Church of Christ initially took a dim view of his attempts to address AIDS. “But as the epidemic really hit and members began getting the disease or finding themselves having to counsel people with it and not knowing what to say, other than to quote Scripture, their attitude began to change,” the pastor says.

It changed from the “official” position that AIDS is God’s punishment “to a recognition now that it is a disease.” Soon all 75 members of his South Miami congregation became certified HIV/AIDS educators. They knock on other church doors for permission to talk frankly about AIDS prevention.

“The church is the best way to get a message across in the black community, but we usually have a real battle getting in, because many black churches are very fundamentalist, though that is beginning to change,” says Alford.

“We have to be careful not to actually say the word ‘condoms,’ for instance. So we get around it by saying, ‘You need to protect yourselves.’ Then we say, ‘See me outside in the parking lot for more explicit instructions.’”

The parking lot outside Second Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale is empty again just two hours after the beginning of the HIV Pastoral Care Network’s recent meeting. The effort to spread the word about AIDS ministries has been expended. One more time....

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**Stefan Alford**

Thursday, 17 March 1994

**4 CADETS ABLE TO AVOID EXPULSION**

The U.S. Air Force Academy said today it has reinstated four of five senior cadets who were recommended for expulsion just three months before graduation....

Three of the reinstated cadets will be



allowed to graduate with their class on June 1. The fourth will be allowed to graduate later after completing his classes and probation, said academy spokesman Staff Sgt. **Stefan Alford**.

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**William Alford**

Thursday, 16 March 1995

**A STERN REBUKE**

A broadcaster is accused of pulling the plug on Howard Stern while the shock jock was spouting off on a rival station.

Heidi Klosterman, promotions director

for WMMS-FM, was indicted with a friend, Greg Smith, on charges including disrupting public service.

Authorities said Stern’s syndicated show was interrupted twice June 10, 1994, while he broadcast from a WNCX-FM event. A remote transmitter was used to halt the broadcast, and satellite transmission wires later were cut....

Another WMMS employee, **William Alford**, pleaded guilty to cutting the wires and is awaiting sentencing.

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**Lee Alford**

Tuesday, February 21, 1995

**STEPDAD MOLESTED MOM ACCUSED OF KILLING SONS**

Union, S.C.—Susan Smith, who is accused of drowning her two young sons, was molested by her stepfather when she was 16, the man admitted in court papers that were unsealed Monday....

Family Court Judge **Lee Alford** agreed last month to release the records after two newspapers, the (Columbia) State and the Greenville News, sued to see them.... ❖



## Barney Alford of Pike County, MS

In January 1994, non-member Jim Huffman of Picayune, MS, sent AAFA a most interesting document that he found in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in Jackson, while he was doing research on one of his ancestors. He was looking for a particular slave narrative in a series of interviews conducted during the Depression by the Work Projects Administration (WPA). The U.S. government supported writers and historians during the Depression by hiring them to document the narratives of former slaves still living in the 1930s.

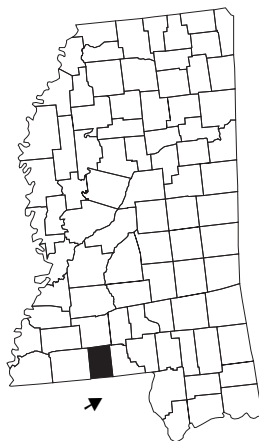
Jim checked for the surnames of all of his Mississippi ancestors because many slaves either were given or took the last names of their former owners. He found the narrative of Barney Alford of Pike County, MS, who claimed to have been owned by Edwin Alford, one of Jim's ancestors. (Edwin was the son of Jacob Alford, one of the earliest Alford's to arrive in the Mississippi/Louisiana area.)

Barney Alford was about 84 years old when he was interviewed. Jim wrote, "There are some misstatements of fact in his story—if he was, indeed, the slave of *my* Edwin [Barksdale] Alford. (There may have been another Edwin Alford who lived at the same time as *my* Edwin Alford on State Line Road on the Pike County, MS–Washington Parish, LA line, but I seriously doubt it.)

"Barney states that Marse Edwin rode off to war, but Edwin Alford would have been sixty-eight years old at the start of the Civil War, so Barney is in error here. He further states that Marse Edwin had his father (meaning Jacob Alford) on the plantation at various times, but Jacob Alford would have been long dead by the time Barney was born. Finally, Barney states that his Mistus (Mrs., meaning Martha Patricia

Smith Alford) was alive and waiting for Edwin when he came home from the war, but Martha died in 1861, so Barney is in error here, too."

Jim suggests that rather than there being two Edwin Alford's in the same area, "age and the experiences of other slaves had simply confused him on the issues mentioned above.... The rest of Barney's narrative remains for us to enjoy as an interesting insight into the life of a slave on an Alford plantation before and during the cataclysm of the Civil War."



Pike County

EDITOR'S NOTE: The narrative was originally written with an attempt to duplicate Barney's dialect. An example from page 2:

"My mammy, Deliah, wus de cook, an' a nudder old woman named 'Lit' lived one corner uf de yard, an' mammy Lit tuk keer uf all de lil'l black chulluns, an' I played 'round her door steps till I wus a big feller. Dey sed I wus mi'ty bad kase I wus always in Mischief."

I found this text difficult to read, difficult to type, and offensive in its implication that the speaker was ignorant. There was no reason, for instance, to transcribe "mighty" as "mi'ty".

Therefore, I asked Susan Wiseheart, who types much material for AAFA ACTION courtesy of AAFA #246 Ella Alford, to type the manuscript in standard English.

Serendipitously, Susan took a class in black dialect and knows how to "translate"! She says: *I left in things like Marse, childrens, feller, taters, 'lasses, 'bout, shore. I didn't leave "g's" off "ing" endings, though. You could change whip back to whup and do some other things to make it more like the original without the unnecessary spelling changes that make it seem as if he was stupid when instead he was speaking a dialect. I am leaving it as Susan typed it.*—Pam Thompson

*The bibliographical information on the reprint of the narrative Jim found is:*

George P. Rawick, General Editor, Jan Hillegas and Ken Lawrence, Editors. *The American Slave: A Composite Autobiography*, Supplement, Series 1, Volume 9, Mississippi Narratives Part 4; Contributions in Afro-American and African Studies, Number 35. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, n.d.

*On page 1, the first page after the title page, it says:*

Autobiography of Barney Alford, Pike County, Re-written Mrs. Wm. F. Holmes

Barney Alford, who lives eight miles east of Osyka on what is known as the State Line Road, tells this story:

*At the end of the narrative, the interviewer writes:*

Barney Alford is an old negro, rather stout, weight about 165 pounds; five feet and eight inches tall; round face and [very] black.... He wears a mustache and that is grey as well as his hair.

He walks with a stick, but seems not to be cripple. Loves to talk about himself and his mind seems clear on things in his early life, but his niece says he can't remember now. When I saw him the second time he seemed more feeble than the first.

His clothing were old but clean.

## The Narrative

I will be eighty four years old this coming November, if I live that long. Marse Edwin Alford was my Master, and he had a big plantation right near the Louisiana State line, and his house was on what was called the State Line road. I was born in a little log house right back of the kitchen and not far from the chicken house.

That chicken house was a big house and old Mistress had more than a hundred chicken in there, and the way the roosters would crow 'fore daylight was awful. They would wake every-body for a mile round.

Old Marse Edwin's house was a big house, and made of logs. It was two houses put together with a big open hall and a shed room on both ends of the gallery. After while he covered the side walls with plank. The plank was brung from the Great Eastern Saw Mill, not far from Osyka, and my pappy hauled it with ox-team. That house had no paint on it, but when they put plank on the walls, they cut the logs and put glass windows in that house. They had brick chimneys all the time. The water shelf was on the north end of the front porch and it had a shelf built over it to keep the sun from getting the water hot. Out in front of the house was a big stump with big trees and close by the gate was a riding block for the ladies to get off and on the horses when they went to church.

Old Marse had plenty mules, and goats, and cows, and oxen, and chickens, but only three horses, and he thought more of them horses than he

did of all the mules.

My mammy, Deliah, was the cook, and another old woman named Lit lived in one corner of the yard, and mammy Lit took care of all the little black childrens, and I played round her door steps till I was a big feller. They said I was mighty bad cause I was always in mischief.

Old Mistress was the best woman in the world, for she never hit me a lick in her life, and old Marse was good when he was not mad, but when you made him mad he would have you whipped. He believed in making you work, and if you didn't do your work right, he called the overseer and had him to whip, and that big long leather whip would almost cut the hide.

Old Marse saw to it that we all had plenty to eat. Every Saturday he give every family their portion; if there was a big family, they got a heap, and if there was just a few in the family they got little. These rations had to last a week; he give them meal, and meat, taters, grease, 'lasses, and sometimes a little flour and sugar. All the slaves had a garden and tater patch round their houses.

When Saturday would come, the slaves had to get everything in shape for the next coming week; there was washing to do, there was ironing and patching and picking peas to last a week. Oh, the slaves had plenty to eat. Marse give them plenty milk and sometimes a little butter.

When the slaves was mighty busy in the field, they sometimes had to go to the big house for dinner, and if the work was far from home sometimes the dinner was sent to them. Marse Edwin was not stingy 'bout feeding his slaves.

Old Marse give his slaves good clothes and they made them right there at home: when it rained, Old Mistress

would call the women to the house, and had them to start the spinning wheels and looms. Some of the thread was dyed with maple bark, and then she had the women to make all kind of fancy cloth, and they made fancy counterpanes. They made jeans to make pants of. Them pants never wore out. I never had any pants till 'bout time the war started. I always wore a long tail shirt, and when that overseer would get under that shirt he got right on to my skin. I'll never forget how he hurt. They all said I was bad.

Marse Edwin had a big man for Overseer, and he whipped every day. I wasn't bad, I was just full of mischief. I just run the chickens off the nest and get the eggs and hide 'em, and turn the cows and calves together so the calves could suck the milk, and hear old Liz, the milk woman, fuss; one day they told me and another boy to watch one of the horses to keep him out of the corn field; well, I tied a bundle of fodder to his tail and was just 'bout to set fire to it when the overseer seed me; well he caught me and then I got a mighty big whipping with his big whip. Most of the time he whipped me with his big hand, but that time he used his whip. He had a post out near the barn where he would tie the grown slaves, and pull their clothes off down to the waist and whip them, and every time he would the slave they would holler "Oh, pray Master, pray— Pray Master pray" and I was scared of that whip.

No nigger could leave that place without a piece of paper with old Marse name on it. That was to keep the patrollers from getting him, but some of the niggers would slip off and go to the next plantation to see other slaves. They always went at night when the white folks was 'sleep, and sometimes the patroller would get them. I never seed the patroller, but I heard them talking 'bout him.

Marse Edwin had his daddy with him a

whole lot of the time. That old man said he was born in North Carolina and come here when the Government was giving away land. There was nothing here but woods at that time. That old man would set out on the gallery and watch the chaps play.

I was born in that little house back of the kitchen, and I lived there till after the surrender. I don't know what year I was born but Mistress told me I was twelve years old when set free. My mammy had seven childrens and I was the first born and the first thing I can remember was helping to tend the other childrens.

Mammy would bring her chaps up to my mammy Lit's house every morning and leave us there while she went with the others to work. Most of her work was in the kitchen but sometimes she had to got to the field.

Old mammy Lit was mighty old and she lived in the corner of the big yard and she cared for all the black childrens while the old folks worked in the field, and the biggest childrens had to help mammy Lit with the little ones. Mammy Lit would spread a quilt on the gallery and put the babies on the floor and we had to keep the chaps from getting off the pallet and rolling off the gallery. Mammy Lit smoked a pipe, and I learned to hide that pipe, and she would slap me for it, then sometimes I would run away and go to the kitchen where my mammy was and mammy Lit would have to come for me and then she would whip me again.

One time they set out onion plants in the big garden, I stole a piece of bread from the kitchen and slipped in the garden and pulled up a lot of them onions and ate them, and when they missed them onions they laid it right onto me and I caught a hard whipping.

One time I got in the plum orchard and ate a lot of green plums and they give me the stomach ache. I thought I was

going to die. Then Marse come down to the house and give me a dose of Castor oil. I come near dying.

You see my mammy was named Deliah, and she was the best cook in the world, and old Mistress knowed it, and she kept her in that kitchen most of the time, 'cepting when she was in field. When big meetings would come, my mammy would stack them cakes up high on the shelf in a big room and one time I slipped in there and pinched off a big piece of cake, and they shore whipped me that time. Another time I got my hand in a jar of jam and couldn't get it out, and my mammy had to get it out for me, and was whipped for that. My mammy being the cook I stole many a piece of cake or something out of the kitchen and she didn't tell on me.

Every day there was a pan of milk poured in a big trough in front of mammy Lit's house, under a shelf, for all of the little black childrens; that milk had bread crumbled in it. Every one of us had a spoon and we would dip into it and see who could get the most. Mammy Lit would hit me over the head and tell me not to be so greedy and eat it all up from the others.

My pappy was named Jourdan, and he work in the field and he drove the ox team to Covington, Louisiana, with a big wagon loaded with cotton, all that four yoke of oxen could pull at a time. He was always gone a week and when he come back the wagon was full of flour, and salt, and sugar, and one time he brung a barrel of mackerel, and I stole some of that and was whipped for it.

Ole Marse would go along, but he rode horseback, but he always brung Mistress fine silk dresses, and fine hats and shoes and everything fine that she wanted.

They said the big war was coming and said the South couldn't be beat, and

men would come to the big house and stand round under the trees and prop their foot up on the roots of the trees and they would stand there and talk 'bout how quick the war would be over.

Some of the slaves would get together at night time and go down by the creek and pray for to be set free. Sometimes other slaves from other plantations would come and join in the praying. I never went down there, for I was asleep at that time.

One day Marse Edwin rode away on one of his fine horses, and Mistress, she cried and cried and said he was going and maybe get killed. Some of the slaves wanted old man Abe to whip the south and some of them was for the south beating, but all of them wanted to be set free. They just didn't want to work under a whip; they all wanted to be free to come and go when they wanted.

Then one day I heard horse feet and I seed the Yankees coming up the big road, and they come right up to the gate and asked my Mistress to give them something to eat. She told them she had nothing; they just laughed and went to the smoke house and busted open the door and took all our meat and sugar and flour and took it with them. Then they took the two fine horses that Marse loved so much, but they bothered nothing in the big house; and my Mistress she cried and cried.

But them Yankees went down to the gin and set fire to it with all the cotton and burnt it up. Some of the slaves went with them Yankees and they took two of old Marse mules and they never come back.

One day ole Marse come home to stay and he looked mighty sad. One day he rung the big bell and had all the darkies to come to the house and told them they was freed. He told them if they would stay with him that year he

would contract with them; some of them left right then, and some of them stayed on. My mammy stayed on and I stayed with her, and then ole Marse paid me for some work, but he paid me mighty little.

While the war was going on I had to help shuck corn and they put it in big bags and put the bags on the mules and me and old Tobe had to ride them mules way down in Louisiana to a mill and bring back the meal. We was gone all day.

After the war was over me and mammy stayed on with old Marse for nigh onto five years, and he got so he couldn't pay me for my work and then I went to the Great Eastern saw mill out from Osyka and hired to Mr. Joe Bridewell, and he put me to skinning logs 'fore they went to the saw. He give me a dollar a day, and I shore was happy. I stayed at that mill and work for nigh 'bout four years when the mill burnt down.

When the slaves was set free, they had nothing and old Marse didn't give them anything. All of us had a mighty hard time. Some of the slaves went to stealing but me and mammy stayed with old Marse and we got plenty to eat and while we had to work hard, he paid us a little and when we left there we went with nothing. I went to the saw mill and mammy and pappy went down in Louisiana. It was hard times everywhere they went.

My mammy lived to be 108 years, she got so old she couldn't walk and had to set in a chair all the time, and somebody had to tote her in a chair whenever she went over the house. She come to this country from Kentucky, and Marse Edwin bought her from a man who was taking her to New Orleans for to sell. Marse Edwin got her at Covington, 'fore she got to New Orleans. She died in 1932, and my pappy died 'bout thirty years 'fore that.

I never voted in my life. Way back yonder they told me I could vote but I never tried. I don't want to vote. My time is short on this earth and I want to live right and the white folks know how to run their business and I was not going to get mixed up with it.

I was promised nothing when I was freed, just told I must work if I got any money and soon found out I had to pay for what I got. When we was slaves old Marse fed and clothed us and after that we had to buy what we ate and what clothes we got, and it took hard work to make them. I had to work 'fore I was freed and ever since I was free, but nobody whips me now.

I never owned my home; I done public work, and then sometimes I work on the farm for shares, and the boss got his share and left me nothing. Then I moved on somewhere else.

I was married when I was a mighty young man, to a bright yellow gal, named Josephine Williams, and she made me a good wife. She stayed with me forty one years and had seven childrens. Oh, yes, I had to whip her sometimes, but then we always would get along better after that. I couldn't read nor write and she couldn't, but we sent all our childrens to school, and when they got big enough to help us, they left home and went up north and done forget us. Some of them is dead, and them that is living won't write; that is the way chaps treat their parents this day and time. Learning don't help chaps take care of their parents.

My old woman died 'bout ten years ago and I live with my sister Lindy Brumfield and her daughter, Nora Walker. They is good to me. I is too old to work, 'cepting I try to make a little garden.

The young folks don't know how to work like the old folks. Most these young folks thinks of is good times and

when they get a little money they gamble it off, and want fine clothes all the time. Some of them goes to the pen, but when in slavery time, nobody went to the pen.

I joined the Little Tangipahoa Baptist Church when I was a young feller, and after while they turned me out for stealing, and then they took me back and I went to preaching, and I shore preached the Gospel for a long time; then after 'while the member of that church quit paying me, and then I quit preaching. No use to give the niggers the Gospel free when they just spend all their money for whiskey, and in crap games, and won't pay the parson.

My membership is now with the Osyka Shiloh Baptist Church and Reverend Evans is the Shepherd of the flock and I is going to stay with them people till I pass on. I believe in shouting, and I know when you gets happy in the Lord and you got a right to tell it. I believe in old time religion.

I don't know nothing 'bout Mr. Lincoln, but Mr. Roosevelt is a mighty good man to all the poor folks, for they tell me he is the man who sent us all the relief, and help us poor niggers to live. I know Reverend Evans is the finest of them all. He goes to see the sick, and he bury the dead and never get any pay for it, and his members don't pay him enough to pastor that church.

Yes, ma'am, I remember some of the songs that the slaves used to sing but I nigh forgot most of them; one of them went like this when they was coming from the field late in the evening—

We is going around — Oh, the last round—

We is going around — The last round—

Ain't you glad we going round the last round

We is going home.

Another song they used sing was—

Step light ladies, the cake is all  
dough,  
Never mind the weather so the  
wind don't blow—

One song they was singing all the time  
was—

Run nigger run, the patroller get  
you  
Run nigger run, it is almost day.

I know there is spirits. I is seed them  
and I done talked to the Lord 'bout  
them. One time I was coming by the  
grave yard and I seed a spirit. I seed  
the eyes shining like the sun. I said to  
it, "Who that there?" and it said  
nothing. I said again, "Who that  
there?" and that time I chunk it with a  
stick, and then it made like it was  
coming for me, and then I run and the  
faster I would run the faster it would  
run. I looks back and I seed it coming  
on, and then I run faster and the faster  
it would run. It looked like a dog but it  
was as big as a mule. I hollered and I  
hollered, and when I was near the  
house I calls Josephine, and she would  
not come and I kept hollering. After  
'while I fell on the doorsteps and kept  
hollering, and then Josephine opened  
the door and asked me what was the  
matter with me, and I kept hollering  
and couldn't tell her. After 'while she  
threwed some cold water on me and  
then I come to myself and told her  
'bout the spirit, and she said "Go long,  
nigger, you just had too much liquor".  
I tell you I never went by that grave  
yard again after dark.

I believe that was old Marse spirit,  
cause that spirit was standing right by  
his grave. Old Marse used to whip me  
and he was shore after me that time,  
cause he knowed I had stole a water-  
melon. But I quit stealing after that and  
now I live right.

That watermelon? Oh, I dropped that at  
the graveyard. ❖

## Alfords of Robertson Co., TN

Sent by Wendall A. Meggs, AAFA #506

From the privately published book  
*HISTORICAL SKETCHES, ADAMS,  
ROBERTSON COUNTY, AND PORT  
ROYAL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY,  
TENNESSEE 1779-1968*, by Ralph  
L. Winter

Four generations of Alfords have  
lived at the same homestead four and  
one-half miles south of Adams.

N.B. [Wiley Napoleon Bonaparte,  
son of Wiley and Sophia V.] Alford,  
was born 1826. He married Nancy  
Bilbro, for his first marriage. She  
died in 1862. N.B. married again,  
this time to Mary Carney. N.B.'s  
children are as follows:

1. William Wiley Alford, who had  
no children;
2. Fountain Ellis Alford, who  
married Leura Matthews; they  
had no children;
3. Susan B. Alford, who married a  
Johnson, and moved to Texas;
4. Ben L. [Lafayette] Alford, who  
married Lela Bigger in 1903;  
they had two children:
  - i. Frances W. Alford, who never  
married; she died 1964;
  - ii. Ben Carmack Alford, who  
married Martha Basford; they  
had three children:
    - a. Ben Robert Alford [AAFA  
#505], born 1936 in  
Robertson County, Tenn; he  
married Sherri Durham in  
Davidson County, Tenn. They  
had two children: David and  
Julie.
    - b. Mack Alford, born in  
Robertson County, Tenn.
    - c. Martha Nell Alford, born in  
Robertson County, Tenn. She  
married James H. Lindsey of  
Lawrenceburg, Tenn. They

had a child, Charles C. Alford  
Lindsey.

### Obituary Ben Carmack Alford

*THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN*  
Nashville, TN—28 Dec 1994

Alford, Ben Carmack—Age 86 of  
4731 Goodman Rd., Adams, TN. Died  
Tuesday, December 27, 1994. Sur-  
vived by wife of 58 years, Martha  
Basford Alford; two sons Rev. Ben R.  
Alford, Hendersonville, Charles C.  
Alford, Adams; a daughter, Mary Nell  
Alford Lindsey, Lawrenceburg; six  
grandchildren, Ben David Alford, Julie  
Marlene Alford, Mary Beth Lindsey,  
James Alford Lindsey, Wendy Ruth  
Alford, Charles Matthew Alford; one  
great-grandson, Ben Overton Alford.  
Mr. Alford was the son of Ben L. and  
Lela Bigger Alford. He attended the  
Glenraven School and was graduated  
from Bell High School in Adams  
where he lettered in football and  
served as President of the Senior Class  
of 1928. Mr. Alford was a retired  
farmer and dairyman. He was a life-  
long member of the Adams United  
Methodist Church where he served in  
various leadership roles including  
superintendent of the Sunday School,  
teacher, trustee, and Chairman of the  
Administrative Board. He was pre-  
ceded in death by his sister, Frances  
W. Alford. Remains are at the  
Robertson County Funeral Home in  
Springfield where visitation with the  
family will occur on Thursday....  
Funeral services will be held at the  
Adams United Methodist Church on  
Friday, December 30, 1994 at 11:00  
a.m. with Rev. Kenneth Giles pie and  
Dr. Leonard Wolcott officiating.  
Interment Bellwood Cemetery, Adams.  
Honorary pallbearers, Harold  
Goodman, Fred Goodman, Maurice  
Tolleson, William Arms, Clarence

Stuard Sr., members of the Fellowship Class. Active pallbearers, Joe Goodman, David Goodman, John Goodman, Ward Durham, Richard Durham, Charles Rust.... The body will lie in state from 10:00 a.m. until service time on Friday at the church.



Ben Robert Alford, AAFA #505, sent the photo below of his father, Ben Carmack Alford, born 9 November 1908 in Robertson Co., TN, standing between the grave markers of his great-grandparents on 4 April 1993.

The cemetery is located on a hill just off Central Pike near Mt. Juliet, Wilson Co., TN, on property now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Smart.

The tombstone on the left bears this inscription directly beneath a D.A.R. medallion:

SOPHIA V. ALFORD  
Born June 5  
1789  
Died May 19  
1875

Above a hand pointing upward on the other tombstone are the words "We will meet again." Below is this inscription:

WILEY ALFORD  
Born in  
Wake Co., N.C.  
June 12, 1783  
Died  
March 2, 1854  
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*(In Remembrance, cont. from p. 12)*

and other demands on my time I'm simply unable to devote the time that a president of the Association should be contributing. As usual, Jo is right again—she told me when I accepted that it was loading my wagon beyond my capacity. Thanks a million to all of you. See you all in Destin." Destin was the last time most of us ever saw Hal. In September 1993 Jo wrote to explain Hal's work schedule and other commitments and their reasons for not making the meeting in St. Francisville. She went on to say "...and I certainly look forward to seeing you again in the future, God willing. Perhaps Hal and I can concentrate a little better after he retires in the next year or so and we're not traveling so much otherwise." The last note we received from Hal in August 1994 said, "Sorry to be so long to be in touch—believe it or not, this time I have a reasonable excuse. In 1983 I was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. The CLL sorta hung around without any problem 'til March of this year. With my immune system weak, I had gall bladder surgery, 2 weeks later lung partially removed. I've since been recuperating slowly but progressively. As of now I don't know that I'll be in Richmond come October. I'm still scheduled for some chemotherapy and I don't know when it will start. I'm told it will last for approximately 6 months. I sincerely hope all goes well with the coming family gathering."

I talked to him briefly while he was in the hospital. He sounded good and gave good reports but letters received from sister Dotty told otherwise. I remember Hal as the person in the AAFA who made me laugh more than anyone else. He had many of us "rolling in the aisles" at the meeting in Houston. From a serious point of view, he did more than any other member to try to promote AAFA's long term financial stability.

—Gil Alford ❖



# Engagements and Weddings

## Engagements

**KATHERINE ELISE CARLISLE  
JOHN ANTHONY WALLACE, JR.**

Sent by Julius Alford, AAFA #13

*McCOMB ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL*  
McComb, MS—Sunday, 10 April 1994

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Augustus Carlisle III of McComb announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Elise, to John Anthony Wallace Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Anthony Wallace of Atlanta, Ga.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. **James Louis Alford** of McComb [brother of Julius M. Alford, AAFA #13] and Mrs. Emmett Augustus Carlisle Jr. of Ocean Springs and the late Mr. Carlisle.

Wallace is the grandson of the late Dr. and Mrs. Henry Cliff Sauls of Atlanta, Ga., and the late Dr. and Mrs. David Francis Wallace of West Hartford, Conn.

Miss Carlisle is a graduate of McComb High School and Vanderbilt University, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Wallace is a graduate of The Westminster Schools in Atlanta, Ga., and Princeton University, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and University Cottage Club. He attends The Harvard Business School in Boston, Mass.

The wedding will be July 2, 1994, at Centenary United Methodist Church.

*Katherine Elise Carlisle*

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**DANA MARIA HARGETT  
LEWIS EDWIN ALFORD III**

Sent by Faye Alford Swan, AAFA #220

*THE COMMERCIAL DISPATCH*  
Columbus, MS—Sunday, 6 March 1994

*Dana Maria Hargett*

Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Hargett of Russellville, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Maria Hargett of Columbus, to Lewis Edwin (Lea) Alford III, also of Columbus. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Edwin Alford Jr. of Jackson.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hargett of Spruce Pine, Ala., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer M. Bendall of Russellville.

She is a 1988 graduate of the University of Alabama where she received a bachelor of science degree in merchandising and a minor in marketing. She is a 1985 graduate of Russellville High School. She is merchandise manager at JC Penney in Columbus.

He is the grandson of Nell Alford and the late Lewis E. Alford, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Henderson and the late Mrs. Lessie Henderson, all of Madison.

He is a 1992 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and a minor in French. He is a T-37 instructor pilot at Columbus Air Force Base in Columbus.

The wedding will be April 16, 2 p.m., at First United Methodist Church in Florence, Ala.

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**REGINA ALFORD  
RONALD ALLEN MAY**

Sent by Margary N. Nelson, AAFA #393

*PALATKA DAILY NEWS*  
Palatka, FL—Monday, 24 August 1992

High School and is employed by the United States Air Force.

[Regina Alford is the niece of Ebbie P. Alford, AAFA #237. See their wedding announcement in this article.]

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**Weddings**

**JULIE MICHELLE RIGGS  
JOHN DAVID ALFORD**

Sent by Faye Alford Swan, AAFA #220

*THE COMMERCIAL DISPATCH*  
Columbus, MS—Sunday, 18 September 1994

Julie Michelle Riggs of Brazil, Ind., and John David Alford of Auburn, Ala., were married July 9, 6 p.m. at Carrier Chapel on the campus of Mississippi University for Women with Rev. Ronald Sumners officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Glenn Riggs Jr. of Owensboro, Kent. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Galbraith and Mr. and Mrs. E. Glenn Riggs, all of Brazil.

The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. William L. Alford of Auburn. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Wiggs of Nashville, Tenn., and the late Mr. and Mrs.

*Ronald Allen May and Regina Alford*

The engagement of Regina Alford and Ronald Allen May, both of Palatka, is announced today.

Regina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Alford of Palatka.

Ronald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan May of Palatka.

The wedding will be held at the Francis Baptist Church with Rev. B.B. Coulliette officiating.

The bride-elect attended Palatka High School and is employed by Santa Fe Home Care.

The prospective groom is a 1989 graduate of Palatka

*John David and Julie Michelle Riggs Alford*

Bennett Alford of Albertville, Ala.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. ...

Amy Riggs of Columbia, Tenn., sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaid was Lissa Alvey of Terre Haute, Ind. ...

The groom's father served as best man. Groomsmen were Charles Alford of Wintergarden, Fla., brother of the groom, and Robert Brown of Columbia.

Following a wedding trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., the couple reside in Columbus where he is an art history professor at Mississippi University for Women.

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**ELIZABETH HOWELL CARRIERE  
TODD MICHAEL ALFORD**

Sent by non-member Elmer Miller

*THE ATLANTA JOURNAL / ATLANTA CONSTITUTION*  
Atlanta, GA—Sun., 11 September 1994

Elizabeth Howell Carriere and Dr. Todd Michael Alford were married Aug. 13 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Atlanta. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Stephen L. Yander.

The bride is the daughter of Katherine Carriere Zachary and Edward Etienne Carriere Jr., both of Decatur. She is a graduate of Georgia State University.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ray Alford of Wildwood, Fla. He is a graduate of the University of Florida, where he also

earned a medical degree. He completed his residency at Emory University and is a forensic fellow at Yale University.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Greece. They live in Branford, Conn.

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**AMY LYNN LENTZ  
ROBERT CHRISTOPHER ALFORD  
AAFA #41 & North Carolina State Ref**

*THE WAKE WEEKLY*  
Wake Forest, NC—Thursday, 21 July 1994

Amy Lynn Lentz of Raleigh and Robert Christopher Alford of Wake Forest, were married July 16 at Wake

Forest United Methodist Church. The Rev. Mike Davis and the Rev. David Beckstrom, cousin of the bride, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. James Thurman Harward of Cary. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Grady Alford of Wake Forest.

Kimberly Renae Glenn of Kernersville was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amy Lynn Hale of Winston-Salem and Elizabeth Ann Rosenberg of Brimfield, Ill., cousin of the bride.

Flower girl was Meghan Scott Ayscue of Henderson, cousin of the groom.

The groom's father was the best man. Ushers were Ronald Joseph Dement Jr. of Louisburg, cousin of the groom, Steven C. Sloan and Gregory T. Riley, both of Raleigh, and Robert W. Nicks of Cary.

Carl Clark was organist.

After a wedding trip to Charleston, S.C., and Seabrook Island, S.C., the couple will live at 3117-A Aileen Drive, Raleigh.

The bride has a bachelor's degree in industrial relations and sociology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is employed as a personnel representative/EEO officer with the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

The groom has a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in accounting from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a staff accountant with KPMG Peat-Marwick.

*Amy Lentz Alford*

Mr. and Mrs. Milton G. Alford hosted a rehearsal party at the Cardinal Club in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Harward hosted a reception at the Plantation Inn in Raleigh.

*In another article:*

No source  
Wytheville, VA—no date

Amy Lynn Lentz of Raleigh, N.C., and Robert Christopher Alford of Wake Forest, N.C., were married July 16 at 2 p.m. in the Wake Forest United Methodist Church....

Both the bride and groom are 1994 graduates of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill....

The bride is a granddaughter of Mrs. Vern E. Lentz of Wytheville who attended the wedding and festivities....

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**DANA MARIA HARGETT  
LEWIS EDWIN ALFORD III**

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*  
Jackson, MS—Sunday, 19 June 1994

Dana Maria Hargett and Lewis Edwin Alford III, both of Columbus, were married April 16, 1994, at First United Methodist Church in Florence, Ala.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Hargett of Russellville, Ala. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Edwin Alford Jr. of Jackson.

Sherrie Patrick was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Leslie Alford, Susan Bradford and Janet Hargett.

L. Edwin Alford Jr. was his son's best man. Grooms- men were Cliff Kling, Kyle Hargett, Nathan Chilcott, Edward Harmond, Brad Hartzog and David Risch.

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**LEAH REBECCA ALFORD  
MICHAEL ANDREW SCHARFF**

Sent by non-member Elmer Miller

*THE ATLANTA JOURNAL / ATLANTA CONSTITUTION*  
Atlanta, GA—Sunday, 20 March 1994

Leah Rebecca Alford and Michael Andrew Scharff were married in November. The ceremony and reception were at Naylor Hall, Roswell. The ceremony was performed by Judge Joel Feldman and Rabbi Phil Kranz.

The bride is the daughter of Patricia Simpson and Robert Alford, both of Marietta. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia and is employed by Crawford Post Production.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Scharff of Marietta. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri and is employed by CNN.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Antigua, West Indies. They live in Atlanta.

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**TREVELYN ALFORD  
RANDALL STEVEN SMITH**

Sent by Margary N. Nelson, AAFA #393

*PALATKA DAILY NEWS*  
Palatka, FL—Monday, 14 June 1993

Trevelyn Alford of Greenwood, S.C. and Randall Steven Smith of Sylva, N.C. were married recently in an outdoor chapel in the mountains of North and South Carolina known as "Pretty Place," Symmes Chapel, Camp Greenville, S.C., with the Rev. Amis Daniel officiating.

Trevelyn is the daughter of Henry Marvin Alford Jr. and June C. Alford, both of Palatka.

Randall is the son of Randall Lee Smith of Emerald Isle, N.C. and the late Geraldine Barker Smith....

Mrs. John Gee was matron of honor. Lisa Alford and Leigh Alford served as flower girls.

Randall Lee Smith was best man. Tommy Alford served as ring bearer; ushers were Wayde Alford, Thomas Alford, Tom Walters and Randy Walters.

A reception was held at Red Lion Inn in Rosmer, N.C. with Ashley Walters keeping the bride's book.

The couple plan to take a wedding trip to Niagara Falls in August. They will live in Sylva, N.C. for the summer.

The bride attended Lenoir Rhyne College, the University of Florida and the University of South Carolina. She is employed as a guidance counselor in Greenwood District 50.

The groom is currently attending Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. He is employed as a youth counselor with Smoky Mountain Mental Health.

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**MELISSA DOVER  
JOHN ALFORD**

Sent by Margary N. Nelson, AAFA #393

*THE FLORIDA TIMES-UNION*  
Jacksonville, FL—Sunday, 23 May 1993

Melissa Dover and John Alford were married at 2 p.m. yesterday in Most Holy Redeemer Church.

The bride, daughter of Robert Dover, graduated from Forrest High School and is attending the University of North Florida. She is employed by K-Mart as a divisional manager.

The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Alford, graduated from Ed White High School and attended Florida Community College at Jacksonville. He is employed by the City of Jacksonville as a waste water division.

Lisa Lowman was the maid of honor, and Donald Wooldridge was the best man.

Following a trip to Jekyll Island, Ga., the couple will live in Jacksonville.

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**KRISTEN DENISE ROY  
LEE ASHLEY ALFORD**

Sent by Margary N. Nelson, AAFA #393

*THE FLORIDA TIMES-UNION*  
Jacksonville, FL—Sunday, 7 March 1993

Kristen Denise Roy and Lee Ashley Alford were married at noon yesterday in St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

The bride, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. James Codori Roy, Orange Park, graduated from Orange Park High School and the University of Florida. She is employed by First Union National Bank of Florida as branch manager and assistant vice president.

The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Don Alford, graduated from Orange Park High School and Vanderbilt University. He is employed by Robert Bates and Associates.

Maureen Kohn was the matron of honor, and Howard Alford was the best man.

Following a trip to Park City, Utah, the couple will live in Jacksonville.

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**REGINA ALFORD  
RONALD MAY**

Sent by Margary N. Nelson, AAFA #393

*PALATKA DAILY NEWS*  
Palatka, FL—Monday, 12 October 1992

Regina Alford and Ronald May, both of Palatka, were married September 26, at Francis Baptist Church with the Rev. Armond Coulliette officiating.

Regina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Alford of Palatka. Ronald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan May, also of Palatka. ...

*Ronald and Regina Alford May*

Wedding music was provided by Kelvin Reed, pianist, and Wendy Simmons, soloist.

Matron of honor was Michelle Williams. Rachel and Lindsey Alford served as flower girls. Bridesmaids were Wendy Simmons and Heather Slaughter.

Michael May served as best man. Chelsie and Bubba

Alford were ring bearers; ushers were Scott Alford and Eugene McDonald.

A reception was held at the Blakney Building; Jessica Hutcheson kept the bride's book.

The couple took a wedding trip to Daytona Beach. They plan to live in Fort Walton Beach, Eglin Air Force Base.

The bride attended Palatka High School.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Palatka High School and is in the U.S. Air Force.

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**FRANCES COOLEY  
STEVEN D. ALFORD**

Sent by Margary N. Nelson, AAFA #393

*CRESCENT CITY COURIER-JOURNAL*  
Crescent City, FL—Thursday, 4 August 1982

*Steven D. and Frances Cooley Alford*

Frances Cooley became the bride of Steven D. Alford, July 10 in a 6 p.m. ceremony in the First Baptist Church with Dr. William Pope officiating. ...

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal

gown of white organza over taffeta. ...

Mrs. James Elliott was the matron of honor, wearing a mauve gown styled with a blouson bodice and a crystal pleated skirt. The maid of honor, Miss Patricia Underwood, wore a mulberry colored gown with narrow straps and a chiffon overlay. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Randall Bennett, Miss Candy Helms and Miss Elizabeth Crain....

Mandy Anderson was the flower girl.... Jamie Elliott was the ring bearer.

Best man for the occasion was Harold Kelley. The ushers were Paul Buckley, Randall Bennett, Tommy Brown, Francis Cooley, and Pat Harris....

Assisting in serving were Mrs. Lee Talley, sister of the bride, and Miss Shirley McDowell. The bride's book was attended by Miss Stephanie Jones.

For her wedding trip to central Florida, the new Mrs. Alford wore a street length burgundy sundress with a floral print jacket.

Mr. and Mrs. Alford will make their home in Satsuma.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cooley of Lake Como. She is a graduate of Crescent City High School and plans to attend St. Johns River Community College.

Alford is the son of Mrs. Ann Nipper of Palatka and Al Alford of Middleburg. He is a 1979 graduate of the local high school and is currently employed by Crown Machine Shop of Palatka.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Goodwin of Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. James Hester of Key West; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chauncey of Ocala and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chauncey, also of Ocala.

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**TREVELYN LYNN ALFORD  
DAVID HOWARD JENKINS**

Sent by Margary N. Nelson, AAFA #393

*PALATKA DAILY NEWS*  
Palatka, FL—Thursday, 4 September 1980

Miss Trevelyn Lynn Alford and David Howard Jenkins were married in a double-ring ceremony at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. The Rev. Reinold Schlak, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Marvin Alford Jr. of Palatka are the parents of the bride. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Howard Jenkins of Lenoir, N.C....

Matron of honor was Mrs. John Setzer, Winston-Salem, N.C....

Attending the bride and dressed like the honor attendant were Mrs. Kenneth Sipes, sister of the groom, Lenoir, Miss Marian Hovis, Stanley, and Miss Betty Whitmire, Palatka.

*Trevelyn Lynn Alford Jenkins*

Flower girl was Miss Nicole Dupont, St. Augustine and ring bearer was George Alford Jr., cousin of the bride....

Honorary grandmother was Mrs. Mazel E. Reed, great aunt of the bride, St. Augustine and Mrs. Vance Craig, grandmother of the groom, Lenoir. Wedding director was Miss Margaret Buck, aunt of the bride.

Best man for the wedding was the father of the groom. Groomsmen were Ken Sipes, Keith Barnwell, and Keith Kincaid of Lenoir and ushers were Mike Swaggerty and Wayde Alford, brother of the bride. ...

Floor hostesses were Mrs. Brad Eubanks and Mrs. Debbie Bittner. Mrs. Kris Rutenburg served punch and the cake was cut and served by Mrs. Vic Moye, assisted by Ellen Burton. Bobbie McCullough served the coffee. Lavender satin rice roses, made by the bride's great-aunts, Mrs. Reed and Miss Buck, were given out by Jake Quigley and Rebecca Masters. Gwen Shuman attended the bride's guest book.

After a wedding trip to Tampa and later to The Bahamas, the newlyweds will reside in Baymeadow Apartments, Jacksonville. The bride will teach at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind in St. Augustine. The groom will be doing contract computer work in Jacksonville. ...

The following marriage information came from sources other than newspapers.

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**KARL STANTON HEINK, AAFA #458  
SHANNON LEE McLAUGHLIN**

*Karl Stanton Heink and Shannon Lee McLaughlin were married 30 October 1993 in Orlando, FL. Karl has been active in AAFA as the coordinator of the Benedict Alford born 1619 branch along with other northern Alford and the related Alvord branch. (See "Attention: Northern Alford/Alvord Descendants," AAFA ACTION June 1992, page 25.)*

*Karl and Shannon sent AAFA his holiday greetings letter in December 1993, excerpts of which follow—we apologize for the delay in publishing it.*

.... We live in Orlando, Florida in the neighborhood of College Park. We currently live in a two-bedroom duplex but we look to buy a house by next summer. The neighborhood is just north of downtown Orlando amongst many older homes and large oak trees with a very quiet environment to top it out. It is a definite change from the college atmosphere that Karl has lived in for the past five years.

.... Shannon and I have been dating since July of 1992. We met at Publix Supermarkets where we both worked together for a while. I proposed to her on her birthday, April 27 of this year and married on October 30.

Shannon is working at getting accepted to a pharmacy school so that she can become a Pharmacist while I am an Assistant Produce Manager and am waiting on an opening for Produce Manager. We both have worked for Publix in excess of eight years....

Our wedding was quite nice. We got married in an old Catholic Cathedral located indowntown Orlando and the reception was in a banquet room overlooking Lake Eola just six blocks away from the church. We then took our honeymoon on a four-day cruise to the Bahamas.... ❖



# Skeet Alford Elected County Commissioner

On 3 November 1992, Charles "Skeet" Alford won the position of Putnam [FL] County Commissioner. The following articles tracing the election—from Skeet's decision to run through his election—appeared in the *Palatka Daily News* of Palatka, FL, and were sent by Margary Nelson, AAFA # 393.

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Friday, 14 August, 1992

## CAMPAIGN '92: COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 5

### Alford: Growth is a concern

In explaining his desire to represent county commission District 5, Skeet Alford talks about his roots.

Having been raised in Putnam County and raising two daughters here, he wants to ensure the county's quality life for residents.

"I just feel concerned that the county is run in a way that we can manage our growth," he said.

Alford feels that growth management is important to ensure the quality of life. He said he looks at areas like St. Augustine and Ocala where industrial areas are mixed with residential areas and does not want Putnam County to develop that way.

Alford described an area in St. Augustine, where a man's home lies in the midst of several shopping centers.

"His quality of life has got worse," he said.

Alford said he sees Putnam County situated between many larger cities and predicted that soon residents will be sprawling from those areas much like Jacksonville sprawled into Orange Park.

The four-laning of U.S. 17 will encourage the sprawl, he said.

"It's coming," he added.

The county needs to get a grasp

on growth instead of letting it happen uncontrolled.

To do that, Alford said that zoning regulations and the comprehensive plan need to be followed.

It's up to the county commission to enforce it and make sure it's done the right way," he said. "I just like to see the county run in a way that will help it."

"Growth is going to be a major topic in the future," Alford said. "Funding our government is going to be another priority."

Alford wants to keep the government in tune with the growth.

Included in that is roads.

"Roads are a big factor in Putnam County," Alford said.

To improve the roads, Alford said he wants to look at all the

*Skeet Alford: County native wants to see roads improved.*

*Sunday, 2 October, 1992: Skeet Alford looks over results of Thursday's election that gave him the Democratic victory over Kenny Morris. Alford faces Republican Robert Morrison of Interlachen in the Nov. 3 general election.*



alternatives.

"I think the MSBUs are a very viable alternative right now," he said.

But, he wants to ensure that the majority of residents in the MSBU area support it.

If there are some residents who cannot legitimately afford the assessments, but the majority of residents in the area support it, Alford said he would like to see the county work with the poor residents.

Another problem he hopes to solve for the county is ensuring the tax base can support government.

Alford said that as situations arise, he will make decisions keeping the tax base factor in the forefront.

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Monday, 26 October, 1992

**Alford choice in District 5**

Charles "Skeet" Alford has made it through two elections and faces a third on Nov. 3. He is the Democratic candidate in county commission District 5.

On Nov. 3 he is opposed by Republican Robert Morrison of Interlachen, who got into the race, he said, to return power to the people.

District 5 starts at Alabama Avenue in Palatka and sweeps west along Hwy. 20 into Interlachen. The seat is open because commissioner John Thompson chose not to run for re-election...

We feel Alford will be an asset to this board and endorse his candidacy again, as we did in the primary and the runoff election.

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Wednesday, 21 October, 1992

**Alford: Growth a vital issue**

Skeet Alford has survived the primary and runoff elections to face the county's only Republican candidate, Robert Morrison, for county commission District 5 seat.

Alford beat Kenny Morris in the Democratic runoff election Oct. 1 by taking 61.5 percent of the vote.

Alford took 40.9 percent in the Sept. 1 primary against three opponents.

His campaign stance throughout the election has been quality of life....

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Wednesday, 4 November, 1992

**Alford an easy winner —  
First-time commissioner wins  
with 77 percent of the vote**

As each precinct was tabulated, it became more evident that Skeet Alford would take the District 5 County Commission seat with a landslide victory.

Alford took all of the precincts in the west Putnam County district, defeating Republican Robert Morrison, 3,657 votes to 1,093 votes.

Alford received 77 percent of the vote.

"I feel pretty good," Alford said. "It's been a long time since July 4 when we started."

Alford defeated Kenny Morris in the Democratic runoff election Oct. 1 by taking 61.5 percent of the vote. Alford took 40.9 percent in the Sept. 1 primary against three opponents. He will take office Nov. 17

The county position, which pays more than \$24,000 a year, was left open when Commissioner John Thompson chose not to run for re-election. District 5 starts at Alabama Avenue in Palatka and sweeps west along Hwy. 20 toward Interlachen.

Alford attributed his success to contact with many west Putnam County residents.

"We just got out there and campaigned," he said.

By talking with the residents, Alford said he learned "volumes."

"We talked about roads a lot," he said. "I talked about maintaining our tax base."

With the failure of the sales tax,

Alford said that one of his first tasks as commissioner will be to find new sources of revenue.

"This is one opportunity that has gone by," Alford said of the tax. "It's still a problem we still have to deal with."

But for now, he said he wants to learn how the county functions.

He has no hidden agendas, he said. He wants to try to represent west Putnam the best he can, Alford added.

"I'm looking forward to serving," he said....♦

**Prayer Request**

Mary Helms, AAFA #407, is in the hospital being treated for cancer in one hip and her spine. The hip was in such bad shape that doctors were about to reinforce it with pins, but before that could happen she fell and broke her "good" hip and they had to do a replacement on it.

This is not Mary's first bout with cancer. See AAFA ACTION, Winter 1994, page 27. To know Mary better see AAFA ACTION, March 1992, page 23; Summer 1993, page 45; and Winter 1994, page 52.

I'm sure she will appreciate prayers and cards. She is in the University of Arkansas Medical Center Hospital, Room 401A, 4301 W. Markham, Little Rock, AR 72205. The room phone is 501-686-7401; the hospital switchboard is 501-686-5000. —Gil Alford

# Inquiries

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**JAMES R. ALFORD**

From Gil Alford, AAFA Director

JAMES ALFORD was born August 1873 in Alabama as listed with his wife in the 1900 and 1910 Censuses of Tarrant County, Texas:

JAMES R. ALFORD Aug 1873 AL  
 MATTIE ALFORD June 1879 TX

Though there are other Alford families in the county in 1900, none appear to be related. In 1910 they have added to the family ROBERT M. ALFORD 9 and MAGNA ALFORD 6.

Is James the brother of ISAAC H. ALFORD, born September 1864 in Alabama as listed in the 1900 Census of Grayson County, Texas?

ISAAC H. ALFRED Sept 1864 AL  
 LULU ALFRED Aug 1876 TX  
 CECIL ALFRED June 1897 TX  
 EMUEL ALFRED March 1899 TX

There was no other Alford family in Grayson County. Families in Grayson County in 1910 appear to have no relation to the 1900 family.

An Isaac and James are also listed in the 1880 Census of DeKalb County, AL, as sons of HENRY ALFORD:

HENRY ALFORD	46	AL
MARY E. ALFORD	45	GA
ISAAC H. ALFORD	15	AL
MARY E. ALFORD	12	AL
ARMANDA ALFORD	8	AL
JAMES W/H ALFORD	4	AL

Isaac's birth year would be 1864—as stated on the 1900 Census—if the census was taken before his birthday in September. However, James' birth year would be 1875, not 1873 as

stated in the 1900 and 1910 censuses.

Although this family would surely have been in Alabama at the time of the 1870 census we have been unable to find them there in the raw census data available.

Henry was born 1836 in Alabama, the son of ELIZABETH ALFORD born 1814 and listed in the 1850 census of Cherokee County, AL, as follows:

Elizabeth Alfred	F	36	TN
Henry Alfred	M	14	AL
William Alfred	M	9	AL
John Alfred	M	7	AL
Louisa Alfred	F	3	AL
James M. Alfred	M	1	AL

We find no Henry Alfords in the 1860 or 1870 Alabama censuses to fit the above. If the Henry in 1880 was the same as the one in 1850, where was he in the 1860 and 1870?

Can anyone provide any information to connect any of these families or elaborate in any way on any of the families?

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**WILLIAM A. ALFORD**

23 Dec 1844 TN - 6 Oct 1928

From Zeno Windley III  
 336 Hamilton Road,  
 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

I'm currently looking for some information about an ancestor on the maternal side of my family: William A. Alford, was born 23 December 1844 in Monroe County, TN and died 6 October 1928. He served in the Civil War, fighting for the Confederate Army.

He married (1) Mary Ann \_\_\_\_\_, who died in September 1885. His second

wife, Amanda George, was born 2 January 1863 and died 26 December 1957. We're not sure where the family came from before TN because most of eastern TN was Indian land in the early 1800's. The original home built by William Alford is still standing and inhabited in Meigs County, TN next to the Hiwassee River, a tributary of the Tennessee.

## AAFA Notes

William Anderson Alford was Zeno's great-great-grandfather. He thought that William's parents were Mace Alford and Polly Wright, but we could not verify the existence of a Mace Alford.

Amanda George was the daughter of John Alvin George, born 1830 in McMinn Co. TN, and Mary Ann Womack. Some of the following was provided Zeno earlier but there was no feedback to accept or reject the data as pertinent to his family. The following notes are based on AAFA census records which in most cases have not been verified by the AAFA census team, and even then we know they are only as good as recorded by the enumerator.

In the 1900 Tennessee Census we find William A. Alford born Dec 1841 and his wife Amanda born January 1863 with daughter Viola M. Alford born August 1888. The family was also there in 1910, but the microfilm record reviewed was really too poor to report on. In the 1880 Tennessee Census soundex of Meigs County there was a William Alford 39 and wife Mary A. 43 with children Mary L. 12, Frances 11, Dellray 7, and Carla D. 5. There was also a Jacob Lillard 19 SS [stepson] indicating that Mary A. had first married a Lillard. There were no other Alfords in the soundex listing

for Meigs County. We don't have the 1870 Tennessee data yet but the 1870 Index does not list a William A. Alford or any Alford in Meigs, Monroe or McMinn Counties. In 1860 we find no Alford in Meigs, Monroe or McMinn Counties and we find no likely William in any of the eastern counties of Tennessee. In 1850 there were two Alford families in Meigs County and one had a six year old William who can be connected to an "established" AAFA branch. They were mentioned to Zeno before but he did not respond to them. John Alford 37 TN and Hanah 24 TN had sons Robert 9, William 6 and Plesent 1. This would be the John M. Alford who married (1) Lucinda Cardell and (2) Hannah Hollmon and had Robert b. 1841, William 1844, Pleasant 1849, Jeremiah 1852, Sarah 1853, Matthew 1854, Charles 1856, Thomas 1858, Owen 1860, Susannah 1864, Mary 1868 and John 1879. There is just one problem here. This William apparently married Elizabeth Jane Bray and moved to Missouri. In 1850 there were no Alford's listed in Monroe County. There were Alford's in adjoining Blount County (see *AAFA ACTION*, Spring 1994, pages 55-56.) There were none in adjoining McMinn County but in adjoining Roane County there was one family: Charles 61 NC and Mary 55 TN with daughter Sarah 13. Elsewhere in 1850 Tennessee we find a seven year old William in Maury County, a six year old William P. in Lawrence County, and a five year old William Alfred in Hamilton County. There was a William Alford who married Jane Riddle December 18, 1840 in Monroe County, but he later moved to Illinois and has been connected to an "established" AAFA branch.

Maybe someone knows of a Tennessee William Alford that has escaped us in this search. Help!!

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**MILACE HARDESTY ALFORD**

28 Jul 1895 TX - 30 Jul 1946 OK

From Kenneth M. Alford, AAFA #242  
 1709 Parkridge Terrace  
 Arlington, TX 76012

Kenneth is looking for more information on his father and is searching for the identity of his Alford grandparents.

**MILACE HARDESTY ALFORD** was born 29 July 1895 in Avery, Red River County, Texas.

Milace Alford was inducted into the 455th Squadron Aviation Section, Signal Corps, United States Army on 19 February 1918 in Holdenville, Hughes County, Oklahoma, and he was discharged for demobilization on 28 January 1919.

On 9 April 1930 he obtained a discharge certificate issued in lieu of one lost or destroyed. When efforts were made by his son, Kenneth, to obtain a copy of his military records, it was discovered they were destroyed in the 1973 fire in St. Louis.

Milace married Georgia Wolfe on 28 January 1935. Since Milace was 40 years old at this time and Georgia was only 26, it is thought that she was probably his second wife.

When Kenneth was born in 1937 the family lived at 503 Buff Street, FortWorth, TX.

An Oklahoma drivers license issued 11 July 1942 indicated Milace was 5' 9.5" tall and weighed 170 pounds.

Funeral records show that Milace H. Alford died 30 July 1946, age 51 years, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and that he was buried in Mustang,

Oklahoma. Oklahoma reports they have no death record on file.

In most recent developments Kenneth reported: "There is a Malice Alford listed in the 1920 Texas census, which could have easily been Milace. He is shown in Wichita County, which is Wichita Falls in northern Texas. The age is right (24), but his wife is shown as Jennie, born in Indiana. My mother's name is Georgia (married in 1935). The parents of Malice were born in Tennessee (no names listed). This may be way off base, but there is a Rachel W. Alford listed with the Thomas J. Mauldin family in 1920. Her age is 13, and is the granddaughter of Mauldin. This would make my grandmother's maiden name Mauldin. Also, there are two sisters listed with Rachel: Ona Alford and Bertha Alford. The Mauldin family was listed in Jack County, which is just north of Fort Worth."

Following up on Kenneth's findings: Other than the 1930 death of a J.B. Alford in Wichita County, TX, we have found little Alford presence in that county. Maybe readers know of others. The fact that the Milace Alford in Wichita County in 1920 had a wife named Jennie should not exclude him as a possibility. Since he married Kenneth's mother when he was age 40 it is very likely that he did have a previous marriage as suggested earlier. The place of birth of this first wife should not be significant at all in this search.

How many Alford's, or any surname, do you know called "Malice" or "Milace"?

We are familiar with the MAULDIN-ALFORD relationship. The granddaughters of Thomas J. Mauldin were the children of James Noel Welch Alford who married Frances L. Mauldin on 24 December 1889 in Jack County. They are the

grandparents of AAFA #592 Walter Morrison “Corky” Clerihew. Rachel, who Kenneth mentioned, married Rev. Robert E. Alspaugh.

The “draft” data that AAFA has extracted from the soundex record of the 1880–1910 census have a number of families in which both parents were born in Tennessee; however, none of them seem to fit any of the other information pertaining to Kenneth’s family. It does present one interesting idea though. We know that a B.D. (Britton Drake) Alford was one of the early settlers of northwest Texas. That is the general area where Kenneth’s father was born. He was the son of Wiley Alford and Sophia Drake of Tennessee, and Wiley goes back to our North Carolina family. He and his family were in Bowie County in 1850. He also owned land in Tarrant County, some west of Ft. Worth and some southwest of Fort Worth. There was a Tennessee family in Red River county for the 1880 census but they are all identified with initials. Who knows them?

There was a family in Red River County in the 1900 census, and they had a son born July 1895, the same month and year as Kenneth’s father—seems more than coincidence. This son was extracted as Wiggin M. Alford, but some of you know how it is transcribing census writing. This may be the very person we are looking for. Someone needs to research the 1900 detailed census to see what this family looks like.

Milace had a sister RACHEL ALFORD who married Harris COOK.

We need the help of all members who have access to Texas records in this search for data about Kenneth’s father. ❖

*Milace Hardesty Alford with wife Georgia (Wolf) Alford – 1935*

*Rachel Alford Cook with husband Harris Cook – 1930*

## *“Alfords” in the 1850 Alabama Census*

The 1850 U.S. census was the first census that collected data from all members of the household, not just the head of household. Since it was also the first census that included the age, sex, and birthplace of the people enumerated, it is an extremely valuable genealogical tool. Real estate values for heads of household are included, as well as occupations for working adults.

This publication is the product of efforts by the AAFA census project team. An initial list of names to be extracted was pulled from published indexes and, in some cases, supplemented by unindexed entries. The every-name extraction was performed on the microfilm source by one or more persons and the results reviewed and checked by the team leader. The resulting product was then sent to other team members who revisited the microfilm and verified the data for completeness and accuracy. The results of that review were processed and reviewed again by the team leader. AAFA wishes to acknowledge the efforts of Lucille Mehrkam, Mary Louise Reynolds, Randall L. Alford, William Mitchner, Ronald Head, Robin Sterling, and Andrew Leath in preparation of this publication.

The resulting publication is not intended to reflect either the "true" facts or what descendant families believe to be the facts. It is also not guaranteed to be without error. Nevertheless, every attempt has been made to provide a complete and faithful representation of the information recorded on the original enumeration forms. All spelling variations are included.

The column "MSW" between birth place (BP) and color (CO) is for tabulating responses to questions asked in the census as to married within the year, attended school within the year, or cannot read and write. M in the column means they were **M**arried that year, S means they were in **S**chool and W means they could not read and **W**rite. The categories on each line appear in the following order: Name, Sex, Age, Birthplace, MSW, Color, Occupation, Property. The order of the information on the line following the county name is the name of the "Township, District, etc.," followed by the "Enumeration Date."

June 1995  
 Alicia Roundy Houston, Census Project Coordinator

*Alabama Counties 1850*  
 Counties where "Alfords" lived  
 are darkened.



*Alabama Counties Today*

**AUTAUGA COUNTY**

WASHINGTON BEAT 16 Oct 1850  
Page 12, Family 188, House 177

Isaac H.	Alford	M	40 NC	W	Farmer
Elizabeth	Alford	F	20 SC	W	
Cynthia	Davenport	F	17 AL	W	

WASHINGTON BEAT 17 Oct 1850  
Page 14, Family 215, House 214

William	Alford	M	35 NC	W	Farmer 500
Clarisa	Alford	F	30 GA	W	
George W.	Alford	M	6 AL	W	
James J.	Alford	M	2 AL	W	

**BUTLER COUNTY**

BEAT NO. 1 25 Sep 1850  
Page 180, Family 63, House 63

John	Halford	M	52 SC	W	Farmer
Mary	Halford	F	40 SC	W	
James	Halford	M	15 AL	S	W
John	Halford	M	12 AL	W	
Warren	Halford	M	10 AL	W	
Caroline	Halford	F	8 AL	W	
Francis	Halford	M	6 AL	W	
Livey	Halford	F	4 AL	W	

BEAT NO. 8 29 Nov 1850  
Page 240, Family 905, House 905

Burrel	Halford	M	34 SC	W	Farmer
Delila	Halford	F	22 SC	R	W
Herrington	Halford	M	4 AL	W	
Lavina	Halford	F	3 AL	W	
Owen	Halford	M	75 SC	W	

**CHAMBERS COUNTY**

19TH DISTRICT 1 Nov 1850  
Page 314, Family 689, House 689

Levin E.	Alford	M	28 GA	R	W	Farmer
Charlotte D.	Alford	F	30 SC	W		
John	Alford	M	15 AL	S	W	Farmer
William I.	Alford	M	13 AL	S	W	
Mary A.	Alford	F	11 AL	S	W	
Sylvanius	Alford	M	9 AL	S	W	
Fanny I.	Alford	F	6 AL	W		
Jacob W.	Alford	M	2 AL	W		
James	Bird	M	20 AL	W		

19TH DISTRICT 5 Nov 1850  
Page 319, Family 768, House 768

John	Gay	M	61 GA	R	W	Farmer 250
Margaret	Gay	F	59 GA	R	W	
Jasper	Gay	M	28 GA	W		
Mary A.	Gay	F	21 GA	R	W	
William M.	Gay	M	16 GA	S	W	
Columbus M.	Alford	M	12 GA	S	W	

19TH DISTRICT 6 Nov 1850  
Page 320, Family 782, House 782

James S.	Gay	M	30 GA	W	Farmer 400
Mary A.	Gay	F	21 GA	W	
Luvina M.	Gay	F	5 GA	W	
William M.	Gay	M	3 GA	W	
James A.	Gay	M	2 GA	W	
Nancy A.	Gay	F	* AL	W	* 3 Months
Thomas L.	Alford	M	16 GA	W	

19TH DISTRICT 16 Nov 1850  
Page 341, Family 1165, House 1165

John R.	Alford	M	39 GA	W	1000	
Sophonria	Alford	F	32 GA	W		
John R.	Alford	M	12 AL	S	W	Farmer
Josephine	Alford	F	10 AL	S	W	
James A.	Alford	M	8 AL	S	W	
Mary A.	Alford	F	7 AL	S	W	
Lenoria	Alford	F	6 AL	W		
Eva	Alford	F	5 AL	W		
Emma	Alford	F	4 AL	W		
Ann E.	Alford	F	* AL	W	* 11 Months	

**CHEROKEE COUNTY**

26TH DISTRICT 2 Nov 1850  
Page 4, Family 43, House 43

Richard	Alfred	M	60 SC	W	Halter
Jane	List	F	30 TN	W	
Martha	List	F	6 TN	W	

26TH DISTRICT 2 Nov 1850  
Page 4, Family 46, House 46

Elizabeth	Alfred	F	36 TN	W	
Henry	Alfred	M	14 AL	W	
William	Alfred	M	9 AL	W	
John	Alfred	M	7 AL	W	
Louisa	Alfred	F	3 AL	W	
James M.	Alfred	M	1 AL	W	

27th DISTRICT 1 Nov 1850  
Page 64, Family 34, House 34

Allen	Allford	M	26 AL	W	Agr 300
Mary	Allford	F	22 SC	W	
Mary	Allford	F	2 AL	W	

27th DISTRICT 13 Nov 1850  
Page 74, Family 172, House 172

Baldy	Allford	M	70 NC	W	Agr 500
Elizabeth	Allford	F	55 GA	W	
Richard	Allford	M	21 AL	W	Agr

27th DISTRICT 14 Nov 1850  
Page 75, Family 181, House 181

Jefferson	Allford	M	40 GA	S	W Agr 3500
Nancy	Allford	F	35 SC	W	
Sarah	Allford	F	14 AL	W	
James	Allford	M	4 AL	W	
Eliza	Allford	F	3 AL	W	
Wiley	Ashley	M	18 SC	W	

27th DISTRICT 15 Nov 1850  
Page 76, Family 193, House 193

Alfred G.	Perry	M	55 NC	W	Agr 1000
Sarah	Perry	F	40 GA	W	
Pauline	Perry	F	17 GA	W	
Annostine	Perry	F	9 AL	W	
Sarah	Perry	F	3 AL	W	
Jackson	Allford	M	20 AL	W	Agr
Jane	Allford	F	19 GA	W	

**CHOCTAW COUNTY**

NO TWP LISTED 6 Nov 1850  
Page 175, Family 367, House

Fennor	Alford	M	31 NC	W	Planter
Sarah A.	Alford	F	24 AL	W	
Samuel T.C.	Alford	M	6 AL	W	
Allie	Alford	F	3 AL	W	
Alonzo A.	Alford	M	2 AL	W	

**COFFEE COUNTY**

NO TWP LISTED 18 Oct 1850  
Page 277, Family 173, House 173

Mary	Alford	F	32 GA	W	640
James	Alford	M	10 GA	S	W
Sarah	Alford	F	7 GA	S	W
Elisha	Alford	M	5 GA	W	
John	Alford	M	3 AL	W	

NO TWP LISTED 4 Nov 1850  
Page 290, Family 346, House 346

Francis M.	Alford	M	22 GA	W	Farmer 200
Nancy	Alford	F	19 GA	W	
Frances	Nobles	M	15 SC	W	

NO TWP LISTED 4 Nov 1850  
Page 290, Family 342, House 342

James	Alford	M	20 GA	W	Farmer
Nancy	Alford	F	20 AL	W	

NO TWP LISTED 12 Dec 1850  
Page 317, Family 718, House 718

Turner	Alford	M	49 NC	W	Farmer 1200
Elizabeth	Alford	F	43 KY	W	
Susan C.	Alford	F	11 GA	W	
John F.	Alford	M	9 GA	W	
Jane P.D.	Alford	F	7 GA	W	
Nancy C.	Alford	F	3 GA	W	

**COOSA COUNTY**

COOSA DISTRICT 18 Sep 1850  
Page 17, Family 214, House 214

William H.	Alford	M	24 GA	W	Farmer 400
Eliza	Alford	F	19 GA	W	
William Lafayette	Alford	M	1 AL	W	
Mary	Alford	F	* AL	W	* 1 Month

COOSA DISTRICT 6 Nov 1850  
Page 74, Family 1031, House 1031

John C.	Halford	M	63 NC	W	Farmer 1500
Catherine	Halford	F	57 SC	W	
Amanda	Conaway	F	17 GA	W	
Benjamin F.	Conaway	M	* AL	W	* 3 Months

**DALE COUNTY**

SOUTHERN DIV 7 Nov 1850  
Page 185, Family 277, House 277

Samuel H.	Hallford	M	43 SC	W	Farmer 400
Zillah	Hallford	F	37 SC	R	W
James	Hallford	M	18 AL	S	W Farmer
Wesley H.	Hallford	M	17 AL	S	W Farmer
Susan	Hallford	F	15 AL	S	W
Sarah	Hallford	F	13 AL	S	W
Willborn	Hallford	M	11 AL	S	W
Dixon	Hallford	M	9 AL	S	W

**FAYETTE COUNTY**

BEAT 6 DIV 16 19 Dec 1850  
Page 48, Family 661, House 661

Britten	Alford	M	26 GA	W	Overseer 7000
Amelia	Alford	F	23 VA	W	

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

DISTRICT 6 24 Dec 1850  
Page 217, Family 648, House 648

John	Terrill	M	63 VA	W	Farmer
Martha	Terrill	F	53 VA	W	
Pleasant	Terrill	M	34 VA	W	Farmer
Elizabeth	Terrill	F	21 VA	W	
Abner	Williams	M	28 AL	W	Farmer
James	Gill	M	34 TN	W	Stage Driver
George	Alford	M	35 TN	W	Stage Driver

**GREENE COUNTY**

COX'S STORE BEAT 12 Nov 1850  
Page 269, Family 398, House 398

Bethena	Pippen	F	45 GA	W	Farmer 6600
Augusta M.	Pippen	M	20 AL	W	
Marjorie A.A.	Pippen	F	16 AL	W	
Napolian P.	Pippen	M	11 AL	W	
Littleberry A.	Pippen	M	8 AL	W	
Mary	Alford	F	84 VA	W	
Mary	Bates	F	25 GA	W	

PLEASANT RIDGE B 19 Nov 1850  
Page 273, Family 457, House 457

Abraham	Alford	M	63 NC	W	Farmer 1000
Linny	Alford	F	63 NC	W	
Eleanor	Alford	F	19 AL	W	
Manerva	Alford	F	16 AL	W	

**HENRY COUNTY**

SOUTHERN DIST. 9 Nov 1850  
Page 453, Family 1107, House 1092

Cullen	Alford	M	50 GA	W	Farmer
Rebecca	Alford	F	30 GA	W	
M.A.	Alford	F	12 AL	W	
Oen	Alford	M	10 AL	W	
Robert	Alford	M	8 AL	W	
Wm	Alford	M	6 AL	W	
Mary	Alford	F	4 AL	W	
Harris	Alford	M	2 AL	W	

**LOWNDES COUNTY**

ROCKY MOUNT DIST 11 Dec 1850  
Page 178, Family 33, House 33

Redding	Hallford	M	35 SC	W	Teacher
Nancy	Hallford	F	27 GA	W	
Rebecca	Hallford	F	8 AL	S	W
James R.	Hallford	M	6 AL	S	W
Mary C.	Hallford	F	4 AL	W	
John	Hallford	M	3 AL	W	
Sarah E.	Hallford	F	1 AL	W	

**MADISON COUNTY**

36TH DISTRICT 16 Dec 1850  
Page 467, Family 531, House 531

Thomas	Cain	M	66 VA	W	
Sarah	Cain	F	55 VA	W	
James T.	Alfrind	M	35 VA	W	Tailor

36TH DISTRICT 17 Dec 1850  
Page 476, Family 649, House 649

John J.	Fackler	M	49 VA	W	Commission Mer 10000
Eliz	Fackler	F	42 VA	W	
John T.	Fackler	M	22 AL	W	Clerk
Charles W.	Fackler	M	16 AL	S	W
Sally M.	Fackler	F	12 AL	S	W
Elvira E.	Fackler	F	11 AL	S	W
Mary F.	Fackler	F	8 AL	S	W
Mary	Alford	F	20 TN	W	

**MONROE COUNTY**

NO TWP LISTED 16 Nov 1850  
Page 42, Family 617, House 617

Wm B.	Alfred	M	49 SC	W	Overseer 510
Sarah	Alfred	F	43 SC	W	
Henryetta	Thames	F	18 AL	W	
Eliza	Thames	F	16 AL	W	
Wm.	Thames	M	14 AL	W	
Evaline	Thames	F	12 AL	W	
Peachman J.	Alfred	M	8 AL	W	
Sarah A.	Alfred	F	6 AL	W	
Harrison	Alfred	M	4 AL	W	
Georgianna	Alfred	F	* AL	W	* 5 Months
Jane	Thames	F	15 AL	W	



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

1ST DISTRICT 17 Sep 1850  
Page 71, Family 38, House 37

Hamilton Alford M 25 GA M W Farmer 1600  
Elizabeth Alford M 25 SC W

1ST DISTRICT 10 Oct 1850  
Page 81, Family 218, House 214

John F. Alford M 26 GA W Manager  
Henryetta F. Alford F 31 GA W  
Julius C. Alford M 4 AL W  
Savanna Alford F 2 AL W

1ST DISTRICT 15 Oct 1850  
Page 85, Family 281, House 276

Henry D. Alford M 27 GA W Manager 500  
Martha J. Alford F 24 SC W  
Warren M. Alford M 5 AL W  
Matilda S. Alford F 4 AL W  
Wm G. Alford M 1 AL W

1ST DISTRICT 17 Oct 1850  
Page 88, Family 323, House 317

Julius Alford M 51 GA W Farmer 3000  
Julius S. Alford M 5 AL W  
Sally L. Alford F \* AL W \* 3 Months  
Wm B. Holston M 25 AL W Manager

2ND DISTRICT 11 Nov 1850  
Page 184, Family 187, House 487

Nancy Stephens F 50 NC W 1260  
George I. Mooney M 28 NC W Farmer 800  
Marion G. Mooney F 21 AL W  
Eunice, Mrs. Alford F 24 NC W Farmer 800  
William J. Alford M 11 AL W  
George K. Alford M 9 AL W  
John F. Alford M 6 AL W  
James B. Alford M 3 AL W

2ND DISTRICT 13 Nov 1850  
Page 186, Family 522, House 522

William G. Alford M 35 GA W Farmer 640  
Cassandra Alford F 34 GA R W  
Mary Alford F 13 AL S W

**PICKENS COUNTY**

SOUTHERN DIST. 23 Oct 1850  
Page 60, Family 756, House 727

Elizabeth Alford F 44 NC R W 450  
John Alford M 19 AL W Farmer  
Laura Alford F 17 AL W  
Mary E. Alford F 15 AL W  
Cornelia Alford F 10 AL W  
Lucinda Alford F 8 AL W  
Amanda Alford F 5 AL W  
Grant W. Alford M 4 AL W

**PIKE COUNTY**

NO TWP LISTED 29 Oct 1850  
Page 183, Family 639, House 639

Alman B. Alford M 39 GA R W Farmer 500  
Harriett Alford F 34 GA W  
Columbus Alford M 12 GA S W  
William Alford M 10 AL S W  
Emily Alford F 8 AL S W  
Martha Alford F 4 AL W

NO TWP LISTED 2 Nov 1850  
Page 188, Family 710, House 710

Joel Latimer M 26 VA W Farmer 2600  
Martha Latimer F 33 GA W  
Joseph A. Latimer M 28 GA W Farmer  
Sidney Latimer F 7 GA W  
Salstia Latimer F 6 GA W  
Lestina Latimer F 5 GA W  
Ella Latimer F 2 GA W  
Myrtus E. Ranson F 18 GA S W  
Susan E. Ranson F 20 GA W  
Tabitha Alford F 67 MD R W  
Thomas Alford M 24 GA W  
Amanda Alford F 23 GA W  
Emily Alford F 15 GA W

**RUSSELL COUNTY**

NO TWP LISTED 15 Dec 1850  
Page 57, Family 785, House 785

Allen Chapman M 50 VA W Farmer 3000  
Sarah Chapman F 31 NC W  
Elizabeth Chapman F 18 GA W  
Emily Chapman F 16 GA W  
Martha Chapman F 14 GA W  
Sophia Chapman F 11 AL W  
Amelia Chapman F 10 AL S W  
Jane Chapman F 10 AL S W

Elvira	Chapman	F	7 AL	S	W
James	Chapman	M	6 AL	S	W
Eulina	Chapman	M	5 AL		W
Susan	Chapman	F	3 AL		W
Madison	Newble	M	13 GA		W
William	Alford	M	53 GA		W Farmer
Charles	Kirby	M	16 AL		W

NO TWP LISTED 5 Feb 1851  
Page 96, Family 1540, House 1540

Georg C.	Alford	M	30 GA		W Farmer 1800
Margaret	Alford	F	24 AL		W
Jacob	Alford	M	1 AL		W
Mary	Alford	F	1 AL		W

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY**

DISTRICT 40 6 Nov 1850  
Page 104, Family 24, House 24

John	Alford	M	31 GA		W Farmer 600
Laurissa	Alford	F	26 AL		W
Sarah E.	Alford	F	8 AL		W
Mary	Alford	F	6 AL		W
Thomas A.	Alford	M	3 AL		W
Martha J.	Alford	F	* AL		W * 1 Month

DISTRICT 40 7 Nov 1850  
Page 105, Family 31, House 31

Samuel	Truss	M	70 NC		W Farmer
Silvina	Truss	F	70 NC	R	W
Naty	Alford	F	13 AL	S	W

DISTRICT 39 5 Nov 1850  
Page 139, Family 4, House 4

Travis C.	Alford	M	24 AL		W Farmer 400
Frances A.	Alford	F	19 AL		W
James	Alford	F	1 AL		W

DISTRICT 39 9 Nov 1850  
Page 140, Family 29, House 29

Isham	Alford	M	35 TN	R	W Farmer 550
Selvina	Alford	F	26 AL	R	W
Britten	Alford	M	11 AL	S	W
Frances	Alford	F	8 AL		W
Alice	Alford	F	7 AL		W
Burtis	Alford	M	5 AL		W
Louisa	Alford	F	1 AL		W

DISTRICT 39 11 Nov 1850  
Page 141, Family 36, House 36

Thomas	Alford	M	21 AL		W Farmer
Ann	Alford	F	21 AL		W
Sarah	Alford	F	1 AL		W

DISTRICT 39 11 Nov 1850  
Page 141, Family 35, House 35

William	Alford	M	43 GA	R	W Farmer
Priscilla	Alford	F	48 NC	R	W
Sylvia E.	Alford	F	17 AL		W
Elsy	Alford	F	16 AL		W
Penila	Alford	F	14 AL		W
John	Alford	M	11 AL		W
Louisa	Alford	F	7 AL		W

**TALLAPOOSA COUNTY**

TOWNSHIP 19 22 Sep 1850  
Page 5, Family 69, House 69

Edward	Ellis	M	66 VA	R	W Farmer 400
Sarah	Ellis	F	64 NC	R	W
James G.	Alford	M	10 GA		W

TOWNSHIP 20 28 Dec 1850  
Page 94, Family 1353, House 1352

David S.	Alfred	M	31 GA	R	W Farmer
Epsy E.	Alfred	F	29 GA	R	W

**WALKER COUNTY**

12TH DISTRICT 22 Dec 1850  
Page 313, Family 188, House 188

Pleas.	Alford	M	31 AL		W Farmer
Lavina	Alford	F	33 SC		W
John W.	Alford	M	9 AL		W
Ezekial	Alford	M	7 AL		W
Elizabeth N.	Alford	F	6 AL		W
Marian	Alford	F	3 AL		W
Frances	Alford	F	2 AL		W
Daniel W.	Alford	M	0 AL		W * 10 Months

**WILCOX COUNTY**

NO TWP LISTED 10 Nov 1850  
Page 386, Family 616, House 616

W.T.	Alford	M	25 SC		W Farmer
Eliza	Alford	F	18 AL		W
Margaret	Alford	F	2 AL		W ❖

## Famous Early Americans from Alford, England

Alberta Alford Skillen, AAFA #15, sent a copy of a 10-page pamphlet titled "Alford and America" printed, it seems, by the Alford and District Civic Trust of Alford, Lincolnshire, England. In the December 1992 issue of *AAFA ACTION*, "A Visit to Alford, Lincolnshire, England" on pp. 40-42 showed photos that Don Alford, AAFA #59, and his wife took when visiting there during the summer of 1992. Following are some excerpts from the pamphlet that show some connections of that town to the United States. Specifically, two famous early Americans who had origins in Alford: John Smith, the early explorer and adventurer, and Anne Marbury Hutchinson, religious dissident.

### Captain John Smith

On Saturday, 9th January 1580, George and Alice Smith entered Willoughby Church carrying their first born son for baptism. George Smith, a shy retiring man, had acquired a small farm at Castle Carlton and leased land from Lord Willoughby de Eresby, Lord of the Manor of Willoughby.

As John grew up he must have accompanied his father across the flat marshland over the South end becke bridge" to Alford Market. By 1588, or even before, he had entered Alford Grammar School and come under the influence of the 30 year old Rev. Francis Marbury.

Marbury ... had a caustic tongue which he had used against the recruitment of unqualified clergy to the established Church. This, and his strong individual personality had resulted in his imprisonment for his beliefs. His position as Master of Alford Grammar School was taken in 1589 by a Mr. Cuttle, but he continued to live in the town and became a lecturer at Alford Church where he achieved recognition as a

prominent preacher.

.... George Smith died and was buried in Willoughby on April 3rd. John, then 16, ... inherited his father's Willoughby farm and seven acres of pasture....

In the autumn of 1600 he travelled ... to the Continent.

The 20 year old Smith now embarked up on an amazing series of adventures which were to require all his fortitude and determination. [From 1600-1604 he engaged in various military adventures throughout Europe, even indulging in piracy in the Atlantic and



eventually returning to England.]

Smith now became involved with the ever increasing circle of men interested in the colonisation of Virginia. In 1606 the Virginia Company obtained its Charter. Sealed instructions were compiled by the Company and on Friday 19th December 1606 the tiny fleet of three ships 'fell from London.' On board were 105 men including John Smith....

[During the next two years Smith explored the new land from the base of Jamestown, making an alliance with the chief Powhatan and being saved by

his 11 year old daughter Pocahontas. In 1608 he was elected President of Virginia but held that office only one year, returning to England. From there he sailed in 1614 to the area he named New England, exploring the Massachusetts Bay area, where he saw the opportunities for colonization in the area he named Plymouth, "an excellent good harbor, good land; and no want of anything but industrious people."

In 1620 Smith met the Pilgrims and offered to lead them to New England, but their incompatibility of temperaments made this impossible. They did, however, rely on his maps and charts for their voyage....

[History books have taught us that the Pilgrims were really heading for Virginia and somehow mistakenly landed at Plymouth. However, the information in this pamphlet contradicts that. Note the above, plus the following:]

By 1616 Smith began to emerge as an unblushing promoter and published "A description of New England"....

On June 21st 1631, very ill and near to death Smith attempted, but failed to sign his will. He died the same day and was buried in St. Sepulchre's Church, London.

### Anne Marbury Hutchinson

In 1591, while John Smith laboured at Alford Grammar School, Bridget Marbury gave birth to Anne, the second of her 13 children. Anne grew to be an imaginative and impressionable girl, who found her father a man of vigour with a demanding and independant [*sic*] personality. At the age of 14 she went to live with her parents in London. After her father's death in 1611, she married William Hutchinson and they returned to raise a

family in Alford. William was a successful clothier who lacked the dynamic qualities of Francis Marbury. For twenty-two years the Hutchinsons lived in Alford. William's business prospered and he became Governor of the Grammar School. Anne acquired skill in nursing and tended the sick.

Between 1615 and 1629 Anne came under the influence of John Cotton. She attended his sermons in Boston [England] and her orthodox Anglican views changed to Cottonian Puritanism.

In 1630 plague struck Alford. Anne nursed her daughters Susanna, aged 14, and Elizabeth aged 8, until they died within a month of each other. For twelve months Anne withdrew from her neighbours seeking solace from her religious beliefs. At about this time Ann's sister-in-law, Mary married the Rev. John Wheelwright, Vicar of Bilsby since 1623. Wheelwright was born at Saleby and probably attended Alford Grammar School....

At Bilsby, Wheelwright gained a reputation for his godliness and the modesty of his preaching, while developing his ideas of man's dependence on God's free grace and rejecting any idea that man's work bore any merit in God's eyes.

[By 1634 John Cotton and the Hutchinson family had left for Boston, Massachusetts; there William Hutchinson built a large house to accommodate his extended family. By 1636 William was chosen as one of Boston's Selectmen and was awarded a 600 acre farm at Braintree as well as Taylor's Island in Boston Harbor.]

Anne's nursing skill and neighbourly solicitude gained her the affection and gratitude of a large part of the community. On Sundays and Thursdays she led the family to hear John Cotton's misty statements of an already ambiguous doctrine. She soon began to hold

weekly meetings for the women of the town in which they discussed the sermon. Soon the menfolk began to attend, among them the charming but unstable Harry Vane who in May 1636 was elected Governor. Anne began to clash with the Rev. John Wilson, the pastor of Boston Church and soon was supported by the major part of the congregation.

At this stage John Wheelwright arrived accompanied by his wife and children, and the aged Susanna Hutchinson (William's mother). He was warmly received in Boston and entertained by the Hutchinsons. But the Massachusetts Bay Colony 'was not set up for tolerating times.' The advocates of orthodox Puritanism became alarmed....

[By the end of 1637 John Wheelwright, Harry Vane, and the Hutchinson faction, called Antinomians, were eventually destroyed by the Orthodox Puritans, led by Winthrop.]

On the 3rd August, Henry Vane departed for England where he was later knighted and became a Member of Parliament. In 1656 he bought Belleau Manor, near Alford. His independent thought and support of Parliament however, led to his execution in 1662.

... Anne Hutchinson was called before the General Court. She replied to Winthrop's questions coolly and with great skill, but was sentenced to be imprisoned in Roxbury till her banishment in the following Spring. Her followers were systematically disenfranchised, fined or banished, and their weapons confiscated. A group of her supporters led by William Coddington decided to set up a settlement in Rhode Island.

Anne was further interrogated before the Boston congregation and was excommunicated. She then made her

way to the home her husband had prepared for her in the Rhode Island settlement. Before long this too was the scene of fresh theological conflict. In 1642, when William died, Anne took her six youngest children and moved to a lonely spot on Long Island Sound within Dutch territory. There in the late summer of 1642 she and five of her children were ruthlessly tomahawked by a band of Indians.

The Antinomians, as Hutchinson's followers were called, had struck a heavy blow—if not for freedom of thought certainly for the heterogeneity which leads to freedom of thought—but in so doing they aroused a fresh dread of deviation from orthodox ideas. ❖

### Save AAFA \$\$— Tell Us When You Move!!

We regularly have quarterlies returned when members move. Since we send them first class, they are forwarded if you leave a forwarding address. But even that eventually runs out.

When Secretary Max Alford mails the quarterly, he puts \$1.24 on the package. When it bounces, it comes "postage due"—if we want it back, we have to pay another \$1.24 to get it from the post office. Then if we can determine the present address and send it on, it costs another \$1.24. That's an *extra* \$2.48 out of \$16 annual dues.

In addition, sometimes Gil spends some of his own money making telephone calls to try to find the correct address. You can help by remembering to let AAFA know along when you move. Do it with your other subscription address changes.

## *More Photos from Richmond*

*Vesta and Jare Pearigen, #259, VA—Jare was the only attendee who is a descendant of William Alford, b. 1786 in TN. Jare has spent hours typing newspaper clippings for AAFA ACTION articles like "Obituaries" and "Alfords in the News."*

*Don Alford, NV, #59, and Elroy Alford, OK, #563. Elroy is wearing an Alford t-shirt!*

*Bruce Ellard,  
MS, Julius  
Alford, #013,  
MS, and  
Elizabeth  
Hawes  
Hazlip, #358,  
MS, at the  
Friday night  
reception*

*Descendants of William Alford, b. 1789 in NC:  
Marshall Lee McClane, #695, GA, and his  
grandmother, Elizabeth A. McClane, #076, GA.*

*Harold and Freda Alford, #227, TX—Harold  
was the only attendee who is a descendant  
of Haywood Alford, b. 1780 in GA.*

*William "Al" C. and Chella H. Alford, #675,  
TN—Al was the only attendee who is a  
descendant of Julius Alford, b. 1717 in VA.*

*Descendants of John Alford, b. 1735 in Ireland:  
Samuel E. McCray, #665, VA; and Thomas  
Eugene Alford, #464, NY.*

*Gil Alford chats with Beverly Aflord,  
MD, #686, at one of the breaks.*

*Descendants of Manuel Alford, b. 1853 in  
SC: Harris Monroe Alford, #667, and his son  
William E. Alford, MS.*

# Welcome New AAFA Members

MBR# & NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST ZIP	ULTIMATE ANCESTOR	BIRTH DATE AND PLACE
695 Marshall Lee McLane, Jr.	2306 N. Toombs Street	Valdosta	GA 31602	WILLIAM	1789CA NC
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724 Carol Hughes Gipson	Post Office Box 292801	Nashville	TN 37229	JOHN	1969CA MD
725 Nancy Alford	Post Office Box 1478	Demorest	GA 30535	JAMES	1687CA VA
726 Lydia Davis	808 Madison Avenue	Cary	NC 27513	JAMES	1687CA VA
727 Barbara Alvord McGhee	2406 - 186th Avenue E.	Sumner	WA 98390	JAMES	1687CA VA
728 Fletcher H. Ellzey	7530 Creekwood Drive	Mobile	AL 36695	JAMES	1687CA VA
729 Iris Elizabeth Alford	Post Office Box 765	Canton	GA 30114	JAMES	1687ca VA
730 Harold Elmer Masback	7 St. John Place	New Canaan	CT 06840	JAMES	1687CA VA
731 Craig Alford Masback	3107 South Street N.W.	Washington	CT 20007	JAMES	1687CA VA
732 Keith James Masback	7093 Tollhouse Drive	Fayetteville	NC 28314	JAMES	1687CA VA
733 Curt Arthur Miller	300 Sulphur Springs Road	Greenville	SC 29611	ALBERT	1800CA NY
734 Donald C. Whitehead	4719 CR 407 South	Henderson	TX 75652	JAMES	1687CA VA
735 Patricia "Dusti" Ide	2537 W. Madera Avenue	Mesa	AZ 85202		
736 Robert Alford	236 E. 6th Street, #5E	New York	NY 10003	SHERMAN	1867 IA / IN
737 George D. Allen	195 Saddlelake Drive	Roswell	GA 30076	JAMES	1687CA VA
738 Roy Wade Adams	3802 Hi-Vu Drive	Abilene	TX 77041	JAMES	1687CA VA
739 Karen Frye Stanley	10618 Ivy Oaks Lane	Houston	TX 77041	JACOB	1757CA VA
740 Sara C. Vance	129 Panola Avenue	Batesville	MS 38606	JAMES	1687CA VA
741 Christine A. Knight	1321 Dahlia Street	Baton Rouge	LA 70808	JAMES	1687CA VA
742 Woodrow W. Simmons	119 Richardson Street	Hammond	LA 70741	JAMES	1687CA VA
743 Patsy R. Livingston	Route 4, Box 26	Atlanta	TX 75551	HAYWOOD	1780CA GA
744 A. Renee Alford Shelfer	1833 Indian Hill Road	Pelham	AL 35124	JAMES	1687CA VA
745 C. Dennis Elmore	604 SW Deer Creek Drive	Leland	MS 38756	LITTLEBERRY	1800 NC

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