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Words from Wick

Next year AAFA will celebrate its ten year anniversary. On our road to this milestone, many, many people have contributed their time, energy, and resources, some very much behind the scenes. I asked Gil Alford, who is in the best position to know, to suggest to me some of our workers whom we might honor at the October meeting in Springfield, MO, and who might be candidates for the Alford Hall of Fame. Gil was ready. He wrote such a beautiful tribute to some of the marvelous workers, doers, and shakers of AAFA that I wanted to share it with all our members, not just those who are able to join us in Springfield. I hope all AAFA members will join Gil and me in our appreciation for the work these folks do for our Association. Following is Gil's letter to me:

Alicia Roundy Houston, AAFA #1

Alicia is the leader of the census effort, what she herself described as a fifteen year job—and she's been at it for over five years. (How many other members do we have who would sign on for a 15 year task?) But she does more than coordinate the work of others. In 1994 she wrote, "I'll have some spare time over the Christmas holidays so how about ordering me the microfilm for 1920 Texas, Georgia, and Oregon?" The Georgia package turned out to be about 400 families or census worksheets. When typed it's about 70 pages. The Texas package was even larger with over 500 worksheets or families—72 typed pages. That was more than enough work to keep a person busy for a Christmas holiday. Keep in mind now that Alicia is a working mom, with husband and children at home. Keep in mind also that she is not an Alford, nor are her mother or grandmother. She has to go back to a second great grandmother, Delila Alford born in 1857.

Pamela Alford Thompson, AAFA #30

Every month we all have the good fortune to hold in our hands and view the product of the dedication of another one of our members. I have been in awe of Pam's ability and devotion from the very beginning (and to think she almost became our genealogist instead!) and I still get goose bumps every time a quarterly arrives.

Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #32

Lucille has been an avid supporter since the very early days. I described some of her contributions in "Gil Alford's About Alfords," this issue. Her eyes are so bad that she cannot drive. Yet she is spending day and night trying to get all her Texas Alford data organized and keyed into a special file for our use. She did it once but she wants it improved. She has so much trouble seeing that she frequently has to print out her work and look at it on paper as opposed to the computer screen.

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Treasurer's Report



We closed out 1995 with a healthy net worth, thanks mainly to the generosity of the Century Group donors. As you can see, donations during the prior three years have been in the \$2000 range; this year, the \$3000+ from the Century Group has raised the donation level to over \$5000. In addition, Sally Stoewer, the manager of the "AAFA store," has done a terrific job of bringing in extra revenue. We will need these extra funds to pay the estimated \$200 per issue in increased printing costs for our quarterly, *AAFA ACTION*.

Doris Alford Vetri, AAFA Treasurer

Figures as of May 31, 1996

	1993 Total	1994 Total	1995 Total	1996 Year to Date
REVENUE				
ANNUAL MEETING	5200.00	6933.00	7058.00	1067.50
DONATIONS	2441.00	2219.00	5229.70	438.00
DUES	5210.00	6840.00	5163.00	1695.00
REG FEE (Initial)	450.00	365.00	406.00	90.00
RESALE of Items Purchased	1736.00	1910.00	2585.70	
MISC. INCOME	102.70	562.80	445.09	22.40
YR. END ASSETS RESALE	1500.00	2200.00	950.00	
TOTAL INCOME	16639.70	21030.30	21837.49	3312.90
CARRYOVER FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	4603.49	4071.64	5330.16	6849.21
TOTAL FUNDS	21243.19	25101.94	27167.65	10162.11
EXPENSES				
ADVERTISING	60.38	50.53	0.00	
ANNUAL MEETING	5219.69	6787.92	6927.71	131.51
INVENTORY BALANCE (new category)				950.00
MISCELLANEOUS	21.00	53.50	15.00	24.00
POSTAGE & PO BOX	1907.88	2011.60	1757.75	447.77
POSTAGE QUARTERLY	2024.79	1423.81	2033.96	1104.50
PRINTING	165.50	163.00	176.10	
PRINTING QUARTERLY	3100.00	3692.18	3700.00	400.00
PURCHASE FOR RESALE	2090.03	3830.42	3376.59	
RESEARCH	497.12	763.77	168.40	138.97
STATIONERY	751.75	243.00	538.37	145.25
SUPPLIES	1333.41	752.05	1624.56	811.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	17171.55	19771.78	20318.44	4335.50
NET WORTH	4071.64	5330.16	6849.21	5826.61

New Member Lineages

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

Congratulations to AAFA! Our 800th member has joined us this quarter! Although all 800+ members are not active, we are proud to have reached such a large number of "Alfords" since our first year, 1987. We value the time, money, and most importantly, information that each member has contributed to the Association, and we plan to continue growing!

Each of the lineages below 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. Contact the secretary for back issues.) Those with "10" have comments in this

issue, while other footnote numbers are in previous quarterlies. See the references at the beginning of this set of endnotes.

It is important to note that the lineages begin with the first Alford ancestor—not always a parent. Surname "Alford" is to be assumed unless "Alvord," "Halford," etc. is shown.

Dates are shown as year, month, day. A "ca" following a date means "circa" or "about." A "?" means we are not sure or don't know. A "<" means before the date and ">" means after the date. "E" or "Est" means estimated. Locations are usually expressed as a state and county abbreviation.

Remember that AAFA is not presenting this as proven factual data. It represents the best we have and is only as good as the data reported by members. In a few rare cases there may be some conclusion reached by the compiler. This data does not come from the same computer file used in the compilation of the branch genealogies. Members are requested to bring differences, errors and omissions to our attention.

Membership # and New Member's Name

Pedigree #/ Reference #	Alford: Name Spouse: Name	Birth Date & Place Birth Date & Place	Death Date & Place Death Date & Place	Burial Place (Alford) Marriage Date & Place	Foot Note
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794 Karen Theriot Reader

25	nan829tn m. LANE, MEREDITH ALEX.	NANCY MARY ANN 18290628 TN ????	18860213 TN BLOU 1886	MARYVILLE 18530927 TN BLOU	10
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795 Kenneth Waterson Alford

1	KEN938TN m. MCNATT, MARY KATH.	KENNETH WATERTON 19400726 TN MADI	19381008 TN DYER 19560816 TN DYER		
2	LES907TN m. ROGERS, KATHRYN	LESTER PAUL 19120211 TN OBIO	19070416 TN DYER 19330415 KY HICK	FAIRVIEW	TN DYER
4	NOA888TN m. MUSTINE, LUCY	NOAH PERCY 1887	18880421 TN DYER 196208 TN DYER	FAIRVIEW	TN DYER
8	CAN839VA m. 2 _____, MARTHA	CANE E. 1839ca VA			10

796 Elbert Robert Alford, IV

1	ELB971MS m. MCMOORE, FA'ALUPE RISEPA	ELBERT ROBERT 19710808 CA LOSA	19711006 MS HIND		19940903 GA FULT
2	ELB944MS m. WILSON, CATHY ELEASE	ELBERT ROBERT 19440922 MS BOLI	19670909 MS HIND		
4	ELB921MS m. HOWELL, JOSEPHINE H.	ELBERT ROBERT 19230818 MS BOLI	19430806 FL DADD		

(see Early Alford Ancestors of ELBERT ROBERT ALFORD 1879 MS following the new lineages)

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797 James Huston Alford

1	JAM937AL	JAMES HUSTON	19370327	AL MARS				
	m.	LACKEY, CAROL L.	19391020	FL DUVA	Divorced	19610330	GA HARA	
2	JAM909AL	JAMES HUSTON	19091216	AL TALD	19860217	AL MARS	MEMORY HILL	AL MARS
	m.	MADDUX, RUBY AILEEN	19130929	AL MARS	19851218	AL MARS	19320910	AL BLOU
4	BEN883AL	BENNETT ALLAS	18830412	AL TALL	19670102	AL MARS	MEMORY HILL	AL MARS
	m.	3 LUMPKIN, EMMIE SUE	18981212	AL CALH	19841026	AL MARS	19210730	AL MARS
8	JAM846GA02	JAMES CLAY	18460123	GA MORG	19070206	AL TALD	CHILDERSBURG	AL TALD
	m.	2 SMITH, SARAH ELIZAB.	18440512		19140214	AL TALD		
16	KIN812NC02	KINCHEN	18120509	NC	18910726	GA MORG		2
	m.	2 HAYNES, NANCY	1825ca	GA	1861		1845	GA
32	KIN768NC	KINCHIN	1768ca	NC	1850>	NC		2
	m.	WILLIAMS, LINDA	17890516	NC FRAN				

(see Early Alford Ancestors of LODWICK ALFORD & his unknown wife/wives 1710 VA following the new lineages)

798 Pauline Browing Ward

201	eli719va	ELIZABETH	17190701	VA NEWK	1757	VA HALI		10
	m.	BATES, JOHN	1765ca					
402	JOH693VA	JOHN	1693E	VA ????	17260502	VA NEWK		10
	m.	_____, GRACE	1716E	VA NEW?				
804	JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E		17100314	VA NEWK		10
	m.		1716ca	VA NEWK				

799 Francis Alford Franklin

1	fra927ms	FRANCES WILLARD	19271215	MS BOLI				
	m.	FRANKLIN, CHARLES B.	19310520	MS JACK	19860704	MS JACK	19510608	MS HARR

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800 Claudette Alford Taylor

1	cla951	CLAUDETTE	19511229					
	m.	TAYLOR, _____						
2	CLA925MS01	CLAUDE HINES	19250426	MS BOLI				
	m.	1 BLAKEMORE, DOLLY						

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801 Delmar Ray Alford

1	DEL924TX	DELMAR RAY	19240223	TX				
	m.	LOCKHART, MARY	19211122					
2	JAM887TX	JAMES ISAAC	18870125	TX GONZ	19580524	TX GONZ	WAELDER	TX GONZ
	m.	GILMORE, MARY ELLEN	18960104	TX GONZ	19200509	TX GONZ		
4	JOH854TX	JOHN POSEY	185411	TX				
	m.	BORREN, MARY ANN EL.	18580404	TX BURL	19401231	TX GONZ		
8	HAT803NC	HATCH	1815ca	NC	1867	TX BURL		10
	m.	LONGLEY, MARTHA ELIZ.	1860	TX	18481225	TX AUST		
16	ISA769NC	ISAAC	1769EEEE	NC	185708	TX AUST		10
	m.							
32	SA748NC	ISAAC	1748E	NC				3
	m.	ALFORD, MARY	1760E	NC	1846ca	NC		NC

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802 Donald Leon Bray

3	edn911al m. BRAY, BERTRAM LEON	EDNA IRENE 19111120 AL MONT			
6	JAM859AL m. WINDHAM, FLORENCE E.	JAMES WILEY 18590128 AL	19120315 AL	SALEM	AL BULL
12	HEN822GA m. WALKER, MARTHA JANE	HENRY DORTCH 18221128 GA HANC	19080203 AL MONT	SALEM	AL BULL
24	WIL775?? m. ELLIS, MARY	WILLIAM JR. 1787ca NC??	183032		6
48	WIL734VA0A m. _____, MARTHA	WILLIAM SR. 17340731 VA NEWK	18250421 GA HANC		6
96	LOD710VA01 m. 1 _____, ELIZABETH	LODWICK 1710ca VA NEWK	1787 GA		6
192	JAM687VA	JAMES 1687ca VA ????		VA	1
384	JOH645VA	JOHN 1645E	17100314 VA NEWK		10

803 Benson Warren Alford

1	BEN963TX m. BEARDEN, REBECCA ANNE	BENSON WARREN 19631010 TX SMIT	19620523 TX SMIT	19860802 TX SMIT	
2	EGB935TX m. POTTHAST, PHYLLIS	EGBERT LANDON 19350711 TX			
4	JOH885TX m. LANDON, SUSAN	JOHN ROGERS 18850201 TX	19600308 TX		
8	EGB858AL m. OVERTON, ELLA A.	EGBERT BENSON 18580415 AL CHAM	19330826 TX RUSK		
16	JOH810GA m. BEALL, AMELIA S.	JOHN ROGERS 18100804 GA HANC	18811110 AL CHAM		
32	KIN779NC m. WOOTEN, ASENATH D.	KINCHIN 17791028 NC	181501 AL / GA		
64	JAM741NC m. BOYKIN, LURANER W.	JAMES 17410520 VA / NC	18121112 GA HANC		6

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804 Larry Alford

1	LAR945TX m. SCARBOROUGH, JANET L.	LARRY WINIFRED 19450121 TX ANGE	19470612 TX WOOD	19650606 TX ANGE	
2	CHA915TX m. TURNER, EDITH ODESSA	CHARLES WINIFRED 19150617 TX BAST	19200202 TX LEE	19381124 TX LEE	TX BAST
4	JOH888TX01 m. 1 PARKER, ALICE SIDNEY	JOHN LEE 188803 TX	197006 TX BAST	MCDADE	TX BAST
8	JOH860TX m. HEINE, AUGUSTA W.C.	JOHN LEE 18600325 TX WASH	19410517 TX BAST	MCDATE	TX BAST
16	BAL834AL m. JOURDAN, HARRIET E.	BALDY SAMUEL 1834ca AL	18621125 CIV WAR		
32	THO806GA m. TRUSS, MARY PATSY	THOMAS 1806ca GA	18850323 TX WILM	18561125	TX BAST
64	ARC780NC m. _____, ELIZABETH	BALDY 17841030 NCFRAN	1860-70 AL ETOW	LIBERTY	AL ETOW
128	ISH749NC m. FERRELL, ANNA	ISHAM 17551030 NC	1832 GA TROU		10

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805 Paula Jo Alford Burns

1	pau953tx	PAULA JO	19531008 TX LIBE			
	m.	BURNS, GEORGE ROBERT	19490119 TX WHAR	19740615 TX HARR		
2	RAY927TX	RAYMOND NEWTON	19270222 TX LIBE	19801010 TX HARR	OAKDALE	TX LIBE
	m.	MARSHALL, ROSEMARY	19270301 LA ORLE	19480809 LA CALC		
4	RAY901AL01	RAYMOND GUY	19010306 AL MONT	19820201 AL ELMO	FOREST PARK	TX HARR
	m.	FARRIS, THELMA M.	19060814 AR BATO	19821212 TX LIBE	19240930	TX LIBE

(see Early Alford Ancestors of JAMES THOMAS ALFORD 1873 AL following the new lineages)

806 Jennifer Lynn Darden

3	ram940la	RAMONA GWEN	19400501 LA IBER			
	m.	DARDEN, ALBERT N.	19640618 TX HARR			
6	RAY901AL02	RAYMOND GUY	19010306 AL MONT	19820201 AL ELMO	FOREST PARK	TX HARR
	m.	MAY, MARY ELSIE	19090911 LA HOWA	19921201 TX	19340812	TX Bell

(see Early Alford Ancestors of JAMES THOMAS ALFORD 1873 AL following the new lineages)

807 Rebecca Jo Roberts

3	jom925tx	JO MURIEL "JODY"	19251008 TX HARR	19951119 TX HARR	COOK	TX LIBE	9
	m.	ROBERTS, CLARENCE O.	19241125 TX HARR	19471008 TX LIBE			
6	RAY901AL01	RAYMOND GUY	19010306 AL MONT	19820201 AL ELMO	FOREST PARK	TX HARR	
	m.	FARRIS, THELMA M.	19060814 AR BATO	19821212 TX LIBE	19240930	TX LIBE	

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808 Michael Glen Roberts

3	jom925tx	JO MURIEL "JODY"	19251008 TX HARR	19951119 TX HARR	COOK	TX LIBE	9
	m.	ROBERTS, CLARENCE O.	19241125 TX HARR	19471008 TX LIBE			
6	RAY901AL01	RAYMOND GUY	19010306 AL MONT	19820201 AL ELMO	FOREST PARK	TX HARR	
	m.	FARRIS, THELMA M.	19060814 AR BATO	19821212 TX LIBE	19240930	TX LIBE	

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809 Curtis M. Kimball

3	amy896ma	AMY MAUD ALFRED	18961120 MA WORC	19761023 MA WORC			
	m.	KIMBALL, PARKER B.	18970415 MA FRAN	19730528 MA WORC	19220624	NJ CAPE	
6	EDM869MA	EDMUND P. ALFRED	18690727 MA BRIS	19411022 MA BRIS			
	m.	COLDWELL, MINNIE L.	CANADA	19280815 MA PLYM	18900530		
12	GEO836NY	GEORGE HENRY ALFRED	1836 NY NEWY	1907 MA BRIS			10
	m.	_____, _____	1866 RI PROV				
24	EDM800VA	EDMOND P. ALFRED	1800 VA ALBE	1862 VA AUGA			10
	m.	HALLET, ELEANOR MAC.	NY ALBA	MD BALT			
48	GEO766VA	GEORGE	1766ca	1843 VA AUGA			10
	m.	DEVAUX, MARY	CANADA	MO STLO			

810 Christine Hodges Smith

65	the790vt	THEODOSIA	17900103 VT ADDI	18810803 PA CRAW			
	m.	HODGES, JOHN PLATT	17870905 NY DUTC	18800812 PA CRAW	18080428	VT ADDI	
130	OLI767VT01	OLIVER	17671027 CT HART	18481225 PA ERIE			10
	m.	1 PORTER, LOVINA	17690901 NH	18341107 PA CRAW	17871108	VT ADDI	
260	BEN716CT02	BENEDICT	17160829 CT HART	17730430 1			
	m.	2 OWEN, REBECCA	17361128 CT HART	1831ca OH GEAU	17611218	CT HART	

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520	BEN688CT	BENEDICT	16880427 CT HART	17730430 CT HART		1
	m.	WILSON, ABIGAIL	16840303 CT HART	17730430 CT HART	17140112 CT HART	
1040	JER655CT	JEREMIAH	16551224 CT HART	17090606 CT HART		3
	m.	HOSKINS, JANE	16710403 CT HART	17150519 1687	CT HART	
2080	BEN619EN	BENEDICT	1619ca ENGLAND	16830423 CT HART		1
	m.	NEWTON, JANE/JOANNA	1622ca ENGLAND	16401126 CT HART		
4160	THO585EN	THOMAS	1575-85C ENGLAND	1636< ENGLAND		1
	m.	2 HAWKINS, JOANNA	1594ca ENGLAND	16360527 ENGLAND	16180511 ENGLAND	
8320	WIL547EN	WILLIAM	1547 ENGLAND			2
	m.					
16640AL	E520EN	ALEXANDER	1520ca ENGLAND	1576/7 ENGLAND		10
	m.	_____, AGNES	1513ca EN SOME	1578 ENGLAND		
33280	JOH475EN	JOHN	1475ca ENGLAND			10

Early Alford Ancestors of ELBERT ROBERT ALFORD 1897 MS

ELB897MS	ELBERT ROBERT	18970626 MS GREE	19410313 NCBUNC SHAW	MS BOLI	6
	m.	WIGGINS, ANNIE W.	18971225 MS 19811008 MS HARR	19191221 MS BOLI	
EPH829AL	EPHRIAM D.	1829ca AL			10
	m.	2 REED, FRANCES	1861ca AL 19410503 AL MOBI	18970803 MS GREE	

Early Alford Ancestors of JAMES THOMAS ALFORD 1873 AL

JAM873AL	JAMES THOMAS	18730214 AL	19370119 AL ??	PINELEVEL	AL MONT
	m.	EVANS, JOSEPHINE	18730426	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.	1787ca NC ??	1830\32		6
	m.	ELLIS, MARY	1850> LA BOSS	1805CA	
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		10

Early Alford Ancestors of LODWICK ALFORD & his unknown wife/wives 1710VA

LOD710VA03	LODWICK	1710ca VA NEWK	1787 GA		2
JAM687VA	JAMES	1687ca VA ????	VA		1
JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E	17100314 VA NEWK		10

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- 10 - See comments below arranged alphabetically by the reference.

ALE520EN

In 1576 the Will of “Alexander Alford, clerke, of Whitestanton, Somerset”, was proved. “Agnes my Wife Executrix.” In 1578 the burial is recorded at West Monkton, Somerset, of “Agnes, wife of Alexander Alford of Whitestanton. Clerke”.—Josiah George Alford, *ALFORD FAMILY NOTES*, 1908, London, p. 183.

BEN883AL

Bennett’s obituary was published in *AAFA ACTION*, Summer 1995, p. 15.

CAN839VA

It is not certain that Martha was the name of his second wife. Children by a first wife—name unknown—were William and Sally. Children by the second wife were Noah born about 1888, Alexander, Lee born about 1881, Annabelle born about 1889, and Ella born about 1892. We have found no trace of him before this date. The 1850 Virginia Census which has been verified and completed lists no Alford named “Cane.” Neither does 1860 Virginia. The AAFA 1900 Tennessee census list, which is a very preliminary draft listing, has no Cane listed. He could have been anywhere under a variety of names so we continue to search.

EDM880VA

He had a brother, Frederick J. Alfred, who resided in Weston in 1862 operating *The Stars & Stripes*. He sold *The Vindicator* in Staunton, VA in 1858.

eli719va

LDS IGI says she was “of Goochland Virginia.” The St. Peter’s Parish Register proves her father John’s marriage to Grace and his death date. It shows that they had children: Frances, Isaac, Elizabeth, Unity and Charity. It also shows that Grace later married Michael Harfield. John Alford identified the last three children in his will signed May 1, 1726. At that time John owned nine slaves and they were given to the daughters in the will. In a court case in Halifax County, September 1771, John Bates was seeking a settlement involving the slaves and the will was introduced as evidence. The court case goes on to say “We find that a certain John Bates intermarried with Elizabeth Alford a legatee therein named . . .” Source: *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol 23, pp. 419-421; Court Record, Halifax County, VA Court Septembers 1771; Pleas book #7, p. 253.

EPH829AL

Research continues on Ephriam. His declaration for pension service, War of 1846 with Mexico states: “He was born near Columbia, Orangeburg, South Carolina, that he is 59 years of age, 5 feet, 9 inches high, of light complexion, grey eyes, brown hair and by occupation a farmer. He was wounded in the knee and hip by a bullet near Vera Cruz and Cordova.” The application is dated October 20, 1886, which makes his birth year 1827 instead of 1829 as shown on his headstone.

It is probable that he was married previously to a person yet unknown. A copy of the obituary of Frances Reed Alford was published in *AAFA ACTION*, Summer 1995, p. 14. Sons listed were Ebb Alford of Leakesville,

MS and Ruff Alford of Grove, AL. Leila Churchwell of Leakesville was mentioned as a daughter. Frances was listed in the 1910 census of Greene Co., MS with sons Web 17, and Ruff 13—both born in Alabama. They have not been found in the 1900 census but it is expected they were in Mobile County, AL. The AAFA extract of the Alabama 1900 census soundex file did not list them, but there was an Eaphrom D. Alford, 42 with wife Luella 41 and 15 year old daughter Mattie H. It is possible that this “Eaphrom” was a son of Ephriam by an earlier marriage. Frances and her two young sons were probably obscured in a household with folks bearing surname other than Alford—perhaps the Reeds.

GEO766VA

He published “The American Student’s Guide” at Winchester, VA in 1835. No relation has been established to the John Alford who lived at Cross Keys (“Irish John”), or his son who served in the Revolutionary War. Most of this family (except the father) including a son named George went to Greenbrier/Monroe Co., VA. This George lived in Augusta County, VA, but where was he born and who were his parents? He was obviously much better educated than most rural Virginians of that day.

GEO836NY

He served in the Civil War in Company I, 18th Mass. at Walpole, wounded, 2nd battle at Bull Run. Had a brother “James Alferd of Atlanta, GA.”

HAT803NC

We have been unable to find Hatch and Martha in 1850. In 1860 the family was enumerated in Caldwell, Burleson County, TX as OLFORD. There was no wife but there was a six month old child. When Hatch died the children went to Gonzales, TX to live with their uncle. In the 1870 census of Gonzales County, Texas Orphans John, Ruth, and George were enumerated with

Louis and Eliza Evans, ages 69 and 59, born in North Carolina. His wife's name has been seen as Martha Jane and Martha Elizabeth.

ISA769NC

Tax records tell us there was an Isaac, Jr. We suppose that it was he who later moved, POSSIBLY to Tennessee, and finally to Texas where he died. (8/92)

ISH749NC

Anne was the daughter of John and Ann (Fish) Ferrell. Children included Brittain W. 1781, Baldy 1784, Bynum 1787 and Anna 1790. Although there are many who believe that Isham was a son of Lodwick Alford, that remains to be proven.

JOH475EN

All that we know about this POSSIBLE ancestor is from a table in Samuel Morgan Alvord's *A GENEALOGY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF ALEXANDER ALVORD*, etc., 1908, New York, p. 18, which shows "John Alford, of Whitestaunton, b. about 1476-85" as the ancestor of Rev. Alexander Alford who married Agnes.

JOH645VA

We are lacking proof that this John was the father of James, but most seem to accept the theory as most probable. He was at the right place at the right time. Events recorded in the St. Peter's Parish Church records about the sons of James, who would have been John's grandchildren, suggest that they lived on land which was deeded to John Alford in 1682. Mrs. John B. Boddie in *Historical Southern Families, Vol XII*, p. 58, writes that this John is the father of Elizabeth, James, William, Mary, and John. His death was recorded in the St. Peter's Parish Register.

"JOHN ALFORD, Wm Stone & Wm. Millington, 410 acs., New Kent Co., S. side Yorke Riv., 20 Apr. 1682, p. 131. Beg. Col Hammon, in the slashes of Coskockahick; to Mr. Napier, below

the mountaines, in sight of Wm. Peslie's plantation; &c...." Patent Book No. 7 as published in Nell Marion Nugent's *Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, Volume Two: 1666-1695*, 1977 Richmond, p. 230.

"JOHN ALFORD & William Millington, 350 acs., New Kent Co., S. side of York River, 22 Sept. 1682, p. 177. Being the remainder of land patented by Col. Hammond, joining to sd. Hammond's land called Fort Royall; beg. at Mr. Napier's corner; along Mr. Walter Huckstep; by the Deep Br; &c..." Patent Book No. 7 as cited above, p. 241.

"JOHN ALFORD & Gregory Barnett (Barnett), 150 acs.; New Kent Co., on S. side of York River 'and is reputed Coll. Hammonds land call'd by the name of Nantacooke Necke'; 22 Sept. 1682, p. 179. Beg. at sd. Hammond's by Nantacooke Cr., to the forke of same where it meets with Stone's Sw., &c.

Note that in a period of less than six months JOHN ALFORD has become owner, or part owner, of 910 acres on the south side of York River. At least 150 acres is gone by 1705 as per the following:

"William Major, 150 acs., New Kent Co., S. side of York Riv; & is reputed Col. Hamond's land called Nantecock Neck; 2 May 1705, p. 664. Beg. at Nantecock Cr., to the fork where it meeteth with Stone's Sw; cor. of JOHN ALFORD & Gregory Barnett. Granted sd. Alford & Barnett, 22 Sept. 1682, DESERTED, & now granted by order, &c..." Patent Book No. 9 as published in Nell Marion Nugent's *Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, Volume Three: 1695-1732*, 1979, Richmond. p. 95.

There is no evidence that anything happened to the other acreage before or after his death in 1710. (2/96)

JOH693VA

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Sources: *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vol 23*, pp. 419-421; Court Record, Halifax County, VA Court September 1771; Pleas book #7, p. 253.

nan829tn

Nancy Mary Ann's brother, Robert Alford born about 1825 married Sarah Lane, sister of Meredith Alexander Lane. Robert died Feb 28 1886 in Blount County, TN. After Nancy's death Meredith remarried October 1881.

OLI767VT01

Another source showed he was born in Addison County, Vermont. Lovina was the daughter of Noah Porter and Lois Powers.

Sources: An unidentified book published "Six Generation Ancestor Tables, Vol 2, chart 187—Helen Mae Bird Taft (Mrs. Howard) T-76s, 2021 W. Hayward Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85021." This table showed Addison County, Vermont as his birth place. An undated Family Group Record compiled by Helen I. (Mrs. Leonard) Alford, 10579 Star Avenue, Osceola, IN 46561 cited Windsor, Hartford County, Connecticut as his birth place. Sources were not provided with either. ❖

(Words from Wick, cont. from p. 1)

Robin Alford Sterling, AAFA #320

In preparation for the Decatur meeting, Robin Sterling, a relatively young married man with a career, located some Alford microfilm in the archives. He purchased the film and then had paper copies made of each image—each a news article or obituary—and all this at his expense. From the hard copies he keyed the data into computer files and sent them via e-mail to AAFA central and to Pam. There were over 500 pages of the paper copies of the information. A typed version of the data, available for members to read at the Decatur meeting, covers about 170 pages with multiple articles per page. When he was finished with the microfilm and the paper copies, he gave them to the Association.

Elizabeth Hawes Hazlip, AAFA #358

Elizabeth spends most of each spring and summer hand addressing hundreds and hundreds of press releases and flyers to genealogical societies, newspapers, etc in a multiple state area covering our meeting target area. She not only addresses the envelopes (to make them more personal) but she also includes a short note—and then she has to fold them, seal the envelope, stick on the stamp, and mail them. Having done a lot of that I can appreciate what she does. She is also not an Alford—nor are her mother or grandmother. She has to go back to a second great grandmother Miranda Loretta Alford born 1815.

Lynn Davidson Shelley, AAFA #484

You may have noticed that there is not one entry for Missouri Alford on the Booklist. That's a testimony of my

love for libraries. Luckily for AAFA, someone who does love libraries has moved to Missouri!

As I write this Lynn Shelley is bound for home (Springfield) on a tour bus. At her own expense she took a two-day genealogical research tour to come to St. Louis to do research in the St. Louis library. While in St. Louis, Lynn visited us here at AAFA central. She brought me a large box filled with materials she'd xeroxed. You might wonder where she gets it all. She spends some of almost every day in the Springfield, Greene County, library and/or genealogical society. She has visited other libraries in the area, collecting a great deal on the Alford of Wright and Webster counties. Recently Lynn, her two sons and her husband spent Spring break touring Missouri, which to Lynn meant running back and forth across Missouri "digging up dead Alford." We now have more Booklist material for Missouri than for any other state. Except for Virginia, most of which Lynn collected for the Richmond meeting, we have more than twice as many entries for Missouri than any for other state.

Lynn was not born and raised an Alford. He mama was not an Alford nor does she remember grandma Alford. She has to go back to 4th great grandmother Anna Alford, born in 1790, to find her Alford connection!! Don't ask me what inspires her, but I sure am glad it does.

Cecil O. Alford, AAFA #751

A relatively new member, Cecil is married and is professor at Georgia Tech. He volunteered to help as soon as he joined AAFA, signing up to key in the 1920 Georgia census. He proposed a new project and took on the job of managing it: coordination of a team to extract all the published information about Alford in Georgia libraries.

Ongoing AAFA Research

By Lynn D. Shelley, V.P.

We continue to prepare for the annual October meeting here in Springfield, MO. Anyone with Missouri connections is invited to send specific problems related to MO families. PLEASE be sure to invite all of your relatives to the meeting—especially those whose names are no longer "ALFORD" because we have difficulty finding them through our publicity campaign.

Our next project will, of course, be California. In order to get enough material for an "in-depth" picture of these families on the west coast, we need the help of everyone! Start looking now for California "Alford," copy it, and send it to Gil or me. We have some census data and will be working on more. There are NO entries from California in the Master Booklist.

Another project in the works is Kentucky, where our 1998 meeting is scheduled. If you have access to KY information, let us know so we can coordinate our research efforts. And, as always, we are working on individual problems, so if you have run into a snag in your KY research and want help, send us the information and maybe we can help. My contact information is always on page 2 of the quarterly. ❖

EDITOR'S NOTE: Everyone listed here certainly makes a difference in AAFA—their work keeps us all inspired and motivated. And consider this a first installment. We'll continue to recognize and thank our hard-working members in future issues. ❖

In Remembrance of AAFA Members

Mary Alford Helms
1935–1996
AAFA #407

Mary Alford Helms
Richmond, VA, 1994

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE
Little Rock, AR—Friday, 23 Feb 1996

Mary Edna Helms, of Little Rock, passed away February 21, 1996. She was a homemaker, a member of the Baptist faith, a graduate of Baptist School of Nursing, a volunteer with American Lung Association of Arkansas and CARTI. Her survivors include her husband A. Leon Helms; one son, Alan L. Helms of Bryant; a daughter, Gail Helms Smart of Springfield, MO; and five grandchildren. Funeral service will be Saturday, at 11 a.m., at Griffin Leggett Healey & Roth Chapel. Graveside service will be at Richland Cemetery at Arkadelphia on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Visitation will be today, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorials may be made

to American Lung Associations of Arkansas or one's favorite charity.

AAFA NOTE: Mary Alford Helms was born July 14, 1935 in Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas. She was the daughter of Robert Warren Alford and Edna Mae Williams. She traced her Alford ancestry back through great great grandfather Madison Ewing Alford, born about 1816 in Alabama through David Alford to Robert Alford born about 1760 in England. She married Leon Helms, Jr. May 19, 1957 in Hot Springs. Mary and Leon had two children: Alan Helms and Gail Helms Smart. Before her retirement Mary was a nurse. She was also a staunch Republican—though I stay strictly out of politics, especially in AAFA, Mary lectured me more than once regarding the positive aspects of the Republicans!

Over the years we've published several articles and poems that Mary sent about her feelings for AAFA and its members. Those who knew Mary will miss her optimism and enthusiasm, and all of us will miss her contributions to *AAFA ACTION*. She died on a Wednesday, and as late as Monday of that week she was still talking about going to the 1996 AAFA meeting in Springfield. She will be remembered and missed at the meeting.—Gil

REMEMBERING MARY HELMS

Contributed by Lodwick Alford,
AAFA #11

When Gilbert Alford and others of us first began to exchange correspondence with Mary Helms, we knew she was somebody special. Then when she joined AAFA and later came to one of our annual meetings for the first time, we were doubly sure she was very, very, extra special. The thing that most

impressed me was her enthusiasm and sheer delight in being around and among Alford's. She positively glowed in a natural way without the slightest hint of affectation. It didn't seem to matter whether any of us were close kin, kissing cousins or of very distant lines, she was warm and disarming to all. She herself wrote of her pleasure and delight in belonging to AAFA and how she felt so at home at our annual reunions. Several times I wrote about this in my comments and editorials appearing in *AAFA ACTION*. To me she was the epitome of an AAFA member.

When I first heard she was very ill, I could not help shedding a tear. I alerted every prayer group I could find and we sent Christian love her way. Oh Lord, how we will miss her! I am sure her loved ones will be comforted secure in the knowledge she is now with the Master. May she rest in heavenly peace.

Oliver Perry Alford III
1904–1995
AAFA #754

O.P. Alford's "In Remembrance" was published in the Winter 1996 issue, but at that time we had only an invitation to a memorial service held in January 1996 at the Ludwig Von Mises Institute, with which O.P. was associated. We still have not been able to locate an obituary, despite the efforts of two of our Alabama members, Robin Sterling and Paul Alford. Paul did find an article in a publication of the Institute: "O.P. Alford, III: A Hero For All of Us" (no author), The FreeMarket, March 1996, p. 3. Gil Alford adapted much of the following from that article, which included all of the quotes. Because the memorial service announcement was our first information

about O.P.'s death, we assumed he died in 1996, the date given in our first "In Remembrance" article, but we have since learned that he died in December.

Oliver Perry Alford, III was born July 1, 1904 in Baltimore, Maryland. He was the first son, and second child, of Oliver Perry Alford, II and Laura Tucker Carmichael. He died in December 1995 and a special memorial was held for him January 17, 1996 at the Ludwig Von Mises Institute, Auburn University, Alabama.

He was not married but he did have two sisters and a younger brother. His Alford ancestry goes back through Oliver Perry Alford who was born 1827 in Garrard County, Kentucky and his wife Mary Ann Downing. Oliver's parents were Nathaniel Alford and America Smith but he was raised by his step-mother, Elizabeth Noel. Nathaniel was a son of Charles and Polly Alford. Charles is thought to be the brother of Jacob Alford and the son of a James Alford of New Kent County, VA. All of his Alford family heritage goes through Kentucky and Virginia.

Though proud of his Alford heritage, he and others in his family were named for other great ancestors. He was the third generation named for Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, who was famous for coining the phrase, "Don't Give Up the Ship" during the War of 1812. On his last communication with AAFA, Mr. Perry closed his letter with "Don't Give Up the Ship" after his signature. His brother, John Randolph Tucker Alford, was named after two other famous ancestors, and Mr. Perry was influenced by them throughout his life. They were The Randolphs—William, Sir John, Edmund, John of Roanoke—and Henry St. George Tucker, men who had great influence in early Virginia.

He received a Ph.D in meteorology from the University of Chicago and an M.A. in journalism from Northwestern. While at Northwestern he founded the campus radio station. He studied flying at the Curtis Wright Aeronautical University.

As a young man, while still at home, his first work experience was bailing water from boats at a yacht club to which his father belonged. He later became a world-class competitive sailor. While at Oxford he taught sailing and ran the Flying Dutchmans class. He was a seaman, a mechanic, and a tugboat captain.

He also excelled in the field of agriculture and was a grain and dairy farmer on the Eastern Shore of Maryland where he produced a national champion Golden Guernsey.

In business he was the co-owner of a hotel in Cleveland, published a sailing magazine, and produced yacht racing movies.

He did not limit his transportation interests to the sea. He was a pilot who built and flew his own experimental aircraft when he was in his 70's. Wishing that he had been around in 1861 he restored aircraft for the Confederate Air Force.

About 12 years ago he became involved with the Ludwig Von Mises Institute at Auburn, AL. "He was a tremendously generous benefactor who also worked full-time with us in his last five years. The week before he died at age 91, he was still reading everything he could get his hands on, contributing at seminars, compiling mailings, and doing whatever other tasks were necessary, even while discussing books and research with our students. . . . Through his generosity, students were given access to great books in economics and to journals, newsletters, and conferences. He also made it possible

for students to attend graduate school and supported important research and teaching, all through the institute's Alford Center for Advance Studies in Austrian Economics."

He had been doing research on the premise that the real cause of the War between the States was high taxes. He was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and he wanted to help undo the old smears of the South. The Confederacy fought for the right of self government, and he thought we should too.

He was unassuming in dress—khaki trousers, a shirt, and baseball cap. He lived very simply in a small trailer. He was unusually quiet. "His intelligence was evident and his manners were strikingly aristocratic....He believed that the most important things a man can have are his moral principles, his health, and his liberty. With those he lacked for nothing..."

Mr. Perry said: "Early on I was taught that you have one hand for yourself and one hand for the ship. The theory is that if you neglect the ship and the ship sinks, you go with it. The same reasoning applies to your country."

Those who were present at the 1995 AAFA meeting in Decatur, Alabama had the privilege of meeting Mr. Perry Alford in person. He was present in every session sitting on the front row for the workshop on Friday. After the meeting he wrote a note to the association: "Dear Gil: Thank you for a great meeting and for your kindness to me. It was an honor to be included in such distinguished company. I did not know that there were so many nice people left around, they were very kind to me.... many thanks and Best Wishes" Under his signature he typed "Don't Give Up the Ship." It appears he applied his theory of keeping a hand on the ship to AAFA as well.

**William Joseph "W.J." Alford
1924–1996
AAFA #138**

No source

William Joseph (W.J.) Alford, 71, passed away Friday, March 22, 1996. W.J. retired after 37 years with Weingarten grocery. He was a member of Lindale Park Lodge #1347 and North Houston Chapter and Council #472. W.J. was a deacon in Lindale and White Oak Baptist Churches. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Jeweleen Bell Alford; son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Connie Alford; daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Keith Church and Melanie and Charles Leavens; seven grandchildren; brothers, Harold, Wallace and Maurice Alford; sisters, Willie Mae Fenter, Sibyl Headley and Camille Wilson. Funeral services will be held Monday, March 25, 1996 at 1:00 pm. at White Oaks Baptist Church, 3615 Mangum [Houston, TX] with Pastor Paul Dreason officiating. Interment

W. J. Alford

will follow at Rosewood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to White Oak Baptist Church.

AAFA NOTE: W.J. was born November 24, 1924, the son of Oscar Riley Alford and Bertha Ann Sparks. He was from the Sabine Parish, Louisiana, branch of the family and traced his Alford ancestry back through great great grandfather Jacob Alford born 1761 in North Carolina to James Alford born about 1687 in Virginia. From the time he discovered AAFA at our second meeting in Houston, 1989, he missed only two meetings—and in both cases it was his health that prevented his presence. We were expecting W.J. and Jeweleen in Destin in 1992, but in late September we received a note from Jeweleen: "Sorry, we're not going to make it to Destin after all. On September 15th W.J. was diagnosed as having multiple myeloma (bone marrow cancer). It is affecting his back with quite a lot of pain. He has just begun taking oral medication to keep it under control so we pray he'll be better. We'll miss seeing everyone and wish our best to all of you." A year later: "W.J. is still taking the oral chemo medication about every 4–5 weeks and it makes him feel weak and badly for several days. His pain is gone now though and he's doing better. We are going to try to make it to St. Francisville." And they did—they also attended the 1994 meeting in Richmond, VA. They were missed in Decatur as they will be in Springfield.

Jeweleen recently wrote: "W.J. was home when he died, because that's what he wanted. He truly enjoyed getting together with all of you Alford's. We came to the meetings until he was unable to do so. Thanks for all you've been to us." Brad Alford, the son of Wilmer R. Alford, #784, of Pasadena, TX, first let us know of

Corrections

Winter 1995, page 25: In some copies this page was blank. It contained text for the article "Alford's in Burleson County, TX." If you are missing this page and would like a copy, please send a note to Secretary Max Alford.

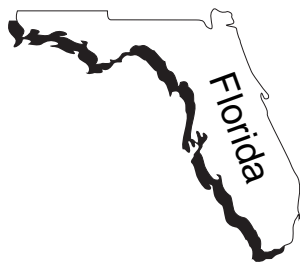
Winter 1996, "Part 23: Josiah Alford's *Alford Family Notes*": On p. 62, Elijah⁴ Alvord b. 1719 m. Hannah Huntington. On p. 61, Hannah is listed as Hannah JUDD. An errata page at the end of the book says: "P. 194, line 28—'Married Hannah Judd' is given in the Pedigree table as 'married Hannah Huntington.' The Alvord Memorial gives the latter with a query." Apparently this error was noted by the author. On page 62, Jeremiah² Alvord is listed as b. 1655, but page 61 lists it as 24 Dec 1651. This is another error in the original. Jeremiah's son Benedict³ is listed as b. 1653 on page 62. It is probably 1683, but this is another error in the original. Thanks to Marge Gray, #590, for calling this to our attention.

Winter 1996, page 53: Elizabeth Oatman Alford's marriage to Harry St. Clair should be 1903, not 1803.

Winter 1996, page #10: The lineage of #789 Robert Glenn Lewis erroneously shows a death date of 19920222 for Bessie Mae Alford. Rob reports that she is very much alive. The death date for her husband, Vasco Earl Lewis, 19920222 is correct. ❖

W.J.'s death. He wrote: W.J.'s interest in the Alford American Family Association was the reason that we joined. his presence on our fishing trips to lake Toledo Bend will be sorely missed."—Gil ❖

Obituaries



DOLLIE ALFORD JOHNSON

Sent by Arlene Alford, AAFA #154

THE LEDGER

Lakeland, FL—Tues., 31 January 1995

WIMAUMA — Mrs. Dollie Alford Johnson of Wimauma, formerly of Lakeland, died Sunday (Jan. 29, 1995) in Tampa. She was 75.

Born in Falmouth on Feb. 2, 1919, she was a former resident of Lakeland. She was a homemaker. She was a member of River Hills Church of God in Tampa.

She is survived by her husband, Robert J. Johnson, Wimauma; daughters, Yvonne M. Alford and Trudie P. Alford, both of Tampa; and sisters, J. Elizabeth Crawford, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and Alice Yvette Castillo, Stone Mountain, Ga.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Gentry-Morrison Southside Chapel, 1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Lake Wire Church of God.

JOHN JOSEPH ALFORD

Sent by Arlene Alford, AAFA #154

THE LEDGER

Lakeland, FL—Tues., 17 January 1995

LAKELAND — Mr. John Joseph

Alford of Lakeland died Sunday (Jan. 15, 1995) at Transitional Hospital in Tampa. He was 52.

Born in Lakeland on Jan. 12, 1943, he was a lifelong resident. He was a heavy equipment operator in construction. He attended Carpenter's Home Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lynda S. Alford, Lakeland; sons, Jeffrey J. Alford and Dennis D. Alford, both of Lakeland; daughter, Tammy L. Ritter, Lakeland; brothers, Frank Lane, Fort Meade, Pate Lane, Auburndale, and Bill Odom, Timmy Lane, Tommy Lane and Mike Lane, all of Lakeland; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. with graveside services Wednesday at Lakeland Memorial Gardens. Lakeland Funeral Home.

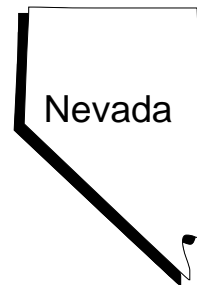
WALTER B. ALFORD

Sent by Marge Gray, AAFA #590

FLORIDA TIMES UNION

Jacksonville, FL—25 Oct 1995

Walter B. Alford, 75, passed away 10/23/95 in Middleburg. Mr. Alford is survived by his wife Clara L. Alford, two daughters Kathy Andrews and Donni Jean McClellan; two brothers James Pete and Vernon K. Alford; two sisters Mary Russell and Bety J. Moore. Also many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Thursday 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Holly Hill Funeral Home, 3601 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg. Funeral service Friday 11:00 AM at Holly Hill Chapel. Officiating will be Larry Finley. Interment Holly Hill Cemetery. For those of you who wish, contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.



ELAINE HARRIS ALFORD Aunt of Pamela Alford Thompson, AAFA #30

Sent by Wanda Rogers, AAFA #285

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Las Vegas, NV—Fri., 7 August 1987

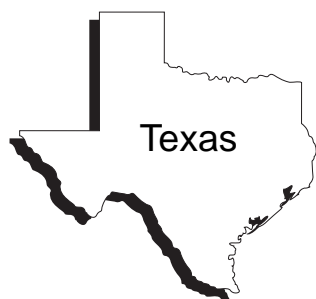
Elaine Harris Alford, 61, died Tuesday [4 August 1987]. She was a 33-year Las Vegas resident.

A homemaker, she was born Oct. 3, 1925, in Portage, Utah.

She is survived by her husband, Lavern; and daughters, Bonnie Lee and Denise, all of Las Vegas; mother, Rose Harris of Granger, Utah; brothers, Norman Harris of Kearns, Utah, Clinton Harris of Burbank, Calif., and Doraine Harris of Overton; sisters, Maxine Richards of San Mateo, Calif., and Carolyn Grace of Belmont, Calif.; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation is noon to 1 p.m. with services at 1 p.m. Friday in the Relief Society Room of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints 3rd Ward. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. Davis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

AAFA NOTE: Lavern "Chuck" Alford is the brother of Ray Dorte Alford, AAFA #459, and the uncle of Pamela Thompson, AAFA ACTION editor.



FRED F. ALFORD Jr.

Sent by Janice S. Smith, AAFA #152

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS
Dallas, TX—Thur., 6 May 1993

Services for Fred F. Alford Jr., a Dallas businessman and former mayor of Rosser, Texas, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Munger Place United Methodist Church in Dallas.

Mr. Alford, 62, died Wednesday at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

The Dallas native graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1952 with a business degree and started working for Alford Warehouse Co., which his father founded in the 1930s. In 1964, Mr. Alford became president of the company, one of the nation's largest ground refrigeration storage facilities.

He is credited with expanding the use of computers in the public warehouse industry and pioneering energy-efficient blast freezer and refrigerated storage technology, said his wife, Lois Folse-Alford.

Mr. Alford also owned a ranching business in Rosser, in Kaufman County, and served as that town's mayor from 1987 to 1989.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Alford is survived by his mother, Oleta Alford of Dallas [see following obituary—spelling as shown]; a daughter, B.W. Alford II; a son, Parker Brighton Folse-Alford of Dallas; two step-daughters, Micheau Folse and Donica Folse Jimenez, both of Dallas; and two grandchildren.

In a related article:

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS
Dallas, TX—Thur., 6 May 1993

Fred F. Alford Jr., survived by mother, Mrs. Fred F. Alford, Sr.; wife, Lois Folse-Alford; daughter, B.W. Alford, II; son, Parker Folse-Alford; step-daughter, Micheau Folse; step-daughter & family Donica Folse-Jimenez & husband Ildefonso Jimenez, Jr. & their children, Christanna & Santiago, all of Dallas. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bertha Worthington Alford; son, Frederick Fergus (Rick) Alford, III & daughter, Harriett Olita (Happy) Alford. Services 2:00 P.M. Friday, May 7, 1993, Munger Place United Methodist Church, 5200 Bryan Street, Dallas.... Interment Restland Memorial Park. Honorary pallbearers: members of his Sunday School class at Munger Place United Methodist Church. Family to receive friends at Restland Funeral Home 7-8:30 P.M. Thursday, May 6, 1993.

AAFA NOTE: Fred F. Alford, Jr. was the great-grandson of General George C. Alford, Quartermaster General for Sam Houston. General Alford is part of a painting, showing the Mexican surrender, in the rotunda of the Texas state house.

OLITA M. ALFORD

Sent by Janice S. Smith, AAFA #152

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS
Dallas, TX—Sat., 8 January 1994

Services Today for Olita Alford, 86

Olita M. Alford, former chairwoman of Alford Refrigerated Warehouses in Dallas, died Wednesday. She was 86.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Sparkman-Hillcrest Funeral Home in Dallas. A private

entombment will follow.

Mrs. Alford, a longtime Dallas resident, was chairwoman of the Alford family business for 26 years, retiring in 1991. Her husband, Fred F. Alford, started the frozen food distribution company in 1936.

The Denison native was also an avid sportswoman and member of the Skeet Shooting Hall of Fame.

"She was a real good shot," said her granddaughter, B.W. Alford. "She went fishing every weekend until she got sick."...

In a related article:

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS
Dallas, TX—Sat., 8 January 1994

Olita M. Alford, born in Denison in 1907, died in Dallas, January 5, 1994. An avid sports enthusiast, member of Koon Kreek Klub, and in the Skeet Shooting Hall of Fame. Chairman of the Board, Alford Refrigerated Warehouses from 1965-1991. She is survived by her granddaughter, B.W. Alford. Services will be held 2:30 P.M., Saturday, January 8, 1994, at Sparkman-Hillcrest. Private entombment....



GARDENIA ALFORD BRANCH

Sent by non-member Norma P. Harris

ROANOKE TIMES & WORLD-NEWS
Roanoke, VA—Fri., 6 January 1995

Branch, Gardenia Alford ("Deanie"), 59, of Natural Bridge Station, died Wednesday, January 4, 1995, at home. Mrs. Branch was born January 27, 1935, in Rockbridge

County a daughter of Ermine Hunt Alford and the late Arthur Monroe Alford. She was a member of the Falling Spring Presbyterian Church and worked 27 years in the Rockbridge County School System as a bus driver. She was also a member of the Lexington Women of the Moose. Mrs. Branch was preceded in death by a brother, Henry M. Alford and a sister, Norma Jean Flint. Surviving in addition to her mother is her husband, Jerry M. Branch, Natural Bridge Station; six daughters, Joyce Tomlin, Buena Vista, Wanda Rogers, Natural Bridge Station, Patsy Wines, Glasgow, Carol Martin, Lexington, Connie Beverly, Buena Vista, Bonnie Clark, Buena Vista; two sons, Michael Wines, Glasgow, Scott Wines, Glasgow; four stepsons, Jerry Lynn Branch, Lexington, Kevin Branch, Buena Vista, Franklin Branch, Buena Vista, Gregory Branch, Buena Vista; one sister, Paula A. Neil, Glasgow; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Saturday, January 7, 1995, at the Falling Spring Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jessie Blankenship officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Memorial donations should be made to the Rockbridge Area Hospice, P.O. Box 948, Lexington, Va. 24450 or the Glasgow First Aid Crew. The family will receive friends from 7 until 8 p.m. Friday at the Harrison Funeral Home, Lexington.

MACIE JENNINGS ALFORD

Sent by non-member Norma P. Harris

ROANOKE TIMES & WORLD-NEWS
Roanoke, VA—Mon., 6 March 1995

Alford, Macie Jennings, 82, of Rt. 1, Austinville, the Poplar Camp Community, died Saturday, March 4, 1995 in the Malin Health Care Center in Wytheville. She was born in

Carroll County, the daughter of the late Robert Heath and Nora Bowman Jennings. She was a school teacher and a member of the Retired Teacher's Association, a member of Bethany United Methodist Church Christian Women's Club and the Senior Citizen's Club of Bethany. For over forty years she worked with her husband and his brother in the Alford Brothers General Store in Poplar Camp. She also wrote the "Bethany News" column for the Southwest Virginia Enterprise for over forty years and was preceded in death by her husband, Kent K. Alford. She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Bill Ward, Montvale, Judith and Joseph Sclafani, Christiansburg; one grandson, Joey Sclafani; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Emmett and Catherine Jennings, Norfolk, Robert and Josephine Jennings, Rt. 1 Austinville; special sisters-in-law, Reta and Bernice Jennings. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 7, at 11 a.m. at the Bethany United Methodist Church with the Rev. Earnest Chinault officiating. Interment will follow in the Bethany Cemetery.... The family will receive friends at the Barnett Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday....

AAFA NOTE: Kent Alford, husband of Macie Jennings Alford, was probably the Kent Alford enumerated in 1920 Wythe County with his uncle Robert J. Alford. Also in the family was another of Robert's nephews, Marvin Alford, supposedly the brother of Kent. Kent and Marvin were also enumerated with Robert in 1910 but in Carroll County. At that time the family also included the father of Robert, James Alford age 78, and two of Robert's aunts: Rebecca Alford 74 and Jennie Alford 76. James, Rebecca, Robert and others of the family were enumerated in Wythe County, VA in 1870; James and wife Matilda and others in Wythe in 1860. Matilda was Matilda George Bagnel and James was

the son of John Alford and Elizabeth Baker. There are many AAFA members related to these folks.



ALICE I. ALFORD

Sent by Mrs. Harvey D. Alford,
AAFA #125

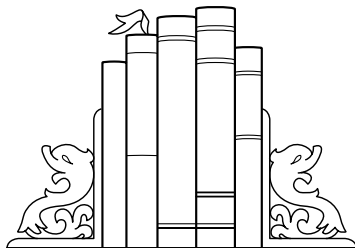
WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL
Madison, WI—Sun., 11 April 1982

MADISON—Miss Alice I. Alford, age 94, formerly of 1414 Whenona Drive died on Thursday, April 8, 1982, after an extended illness at a local nursing home. Born on August 7, 1887, in Madison, she was a life-long Madison resident. She attended the University of Wisconsin and received her letters in science degree in the early 1900's. While attending the university she was a charter member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and remained very active in it for most of her life. She was a member of Christ Presbyterian Church and of its Circle One. Her father, Frank Alford, was once mayor of Madison. Survivors are a sister, Marie Nielson of Madison; a niece, Virginia Valenza of Florida; and a nephew, George Miller of Atlanta, Georgia. Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 12, at 2 p.m. at the Fitch-Lawrence-San Fillippo Funeral Home at 6021 University Avenue with the Reverend T. Stewart Coffman of Christ Presbyterian Church officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home on Monday, April 12, from 1 p.m. until time of services. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery. ❖

Booklist Additions

The additions in this issue are devoted solely to Missouri—our first Booklist entries for that state! Thanks to V.P. Lynn Shelley for contributing all of the excerpts in this issue, and thanks to Jare Pearingen for typing them.

Please see the Winter 1996 issue for introductory comments about the Booklist.



MISSOURI

Statewide or Multiple Counties

- Brooks, Linda Barber, comp. *MISSOURI MARRIAGES TO 1850, Volume 1*. St. Louis, MO: Ingmire Publications, 1983. Title page and one page that lists Alford or variations: **Russel**, 4 (m. Martha Rodgers 16 May 1848 in Chariton Co.); **Thomas**, 4 (m. Mary Mansfield 20 Dec 1843 in Chariton Co.); **William**, 4 (m. Maranda Munroe 9 Jan 1845 in Cape Girardeau Co.); **William ALFRED**, 4 (m. Susan Murrain 31 Oct 1844 in Chariton Co.).
- Brooks, Linda S. Barber, comp. *MISSOURI MARRIAGES TO 1850*. N. p.: N. pub., 1984. Title page and one page that lists Alford (no variations): **James H.**, 5 (m. Elizabeth J. Evans 16 Jan 1845 in Pike Co.); **John**, 5 (m. Sarah Cook 28 Apr 1835 in Randolph Co.); **John**, 5 (m. Sarah Ann Jasper 14 Jan 1849 in Holt Co.); **Johnson H.**, 5 (m. Mrs. Adeline Lewis 25 Apr 1832 in Jefferson Co.).
- Carter, J.R. Mrs., comp. *EARLY MISSOURI MARRIAGES TO AND INCLUDING 1840, Volume I, Letters A-B-C-G*. Sedalia, MO: N. pub., n.d. Title page and one page that lists Alford (no variations): **John**, 4 (m. Sarah Cook 28 Apr 1835 in Randolph Co.); **Johnson H.**, 4 (m. Mrs. Adeline Lewis 25 Apr 1832 in Jefferson Co.).
- Dunaway, Maxine, comp. *MISSOURI MILITARY LAND WARRANTS WAR OF 1812*. Springfield, MO: By the author, 1985. Title page, Map and one page that lists Alford or variations: **John ALFRED**, 14 (purchaser of Warrant No. 3578, SW one-quarter, Section 28, Township 56, Range 16—Patent date 4 Jan 1819).
- Eddlemon, Sherida K. *MISSOURI GENEALOGICAL RECORDS & ABSTRACTS Volume 1: 1766–1839*. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1990. Title page, Index and all pages that list Alford or variations: **Hugh**, 53 (named on the 1825 Boone Co. Tax List); **Isaac**, 44 (under heading “Boone Co., Missouri, Marks and Brands, 1826–1839,” date recorded 5 Dec 1827); 53 (named on the 1825 Boone Co. Tax List); **Winfield**, 43 (under heading “Boone Co., Missouri, Marks and Brands, 1826–1839,” date recorded 7 Feb 1826); **James ALFRED**, 204 (on the 1823 Montgomery Co. Tax List); **John ALFRED**, 76 (mentioned on “A List of Persons Receiving Military Bounty Land for the War of 1812 in Missouri.”).
- Eddlemon, Sherida K. *MISSOURI GENEALOGICAL RECORDS & ABSTRACTS Volume 2: 1752–1839*. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., N.d. Title page, Index and all pages that list Alford (no variations)—Index has “Alford” and “Alfred”, but text is Alford only: **Emily**, 108 (m. Michael I. Jones 27 March 1838 in Ralls Co.); **Jane**, 186 (as noted in Lewis Co. Probate Records 1835–1839, appointed executor of John Ewing 5 June 1838); **Johnson**, 58 (named in Missouri Supreme Court case vs. James McCuiston in Jefferson Co. 1839); **Nancy**, 186 (noted in Lewis Co. Probate Records 1835–1839, appointed administrator for John Ewing 13 Oct 1838); **Thompson**, 136 (on a Ralls Co. list titled “Patrons of the Atlas,” a P.O. address of Vandalia, Audrain Co., born Garrad Co., KY 1837).
- Eddlemon, Sherida K. *MISSOURI GENEALOGICAL RECORDS & ABSTRACTS Volume 3: 1787–1839*. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1991. Title page, Index and all pages that list Alford or variations: **Allen E.**, 74 (member of Grand Jury from New Madrid Co., June Term, 1825); **Alonzo**, 2 (on a Delinquent Tax List of 1834 from Lincoln Co.); **John**, 1 (on a Delinquent Tax List of 1833 from Ripley Co.); **John ALFRED**, 128 (on a Delinquent Tax List of 1837 from Kelly Township, Ripley Co.).
- *HISTORY OF COLE, MONITEAU, MORGAN, BENTON, MILLER, MARIES AND OSAGE COUNTIES, MISSOURI*. Chicago, IL: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889. Title page, Index and all pages that list Alford or variations: **Isaac**, 637 (named on land entry in Osage Co. in 1837); **J. HALFORD**, 336 (received the majority vote for coroner for Moniteau Co. in 1850); **Jesse HALFORD**, 324 (land owner in Moniteau Co. in 1832); **Jesse HALLFORD**, 404 (early settler of Morgan Co.); **William HALFORD**, 324 (land owner in Moniteau Co. prior to 1837).

• Hodges, Nadine and Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff, comp. *MISSOURI PIONEERS, Volume—XI. Co. and Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the authors, Aug 1971. Title page, Index and all pages that list Alford or variations: from *NEW MADRID COUNTY, MISSOURI ABSTRACTS OF "ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS," 1832–1846*: **George G.**, 75 (Sec. for Thomas Anthony who died intestate, dated 9 Dec 1835); 77 (Sec. for Jane Byrne who died intestate, dated 28 Apr 1835); 90 (Sec. for Isaiah Sikes who died intestate, dated 1 Sept 1836); **George G. ALFRED**, 75 (Sec. for George Barfield who died intestate, dated 7 Apr 1834); from *HARRISON COUNTY, MISSOURI PATRONS OF THE ATLAS OF 1876*: **D.S. ALVORD**, 60 (attorney, originally from Pennsylvania, settled in Harrison Co. in 1865 and resides in Bethany Township):

• *INDEX OF PURCHASERS, UNITED STATES LAND SALES IN MISSOURI 1836–1839, Volume 2*. Springfield, MO: Ozarks Genealogical Society, Inc., 1991. Title page and pages of the Index of U.S. Land Sales that list Alford or variations: **Isaac**, 59 (purchase at land office in St. Louis—date of sale between 2 Jan 1836 and 1 Feb 1839); **John**, 1 (purchase in 1836 at land office in Fayette); **Johnson H.**, 59 (purchase at land office in St. Louis—date of sale between 2 Jan 1836 and 1 Feb 1839); **James P. HALLFORD**, 22 (purchase in 1836 at land office in Fayette); **Jesse HALLFORD**, 97 (purchase at land office in Fayette—date of sale between 2 Feb 1837 and 1 Feb 1840); **William HALLFORD**, 97 (purchase at land office in Fayette—date of sale between 2 Feb 1837 and 1 Feb 1840).

• *INDEX OF PURCHASERS, UNITED STATES LAND SALES IN MISSOURI 1839–1846, Volume 3*. Springfield, MO: Ozarks Genealogical Society, Inc., 1991. Title page and pages of the Index of U.S. Land Sales that list Alford or variations: **John HALFORD**, 124 (purchase at land office in Plattsburg—date of sale between 1 Feb 1843 and 28 Feb 1847); **James P. HALLFORD**, 124 (purchase at land office in Plattsburg—date of sale between 1 Feb 1843 and 28 Feb 1847).

• Wilson, George F., Maryhelen Wilson and Lois Stanley, comp. *DEATH RECORDS OF MISSOURI MEN From Newspapers 1808–1854*. St. Louis, MO: By the author, 1981. Title page, Abbreviations and one page that list Alford (no variations): **Stephen W.**, 2 (age 25, son of Gen. **Peyton**, late of Gerard Co., KY, died in New London 24 Feb at the residence of Lewis Tracy—from the *Bowling Green Radical* 11 Nov 1843); **Thomas**, 2 (of Chariton Co. died of cholera 10 June at the crossing of the South Platte—from the *Missouri Gazette* 7 Oct 1850).

Bates County—established from Cass, Van Buren and Jackson, 1841

• Hodges, Nadine and Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff, comp. *MISSOURI PIONEERS, Volume—XXVIII. County and Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the authors, Sept 1975. Title page, Index and the only page that lists Alford or variations: **A.T. ALFRED**, 38 (m. Anna A. Patterson 20 June 1869—from Bates Co. Marriage Book A, 1860–1870).

Boone County—established from Howard, 1820

• Eddlemon, Sherida K. *MISSOURI GENEALOGICAL RECORDS & ABSTRACTS Volume 4: 1741–1839*. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., N.d. Title page, Index and the only page that lists Alford or variations: **Sally ALFRED**, 122 (m. Archibald Whitley 8 Nov 1825 in Boone Co.).

• Woodruff, Mrs. Howard W., comp. *MISSOURI MISCELLANY, Volume XIV. State-Wide Missouri Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the author, Sept 1982. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford or variations: **Sally Alfred**, 4 (m. Archibald Whitley 8 Nov 1825—from Boone Co. Marriages, 1820–1841).

Callaway County—est. from Montgomery, 1820

• Woodruff, Mrs. Howard W., comp. *MISSOURI MISCELLANY, Volume XI. State-Wide Missouri Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the author, March 1981. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford (no variations): **Charles**, 38 (m. Elizabeth Quinn 4 June 1857—from Callaway Co. Marriages, 1851–1860).

Cape Girardeau County—original District, 1812

• Hodges, Nadine and Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff, comp. *MISSOURI PIONEERS, Volume—XII. County and Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the authors, Oct 1971. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford or variations: **Mary Ann ALFRED**, 24 (m. George W. Green 26 July 1836—groom the son of Zacharias Green and Elizabeth Wheeler, age 29 yrs.; bride the daughter of **Wm. ALFRED** and Catherine Bast, age 15 yrs.—Wit., James Howard and **Catherine ALFRED**).

Cooper County—established from Howard, 1818

• Ellsberry, Elizabeth Prather, comp. *EARLY MARRIAGE RECORDS (1819–1850) AND WILL RECORDS (1820–1870) OF COOPER COUNTY, MISSOURI*. Chillicothe, MO: By the author, 1959. Title page and pages that list Alford or variations: **Samuel AWFORD**, 5 (m. Mary

Allison 13 Oct 1840); **William C. HALFORD**, 54 (of Morgan Co., MO, m. Martha N. Martin 31 March 1839).

- Hodges, Nadine and Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff, comp. *MISSOURI PIONEERS, Volume—XIV. County and Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the authors, March 1972. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): Mrs. **Harriet C.**, 73 (received into the church upon examination, 20 May 1843—from the Cooper Co. First Presbyterian Church of Boonville, Minute Book I, June 1838–Oct 1848).

- Woodruff, Mrs. Howard W., comp. *MISSOURI MISCELLANY, Volume VII. State-Wide Missouri Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the author, March 1979. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford's or variations: **Alisabeth HOLFORD**, 24 (m. Rolan Hill 20 Jan 1859—from Cooper Co. Marriages, 1858–1865)

Dallas County—established from Polk, 1841

- *HISTORY OF LACLEDE, CAMDEN, DALLAS, WEBSTER, WRIGHT, TEXAS, PULASKI, PHELPS AND DENT COUNTIES, MISSOURI*. Chicago, IL: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations). Pages are from Dallas Co. only: **John M.**, 923 and 924 (merchant, farmer and stock dealer, b. 9 Feb 1822 in Knox Co., TN; m. Lucinda Cardell in Meigs Co., TN 4 March 1840—had two children: **Robert** and **William**; married second to Hannah Hallomon on 13 Apr 1847—ten children: **Pleasant, Jeremiah, Sarah, Matthew, Charles, Thomas, Owen, Susan, Mary** and **John**. **John M.** arrived in Dallas Co. in 1855 and reached Four Mile Prairie 5 Nov 1855; in 1862 became engaged in the mercantile business at Wood Hill); **John**, 923 (father of John M.; m. Jane McElhattan—from TN, moved to Carroll Co., AR in 1852. Other children of John and Jane were **Malinda, Robert, Orlando D., Thomas, Margaret, Rebecca** and **Mary**); **M.**, 931 (m. Naomi Bray, daughter of Noah Bray and his second wife, Mary Baker); **Sarah E.**, 925 (daughter of **J.M.**, married J.A.J. Baker in 1870—had six children: James S., Mary A., Hannah E., Lucy, Maude, and Susie. J.A.J. Baker was b. 8 Apr 1847 in Dallas Co.); **William**, 931 (m. Elizabeth J. Bray, daughter of Noah Bray and his first [unnamed] wife).

- Hodges, Nadine and Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff, comp. *MISSOURI PIONEERS, Volume—XX. County and Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the authors, Aug 1973. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's or variations. From “*Abstracts of Wills & Administrative Bonds, Book “B” 1871–1883*” for Dallas Co., Missouri: **John M.**, 94 (named as Sec. for Elijah Gordon who died

intestate. Admr., Noah Bray—25 Nov 1875); 96 (named as Sec. for the estate of F.O. Hays, minor—4 Dec 1882); 97 (named as Sec. for Owen B. Hollomon who died intestate—18 Nov 1876); 101 (named as Sec. for Isaac N. Morrow who died intestate—11 Jan 1875); 102 (named as Sec. for the estate of Martha J. Potter, minor under age of 14 yrs—10 Nov 1871; same, on 5 May 1873); **Owen B.**, 91 (witness on will of Drury Cook dated 22 June 1882, will recorded 28 Feb 1883); **R.L.**, 96 (named as Sec. for Alburn Hays who died intestate—19 Oct 1880); 105 (named as Sec. for Elizabeth Scrivener who died intestate—25 May 1880); 106 (named as Sec. for Robert Solan who died intestate—3 Oct. 1881); **John H. ALLFORD**, 88 (intestate—Admr., Peter M. Merritt—5 Feb 1877. Sec., W.J. Vanhorn & W.G. Joyner).

- Woodruff, Mrs. Howard W., comp. *MISSOURI MISCELLANY, Volume XII. State-Wide Missouri Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the author, Sept 1981. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations). From *Dallas County Marriages, Books 3 & 4, 1880–1886*: **Owen B.**, 8 (m. Rosa E. Wisdom 19 Jan 1882); **Pleasant H.**, 21 (m. Nancy M. Preston 17 March 1885); **Thos. R.**, 18 (m. Susan B. Cook 23 March 1884. R.D. Beck, under oath, that John L. Cook gives consent); **William**, 3 (m. Martha C. Hays 5 Dec 1880. **O.B.** named as witness).

Harrison County—established from Daviess, 1845

- Ellsberry, Elizabeth Prather, comp. *INDEX TO BIOGRAPHIES FOR HARRISON COUNTY, MISSOURI*. Chillicothe, MO: By the author, N.d. Title page and one page that list Alford's or variations. Book appears to be an index to another book, *History of Harrison and Mercer Counties, Mo.*, St. Louis and Chicago: Goodspeed Pub. Co., 1888. **Daniel S. ALVORD**, no page number (appears on p. 479 of indexed book, b. 30 Jan 1835 in Warren Co., PA—father was **Samuel**, mother was M. Ursula Smith).

Holt County—established from Platte Purchase, 1841

- Hodges, Nadine and Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff, comp. *MISSOURI PIONEERS, Volume Two. County and Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the authors, 1968. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **Allen**, 55 (m. Jane Proctor 28 Sept 1851); **John**, 53 (m. Sarah Ann Jasper 14 Jan 1849); **John ALFRED**, 55 (m. Nancy Stambaugh 27 Nov 1851).

- Woodruff, Mrs. Howard W., comp. *MISSOURI MISCELLANY, Volume IX. State-Wide Missouri Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the author, March 1980. Title page,

Index, and the only page that lists Alford's or variations: **Nancy ALFOOND**, 94 (m. Nathan Barber 3 May 1846—from Holt Co. Marriages, Record Book "A", 1841–1846—the author was uncertain of the spelling of the last name).

Jackson County—est. from Lafayette, 1826

- Hickman, W.Z. *HISTORY OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI*. Topeka/Cleveland: Historical Publishing Company, 1920. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Arthur J.**, 700 (husband of Verta Ann Hudson—both were of Oak Grove, MO—Verta Ann was the daughter of John W. Hudson and Mary Etta Austin).

- *VITAL HISTORICAL RECORDS OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI 1826–1876*. Kansas City, MO: The Kansas City Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, 1933–34. Title page and one page that list Alford's or variations: Sister **ALEFORD**, 35 (from records of the Union Baptist Church at Greenwood, June 1872, received by letter Thomas Powell, Moderator).

Laclede County—established from Camden, Pulaski, Wright, 1849

- Beard, Lois Roper. *THE HISTORY OF LACLEDE COUNTY, MISSOURI*. N.p.: Heritage Publishing Company, 1979. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Bonnie King**, 173 (one of several family members named that still reside in or near Laclede Co. who are fourth generation descendants of Isaac Newton Browning {1833–1914} and Sarah Rebecca Shumate {1826–1920}); 240 (one of several family members named that live in Laclede Co. who are descendants of James M. Dotson {1824–1915} and Mary "Polly" Sims); 487 (daughter of Clyde King and Jessie Richard. m. _____ Alford; one of several family members named that live in Laclede Co. and are grandchildren of Chiles Smillex Richard {1870–1940} and Clara Della Craig {1876–1944}); **Myrtle**, page number cut off (b. 1888, d. 5 May 1956, m. William Lee "Widd" McClanahan, b. 30 Jan 1884, d. 5 May 1974. They lived near Pease Mill and were buried in Eureka Cemetery near Rader, Missouri. William Lee was the son of Alexander Marion McClanahan and Jessie Pandora Porter and was a Freewill Baptist Minister for 50 years. The children of William and **Myrtle** are Irvin, Jessie, Clodus, Lloyd and Joseph).

- *LACLEDE COUNTY, MISSOURI MARRIAGE RECORDS 1849–1881*. N.p.: Laclede County Historical

Society, 1979. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **M.L.**, 69 (m. Samuel Varner 16 Oct 1879).

Lafayette County—established from Cooper, 1820

- Brunetti, Marty Helm and Elizabeth Duncan Lee, comp. *LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSOURI MARRIAGE RECORDS*, Book E beginning 1 January 1866 and Book F. Lexington, MO. By the authors, 1981. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **N. ALLFIRD**, 88 (m. Lisa Haal 26 May 1875); **Elizabeth J. ALLFORD**, 26 (m. Joseph H. Oatman 5 Sept 1867).

Lewis County—established from Marion, 1833

- Hodges, Nadine and Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff, comp. *MISSOURI PIONEERS, Volume—XVII. County and Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the authors, Dec 1972. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations). From *Lewis County Marriages, 1833–1852*: **Isabel**, 95 (m. Thomas Francis 21 June 1843); **Janetta**, 105 (m. J.P. Smith 31 July 1851); **Lois**, 93 (m. John Ewing 26 Dec 1841).

- Woodruff, Mrs. Howard W., comp. *MISSOURI MISCELLANY, Volume IV. State-Wide Missouri Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the author, Sept 1977. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations). From *Lewis Co. Marriages, 1853–1863*: **Mary**, 72 (m. A. Smith 17 Sept 1854).

Moniteau County—est. from Cole, Morgan, 1845

- Hodges, Nadine and Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff, comp. *MISSOURI PIONEERS, Volume—XXV. County and Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the authors, Dec 1974. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's or variations. From *Abstracts of Wills & Administrative Bonds, 1845–1863*: **Benjamin F. HALLFORD**, 12 (will dated 4 Apr 1861 and recorded 23 Aug 1861. His wife, **Berthenia HALLFORD** named in the will); **Jacob W. HALLFORD**, 13 (died intestate—**Jesse HALLFORD**, Administrator—dated 9 May 1851—**J.R. HALLFORD** as Sec.—Admr. de bonis non [an administration in which the original administrator of an estate died without having completed his duties and another person was appointed to administer the estate], **Jesse R. HALLFORD**—dated 29 Nov 1856); **Jesse HALLFORD**, 13 (died intestate—**Jesse R. HALLFORD**, Administrator—dated 29 Nov 1856); **William C. HALLFORD**, 13 (died intestate—Isham Martin, Administrator—dated 7 Oct 1851).

Morgan County—established from Cooper, 1833

• Barnhouse, Aug F. and Carl G. Kelsay, comp. *MARRIAGES MORGAN COUNTY, MISSOURI, Books 1–6*. No publication data. Title page and one page that lists Alford or variations: **Sarah HALLFORD**, 12 (m. Isaac Hill 8 Jan 1843).

New Madrid County—original District, 1812

• Brown, Mary M. and Fay Hedgepeth, comp. *NEW MADRID COUNTY, MISSOURI MARRIAGE RECORDS 1847–1874*. New Madrid, MO: By the authors, 1973. Title page, Preface, Index, and all pages that list Alford or variations: **Amanda**, 22 (m. John B. Pasquin 11 July 1853—recorded 31 Aug 1853); **Ann**, 29 (m. John W. Liggett 12 March 1856—recorded 7 March 1856); **G.W.N.**, no page number (identified as a Clerk on list of officials performing marriages and officials whose signatures appear on the marriage books); **George F.**, 33 (m. Anie Maulsby on 16 Feb 1857—recorded 23 Feb 1857); **George**, 16 (m. Luvenia Myers 17 July 1851—recorded 3 Sept 1851); 41 (m. Nancy Ann Carpenter 24 Oct 1859—recorded 25 Feb 1860); 88 (present at the marriage of Robert M. Wynn and Willie E. Summers on 22 Feb 1874); **Harriet**, 12 (m. John B. Pasquet 18 July 1850—recorded 16 Aug 1850); **Nelson**, 28 (m. Mrs. Susan Ayres—certificate dated 29 Nov 1855—recorded 4 Dec 1855); **Nancy ALFORDE**, 60 (m. Isaac U. Miller 2 Sept 1866—recorded the 19th day of Sept).

Newton County—established from Barry, 1838

• Woodruff, Mrs. Howard W., comp. *MISSOURI MISCELLANY, Volume V. State-Wide Missouri Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the author, March 1978. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford or variations. From *Newton County Marriages, 1870–1875*: **Joseph B. HOLFORD**, 75 (m. Hanna Pruitt 23 Oct 1870).

• Hodges, Nadine and Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff, comp. *MISSOURI PIONEERS, Volume—XIX. County and Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the authors, March 1973. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford or variations: **N.A. HAFFORD**, 74 (witness on land transaction dated 30 June 1840 in the town of Sarcoxie, formerly called Centerville).

• Vineyard, Mrs. John, comp. *NEWTON COUNTY, MISSOURI MARRIAGE RECORDS THROUGH 1869*. Independence, MO: N. pub., N.d. Title page and one page that list Alford or variations: **Joseph B. HALFORD**, 5 (m. Bethena Haggard 5 June 1866).

Ozark County—established from Taney, 1841

• *A HISTORY OF OZARK COUNTY 1841–1991*. N.p.: Ozark County Genealogical and Historical Society, 1991. Title page and pages that list Alford or variations: **Charles HALFORD**, 125 (m. first Eva Dean {1899–1953}, daughter of John Franklin Dean and Mary Alice Davis); 124 (m. second Elzina McCleary Dean in 1976—Elzina was b. 10 July 1892 at Sycamore and d. 5 July 1980—previously m. to Caleb Adam Dean, brother of Eva Dean, who died 30 July 1951); **David HALFORD**, 92 (father of **Laura Belle**; m. Mary Bean—they had **Frank, Charlie, Isaac, Archie** and **Elmer**. Mary died at the birth of **Elmer** and he died at age six months; David and Mary buried at the Udall Cemetery); **Dollie Hathcock HALFORD**, 291 (daughter of Robert Thomas Hathcock and Ida Eveline Bentley); **Etta Cora Alsup HALFORD**, 572 (daughter of Eliza Jane Alsup—buried in Barnsdall's Ethel Reece Cemetery); **Gene HALFORD**, 125 (son of Charles and Eva; m. Addie Smith); **Haywood HALFORD**, 125 (son of Charles and Eva; m. Frances _____); **James HALFORD**, 125 (son of Charles and Eva; m. Patricia Arnett); **John HALFORD**, 230 (father of **William Luker**; m. Mary Bromley); **Laura Belle HALFORD**, 92 (m. Cecil Payne Carter in Texas 2 June 1918—had two children, Rolan Waco, b. Udall, MO 13 Apr 1919, and Fern Aleta; Cecil and Laura buried at the Udall Cemetery); **Mary HALFORD**, 230 (daughter of William Luker, b. 1873, m. Josiah Dobbs 28 July 1893 and she d. 16 Feb 1945—they had eight children); **William Luker HALFORD**, 230 (b. 31 Jan 1835, m. Susan Caroline Walker 30 March 1856—their children were **John, James Franklin, William Andrew, Nellie, Elihu Buford, Martha, Mary, Jesse** and **Nancy Helen**; Union soldier in Civil War).

• Hodges, Nadine and Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff, comp. *MISSOURI PIONEERS, Volume—XXIV. County and Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the authors, Sept 1974. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford or variations. From *Ozark County Marriage Book "A", 1858–1878*: **Amanda HALFORD**, 15 (m. Wm. H. Abbarly 20 Dec 1860); **Andrew W. HALFORD**, 15 (m. Manerva Hammons 2 Sept 1860); **James W. HALFORD**, 21 (m. Arrenia Bean 12 Dec 1869—bride of Fulton Co., Arkansas); **John HALFORD**, 15 (m. Malinda Russell 17 July 1860); **Johnathan HALFORD**, 32 (m. Mary Langston 8 July 1877); **Mary C. HALFORD**, 26 (m. Wm. Baly {Bailey} 25 Dec 1873).

Pike County—established from St. Charles, 1818

• *MISSOURI PIONEERS OF PIKE COUNTY*. Bowling Green, MO: InfoTech Publications, 1992. Title page,

Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **James H.**, 50 (m. Elizabeth Jane Evans 16 Jan 1845); **Mariah L.**, 61 (m. George W. Payne 9 Aug 1849).

• *MISSOURI PIONEERS—VOLUME IX*. No publication data. Table of Contents, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **James H.**, 11 (m. Elizabeth Jane Evans 16 Jan 1845); **Mariah L.**, 23 (m. George W. Payne 9 Aug 1849).

Platte County—est. from Platte Purchase, 1838

• Woodruff, Mrs. Howard W., comp. *MISSOURI MISCELLANY, Volume XIII. State-Wide Missouri Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the author, March 1982. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford's or variations: **James HALFORD**, 73 (included on Platte Co. Personal Property Tax List for 1839).

Ralls County—established from Pike, 1820

• Woodruff, Mrs. Howard W., comp. *MISSOURI MISCELLANY, Volume II. State-Wide Missouri Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the author, Sept 1976. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **Thomas T.**, 1 (Captain, resident of Madisonville, Missouri named on a 1879 list of survivors of the First and Second Missouri Confederate Brigades—was in the Infantry).

• Woodruff, Mrs. Howard W., comp. *THE MARRIAGE RECORDS OF RALLS COUNTY, MISSOURI—Books "A" and "B" 1821–1866*. Kansas City, MO: By the author, 1969. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Clementine**, 28 (m. Norman Robinson 28 Jan 1847); **Emily**, 15 (m. Michael I. Jones 27 March 1838 with consent of their parents); **Molly**, 56 (m. James Luter 17 Dec 1866); **Thompson T.**, 35 (of Pike Co., m. Martha Ann Yager 22 July 1851).

Ripley County—established from Wayne, 1833

• Eddlemon, Sherida K. *MISSOURI GENEALOGICAL RECORDS & ABSTRACTS Volume 5: 1755–1839*. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1993. Title page, Index and the only page that lists Alford's or variations: **John ALFROD**, 196 (on a Delinquent Tax List of 1834 from Kelly Township, Ripley Co.).

St. Clair County—established from Rives (later Henry), 1841

• Williams, Jacqueline Hogan and Betty Harvey Williams, comp. *RECORDS OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY*,

MISSOURI. No publication data. Table of Contents and one page that lists Alford's or variations: **Lucy Ann ALFRED**, 16 (m. William M. Bybee 24 June 1861).

St. Francois County—established from Jefferson, Ste. Genevieve, Washington, 1821

• Woodruff, Mrs. Howard W., comp. *MARRIAGE RECORDS ST. FRANCOIS CO., MISSOURI—Book "A" & "B" 1836–1866*. N.p.: By the author, 1970. Title page and one page that list Alford's or variations: **William ALFRED**, 40 (m. Elizabeth Herald 20 Sept 1860).

St. Louis County—original District, 1812

• *INDEX OF ST. LOUIS MARRIAGES 1804–1876, VOLUME II*. St. Louis, MO: St. Louis Genealogical Society, 1973. Title page and pages that list Alford's or variations: **William E.** (m. Therese Gebauer 3 Dec 1871—from Book 15, page 221); **P.I. ALFRED** (m. D.E. Casey 17 Sept 1861—from Book 10, page 480); **Charles S. ALVORD** (m. Minnie Brocklage 17 Nov 1875—from Book 17, page 176); **Wm. B. ALVORD, Jr.** (m. Catherine Kouffman 12 Jan 1864—from Book 11, page 344).

• Woodruff, Mrs. Howard W., comp. *MISSOURI MISCELLANY, Volume X. State-Wide Missouri Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the author, Sept 1980. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford's or variations. From *The St. Louis Christian Advocate*, Sept 1868: **Kate J. ALFRED**, 78 (d. in city of Lagrange on 14 Sept 1868, wife of **S.L. ALFRED**, in the 25th year of her age. "United with the M.E. Church, South in city of Hannibal."; m. 18 Nov 1866—one small child).

Stoddard County—est. from Cape Girardeau, 1835

• Hodges, Nadine and Mrs. Howard W. Woodruff, comp. *MISSOURI PIONEERS, Volume—XXII. County and Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the authors, March 1974. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **John**, 104 (d. intestate—Administrator Wilson Johnson—dated 23 Apr 1859—from Adm. Book "B", 1847–1860).

• Woodruff, Mrs. Howard W., comp. *MISSOURI MISCELLANY, Volume XVII. State-Wide Missouri Genealogical Records*. N.p.: By the author, March 1984. Title page, Index, and the only page that list Alford's or variations: **Wm. Thomas OFFARD**, 13 (m. M. Catherine Brewer 14 Oct 1869). ❖

Henry L. Alford, Baptist Elder

Transcribed by Robin Alford Sterling, AAFA #320, from an article written by the subject and published in *The Baptist Trumpet*. The original article was accompanied by a picture. The date of the publication appears to be January, 1971.

Following the article is the obituary of Henry's father, and an article about his brother's 50th wedding anniversary, also transcribed by Robin Sterling.

AAFA NOTE: Henry L. Alford's grandfather was Thomas L. or Thomas C. Alford who was born about 1834 in Georgia. The family appears in the 1870 Alabama Census, but it hasn't been found in 1860. If anyone has information on this line, please send it to AAFA.

Life Sketch of Elder H.L. Alford

I was born December 15th, 1889, in a little log cabin in Clay County, Alabama, in the Bethany Church Community. I am the son of William and Elizabeth Hodnett Alford. The community school was the Mountain school. Brother Joe Mountain was the first teacher. I was not old enough for the first session of the school. The first book we had was the Blue Back speller. We had to learn the ABC's, then spell, then read. We did not have any writing paper, but we had a slate and we could write, then erase it and write again. I remember as a class we had to say a poem. I was at the foot of the class and I said, "I live for those who love me." I did not think much then about what the poem meant, but in later years I have given much thought to what it means to live by that Motto, though I have not lived up to the Motto fully.

I had a good father and a good mother. In my later years I have wondered if I had the good influence over my children that my father and mother had over me. Mama and papa carried us children to church and we have carried ours. I remember seeing Mama and Papa baptized. It scared me. I was just a little boy then. But the Third Sunday in August, 1907, I was baptized in the same creek by Elder S.W. Pruett, as a member of Bethany Church. I thought at the time I could live such a good life I would not need the help of other people, but I never reached that goal yet. I realize I need the good influence of the brethren yet, and I hope I appreciate them as I ought.

Mama would tell us children to not be talking when we had company. When the preacher and the brethren would come I would get where they could not see me, but I could hear them talk. I loved to hear them talk about the Bible. When I would go to meeting Mama would say, "Henry, go in the house, near the front, but one time at recess between the prayer meeting and preaching time, a boy said to me, "Let's sit here in this buggy." He just kept talking and I was too timid to say, "Let's go in the house," so he talked until the preaching was over. I sure was ashamed of it. I knew Mama would whip me, I felt like I needed it, but I guess I looked so bad and so ashamed she did not whip me, but I went in the house from then on.

The church meant much to me in my young days. I can remember those good old Elders. Elder Lecroy, in closing would say, "Lord, bless truth and pardon error." Elder Harris was preaching one time and said, "If someone will give me a dime I will quit." Grandma Hodnett carried him a dime. The congregation smiled. It

kindly embarrassed him, but he quit in a short time. I would take a part in the prayer meetings. The brethren would say many good things. I remember Grandpa Hodnett would say, "My precious Redeemer." Papa would say, "The Good Lord." All the others would say good things. The brethren decided I had the gift of speaking, so in 1932 they asked me to exercise the gift. The Lord's people need to hear the truth, but I have not been the best speaker by any means, but an humble godly life affects me more than oratory. I do not think I have been very effective with either one.

In 1909, at a church meeting, I saw a girl and I liked her looks, so I asked a young man to introduce me to her. The lady was Miss (13 year old) Esther Vickers. I continued to visit her until I decided to take her as my wife if she would have me. At the time she did not belong to the same church I did, but I thought I could treat her right even if we did not belong to the same church. She agreed to take me as a husband, so we were married October 19th, 1913. She has been a good helpmate these fifty-seven years, always busy at something all the time, a good cook, a nice house-keeper, doing something when I think she ought to be resting. She joined Bethany Church with me in 1917. At the present we have three boys and three girls. We lost a little seven weeks old girl in 1917. She died with the whooping cough.

We lived in the Bethany Church Community most of the time until 1935, when we moved to Tallapoosa County, later moving to near Alexander City, and moved our membership to Fellowship Church. While we lived in the Bethany community I served for some time as

one of the Trustees of the school. I taught some in three schools, and also served as Justice of the Peace a few years. I learned that most people will listen to reason, not just any time, but if you love and appreciate people and labor to restore and maintain peace, most people will forget their differences and live peacefully. I have seen it work among neighbors. If we have any peacemakers it would be a good time for them to use their gift today.

I never have visited among our people as much as I would love to, but I have done a good bit of reading. I have read some Church History, am still reading a few Primitive Baptist papers, and a few that are not. The more I read, the more I am convinced that our people teach the plan of salvation as it is taught in the word of God. I enjoy reading the Gospel Standard, published in London, England, by the Strict Baptists. I thank God, and the good brethren and sisters that I have been blessed to read the good thoughts they have expressed in their writings in the books and papers that I have read and still reading. By reading the writings of our people I believe they are the same fundamentally. It is a sad state of affairs to me when you meet a brother and he has to find out what group (I hate to say faction) you belong to before he can tell you whether you have a right to take an active part in the service of God with him. What the prophet said to the children of Israel is appropriate for our day. He said, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sins, and heal their land," 2nd Chr. 7:14.

In my young days I served Bethany Church fifteen years as Clerk, and as the Pastor awhile, and five other churches awhile, and baptized a few.

With all the confusion I wonder sometimes if I had a God-given right to render that service. I pray the Lord to forgive me if I did not. How good it would be if our people would do as the prophet said live together as comrades in carrying on the work of the kingdom of God.

H.L. Alford
Alexander City, Alabama

Obituary, William L. Alford

LINEVILLE TRIBUNE
Lineville, AL—21 Sep 1944

William LaFayette Alford, 75, passed away Sunday and was buried Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Bethany Cemetery with elder B.B. Finley, Grady Birchfield, Elder H.H. Goodman, and Elder C.R. McCleave, of Ft. Worth, Texas, officiating, and Blair directing. He was married to Amanda Elizabeth Hodnett. To this union, was born 10 children. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church.

Surviving are: wife, ten children, fifty-two grandchildren, and seventeen great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Henry Alford, Elvey Alford, Brady Alford, Grady Alford, Doyle Alford, and Album Blankenship.

AAFA NOTE: Pallbearers were probably William's sons Elder Henry L. Alford, Elvey D. Alford, William Brady Alford and Riley Doyle Alford. Album Blankenship is probably a son-in-law but we don't have data to prove that.

50th Wedding Anniversary, Brady and Myrtle Alford

ASHLAND PROGRESS
Ashland, AL—15 May 1969
[with picture]

The children of Mr. and Mrs. William Brady Alford, the former Myrtle Hand, entertained for their parents at their home in the Mountain Community, Sun., April 13th, in honor of their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. The real wedding date was Dec. 27, 1918, but because of illness the celebration was postponed.

Approximately one hundred guests were registered by Mrs. Lorene Hand.

A three-tiered cake decorated with yellow spun roses and bearing the number 50 was served from a table covered with ecru lace cloth over yellow. Beautiful arrangements of yellow pom-pons arranged by Mrs. Thurber Colley added to the attractiveness of the refreshment table where buring yellow tapers were also used.

Golden punch, nuts and mints were served by Kathy Hand and Debra Jackson from a beautiful crystal service.

The hostesses were Lawson Alford, Cusseta; Cecil Alford, Sybil Alford Jones, Alex City; Maxine Alford Plier, Thorsby. They also have 12 grandchildren.

Mrs. Alford chose a blue printed crepe dress for the occasion. Her corsage was of yellow mums and Mr. Alford wore a yellow boutonniere. Pictures were made by Lorine Hand and Rev. B.B. McGinty.

AAFA NOTE: Brady Alford was a brother of Elder Henry L. Alford.

We would like to obtain information on any descendants of the children of William L. Alford. ❖

Kinchen and Asenath (Wooten) Alford

Gil Alford has been working with Landon Alford, AAFA #2, on a family history of the descendants of Kinchen Alford, with an emphasis on his son John Rogers Alford. Following is the draft of the first generation, which includes the will of Kinchen's wife, Asenath Alford.

Kinchen Alford, born Oct 28, 1779 in _____. [Record of a page from Family Bible - hardly legible. He was born during the period of the earliest Alford migrations from Franklin County, NC to Georgia. Not yet determined in which state he was born.]

He died before Jan 2, 1815 in Hancock County, Georgia. [Court record granting letter of administration for his estate was dated January 2, 1815 in Hancock County, Georgia. See text for discussion. Some reports show his death in Chambers, Co. Alabama but it was not open then.] He was the son of James Alford and Winifred Luraner Boykin.

Kinchen married Asenath Deany Wooten Jan 18, 1806 in: Greene County, Georgia, his age 26, her age 20. [Published marriage list by "Genealogy Anyone" and from marriage list purchased from SQS Enterprises. They were listed as "Chincez" Alford and "Deany" Wooten.] Asenath was born about 1786 in _____. [Her age in census of 1820, 30 and 40 put her birth between 1780 and 1790. Source of the "1786" is a 1986 family group record submitted by Joe R. Clement, Box 52663, Tulsa OK 74152 (918) 663-9153. Also, marriage record lists her as 6 years younger than Kinchen.] She died about 1844 in Chambers County, Alabama. [Asenath's will was dated June 7, 1842 and the Executor's Bond was dated October 5, 1844.]

Asenath was the daughter of James Wooten and Faitha Rogers. Asenath's middle name is shown as "Deany" but it is suspected that is a corruption of a nickname, "Seany." It was used in the family record submitted by Joe R. Clement [see birth source for address.]

In the Inventory and Appraisalment of Kinchen's Estate and the Account of Sales of Estate, both dated February 15, 1815 it is apparent that Asenath Alford bought considerable property, consisting of Bible, household and farm items, stock and farming equipment. Included in a list of many other purchasers from the estate was one Collen Wooten—probably Asenath's brother.

Apparently the family's property fell in that part of Hancock County that became part of Taliferro County in 1825. In the 1820 Federal census Asenath was enumerated in Hancock County. In the first census (1829) of Taliaferro County (Roster of Militiamen) she was enumerated in that county.

WILL OF ASE NATH WOOTEN ALFORD

NOTE: This is a transcript of a handwritten copy which appears to be a handwritten copy of the original.

Vol. 2 p. 29 Chambers Co., Ala. Wills

I, Asenath Alford (widow) of the County of Chambers and of the State of Alabama being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

And first, I direct that my body be

decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life, and as to such worldly goods and estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows:

First, I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executors from any portion of my estate real or personal.

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Ann H. Beall in trust for my son James M. Alford a negro boy by the name of Dick, and also one bed and bed furniture which said negro boy Dick and bed and furniture are to be for the use and benefit of said James M. Alford during his natural life and at his death to visit in his legal heirs and should he die without issue, then said property to vest in the legal heirs of my said daughter Mary Ann H. Beall and I direct that my said daughter Mary Ann H. Beall as such trustee shall annually account of said James M. Alford for the hire of said negro boy Dick and that the same shall not be subject to any debts which he may have or hereafter contract.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my son, John R. Alford for and during the term of his natural life the use and benefit of my negro boy, Tom, and at his death the said negro boy Tom, to become the property of his lawful heirs and in default thereof then to the rest of my children and their legal heirs.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Pheriba W. Hudson for and during the term of her natural life the use and benefit of my negro girl Jane and at her death to become

the property of her children and their legal heirs.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Many Ann H. Beall for and during the term of her natural life the use and benefit of my negro girl Letice and at her death to become the property of the legal heirs of her body and in default thereof to the rest of my children and their legal heirs.

Finally, my desire is that at my death all of my property both real and personal not herein before disposed of shall be for the use and benefit of my children to be divided equally between them for and during the term of their natural lives, and then my desire is that the same shall vest in their children and should either of my children die without issue then the claim is to be equally divided among the rest of my children.

I appoint my son-in-law, Dr. Cuthbert G. Hudson and my son John R. Alford my executors to carry out and execute the provisions of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I, the said Asenath Alford testatrix have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 7th day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight-hundred and forty-two.

Asenath Alford (seal)

Signed, sealed, published, and delivered in the presence of

*Robert Bough (signed)
Edward Bough (signed)*

The following is a transcript of the Executor's Bond. The transcript was made from a photocopy of the original.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Chambers County.

Know all men, by these presents, That

we, Cuthbert G Hudson, John R. Alford, James S Mitchell, Edward Baugh of the County and State aforesaid, are held and firmly bound unto Evan G Richards Judge of the County Court for said County, and his Successors in Office, for the penal sum of Ten Thousand Dollars; for the payment of which, well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, or administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated the 5th day of October A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty four.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas the above bound Cuthbert G Hudson & John R Alford have been appointed Executors of the Estate of Asenath Alford deceased: NOW, if the said Cuthbert G. Hudson & John R. Alford shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of them as such Executors then the above Obligation to be void; otherwise, to remain in force.

(Signed by) C.G. Hudson, John R. Alford, J.S. Mitchell and Edward Baugh.

Approved this the 5th day of October 1844
Evan G Richards L.C.C.



Children of Kinchen and Asenath Wooten Alford

- 1 Pheriba W. Alford, born 1808; married Cuthbert Gibson Hudson Feb 9, 1826 Taliaferro County, Georgia. He was a physician and died about 1852. Pheriba died: Mar 4, 1878 and is buried in the Danville Cemetery, Kilgore, Gregg Co TX. [Asenath Wooten Alford's will proves Pheriba as a daughter. A grave stone provides the year of birth and date of death. Photo of gravestone is on file. Marriage record from marriage list purchased from *Hunting for Bears* in which she was listed as "Ferebee W." and he was "Cutherbert G." Burial place from letter from Joe Clement—see text.]
- 2 John Rogers Alford, born: Aug 4, 1810 in Georgia; he married Amelia Safronia Beall Nov 27, 1834 in Taliaferro County, Georgia. She was born: Jul 11, 1817 in Oglethorpe Co., Georgia, and died May 4, 1896 in Henderson, Rusk Co., TX. John died: Nov 10, 1881 in LaFayette, Chambers County, Alabama. [Asenath Wooten Alford's will proves John R. to be a child in this family.]
- 3 Mary Ann Alford, born 1811 in Georgia; married Augustus Romalaus Beall, a doctor, who was born about 1806 and died: Jul 30, 1838 in Fayetteville, Fayette Co., Georgia. Mary died in 1884 and is buried in Overton, Rusk Co., Texas. [Asenath Wooten Alford's will proves Mary Ann to be a child in this family.]
- 4 James W. Alford, born: about 1815 in Hancock County, Georgia. [Asenath Wooten Alford's will proves James W. to be a child in this family.] ❖

“Alfords” in Missouri SS Decedent File

By Gil Alford, Senior Associate for Alford Family Systems

The “Alfords” on the list below are from the Missouri Social Security Decedent File. The subject may have been born, registered for Social Security, or died in Missouri.

You can request a copy of a deceased person’s original Social Security Application (SS-5) by writing to the address below. Include the information given for the deceased and \$7. (The fee is \$16.50 if the Social Security number is not known.)

SSA, Office of Public Affairs
Freedom of Information Staff
4-C-10 Annex Building
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21235

The latest death dates shown in the SS file are 1991 but there are only about 20 in that year—0 in Missouri. Generally, the deaths are from 1941 (although the program began in 1934) through 1990. Until recently many people were not in the Social Security system. For example, self-employed persons, including farmers, were excluded for years. Military and federal civil service personnel were not in it until the 1980’s. (I retired in 1981 and was never under SS except as a kid before going into service in WW II.) We also know of people who were in SS and who have died but are

not listed. We also know of a few cases in which there are errors. As with most data, researchers must take this information as a clue about where to go for further evidence.

In previous issues we have published the Social Security Decedent lists for Louisiana (Winter 1996), Virginia and West Virginia (Summer 94), and Mississippi (June 1991 and Sept 1991). We will be publishing the lists for California and Alabama in the near future, with the remaining states to follow. If you have an urgent need for another Alford list from the Social Security Decedent file, contact AAFA.

The SS numbers used for Missouri are 486–500. Those on Rail Road Retirement had SS numbers 700–728.

EXPLANATION OF HEADINGS

“Born or Registered” is the date and state where the decedent was either born or where he registered with SS.

“Died” is the date and state of death.

“Zip 1” is where the Social Security benefits were last mailed during the person’s life.

“City”, if any, is based on Zip 1 and is not found in the Decedent File. AAFA added this information.

“Zip 2” (in parentheses) is where the death benefits were mailed, indicated only if different from Zip 1.

“RR” if used instead of a state means the person was on RailRoad Pension.

Name	SS Number	Born or Registered	Died	Zip 1	City (Zip 2)
A	ALFORD	433-16-2107	12/08/1911 LA	11/00/1979 AR	71701 Camden
ALBERT	ALFORD	497-09-6229	09/19/1900 MO	12/00/1974 KS	66606 Topeka
ALFRED	HALLFORD	488-26-3946	12/19/1922 MO	10/27/1988	65018 California
ALMA	ALFORD	494-16-6694	03/16/1903 MO	08/00/1983 OH	44108 Cleveland
ALTON	ALFORD	408-16-9743	08/12/1897 TN	05/00/1972 MO	64063 Lees Summit
BEATRICE	ALFORD	497-09-3700	02/12/1909 MO	11/00/1975 MO	63114 Saint Louis
BEATRICE	ALFORD	488-14-1809	03/08/1921 MO	04/00/1977 MO	63126 Crestwood
BERT	ALFORD	495-40-6183	09/01/1885 MO	05/00/1964 MO	00000 —
BERT	ALFORD	520-09-2428	06/15/1916 WY	02/00/1984 MO	65622 Buffalo
BERTHA	ALFORD	487-68-9033	03/04/1887 MO	06/00/1977 MO	63601 Flat River
BERTHA	HALFORD	432-09-6469	09/10/1902 AR	10/00/1979 MO	63901 Poplar Bluff (72422)
BEULAH	HOLFORD	497-58-5996	05/08/1907 MO	03/00/1977 MO	63825 Bloomfield
BUELL	ALFORD	494-34-6605	07/24/1932 MO	12/00/1976 KS	66753 McCune
BUN	HALFORD	492-42-1589	09/08/1892 MO	01/00/1970 MO	63869 New Madrid
CARL	HALFORD	431-07-0868	12/17/1921 AR	11/00/1983 MO	63118 Saint Louis
CHARLES	ALFORD	492-40-7005	08/30/1887 MO	07/00/1963 MO	00000 —
CHARLES	HALFORD	497-24-4467	10/23/1893 MO	07/00/1985 MO	65766 Udall
CHARLES	ALFORD	493-16-6908	09/07/1899 MO	11/00/1975 MO	64801 Joplin

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CHARLES	ALFRED	500-01-0237	10/15/1905 MO	09/00/1965 MO 65806 Springfield
CHARLES	ALFORD	492-14-6777	01/27/1920 MO	07/00/1960 00000 —
CHARLEY	ALFORD	487-07-4959	04/04/1890 MO	09/00/1977 MO 64126 Kansas City
CLARA	ALFORD	364-03-8400	05/21/1901 MI	04/00/1977 MO 64063 Lees Summit (64131)
CLAUDE	ALFORD	567-16-5016	04/20/1889 CA	07/00/1973 MO 65713 Niangua
CLYDE	ALFORD	487-22-8162	03/18/1916 MO	04/00/1975 00000 —
CORA	HALFORD	491-24-2908	03/02/1903 MO	11/00/1985 MO 63771 Oran
DAISY	ALFORD	492-03-5135	09/29/1908 MO	11/21/1989 20854 Potomac
DAISY	ALFRED	493-38-3089	12/20/1911 MO	02/00/1966 MO 65201 Columbia
DONALD	ALFORD	497-34-0853	06/25/1905 MO	02/07/1990 64468 Maryville
DONALD	ALFORD	486-12-4929	10/13/1919 MO	03/24/1988 65047 Kaiser
DOROTHY	ALFORD	496-76-2209	03/31/1952 MO	11/00/1986 MO 63113 Saint Louis
EARL	HOLFORD	499-14-6862	03/05/1900 MO	05/00/1942 00000 —
EARL	ALFORD	366-03-7642	03/04/1905 MI	06/00/1983 MO 65807 Springfield
EARNEST	HOLFORD	493-14-7633	12/28/1916 MO	02/00/1969 00000 —
EDNA	HOLFORD	499-24-2075	11/28/1909 MO	05/00/1979 MO 64801 Joplin
EDWARD	ALFORD	493-42-4254	03/12/1909 MO	07/00/1971 MO 64468 Maryville
ELIZA	HALFORD	498-54-9589	12/04/1892 MO	04/00/1988 63801 Sikeston
ELSIE	HALFORD	488-30-1879	12/28/1896 MO	02/00/1990 72455 Pochontas
ELVIS	HALFORD	496-42-6006	10/14/1924 MO	05/05/1988 65626 Caulfield
EMILY	ALFORD	488-68-5559	06/24/1900 MO	07/00/1987 MO 64468 Maryville
EVERETT	ALFORD	500-01-4448	09/17/1894 MO	05/00/1984 MO 65536 Lebanon
EVERETT	ALFORD	486-34-6037	09/19/1894 MO	02/00/1973 MO 65803 Springfield
EVERETT	ALFORD	496-10-5714	09/11/1921 MO	10/00/1968 00000 —
FERN	ALFORD	513-20-3974	09/21/1918 KS	03/00/1982 MO 64117 Kansas City
FLORENCE	ALFORD	490-50-7277	09/05/1878 MO	02/00/1967 MO 65742 Rogersville
FLOYD	ALFORD	429-12-6769	03/06/1894 AR	03/00/1970 MO 63821 Arbyrd
FRANCIS	HALLFORD	492-14-5642	08/06/1910 MO	10/00/1972 MO 65650 Flemington
FRANK	ALFORD	497-01-6118	08/30/1899 MO	10/00/1986 MO 63108 Saint Louis
FRANK	HALFORD	073-20-2059	04/07/1904 NY	06/00/1986 MO 63110 Saint Louis
FREEMAN	ALFORD	495-10-0598	08/06/1914 MO	08/00/1976 00000 —
FRIEDA	ALFORD	492-42-1887	05/08/1918 MO	12/00/1979 MO 63701 Cape Girardeau
GEORGE	ALFORD	549-34-6074	05/27/1868 CA	11/00/1964 MO 00000 —
GEORGE	ALFORD	497-16-9468	11/24/1893 MO	07/00/1975 MI 48221 Detroit
GEORGE	ALVORD	497-03-5678	01/15/1897 MO	11/00/1986 MO 63552 Macon
GEORGE	ALFORD	498-12-6566	07/01/1903 MO	10/00/1981 MO 63857 Kennett
GEORGE	OLFORD	491-01-8796	06/19/1909 MO	09/00/1958 00000 —
GEORGE	HOLFORD	498-12-6654	08/18/1923 MO	11/30/1989 65742 Rogersville
GEORGE	ALFORD	357-26-8389	08/11/1933 IL	07/00/1978 MO 63857 Kennett
GERALD	HALFORD	491-07-3985	01/24/1912 MO	10/00/1976 TN 38127 Memphis (96557)
GERTRUDE	ALFORD	495-42-0969	08/28/1895 MO	04/24/1989 15066 New Brighton
GLADYS	ALFORD	496-20-4777	04/21/1900 MO	08/00/1978 MO 64801 Joplin
GUSSIE	ALFRED	499-54-3256	09/26/1892 MO	06/00/1976 MO 63106 Saint Louis
HARDIN	ALFORD	489-12-0027	11/19/1921 MO	03/00/1967 00000 —
HARRY	ALFRED	486-03-0343	12/10/1895 MO	10/00/1971 FL 32401 Panama City
HARVEY	ALFORD	425-07-9950	02/29/1900 MS	03/00/1985 MO 63106 Saint Louis
HAZEL	ALFORD	488-07-0322	05/14/1888 MO	10/00/1965 MO 93901 Salinas
HELEN	ALFORD	488-68-0268	09/17/1899 MO	01/00/1980 MO 64113 Kansas City
HELEN	ALFORD	498-20-6836	10/12/1899 MO	09/00/1987 IN 47802 Terre Haute

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HELEN	ALFRED	495-28-9726	06/20/1907 MO	07/00/1982 MS	39437 Ellisville
HENRY	ALFORD	492-01-1845	09/18/1902 MO	06/00/1969 MO	63141 Saint Louis
HOMER	HALFORD	492-16-4528	12/04/1911 MO	04/00/1972 MO	63801 Sikeston
HUGH	HALLFORD	499-40-0944	04/21/1890 MO	02/00/1969 MO	65018 California
IDA	ALFORD	498-54-6108	09/23/1887 MO	04/00/1981 MO	65803 Springfield
IRA	ALFORD	434-60-8682	09/23/1909 LA	03/00/1970 MO	63031 Florissant
IRENE	ALFORD	500-48-9918	10/09/1909 MO	11/00/1981 MO	64834 Carl Junction
ISAAC	HALFORD	488-24-2729	08/11/1903 MO	06/00/1979 MO	65766 Udall (65775)
JAMES	ALFORD	496-14-5095	03/16/1891 MO	12/00/1979 MO	63901 Poplar Bluff
JAMES	HOLFORD	498-07-9696	02/19/1894 MO	04/00/1972 MO	63901 Poplar Bluff
JAMES	ALFORD	488-32-4105	04/18/1915 MO	09/00/1982 CA	95404 Santa Rosa
JAMES	ALFORD	243-16-3031	09/07/1916 NC	08/00/1984 MO	63106 Saint Louis
JANE	HALLFORD	496-54-3763	09/24/1877 MO	06/00/1970 MO	64783 Schell City
JESSE	HALFORD	496-40-1018	03/11/1895 MO	03/00/1986 MO	63866 Marston
JESSE	ALFORD	489-10-5239	03/30/1904 MO	05/00/1977 MO	63140 Berkeley
JESSIE	ALFORD	500-16-2212	10/15/1897 MO	06/00/1980 MO	63107 Saint Louis (63106)
JESSIE	ALFORD	378-01-0231	06/19/1906 MI	06/00/1983 MO	65804 Springfield
JOHN	HALFORD	218-09-3744	12/11/1880 MD	01/00/1970 MO	65574
JOHN	ALFORD	500-36-5575	12/23/1890 MO	10/00/1975 MO	65791 Thayer
JOHN	ALFORD	500-36-5955	10/27/1891 MO	07/00/1970 MO	65622 Buffalo
JOHN	ALFORD	263-14-0560	06/26/1897 FL	09/00/1978 MO	64130 Kansas City
JOHN	ALFORD	493-16-5630	04/04/1903 MO	03/00/1979 MO	64834 Carl Junction
JOHN	ALFORD	426-18-0470	07/09/1908 MS	11/00/1966 MO	63115 Saint Louis
JONES	ALFRED	486-20-6678	12/10/1908 MO	07/00/1968	00000 —
L	ALFORD	497-01-8348	11/01/1904 MO	12/00/1988	63118 Saint Louis
LAURA	ALFORD	486-46-7273	12/08/1900 MO	01/00/1976 MO	63901 Poplar Bluff
LEE	ALFORD	486-05-1779	04/24/1898 MO	05/00/1976 AR	71958 Murfreesboro
LEE	ALFORD	495-07-5781	08/08/1909 MO	07/00/1968	00000 —
LELAND	ALFORD	321-05-7531	05/30/1897 IL	07/00/1979 MO	64113 Kansas City
LENA	ALFORD	492-56-8694	10/09/1875 MO	01/00/1967 MO	65804 Springfield
LILLIAN	ALFORD	489-01-2248	11/14/1901 MO	12/00/1985 MO	63106 Saint Louis
LILLIE	HOLFORD	497-10-8855	06/26/1909 MO	01/00/1976 AR	72104 Malvern
LOLA	ALFORD	488-68-0879	08/06/1888 MO	06/00/1980 MO	64063 Lees Summit
LOUISE	HALFORD	497-36-0808	06/27/1905 MO	06/00/1975 MO	64114 Kansas City
LUCILLE	ALFORD	490-50-3490	06/22/1899 MO	09/00/1986 TX	75979 Woodville
MAMIE	ALFRED	487-44-7249	04/28/1890 MO	04/00/1972 MO	63301 Saint Charles
MARION	ALFORD	497-05-5981	02/11/1909 MO	06/00/1977 IL	62236 Columbia
MARJORIE	ALFORD	490-26-1776	10/13/1928 MO	01/00/1973	00000 —
MARRY	ALFORD	498-54-8646	07/17/1892 MO	05/00/1984 MO	63825 Bloomfield
MARVIN	ALFORD	497-12-7090	09/20/1901 MO	07/00/1985 MO	65764 Tunas
MARY	ALFORD	498-40-2521	08/25/1891 MO	12/00/1978 TN	38134 Memphis
MARY	ALFORD	496-01-6588	10/29/1892 MO	08/00/1983 IA	50322 Des Moines
MARY	ALFORD	493-24-7779	05/23/1896 MO	12/00/1983 MO	63104 Saint Louis
MARY	ALFORD	499-05-9818	05/27/1907 MO	11/09/1988	42046 Hamlin
MARY	ALFORD	487-20-5633	05/08/1927 MO	03/00/1976 FL	33149 Key Biscayne
MAUDE	HALLFORD	488-40-7044	12/08/1906 MO	08/00/1983 MO	64050 Independence
MERLE	HOLFORD	352-03-8062	02/11/1906 IL	10/00/1972 MO	64701 Harrisonville
MILLIE	ALFORD	499-32-9631	01/14/1901 MO	09/00/1985 MO	63940 Fisk
MIRTEN	HALLFORD	494-12-6903	09/07/1900 MO	08/00/1976 MO	64735 Clinton

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MURIEL	ALFORD	550-16-2244	07/15/1909 CA	06/00/1979 MO 65713 Niangua
MURIEL	ALFORD	489-26-4728	10/31/1925 MO	01/00/1978 00000 —
N	ALFORD	497-56-1581	09/27/1950 MO	12/00/1988 00000 —
NANNIE	HALFORD	490-58-5296	02/24/1894 MO	06/01/1988 63869 New Madrid
NATHAN	ALFORD	492-48-3900	08/11/1906 MO	12/00/1989 65764 Tunas
NATHANIEL	ALFORD	497-09-7613	04/30/1897 MO	02/00/1985 MO 63112 Saint Louis
NETTIE	ALFORD	493-03-8609	01/14/1897 MO	07/00/1975 KS 66606 Topeka
NORMAN	ALFORD	493-20-4390	05/28/1924 MO	06/00/1975 00000 —
ORVILLE	HALFORD	498-36-2695	03/31/1928 MO	05/00/1986 MO 64037 Higginsville
OWEN	ALFORD	500-16-7829	07/16/1918 MO	01/00/1971 00000 —
PAUL	HALFORD	490-40-2373	06/24/1922 MO	03/00/1986 MO 63869 New Madrid
PAUL	HALFORD	486-34-6168	01/07/1929 MO	08/00/1987 MO 65711 Mountain Grove
PERCY	ALFORD	496-05-8075	06/27/1883 MO	08/00/1971 KS 66434 Hiawatha
RAIFFE	ALVORD	495-24-3832	05/07/1885 MO	12/00/1971 KS 67357 Parsons
REGINA	ALFORD	494-24-4227	08/24/1892 MO	03/00/1965 KS 00000 —
ROBERT	ALFORD	494-26-7454	02/11/1930 MO	11/09/1990 62837 Fairfield
ROSE	HOLFORD	486-05-6341	06/27/1903 MO	10/00/1972 MO 64701 Harrisonville
ROSIE	HALFORD	497-58-4793	11/08/1895 MO	11/00/1982 MO 65626 Caulfield
ROY	ALFORD	512-26-4208	11/19/1885 KS	03/00/1973 MO 64063 Lees Summit
RUBEN	ALFRED	497-07-5791	10/27/1911 MO	03/31/1988 63301 Saint Charles
RUDOLPH	ALVORD	441-16-8627	12/13/1906 OK	06/00/1986 MO 63549 La Plata
RUFUS	HALFORD	495-40-5426	11/21/1922 MO	02/00/1985 MO 65626 Caulfield
RUSSELL	ALFRED	494-09-2582	09/15/1896 MO	04/00/1968 IL 61938 Mattoon
RUTH	ALFORD	496-30-7221	09/22/1912 MO	08/00/1985 LA 70401 Hammond
SAMMIE	HALLFORD	493-32-3063	12/22/1918 MO	09/00/1976 00000 —
SAMUEL	HALLFORD	490-05-8472	12/16/1901 MO	04/00/1981 MO 64050 Independence
SARA	HOLFORD	489-28-8708	04/20/1906 MO	06/00/1984 MO 63935 Doniphan
SARAH	ALFORD	256-09-8464	02/19/1894 GA	05/00/1979 MO 63122 Kirk wood
TERRY	HOLFORD	498-40-0739	06/09/1941 MO	04/00/1977 00000 —
V	ALFORD	499-32-9681	12/02/1930 MO	12/00/1989 63955 Oxly
VELMA	ALFORD	500-03-0826	03/21/1917 MO	10/21/1990 67361 Sedan
VERNA	ALFORD	490-68-5133	01/27/1894 MO	08/00/1975 MO 65803 Springfield
VERNA	ALFORD	490-01-6458	08/23/1905 MO	01/00/1984 MO 63043 Maryland Heights
VERSIE	HALFORD	430-05-0633	12/28/1889 AR	01/00/1964 MO 00000 —
VIOLET	ALFORD	492-30-8706	05/02/1915 MO	09/00/1984 MS 39564 Ocean Springs
W	HALFORD	497-24-5654	11/16/1904 MO	11/00/1986 MO 65609 Bakersfield
W	ALFORD	486-38-2808	09/07/1934 MO	11/00/1990 00000 —
WALTER	ALFORD	495-05-3579	04/18/1888 MO	08/00/1981 MO 64128 Kansas City (64127)
WALTER	HOLFORD	494-05-8577	05/15/1902 MO	10/00/1973 IL 62025 Edwardsville
WERNER	ALVORD	497-01-6834	12/19/1901 MO	12/00/1983 MO 63552 Macon
WILBUR	ALFRED	497-07-2227	02/07/1917 MO	07/00/1985 IL 62206 Cahokia
WILEAN	ALFORD	497-22-5138	05/04/1918 MO	02/00/1985 MO 65791 Thayer
WILLIAM	ALFORD	499-07-2384	00/00/1850 MO	01/00/1962 00000 —
WILLIAM	ALFORD	497-34-9152	09/28/1890 MO	02/00/1967 MO 64111 Kansas City
WILLIAM	ALFORD	490-18-5906	07/23/1892 MO	04/00/1970 MO 63401 Hannibal
WILLIAM	HOLFORD	499-22-9921	05/29/1927 MO	04/00/1985 IL 62832 DuQuoin
WILLIAM	ALFORD	487-24-5581	09/04/1927 MO	02/00/1970 MO 63645 Fredericktown
WILLIE	ALFORD	492-10-0343	07/25/1901 MO	04/00/1974 CA 92227 Brawley
ZINA	HALFORD	490-28-0496	07/10/1892 MO	07/00/1980 MO 65766 Udall (65775) ❖

William Alford's in Virginia, 1650–1820

By Lynn Shelley, AAFA #484

We need help sorting out the William Alford's who lived in Virginia. Some of these different entries refer to the same William, but many are unidentified. If you have additional information on the identity of these Williams, please send it to AAFA.

- 1) William Alford, Charles City Co. VA, witnessed documents from 1653–1662. [*IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS* by Hugh Edwin Alford, p. 8 and *VIRGINIA COLONIAL ABSTRACTS, VOL. 33*] NOTE: Could this be the Wm below and 1653 really be 1658?
- 2) William Alford indentured to VA in 1658 from Bristol, England. 20 Aug 1658, yeoman bound to Wm Weakley, mariner, to serve 4 years in VA. [*COMPLETE BOOK OF EMIGRANTS*, p. 391]
- 3) William Alford, one of five persons transported by Christopher Butler to Westmoreland Co., 18 Mar 1662. [*CAVALIERS & PIONEERS*, Vol. 1, p. 545]
- 4) William Alford, one of 20 persons transported by John Davis to New Kent Co., 27 Feb 1666. [*CAVALIERS & PIONEERS*, Vol. 2, p. 20; four of same names including that of Wm Alford repeated on p. 27, 1667 grant?]
- 5) William Alford, Deputy Escheator, Elizabeth City Co., Nansemond Co., and Lower Norfolk Co., 1667–1671. [*CAVALIERS & PIONEERS*, Vol. 2, and *THE VIRGINIA GENEALOGIST*, Vols. 20 and 21]
- 6) William Alford was on a jury (landowner?) 20 Apr 1670, lawsuits involving him occurred 26 May 1671 and 27 Sept 1671. What county?? [*KINFOLKS, A GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD*, etc. by William Curry Harlee, p. 1443]
- 7) Major/Lt. Col. William Alford of York? Co. signed a power of attorney in 1671; sued John Mackclanaham in 1674; 26 Sept 1674 he was ordered to pay damages and was murdered by 4 Mar 1674/75 when Robert Gilbert was indicted for the murder of Lt. Col. Wm Alford. He was acquitted, the verdict being "Homecide by misadventure." Wm's widow married John Hurst in 1675. [*HISTORICAL SOUTHERN FAMILIES* Vol XII, by John Boddie, pp. 57–58; *KINFOLKS, A GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD*, etc. by William Curry Harlee, p. 1443]
- 8) William Alford, who was an indentured servent of Tobias Selvey of Accomack Co. VA. In Tobias' Will of Feb. 14, 1681, William is listed as a legatee, "if he stays with me until I die & serves his time justly, 1000 pounds of tobacco." This is probably the same as in 9 below. [*WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS OF ACCOMACK COUNTY, VA, 1663–1800* compiled by Stratton Nottingham, p. 11]
- 9) William Alford, one of several Alford's (also John and David) in tithables of Accomack Co. VA, 1686–1695. [*ACCOMACK CO. VA, CERTIFICATES AND RIGHTS, 1663–1709, AND TITHABLES, 1663–1695*]
- 10) William Alford, one of 13 persons transported by Capt. Wm. Hunt to Charles City Co., 29 Apr 1692. [*CAVALIERS & PIONEERS*, Vol. 2, p. 377]
- 11) William Alford (possibly 4 above??), in list of New Kent Co. Militia as Wm Offerd 4 Jul 1702; died 11 Feb 1709/1710 in New Kent Co. [*VIRGINIA'S COLONIAL SOLDIERS* by Lloyd D. Bockstruck, p. 217; *THE VESTRY BOOK AND REGISTER OF ST. PETER'S PARISH* edited by C.G. Chamberlayne, p. 419]
- 12) William Allford, married Herodias Shibley/Sibley, 1 May 1708, Middlesex Co. [*SOME VIRGINIA MARRIAGES, 1700–1799* by Cecil McDonald, Vol. 11, p. 1]
- 13) William Alford, born 31 Jul 1734, New Kent Co., son of Lodwick and Elizabeth Cade? Alford. [*THE VESTRY BOOK AND REGISTER OF ST. PETER'S PARISH*, p. 517]
- 14) William Alford in Goochland Co. VA c1740, possibly a William from New Kent Co.? but neither 4, 11 nor 13 above; not Salvator's son William because grandfather's (Reynolds) will lists Elizabeth Reynolds as being unmarried in 1725. [*VIRGINIA IN 1740: A RECONSTRUCTED CENSUS*, p. 10]
- 15) William Alford, son of Salvator and Elizabeth Rennilds (Reynolds?) , born 1730–1755? Salvator's Will (1777 in Bedford Co. VA) . Elizabeth is listed in 1735 (Goochland Co.) VA Land Grant (Book 16, p.152) as being Salvator's wife. When was William born? [AAFA Will of Silvator; also in *ABSTRACTS OF BEDFORD CO. VA, WILLS, INVENTORIES, AND ACCOUNTS, 1754–1787*, edited by Joida Whitten, p. 70]
- 16) William Alford, son of John of the 1748 Frederick Co. VA Will: he is probably the one who is listed as a voter in Frederick Co. in 1761 (his son John claimed to have been born in Frederick Co. in 1760). He was first in Amherst Co. records in 1767.

- He seems to have been born c1738 and died about 1808/1809 in Amherst Co. or that part of Amherst which became Nelson Co. His estate was settled in Nelson in 1809–1811. He married Leticia ? He is listed on the Amherst 1787 tax list with sons, John and Thomas (under 21) . [AAFA 1748 Will of John, *GEORGE WASHINGTON AND WINCHESTER, VA, 1748–1758* by Garland R. Quarles, p. 66; Amherst Co. Court Order Book, 1766–1769, p. 266, Nelson Co; VA Will Book A, pp. 43, 61, 73, and 214]
- 17) William Alford on 1763 Bedford Co. list of tithes, probably Salvator's son [*MAGAZINE OF VIRGINIA GENEALOGY*, Vol. 23, p. 73]
- 18) William Alford, one of many indentured servants brought to Frederick Co. VA, 1772–1775, by James Wilson and James Kelso. [*FREDERICK CO. DEED BOOKS 17 AND 18, 1775–1780 PLUS EARLY TROOP RECORDS, 1755–1761*, compiled by Amelia C. Gilreath, p. 135]
- 19) William?? Alford born c1775 who married Mary Miller dau of Jacob Miller, possibly in Montgomery Co. VA (no marriage record and proof of William's first name not known) . Mary died by 1830 and in will of her father, their son William Alford, born 23 Sept 1804, is mentioned as an heir of Jacob Miller (1833 Warren Co. KY Will) through his mother Mary Miller Alford Honaker. This William? (the father) was deceased when widow Mary married John Honaker, 5 Feb 1811, Butler Co. KY. [Information from Nancy Hughes, AAFA #604]
- 20) William Alford, Pittsylvania Co. (formed 1767 from Halifax) Deeds, 1773–1787, Pittsylvania 1785 tax list [Pittsylvania Co. Deed Books; *HEADS OF FAMILIES, 1790 CENSUS, VIRGINIA*, p. 121
- (Reconstructed)] NOTE: Wm was listed with "0 White Souls, 0 Dwellings, and 4 other buildings." He was an absentee landowner and identical to the Wm living in Campbell Co., probably the same as 15, 17, and 23.
- 21) William Alford of Augusta/ Rockingham Co. VA, first appears in 1774 on a tax list in Augusta with the designation "no inhabitant" probably meaning he owned land but lived elsewhere. He was appointed overseer of a road in Rockingham Co. in Apr 1782 and was involved in various legal actions 1782–1787. The first time he is listed (1783) , he is in the same militia company as the John who went to Greenbrier. He appears on Rockingham Personal Property Tax rolls from 1783 through 1787 and in 1786, there are two Williams? Was this a mistake? He was listed on a deed to land on Dry River in Sept 1783. In 1787 is on the tax list of Rockingham Co. in Military Dist. 1 which was different from that of the two John Alfords present at that time. [*THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LISTS FOR THE YEAR 1787* by Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene S. Love; *ABSTRACTS OF LAND GRANT SURVEYS, 1761–1791* by Peter Cline Kaylor, p. 111; and *ROCKINGHAM CO. VA MINUTE BOOK, 1778–1792, PARTS I and II*, by Constance and Louise Levinson]
- 22) William Alford, son of Thomas Alford of Wythe Co. and grandson of John of the 1748 Frederick Co. Will, born c1776, taxed in Wythe Co. VA, 1797–1802. Did he die, move away or what??? Did he marry? Who? [*WYTHE CO. TAX LISTS, 1793–1800*]
- 23) William Alford, Campbell Co. (formed 1782 from Bedford), Virginia Rev. War Publick Service Claims, Campbell Co. Court, October, 1782, requested payment
- for 58 pounds of bacon used by the Bedford Co. Militia on their march southward. NOTE: Was this Salvator's son?
- 24) William Alford of Fauquier Co. first appears marriage to Fanny Suttle, 4 Jan 1786, and is also on the 1787 Fauquier Co. tax lists on Tax List "A" which also lists a Rachel Alford "not tithable", possibly his mother? [Marriage record from Fauquier Co. VA Courthouse; 1787 Personal Property Tax Lists same as in 21 above]
- 25) William Alford, son of John and Elizabeth Bibb Alford, born 28 Jul 1786, probably in Amherst Co., married Sally Waller 3 Jun 1814, and died 1868 in Rutherford Co. TN. [*RUTHERFORD CO. TN CEMETERIES, VOL. I*, Northwest Third of County, Alford Cemetery]
- 26) William Alford son of Jacob and Nancy Hunter Alford of Goochland/ Louisa/Albemarle Co. VA, born 17/31 Aug 1791 probably in Mercer Co. KY (VA at that time) . He married Caty Bast and died in Cape Girardeau, MO, by 1847. [*RECORDS OF THE ANDREW HUNTER FAMILY OF LOUISA CO. VA AND JACOB ALFORD FAMILY OF GARRARD CO. KY AND CHARLES ALFORD FAMILY OF GARRARD CO. KY* compiled by Jessamine Bland James, pp. 30 and 52]
- 27) William Alford, son of John and Eleanor Hoge Alford, born c1793, married Margaret/Peggy Eager, 31 Dec 1823, Giles Co. VA. The name Margaret KELSEY is listed on the death certificate of at least one child supposedly born of this marriage??? [*GILES CO. MARRIAGES, 1806–1850* by John Vogt and T. Wm. Kethley, Jr.; Census records 1830 VA, 1850 IA and 1860 CA; 1909 Death certificate of Russell Alford, Tulare Co. CA—it also says both

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1787 Virginia Tax Lists

By Lynn D. Shelley, #484 and AAFA Vice President

The 1787 Virginia Tax Lists are a good substitute for the lost 1790 Virginia Census. Part of a law passed by the Virginia General Assembly in October, 1786, made the 1787 Virginia tax lists unique. Three items required in this taxation make it particularly valuable to genealogists:

1. For the first time, the tax commissioner had to call on the persons subject to taxation (starting on March 10, 1787 until his area was completed) rather than have taxpayers come to him and he had to record the date on which he visited each taxable individual giving us an indication of neighbors as well as close kin who lived near one another. Out-of-county taxpayers may have been listed if they owned property, but they were exempt from taxes except where they were residents. However, often the county or state where they lived was recorded.
2. For the first time, names of all white males tithables over 21 were required to be listed, not just heads of house-

holds. Often when several males over 21 were living in the same household, their relationship was noted by the tax commissioner.

3. Listing the number of white males aged over 16 but under 21 was required and sometimes their names were also recorded. These were tithables whose fathers usually paid their taxes.

Of equal importance to the content of these lists is the fact that almost all of them have survived intact—84 counties and 6 cities. These have now been published and in the few instances where the 1787 tax lists were lost, contemporary records were used to reconstruct a substitute list. In 1787 all of present day West Virginia (8 counties then) and all of Kentucky (7 counties then) were part of Virginia.

The 1787 tax lists are available as a complete set or by individual county. The individual county listings are better in that two complete lists are given: one in alphabetical order and another by dates on which the taxables were visited. The complete set only has the alphabetical listings.

ALFORDS IN VIRGINIA IN 1787 (INCLUDING KENTUCKY AND WEST VIRGINIA)

VIRGINIA

County	Males over 21 (named)	Males 16-21	Slaves	Horses	Cattle
	Blacks above 16 and under 16 were combined.				
ALBEMARLE	St. Ann's Parish, Tax List "B"				
	Jacob Alfred	0	1	1	5
	James Alfred (not tithable)	0	0	1	1
AMHERST	Parish of Amherst, First Dist., Tax List "A"				
	John Alford	0	2	2	11
	William Alford (son Thomas 16-21)	1	0	3	14
FAUQUIER	Tax List "B"				
	James Alford tax paid by Jerimiah Darnol	0	13	8	21
	Tax List "A"				
	Rachael Alford (not tithable)	0	0	2	1
	William Alford	0	0	2	0
LANCASTER	Zachariah Alford	0	1	0	0

County	Males over 21 (named)	Males 16-21	Slaves	Horses	Cattle
Blacks above 16 and under 16 were combined.					
MONTGOMERY	Tax List "B"				
	Thomas Alford	1	?	?	?
			(missing or torn)		
ROCKBRIDGE	Tax List "B"				
	Jacob Helford	0	0	3	5
ROCKINGHAM	Tax List "B"				
	John Alford (Mil.Co.3)	0	0	3	7
	John Alford (Mil.Co.4)	2	0	4	4
	William Alford	0	0	6	9
SPOTSYLVANIA	Tax List "A"				
	Thomas Alfred tax paid by Mann Page Mann Page	0	120	30	107
WASHINGTON	Tax List "B"				
	Robert Alford	0	0	0	3

WEST VIRGINIA (part of VA until 1863)

GREENBRIER	Tax List "A"				
	George Alfred	0	0	1	0
RANDOLPH	Tax List "B"				
	John Alford	0	0	6	11

KENTUCKY (part of VA until 1792)

MERCER	1787 Tax List missing; Contemporary records used —from Andrew Beall's List of Tithables for 1787				
	Charles Alford	2 tithes but did not pay; Sworn Constable??			
	Hansel Alford [Anselm?]	1 tithes			

AAFA NOTES:

- 1) Those in Albemarle Co. VA and Mercer Co. KY/VA were Alford's originally from Goochland Co. VA.
- 2) Those in Amherst Co. VA and Montgomery Co. VA were originally Frederick Co. VA Alford's.
- 3) The Jacob Helford in Rockbridge Co. was possibly a TELFORD.
- 4) The West Virginia Alford's were sons of one of the Rockingham Co. VA John Alford's (the one in Mil. 4) whom we call IRISH JOHN. ❖

Andrew Jackson Alford of Amite, LA, 1854–1930

Andrew Jackson Alford was the son of Julius Harmon Alford and Augusta Addison. He was born in July 1854 in St. Helena Parish and died in adjoining Tangipahoa Parish in 1930. We are unsure of the ancestry of his father, Julius Harmon Alford, who was born in Mississippi about 1819. A.J. Alford married Mary Serena Strickland. Their children were:

Julius Harmon Alford, b. ca 1876
 Burnham Alford, b. April 1886
 Cora Alford
 Minnie Alford
 Eva Alford, b. December 1887
 Roberta Alford, b. Sept 1890
 Leon Otto Alford, born 15 Sept 1893
 in Amite, Tangipahoa Parish
 and died 1 Jan 1956 in
 Brookhaven, Lincoln Co., MS.

AAFA has information on other descendants of Julius Harmon Alford. At least two are members.

Michael Alford, AAFA #75, of Kentwood, LA, sent the following information on A.J. Alford.

Here is some Alford history from Amite, LA, a town about 10 miles south of me. There was a party in an old hotel and a local historian (Mr. Edwin Schilling) put this article in the daily Hammond paper. I did not get the article from the paper and asked Mr. Schilling for it. He agreed and volunteered more info [i.e., the two old newspaper articles]....—Mike Alford

Early History of the Hotel Ponder Location

—By Edwin C. Schilling

THE DAILY STAR
 Hammond, LA—8 June 1994

Hotel Ponder is located on the West portion of Lots 6, 7, and 8, Square 9,

Amite. It was felt that it would be of interest to know something about the early history of this property and to find that there had been a hotel on a portion of this property many years ago.

In 1862, these lots, as well as many others, were owned by John Coleman. He sold Lots 7 and 8 to Allen Yelvington. Yelvington was born in South Carolina in 1815 and came to Amite with his family prior to 1860. In the 1860 census he is shown to be a hotel keeper, and it is believed that the hotel he operated at that time was on Square 10, West of the railroad. He died in 1875 still owning many lots, including Lots 7 & 8, Square 9, and his widow, Mrs. Lavinia Yelvington, received these lots in the partition of the estate.

In a 1937 newspaper article, Hon. Harry D. Wilson told about the Amite business district in the early 1880s. He pointed out that there was an Alford Livery Stable on the very corner, and that Mrs. Yelvington operated a hotel just to the East thereof. Evidently Mr. Alford rented part of Mrs. Yelvington's property for many years. He acquired these lots from her succession in 1900, and he had already acquired Lot 6 from A.R. Lewis.

Mr. Alford had an ad in the 1910 newspaper showing a picture of his livery stable, giving his phone number as 24, and including the following wording: "A.J. Alford Livery, Sale and Feed Stables. Grain and Feed Stuff. Undertaker's Supplies. Hauling of All Kinds. New Wagons and Buggies. Horses and Mules Bought and Sold. Correspondence Solicited."

In 1916 a map of Amite was prepared for insurance purposes. It showed

each square with the buildings thereon. On the property in question buildings are shown, beginning at the corner and proceeding northerly, with notations as follows: "Livery and Autos, No Horses." Next, "Feed." Next, "Gro." Next, "Undertaker."

Similar businesses continued. The livery developed into auto sales and filling station. We are told that for a period of time a typical sale of gasoline would be one gallon. Mr. Alford still owned most of this property at the time of his death in 1930.

Also sent to Mike Alford by Edwin Schilling, the following articles were copied from an old issue of the *St. Helena Echo* in 1890 or 1891. The *St. Helena Echo* had copied it from the *Times-Democrat*.

The Trial Had a Strange Ending

Amite City, Jan. 28—The case of the State Vs. A. Hardy Strickland and A.J. Alford for manslaughter, charged with the killing of Capt. J.K. Womack on January 15, 1889, at Grangeville, St. Helena Parish, terminated here this morning. The jury, after deliberating all night, returned a verdict this morning, finding Hardy Strickland guilty as charged, recommending him to the mercy of the court, and acquitting Alford.

The case has been on trial for ten days, the State being ably represented by Judge W.B. Kemp and District Attorney Bolivar Edwards, and the defense by Messrs. Reid and Reid and Judge Kernan, of East Feliciana Parish.

The defense made a motion for a new trial, which was overruled by the

daughter's home in Phillipi, WV, and is buried with her husband in Cheshire Cemetery, Berlin Township, Delaware Co., OH.

Catherine's mother Sophia Alford was born 30 June 1811 in NY, probably Wayne Co. Sophia married William Schanck on 9 March 1829, at Jersey Hill, in Allegheny Co., NY. She died 24 May 1868 in Saline Township, Miller Co., MO, aged 56 years 10 months and 24 days and she is buried there.

Catherine's father, William Schanck was born 9 June 1811 at Freehold, Monmouth Co., NJ. He died 26 Aug 1876 and is buried with his wife in Miller Co., MO.

William and Sophia Alford Schanck had eleven children. The first four, born before coming to Ohio, were John Alford, born 21 Apr 1830, at Jersey Hill in Allegheny Co., NY; Catherine Alford, born 18 October 1832 in Allegheny Co., NY; Ellen Arintha, born 28 Nov 1834 in Allegheny Co., NY; and Maryann Conover, born 23 Oct 1838 in Crawford Co., PA.

Sophia Alford Schanck had a brother (or uncle) named William ALFORD (1808–1862) who married Catherine Conover (1811–1902), a younger sister of Nellie (Conover) Schanck, in Dec 1828, in Allegheny Co., NY. They moved with the Schancks to Crawford Co., PA, and are buried in Mt. Blair Cemetery, near Ephraim Loree and Nellie (Conover) Schanck.

I desire information about (a) when and where John and Catherine were married, (b) where they lived before moving to Wayne Co, and (c) their parents and ancestry. In addition, a question remains as to whether, when and where Sophia was baptized. If somewhere else, perhaps at the church and in the county where her parents were married.

AAFA NOTE: Wayne Co., NY was not established until 1823 when it was created using part of Ontario County. The southeast corner of Ontario Co. borders Allegheny Co. in 1820 before the establishment of Livingston Co. Almond, in Allegheny Co., is in the northeast quarter of the county (Almond township is just north of ALFRED township [no connection suggested]). The distance, as the crow flies, from Lyons, Wayne Co. and Almond is only about 45–50 miles.

In the 1810 census, before Wayne was created, we had three Alford households in Lodus, Ontario Co. (later Wayne Co.) [Lodus probably should be Sodus]. On the same page, #145, of the census is a John Alford, William Alford, Jr. and William Alford, Sr. John and William Jr. are both the same age and of an age that they could possibly be the sons of William. John at that time had a wife and son under 10. There was a Pomeroy Alford, a young man apparently living alone listed on page 239 of the census.

In the 1820 census, John Alford is in Lyons, Ontario Co., with wife, 2 sons and 2 daughters. Based on age in these two census John was probably born between 1775 and 1785—round it off to 1780 for an estimated birth. On the same page with John in 1820 is the older William Alford. They were both on page 116. On page 117 (could be the very next line) was William Alford, Jr. On page 114 is Roswell Alford. He may have been a younger brother of the possible brothers John and William Jr. The 1850 census shows Roswell born about 1794 in New York. On page 113 of the 1820 census was Pomeroy Alfred—now married and with family.

John and William are names common to all families and there are many of them in our genealogy of the northern branch of the family. Roswell is another fairly common name for the family. There were many from this

branch in NY, and some in Ontario Co. However, we have yet to find the exact family which we can confidently suggest is John's. We will probably eventually trace Allan's John's ancestry back to Litchfield Co., CT, and connect him to this northern branch. John himself may have been born in NY. We have a number of members researching this branch and new data arrives regularly. All we need now is time to process it all.

Remember that the Alford and Alvords were cousins—immigrant brothers being Alexander Alvord and Benedict Alford. The names were sometimes interchanged, by design or more often by accident. There were quite a few Alvords in that part of NY, one who married a SchEnck, but it does not fit our need.

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Robert Ely Alford

Ms. Emma Alford Gilmer, AAFA#005
 4738 Owens Road
 Memphis, TN 38122-4257

“Has anyone found any information on Robert Ely “Bob” Alford? He was the brother of my father, Harry Edward Alford. Robert was born May 1873 in Carroll County, MS and died 1957 in Wills Point, Van Zandt County, Texas. He married Ella White/Roseman Aug. 25, 1904 and their children were: Harry Lee; Earl; Velma who married Lee Walker; Mel Rose; Gladys born 1912; Phynie who married Walter Pedeu, had no children, and divorced; Drucilla; and Robert Ely, Jr. Some of the family later moved to Dallas.”

AAFANOTE: The family was in Van Zandt County, TX for the 1920 census. The family included: Robert L. 39 MS, Ella R. 36 MS, Velma 14 MS, Earl 12 MS, Harry S. 9 MS, Gladis 7 TX, Finey (f) 5 TX, Melrose (m) 4 TX, Lenard W. eleven months TX.

Neill Little Alford

Donald R. McPherson, non-member
HC-2, Box 277-A-425
Canyon Lake, TX 78133

Donald wants to correspond with
anyone who is a descendant of Neill
Little Alford and Grace McPherson.

Artemus Salathiel Alford

[The following letter, found in the
Alabama State Archives, was sent by
AAFA #168 David Price and tran-
scribed by Robin Sterling, AAFA
#320.]

David Price, Jr. (Retired)
Certified Public Accountant
1954 Old Hickory Blvd.
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

Feb. 23, 1976
Alabama State Archives
Montgomery AL 36104

Gentlemen and/or Ladies:

My great grandfather, ARTEMUS
SALATHIEL ALFORD, according to
family records was married to my great
grandmother, SUSAN AMANDA
COOPER, on August 30th 1855
somewhere in Alabama. I would very
much like to verify the above-men-
tioned date and determine the county,
township or city in which the marriage
took place.

Also, it appears that both families were
in Alabama when the 1850 census was
taken and I would like a mere extract
of data shown with respect to each
family. Artemus Salatial Alford should
have been listed in the family of his
parents whose name I do not have.
Susan Amanda Cooper's parents were
Samuel Cooper, father, and Sallie
Batton (or Battle) Horn. I would hope
that the extract from the 1850 census

show brothers and sisters of Artemus
Alford and Susan Cooper. I suppose
that, as in regards to the Tennessee
census, the census record will show
only brothers and sisters who were still
living with their parents.

I will be most grateful for the above-
mentioned data.

Very truly yours,
David Price

AAFA NOTE: Dave Price is AAFA
#168 and he has been active in our
Alford work just about as long as
anyone alive today. He has been most
helpful to AAFA and folks across the
country seeking information about
Alfords. Dave now shows that the
marriage of Artemus Salatial Alford
and Susan Amanda Cooper took place
in Pike County. Artemus had some kin
in Pike County in 1850 but he did not
appear. He and Susan were in Conecuh
County in 1860 with son Francis and
daughter Susan. Dave gave permission
to publish this letter. Artemus Alford,
son of Jacob Alford and Martha
Culver, was born about 1822 in
Georgia and died June 12, 1900 in
Texas. Artemus was Dave's great-
grandfather. If you know anything
about these folks, you can write Dave
at his Brentwood, TN, address.

Sarah Ellen Aylsford

Tan Peterson, not AAFA
100 Blessing Road
Watsonstown, PA 17777

Tan is looking for information about
Sarah Ellen Aylsford who married
Lester T. Lovejoy. Their daughter,
Lenora Ann Lovejoy was born 1855 in
Missouri or Colorado. Family legend
says that Lester was killed by an
Arapaho Indian when Lenora was three
years old.

Charles M. Alford

Sue Alford Dickens, AAFA#377
721 Lemhi Avenue
Salmon, ID 83467
(208) 756-3037

Sue needs help with her great grandfa-
ther Charles M. Alford.

Charles was born, according to the
1900 census of Floyd County, Texas
March, 1853 in Texas. Both of his
parents were born in Alabama. In
1910 the places of birth of his
parents were shown as "unknown."
[He, or he and his wife, may not have
been present at the time of the
enumeration and one of the adult
children may have provided the
census information.] He married
Mary L. Wilson. Sue's grandfather,
Earl Wilson Alford, was born Jan. 5
1882 in Lee County, Texas. He died
May 14, 1957 in Amarillo. In 1900
Charles was a stockraiser. In 1910
Charley was the operator of a livery
stable (he was employed—not the
owner).

Louisa Alford Cryer

David C. Newnam, not AAFA
119 Kelsie Court
Georgetown, KY 40324

"I was writing to see if anyone
researching your Alford family had
come upon a Cryer connection. The
area I know of would be Alabama
counties of Madison, Marshall &
Limestone. For the present I am
trying to prove that my Louisa Cryer
born about 1832-35 in Alabama was
indeed Louisa Alford. Any help or
leads would be very much appreci-
ated."

AAFA NOTE: Responded in part
with "Our records here show her
marriage under two names: married

Halfords in The Washington Times

By Pamela Alford Thompson, Editor

In the Spring 1995 issue of *AAFA ACTION*, pp. 28–32, we printed “Alford’s in *The Washington Times*” taken from the 1994 edition of *The Washington Times Insight on the News* CD, from Wayzata Technology, Inc. The CD contains the text of all articles appearing in the *Times* from January 1991 through June 1994. Following are the **Halfords** who appeared in the paper during that time period

Donna Halford

1 April 1992

Classroom entrepreneurs

.... At Crestview Elementary School in Waco, Texas, students are learning money-management skills through Bank One. Once a week, employees of the bank’s Waco branch come to the elementary school so that students can deposit money....

“Some bring in 25 cents, but one brought \$8 one day,” says Donna Halford, a Bank One employee. “Some of them are saving for something special, but most of them are saving long term.”...

George Halford

7 January 1994

Long odds on gambling

By: Jonetta Rose Barras

Before riverboat gambling pulls away from the dock in the District, the proposal must get past the voters, overcome court opposition, and wind its way through a maze of federal and local licensing procedures.

And there’s Congress to contend with as well....

Opponents have raised concerns about whether riverboat gambling could legally occur on the Anacostia or Potomac rivers without approval from the federal government.

“That’s not even an issue,” Mr. Smith said yesterday. “We own the water. We own all of the Anacostia, and we own the portion of the Potomac that is in the District.”

George Halford, a spokesman for the Army Corps of Engineers, agreed. And that portion of the water owned by the city is subject to District laws, he said.

But Mr. Halford said federal approval might be needed if there were an attempt by riverboat owners or operators to build a facility on the water that would obstruct navigation. He said any application would have to meet standards set forth in the Clean Water Act and the Rivers and Harbors Act....

In another article:

3 October 1993

Reclaiming rivers in U.S. involves big, tiny projects

By: Pat Durkin

.... The only systemic river restoration in the country, a massive revamping of the Kissimmee River to restore Florida’s Everglades, is still in the planning stage. The corps will put curves back in the river, which the agency straightened with channels three decades ago to drain the huge swamp for development.

“Like everybody else, we’re on a learning curve,” admits George Halford, a spokesman for the engineers. “But we’re trying.”

Rob Halford

13 January 1994

Halford starting his brand-new Fight

By: Matt Neufeld

Rob Halford, former lead singer for metal gods Judas Priest for 20 years, is doing what few other 42-year-olds can do easily: Start over.

“It’s very exciting,” says Mr. Halford, whose new group, Fight, performs at the Bayou tomorrow. “These past 12 months have been among the most invigorating in some time. I have the opportunity to explore and create on a personal level. I’ve got my finger on the pulse.”

He has assembled Fight by gathering a group of young, hungry, no-name musicians. (It would be too easy and too predictable to assemble a veteran superstar group, he says.) He has written 12 songs by himself, taken over chief production reins on the Fight record and set out on a club tour. This is after 20 years with Judas Priest....

Mr. Halford politely declines comment about his current relations with Priest, though Fight performs a few Priest songs in concert. But he doesn’t want to focus on that. He’s enjoying performing with a young band and hitting the clubs again.

“For me, it’s just a case of moving back into environments I’ve experienced in the past,” he says. “I also enjoy stretching over the front row, making intimate contact, as opposed to seeing a guy in row Z, in 14,000 people. I enjoy that kind of contact. It’s very rewarding.”

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Obituaries of Pleasant Alford's Descendants

By Robin Alford Sterling, AAFA #320

Pleasant M. Alford was born about 1818 in Alabama and died between 1880 and 1890 in Morgan County. He married Lavinia Sandlin in Morgan Co. 25 January 1838.

1840 Alabama Census: Pleasant Alford is listed in Walker County. The family group consists of one male, 20-30, and one female, 20-30.

1850 Alabama Census: The family is in Walker County (see 1850 Alabama Census in Summer 1995 issue, p. 42, for full listing). All were born in Alabama except Lavinia, who was born in South Carolina:

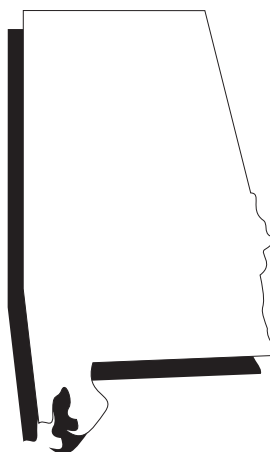
Pleasant	Alford	M	31
Lavinia	Alford	F	33
John W.	Alford	M	9
Ezekiel	Alford	M	7
Elizabeth N.	Alford	F	6
Marian	Alford	F	3
Frances	Alford	F	2
Daniel W.	Alford	M	10 months

1860 Alabama Census: The family is in Walker County (see 1860 Alabama Census in Fall 1995 issue for full listing). All were born in Alabama except Lavinia, who was born in South Carolina:

P.N.	Alfred	M	43
Lavinia	Alfred	F	45
John W.	Alfred	M	20
Ezekiel	Alfred	M	18
Elizabeth	Alfred	F	17
Mary A.	Alfred	F	14
Frances P.	Alfred	F	13
Daniel W.	Alfred	M	12
Susan M.	Alfred	F	8

1870 Alabama Census: Pleasant (age 60) and "Vina" (age 50); son Daniel (20); and what appears to be a female "Mindy" (age 23) are in Morgan County.

1880 Alabama Census: Pleasant M. and Lavinia Alford are listed in Morgan County, with daughter Mary A. (age 34) apparently unmarried, and grandson Daniel W., age 2. Pleasant was 62; Lavinia was 64. Lavinia was born in South Carolina ("Vina" was born in Alabama on 1870 Census); all the rest were born in Alabama. There's a wide age discrepancy between 1870 and 1880 in what they gave as their ages.



The Morgan County Book of Deaths says that Lavinia Alford died on 15 Jul 1904 at the age of 93 and 2 months. She died of "senile debility" (old age?). Morgan County has a rather comprehensive set of Cemetery Books but she is not listed. I suspect she is buried in an unmarked grave south of Decatur near Falkville.

The generations represented in the following obituaries are:

Pleasant Alford, b. 1818
 Ezekiel Alford, b. ca 1843
 Alfred L. Alford, b. 1867
 Alton Calvin Alford, b. 1869
 Charlie Alford
 Jessie Alford
 Pleasant M. Alford, b. 1875
 Grace Alford Hill

NANNIE H. ALFORD

THE HARTSELLE INQUIRER
 Thursday, 6 Jul 1944

Funeral services for Mrs. Nannie H. Alford, 93, who passed away Monday evening at her home on Falkville 1, were held Wednesday afternoon at Mt. Zion Church at 3:30 p.m. with Rev. Thomas Hatchett officiating. Interment followed in the adjoining cemetery, Peck directing.

The deceased is survived by four nieces, Misses Edna and Mary McAnear, Mrs. Ruby McAnear of Decatur, and Mrs. Susie Carros, of Mobile, and two nephews, Will McAnear of Falkville 1 and J.P. McAnear of Decatur.

Pallbearers were J.P. McAnear, Will McAnear, Frank Marlow, Scott Drake, Lee Brown, and Eunice Aldridge.

AAFA NOTE: Nannie H. McAnear Alford was the second wife of Ezekiel C. Alford, son of Pleasant and Lavinia Alford. She was born 4 Dec 1850 and died 5 Jul 1944. She married Ezekiel on 14 Sep 1890 in Morgan County, Alabama.

JANIE ROBINSON ALFORD

THE DECATUR DAILY
 Monday, 11 Feb 1952

Funeral services for Mrs. Janie Alford, 77, Hartselle 1, will be held today at 2 pm at Mt. Zion Church.

Rev. Frank Smith will conduct the rites and interment will follow in the adjoining cemetery, Peck directing.

Mrs. Alford died yesterday at 8:34 am at her residence.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Hattie Harris, Hartselle 1; Mrs. Mary E. Harris, Makomis, Illinois; and Mrs. Robert Culver, Adamsville; two brothers James H. Robinson, Falkville; and Elmer Robinson, Falkville; one sister, Mrs. Laura Simpson, Tifton, Georgia; 10 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be John D. Robinson, Fred Robinson, Thomas Robinson, Ralph Shaw, Harris Dobbs, and Robert Culver, Jr.

AAFA NOTE: Janie Robinson Alford was the wife of Alfred L. Alford. Alfred was born 16 Oct 1867 and died 16 Mar 1940. He is buried next to Janie R. Alford. Janie was born 3 Nov 1874 and died 10 Feb 1952. Alfred is listed in the 1880 Morgan County Census as the son of Ezekiel C. Alford.

ALTON CALVIN "JOBE" ALFORD

THE DECATUR DAILY
Friday, 11 December 1953

Funeral services for Jobe Alford, 86, Hartselle 3, will be held at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Saturday, at 1 p.m., Rev. Frank T. Smith will officiate.

Mr. Alford died at his home Thursday at 4:25 p.m.

Survivors include: Mrs. Emma Alford, wife, Hartselle 3, four daughters; Mrs. Oscar Thompson, Hartselle 3, Mrs. O.B. Dunlap, Falkville 1, Mrs. Walter Oden, Cullman, Mrs. Albert Gibson, Birmingham.

There are four sons: E.C. Alford, Tarrant City, Albert Alford, Birming-

ham, Leldon (John) Alford, Hartselle 3, and Jessie Alford, Hartselle 3. There is one brother, Pleas Alford, Falkville 1, and 16 grandchildren, also 16 great grandchildren.

Grandsons will act as pallbearers.

Burial will follow the church services, in the adjoining cemetery, with Peck directing.

AAFA NOTE: Alton Calvin Alford went by "Joe" or "Jobe." He was born 23 Nov 1869 in Morgan County, Alabama and died on 10 Dec 1953. He was the son of Ezekiel Alford.

MARY EMMA DRAKE ALFORD

THE DECATUR DAILY
20 April 1955

Hartselle—Thursday at 2 p.m. funeral services for Mrs. Mary Emma Alford, 77, are to be conducted by the Rev. Paul McCluskey at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church where the deceased was a member. Mrs. Alford, who had been ill for sometime, died this morning at 3:30 at her Hartselle 3 home.

Mrs. Alford is survived by four daughters, Mrs. O.B. Dunlap, Falkville 1, Mrs. O.J. Thompson, Hartselle 3, Mrs. W.A. Oden, Cullman, Mrs. Albert Gibson, Birmingham; four sons, E.C., Tarrant City, Albert, Birmingham, Leldon, Birmingham, Jess, Hartselle 3; 16 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. W.A. Huie, Gadsden.

Interment is to be in the adjoining cemetery, Peck directing.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

AAFA NOTE: Mary Emma Drake Alford was the wife of Alton Calvin

Alford. She was born 28 Mar 1879 and died 20 Apr 1955. They were the grandparents of AAFA #007 Betty Alford Dietz. Betty's father was Leldon Alford mentioned in the obituary.

JESSIE ALFORD

THE DECATUR DAILY
10 Dec 1962

Hartselle—Jessie Alford, 70, Hartselle 3, died Sunday at 11:45 a.m. at a local rest home.

Funeral services will be today at 2 p.m. from the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, with the Rev. Paul McCleskey officiating.

Burial will be in the Mt. Zion Cemetery with Peck Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include four sisters, Mrs. O.J. Thompson, Mrs. O.B. Dunlap, both of Hartselle 3; Mrs. Walter Oden, New Roads, La., Mrs. Albert Gibson, Birmingham, three brothers, Elmer Alford, Tarrant City, Ala.; Albert Alford, Birmingham; Leldon Alford, Pratt City, Ala.

AAFA NOTE: Jessie Alford was born 28 Jan 1892 and died 9 Dec 1962. He was a son of Alton Calvin and Mary Emma Alford; he never married.

CHARLIE ALFORD

THE DECATUR DAILY
Wednesday, 21 Nov 1951

Final rites for Charlie Alford, 46, Springfield, Missouri, will be held Thursday at 1 pm at the Mt. Zion church.

Rev. Frank Smith will conduct the services and interment will follow in the adjoining cemetery, Peck directing.

Alford, a former Morgan County resident, died Tuesday in Sikeston, Missouri.

Survivors include his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. "Joe" Alford, Hartselle 3; four sisters, Mrs. W.O. Thompson, Hartselle; Mrs. Walter Oden, Cullman; Mrs. Eula Dunlap, Falkville; and Mrs. Albert Gibson, Birmingham; four brothers, Jessie A., Hartselle; Elmer, Albert, and Leldon Alford, all of Birmingham.

Pallbearers will be nephews; Arnold Thompson, Edward Thompson, Floyd Thompson, Leon Alford, Howard Alford, and Billy Gibson.

The deceased was a member of the Mt. Zion church.

AAFA NOTE: Charlie Alford is another son of Alton Calvin and Mary Emma Alford. He was born November 28, 1905 and married Virgie Mayo. Billy Gibson, who was one of his pallbearers, is AAFA #199.

GRACE ALFORD HILL

THE DECATUR DAILY
26 July 1993

Hartselle-Funeral for Grace A. Hill, 91, of Summerford Nursing Home in Falkville will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Gandy's Cove United Methodist Church with the Rev. Fred Nichols officiating.

Burial will be in Cook Cemetery with Peck Funeral Home directing. The body will be at the church one hour before the service. The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 9 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Hill died Sunday at the nursing home. She was born Grace Alford on Aug. 6, 1901 in Morgan County.

She is survived by one son, Harold Hill

of Decatur; one sister, Irene Hill of Eva; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Corky Hill, Chris Bryant, Don Turney, Bobby Alford, Gene Hill and William Hill.

AAFA NOTE: Grace Alford Hill was a daughter of Pleasant M. Alford, son of Ezekiel Alford. (See his obituary in *AAFA ACTION*, Summer 1994, p. 35.) Grace was born 6 Aug 1901 in Morgan County, Alabama and died 25 Jul 1993. Her husband, Marion Elbert Hill was born 7 Mar 1908 and died 24 Oct 1989. His obituary follows.

MARION ELBERT HILL

THE DECATUR DAILY
25 Oct 1989

Hartselle-Funeral for Elbert Hill, 81, of Falkville Health Care Center will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Gandy's Cove United Methodist Church with the Rev. Fred Nichols officiating.

Burial will be in Cook Cemetery with Peck Funeral Home directing. The body will be at the church one hour before the service. The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 9 at the funeral home.

Mr. Hill died Tuesday at Hartselle Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Grace Hill of Summerford Nursing Home in Falkville; one son, Harold Hill of Decatur; six brothers, Gilbert Hill of Eva and Alvin Hill, Clifton Hill, Wilburn Hill, Clyde Hill and Aubrey Hill all of Falkville; one sister, Virginia Sartin of Hartselle; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Alan Hill, Chris Byrant, Joe Hill, Bobby Hill, Gary Norwood, and William Hill. ❖

(Halfords, cont. from p. 40)

Besides, Mr. Halford had hoped to develop Fight while still working with Judas Priest.

"When it was first announced, I had the support of Priest," he says.

Columbia, Priest's longtime faithful label, didn't like Mr. Halford's Fight music, and told him to rework it.

Insulted, Mr. Halford looked for another label for Fight. But he says his "unfair" contract with Columbia wouldn't let him play in Fight under another label unless he submitted a "leaving member" letter.

Tension began to wear on his Priest band mates, who wanted to stay on good terms with Columbia, Mr. Halford says. Finally, after some infighting, he wrote to Columbia saying he was leaving. "Then all hell broke loose," he says, somewhat casually.

"I felt it was impossible for me to remain," he says. "Everything disintegrated on a personal level. I just really looked at the big picture. For me to stay with Priest would have been the easy thing to do: make another record and go on tour. But in terms of personal artistic satisfaction, it wouldn't have been a rewarding thing to do.

"So the only thing I could do was leave Priest. I felt if I stayed in Priest I would have cheated myself and cheated Priest. Now I want to enjoy these new possibilities. It's never too late to make that decision. It's easy to stay on that repetitive level.

"With the developments in contemporary metal in America, it served as a cattle prod to my head. It was just time to take stock in my life and my career." ❖

Some West Virginia Alfords

Two biographical sketches on Alfords found in West Virginia county histories are reprinted in total here; they are also briefly cited on the Booklist.

Mason County History Book Committee. *HISTORY OF MASON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA*. Salem, WV: Walsworth Publishing Co., 1987. The biographical sketches following appear in the section titled "Family Histories" on an unnumbered page that includes a small photo of three people captioned "The Alford Family."

William Alford was born in India in 1821. In Sept 1853 he was married to Nancy Waugh in Mason Co., WV. To that union 5 children were born, Mary C., James C., Ester E., John A. and Richard Mecula. William and Nancy left the area by river boat and settled in Arkansas. Richard who was born July 7, 1853 remained in WV and married Mary Hill from Chester, OH and settled on Big 16 Mile Creek, Pliny, WV.

AAFA NOTE: "India" probably was supposed to be Indiana or Indian Territory; however, in all census data on William, he is listed as being born in VA, as were his parents according to 1880 census data. William died between 1880 and 1900, and there is no indication that they ever went to AR. Widow Nancy is living with daughter Ester Elizabeth Wallace in 1900 and with son James in 1920, both in Mason Co. WV.

Two children were born to Richard and Mary, Bessie Mae and William Evans. Bessie died in a horse and buggy accident days before her wedding. William was born Sept 30, 1885 and married Elizabeth Mae Sprinkle on Jan 14, 1922 in Gallia Co, OH. William and Elizabeth lived

in Pliny where he owned a sawmill and Elizabeth taught in a one room schoolhouse. William passed away Nov 20, 1947 of cancer and Elizabeth died in an automobile accident in July 1955. Before their deaths they had 4 children, William Evans, Jr. April 12, 1923; Harold Joseph May 10, 1924; Mary Ellen June 25, 1932 [see later]; and John Richard Nov 25, 1935.

William Evans, Jr. married Vesta Woods and lives in Point Pleasant, WV. They have two sons, Warren Vance and Raymond Edward. Warren married Wanda Oliver and have two children, Warren, Jr. and Jillian. They make their home in Leon, WV. Raymond married Stasha Williams. They have no children and live in Maryville, TN.

Harold Joseph Alford married Martha Ann Moore who he later divorced and he now lives in Gary, IN.

Mary Ellen Alford married Denver Leo Gambill on Apr 2, 1951 and had one son, Robert Eugene June 9, 1953. Denver died in an automobile accident in Aug 1955. Robert lives in Atlanta, GA and has no children. Mary Ellen then married Carvin Bell May 12, 1956 and gave birth to two children. Keith Allen was born March 23, 1957 and Mary Elizabeth was born Dec 4, 1958. Carvin passed away March 19, 1980. Then on Nov 19, 1983 Mary Ellen married Floyd Spoor and moved to Schererville, IN. Keith Bell married Charmin Potter Sept 4, 1982 and have a son and a daughter: Jeremiah Carvin born Dec 11, 1983 and Danielle Renee born April 3, 1986. They live in Dyer, IN. Mary Elizabeth married David Peeler Aug 20, 1977 and has 2 sons, Robert Joseph born Jan 17, 1977 and Timothy Allen born Oct 24, 1979.

They live in Hebron, IN.

John Richard Alford married Catheryn Avanelle Gambill May 5, 1956 and lives in Gary, IN. They have 4 children, Kimberly Ann born May 9, 1957, Raymond Lowa born Aug 17, 1959, Richard Leo born Aug 30, 1965 and Roy Lee born Aug 1, 1967. Kimberly Ann married Raymon[d] Cloud Oct 1976. They have 3 children, John Robert born March 26, 1977, Raymond Lee born Feb. 17, 1979 and Jade Marie born July 1982. They make their home in Gary, IN. Raymond Lowa married Cherri Kasch on Sept 6, 1986. They have no children and live in Griffith, IN. Richard Leo and Roy Lee both live at home with their parents in Gary, IN. *Submitted by Mary Ellen Spoor*

AAFA NOTE: JoAnn Burnside Townsend, AAFA #660, is a descendant of this family.

Laidley, W.S. *HISTORY OF CHARLESTON AND KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA AND REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS*. Chicago, IL: Richmond-Arnold Publishing Co., 1911. The brief biography of Calvery Henley Alford, following, appears on pp. 476-477.

Calvery Henly Alford, deceased, was born June 1, 1852, on Mud River in Putnam County, VA, and died at Charleston, December 18, 1907, being a retired merchant and capitalist. His parents were William and Sallie (Dolin) Alford.

William was born in Monroe County, now WV, and his wife in Boone County, in which latter county they were married and afterward spent many years on their farm on Trace Fork of the Mud River in Putnam County. In conjunction with farming,

William Alford was a commercial traveler and was on the road for some years for Robert Thompson, a tobacco dealer. During what he intended to be his last trip, he was attacked by robbers near Gallipolis, Ohio, and was killed by an assassin who escaped justice. His widow afterward married Robert Alford, and they had one son, Andrew M., who now resides on the old home farm in Putnam County. To her first marriage Mrs. Alford had borne six sons and one daughter.

Calvery H. Alford was reared on the home farm and resided there until sixteen years of age. He was then for one year with the C.&O. Railroad as chore boy. When his eldest brother married they went into mercantile business together at Griffithsville, Lincoln County, WV, but after being thus engaged for some time our subject sold his interest to his second brother. He and his three brothers were associated together in the tobacco business for one year and were afterwards engaged in mercantile business at St. Albans for three years. Calvery then sold his interest to his three brothers and in the fall of 1885 came to Charleston. Here he engaged in a general mercantile business which he conducted with much success for some ten years, after which until his death he was occupied in attending to his real estate interests. Mr. Alford was known as an honorable business man and most worthy citizen. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he was not very active and never consented to hold office.

Mr. Alford was married February 18, 1883, at Somersville, Nicholas County, WV, to Miss H. May Crites, who was born in Jackson County, September 20, 1862, a daughter of Nathan M. and Mazilla (Boarde) Crites, and who went to Nicholas County with her parents when 15

years old. Mr. and Mrs. Crites were married in Jackson County and lived there for seventeen years and then moved to Nicholas County and settled at Somersville, where the death of Mr. Crites occurred September 23, 1899, at the age of fifty-eight years. He was a shoemaker by trade and also engaged in farming. His widow survives and lives at the old home-stead. She is a member of the Missionary Baptist church, but Mr. Crites belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, south. They had two daughters, Mrs. Alford and Leola J. The latter married James F. Pettigrew, and they have two children, Harry A. and Sylvia C. One daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alford, Ella G., born January 7, 1884, whose whole little life was covered by but seven months. Mrs. Alford is a member of a religious organization known as Truth.

AAFA NOTES:

William, father of Calvery Henley, was probably born in Cabell County, not Monroe Co. He was the great-grandson of "Irish John" Alford, born about 1735 in Ireland. He married Sarah "Sallie" Dolin in Kanawha County, Nov. 21, 1839. William died in 1857. Sallie Dolin married second, Robert/Robin

Alford, who was the uncle of her first husband. Robert had first been married to Leanza Coon, who died in 1860 after the birth of their 12th child. He married Sallie Dolin, Apr 22, 1861, who had one son with Robert, Andrew Milton Alford.

Children of William and Sallie Dolin Alford:

1. Andrew Jackson Alford, born Apr 12, 1841; died Aug 31, 1844.
2. Mary A./May Alford, born Nov 21, 1842; married Silas Elkins; died Apr 3, 1927.
3. John D. Alford, born Jan 25, 1846; married Frances Hart.
4. James D. Alford, born Dec 24, 1848; married Sarah E. McCown.
5. William Dawson "Daws" Alford, born Dec 24, 1850; married Cleopatra ____.
6. Calvery Henley Alford, born Jun 1, 1852 [article above] / 1853 [Bible Record].
7. George Anderson Alford, born Jul 11, 1854; died Aug 30, 1888.

AAFA has a copy of Sarah Dolin Alford's will dated Feb. 1, 1884 in Putnam Co. WV. According to family legend, around the time of the birth of Andrew Milton (Jan 28, 1862), Robert Alford took the best horse and left for the Civil War. He never came back to Sarah and in 1870 was living with children by his first wife. His military record indicates he enlisted for 3 years on April 6, 1862.

Another article indicated he was wounded and as a result one leg was shorter than the other. Sarah, her children by William, and Andrew Milton are missing from the WV 1870 census but are there in 1880.

Members who are descendants of these Alford's are: Thomas E. Alford, AAFA #464, and Norris L. Alford, AAFA #422. ❖

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Phillip Alford of Birmingham, Movie Star

Prepared by Robin Alford Sterling, AAFA #320, from Alabama State Archives microfilm Surname Clippings File, which included many more clippings that we are printing here. AAFA has transcription of all the articles if you're interested. Does anyone know Phillip Alford's lineage?

5 February 1962

Unknown newspaper [has photo]

Phillip Alford, 13, and Mary Badham, 9, both of Birmingham, posed outside a courtroom in Los Angeles Thursday where their movie contracts were approved. The two will have parts in the movie, "To Kill a Mockingbird," being filmed by Universal-International. They'll receive \$500 a week apiece for a minimum of 10 weeks. In addition, Phillip will receive \$200 and Mary \$250 a week for living expenses.

8 April 1962

Mobile Press

"Mockingbird" Player Has Uncle In Mobile

One of Mobile's people most interested in "To Kill a Mockingbird" activity is M-Sgt. J.M. Alford at Brookley Air Force Base.

He is the uncle of Birmingham's young Phillip Alford who has been cast in the Universal-International production now being filmed in Hollywood.

"His father is my younger brother," said the analyst specialist in the 1919th Communications Sqd. "I've had several letters from him since they all moved out to Hollywood."

Sgt. Alford had the last letter from his brother, Lem, just shortly after Gregory Peck—who is starring in the

movie based on Harper Lee's novel—hosted the family at his home....

Phillip, however, isn't the only member of the family connected with the film.

"His sister, Eugenia, 9, has been named stand-in to Mary Badham who has the leading role with Peck in the film," said Sgt Alford. "She is also taking a screen test for another movie but they hadn't any results yet when my brother wrote me."

Eugenia has had no acting experience at all, although Phillip has appeared in some locally produced plays in Birmingham. Mary has had no acting experience either....

Both youngsters have fallen right into good paying jobs.

"They've got seven-year contracts with salaries ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 a week," said Sgt. Alford, "and Phillip is getting a \$200 expense allowance per week while Mary has \$250 on the present film."

Sgt. Alford who has been based about three years at Mobile is rounding out 23 years of active duty with the Air Force in June. He is planning on retiring and moving into a job at Dayton, Ohio....

11 Jun 1962

Birmingham News [has photo]

Phillip Alford Back Home After Filming

Back from Hollywood, where he co-starred with Birmingham's Mary Badham and Gregory Peck in "To Kill a Mockingbird," Phillip Sunday was making plans to star in a Town and Gown play next month....

Phillip, his little sister Eugenia, who had a bit part in the screen version of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize novel, and their parents, the Lem Alford, returned from California Saturday night....

24 Nov 1963

Birmingham News [has photo]

Alford Home For T&G [Town and Gown] Production of "Happy Time"

Phillip Alford, Birmingham movie and TV star, will be seen in the leading role in "The Happy Time" at Clark Theater, Dec. 10-14.

Phillip flew home from Hollywood last week to begin rehearsals of the Broadway comedy-drama that was presented on the New York stage by Rodgers and Hammerstein, and later made into a movie.

He has been in Hollywood for some dubbing of the Walt Disney "Wonderful World of Color" production of "Bristle Face," that has been filmed for two one-hour segments on television. It will be shown shortly after the first of the year. Plans now are in the works to write two more "Bristle Face" episodes, which would be taking Phillip back to California and the Disney studios.

In "The Happy Time," Phillip will be returning to the stage of Clark Theater, where he received his only stage training under the direction of James Hatcher. This time, he will be directed by Frank Treschel Jr., associate director of Town and Gown Civic Theater, who is at the helm for the Broadway comedy-drama....

Phillip Alford has appeared in a number of shows at Clark Theater,

starting his acting career there when he was a very small boy, and doing a variety of roles, one of the most recent having been the son in "The King and I."

He was discovered by Alice Boatwright, Universal-International Studios Eastern Talent Representative, when she came to Birmingham in search of two children for the movie version of Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird," was one of the stars of the picture, and has been commuting between Birmingham and Hollywood for television and movies ever since "Mockingbird" hit the nation's movie screens and Oscar honors.

31 Aug 1964

Birmingham News [has photo]

....What happens to kids who score sensationally in a debut picture? Sometimes they're heard from again; more often they drop out of sight.

Phillip Alford, who deservedly won raves as Greg Peck's young son in "To Kill a Mockingbird," rises again—up in the "Heavenly Pasture" of Eugene, Ore. He's the youngest of Stewart's six sons in Shenandoah. Jimmy plays a farmer in the lush land of Virginia before war ravages—and again Phillip is without a mother in the plot. That adds up to four starts in which he's been without one, and he's beginning to feel jumpy.

"I sure do hope I can have a whole family pretty soon," he pined. "For a fellow my age (he'll soon be 16) this can very traumatic..."

23 April 1967

Mobile Press Register [has picture]

Old Fashioned Upbringing Rules

Having a son star in a couple of movies hasn't helped Mrs. Lem Alford of Birmingham carry out her old-fashioned ideas of child raising at all.

She is doing it with 18-year-old Phillip. He says, "Yes, ma'am" and companion polite phrases, gets home by 10 o'clock from a Sunday night date and still looks upon his mother as a pal. "It hasn't been easy," admitted his attractive parent who looks more like an older sister, "and I guess one of the most difficult problems has been making Phillip realize he is just a person like anyone else."

Both the public and Phillip's own family "which has never had a movie star before and has been awed by him" have made that task a big one because they've wanted to put him on a pedestal and make him feel important. "I have just refused to let that happen," his mother stated. "If Phillip grows up feeling so important and if he gets to be 21 without making another movie, it will be difficult for him to realize he is just Phillip Alford—a young man."

Mrs. Alford and her husband have particularly encouraged Phillip to go to college, as he will do this fall upon graduation from high school next month. Plans are for him to major in history and minor in literature at Huntingdon College.

School for the past several years—since the 1963 release of "To Kill a Mockingbird," now showing at the Downtown Theater—has really presented both him and his mother the biggest problem. "He has had to struggle with his studies—especially in the beginning of it all," stated Mrs. Alford, "but Phillip makes B's now and nothing lower than a C and that's pretty good." There were also difficulties with people. "On one hand, he has been idolized as a movie star by some but on the other he has been looked down upon," admitted Mrs. Alford. Friends who have meant well, for instance, have wanted to publicize facts about which Mrs. Alford has felt shouldn't be given attention. "He got a car when he was 17 for example," she explained, "but I don't think that is any different from any other boy and I just

wouldn't let them say anything about it."

More surprising really has been the resentment from others who have let their jealousy show when Phillip has been recognized for his talent and place in the entertainment field. "It has made it hard on him," revealed his Mother. "I guess it would have been easier if we had lived on the West Coast where a movie star isn't out of the ordinary and if he hadn't been so young when the fame did come..."

As to a movie career or his future, she and her husband want Phillip "to be what he wants to be as long as it is honorable."

The movie-making has been a good thing for Phillip despite some growing up pains, because "it has given him an opportunity to travel and afforded him some things that he wouldn't have had otherwise."

"So many people think he is so rich and they are wrong," added his mother. "Children don't make that much money in movies." Active in the Highlands Methodist Church where he helps with Bible school and children's programs, Phillip does some little theater work....

There are now no plans for making another movie or television show, though Phillip has been selected for two pictures which have been temporarily shelved. It is hoped a July trip to Los Angeles will turn up something movie or television-wise.

25 Aug 1967

Birmingham Post-Herald

Phillip Alford In TV Movie

Birmingham's Phillip Alford will be seen this Fall in the opening "World Premier" feature-length movie produced for NBC-TV.

(Continued on p. 49)

Will of Warren Alford, 1770–1844 NC

Prepared by Janice Smith, AAFA #152 and Associate for Wills and Estates

According to AAFA records, Warren was the son of Jacob and Mary (Pace) Alford and the grandson of Lodwick and Susannah Alford. He was born March 15, 1770, undoubtedly in North Carolina. He died September 5, 1844, having prepared his will August 9, 1844 in Robeson County, North Carolina.

He was married twice: First to Jennette Little who was born January 7, 1773 and died June 17, 1813; she was the daughter of Alexander Little. His second marriage was to Barbara Little who was born in 1778 and died February 16, 1866; she was the daughter of John Little, who was Alexander Little's brother.

Warren was a member of the House of Commons, North Carolina General Assembly in 1825–26 and 1827–28. He was the first postmaster of Alfordsville, and he was an Elder in Ashpole Church.

SOURCES: Peggy T. Townsend's *VANISHING ANCESTORS: Cemetery Records of Robeson County, North Carolina, Volume One* (1975, reprinted 1994), lists birth and death dates on p. 24. Author's note in the book: "(Warren Alford was the son of Jacob Alford & Mary Pace Alford)."

William Curry Harllee's *KINFOLKS: A GENEALOGICAL AND BIO-GRAPHICAL RECORD* (New Orleans, LA: By the author, 1934–37), also lists the cemetery data on p. 122, data from the family Bible on p. 1326, and a genealogy of the family on p. 1456, including the information on the Littles. Copies of these pages are available from the AAFA Library.

Eight AAFA members are direct descendants of Warren:

AAFA #473 Betty McGirt Lee
AAFA #085 Eva Frances Alford
AAFA #150 Barney M. Alford
AAFA #328 Mary McGirt Peters
AAFA #478 Sion Augustus Alford, III
AAFA #274 Howard Alford
AAFA #703 James Little Alford
AAFA #720 Frank L. Alford

WILL OF WARREN ALFORD

Robeson County, NC, Book 1, p. 445

In the name of God, Amen. I Warren Alford of the State of North Carolina Robeson County being of sound disposing mind and memory do this Ninth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four Publish and declare this my last will and Testament in form & manner Following Viz—

First I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Barbara Alford my negroe woman Jane my negroe boy Bob my negroe Girl Scinda my negroe Girl Mariah my negroe boy Daniel and my negroe boy Lewis. Also I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Barbara all my land whereon I now live on The West Side of Ashpole Swamp to the Run of said Swamp including the mill during her natural life and after her death It is my desire that the said land be equally divided between my Sons Sion & James Alford. Also I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife Barbara as much of my stock of Horses Cattle Hogs & sheep Farming tools Household, & Kitchen Furniture as my Executors Hereafter named, shall think Sufficient to Support her decently during her natural life and at her death the above mentioned Property Consisting of Horses Cattle Hogs and Sheep—farming tools, Household and

Kitchen furniture—that my Executors leave with her be equally divided between my three sons—Lodwick B. Alford Sion Alford and James L. Alford & Their Heirs. And it is my will that the balance of my Perishable Property after my beloved wife is Provided for as herein named by my Executors be equally divided among my Three sons Lodowick B. Sion & James L. Alford & their Heirs.

Secondly I Give and bequeath to my Sons Sion and James L. Alford all my Land where my Son Lodwick B. Alford now lives in South Carolina Marion District and also I Give & bequeath to my Sons Sion & James L. Alford my negroe Girl Orry. Provided they have to pay and discharge Certain debts for which they are bound for my son Lodwick B. Alford but if my son Lodwick B. Alford Pay the said debts himself or cause it to be done—for which my sons Sion and James L. Alford are bound—Then my son Lodwick B. Alford to have the said land where he now lives for his sole use and benefit during his natural life and after his death his wife Scinda to have the sole use and benefit of the said Land during her natural life and at her death the said land to be equally divided between my Grandsons Sion H. Alford & William D. Alford. and also if my Son Lodwick B. Alford Pay the Said debt or discharge my Sons Sion & James L. Alford from the payment of the same then my son Lodwick B. Alford to have the said Negroe Girl Orry for his sole use and benefit during his natural life and at his death his wife Scinda to have the sole use and benefit of the said negroe Girl Orry & her increase during her natural life Then the said Negroe Girl & her increase to be divided among his three Daughters Altha Ann, Louiza P. and Bethsheba C. Alford.

Thirdly I Give & bequeath to my Son

Sion Alford my negro woman Pol & my negro man Jim.

Fourthly I Give & bequeath to my Son Neill L. Alford my Negroe man Jerry.

Fifthly I Give & bequeath to my son James L. Alford my Negroe man Willis & my Negroe Boy Dick.

Sixthly I Give & bequeath to my daughter Diann Alford all my land on The East-side of Ashpole-Swamp between the Lowry Road & the Road leading from Ashpole to the Red Bluff for her Sole use & benefit as long as she Remains Single and after her marriage or at her death the said land to be equally divided between my Sons Sion & James L. Alford. and likewise I Give & bequeath to my daughter Diann Alford my negroe woman Annis & my negroe Girl Susannah and all their Increase for her Sole use & benefit during her natural life. Then to The heirs of her body—if any and if none then Return to my lawful Heirs and likewise I Give & bequeath to my daughter Diann Alford one Bed & Furniture.

Seventhly I Give & bequeath to my daughter Mary McCallum & her husband Dugald McCallum My Negroe woman Emily.

Eighthly I Give and bequeath To my Grand daughter Jannett McCormick my negroe Girl Margaret for her Sole use & benefit During her natural life then To the Heirs of her Body if any and if none then Returned to my Lawful Heirs.

Ninthly I Give & bequeath to my Grandson Alexander McCormick Ten dollars.

Tenthly I Give & bequeath to my Grand daughter Katharine W.P. Alford my negroe Girl Racel(?) for her Sole use & benefit during her natural life then to the Heirs of her body if any and if none then Return to my Lawful Heirs.

Eleventh I Give and bequeath To my grandson Warren L. Alford one Hundred & fifty acres of Land more or Less lying above the road leading from Ashpole to the Red Bluff and adjoining the Lands of Neill Baker and Angus McCallum. and It is also my will & desire that a Certain debt which I owe to the Estate of Alexander Little Deceased be payed and Satisfied out of the Negroes Herein named to my beloved wife Barbara. Namely Jane, Bob, Scinda, Mariah, Daniel & Lewis and after Said debt is satisfied then my beloved wife Barbara to have & dispose of those that Remain of the Said Negroes Herein willed to her as she Please But if any other Part of my property Herein named be Taken to Satisfy the said debt then the negroes Herein named to my beloved wife to be equally divided among my Heirs after her death.

And It is also my will & desire that my negroe Girl Harriet be sold To pay the Rest of my Just debts. And further I do hereby appoint and Constitute my Son Sion Alford & my son in law Dugald McCallum and my Brother-in-law Alexander Little Executors to this my last will & Testament.

In witness whereof I have Hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day & year before written.

Signed Sealed and Published in presense of Warren Alford Seal

Warren Alford Jr.
Ja Alford
John J. Little

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions
Robeson County November Term 1844

Then was this will offered for Probate and duly proven in Open Court by the oath of John J. Little one of The subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded—Tdh(?)
Howell Clk ❖

(Phillip Alford, cont. from p. 47)

Alford, who is now back home and is entering Alabama College at Montevallo this September, plays a teenage boy who idolizes the town's sheriff in the Western Universal movie "The Fire and the Wind."

The Magic City lad spent a good part of this Summer on the West filming the TV movie with such stars as Don Murray, John Saxon, Anne Francis, Edward Andrews, and Gene Evans.

24 Oct 1969

Birmingham News [has photo]

Phillip Alford To Play Part In "Virginian"

Phillip Alford, 21-year-old Birmingham actor who has made a name for himself in movies and television, left for Hollywood Thursday night to play a part in "The Virginian" TV series.

Alford has dropped out of school at Montevallo University, where he was a junior, because his stay on the West Coast will be "indefinite."...

POSTSCRIPT: From the 9 October 1995 issue of *People [Magazine] Online*, found on the Internet: "Gregory Peck ... is touring the country in a one-man show called *A Conversation with Gregory Peck*.... Asked to name his favorite role, Peck, 79, picks Atticus Finch, the small-town lawyer who defencs a black man accused of rape in 1962's *To Kill a Mockingbird*.... Peck remains in touch with Atticus's children: **Phillip Alford**, who played Jem, owns a clothing store and a bar in Birmingham, Ala.; Mary Badham, who played Scout, is the mother of two in Richmond, Va. (She came to his show in Winston-Salem, N.C., where the two reenacted a *Mockingbird* scene together.)...." ❖

Joseph Alford of Sabine Parish, LA

Prepared by Gil Alford from AAFA records and Don Weinell of Gonzales, LA (not an AAFA member)

First Generation

1. Joseph W. Alford was born about 1816 in Washington Parish, Louisiana, the son of Jacob and Francis B. Seaborn Alford. (See "John Seaborn Alford, 1807–1891," *AAFA ACTION* June 1992, p. 17, for background on one of Joseph's brothers.)

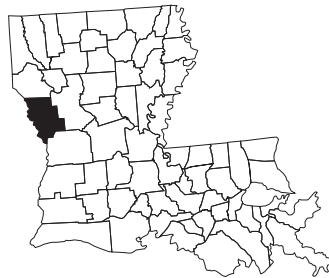
After his father's death in about 1824, Joseph stayed with his mother. On the 1850 census Joseph was still living in Washington Parish, LA, with his mother. After her death, he sold the remaining land in today's Washington Parish, about 800 acres, and moved north. Family legend claims that Joseph rode into Natchitoches with one horse, a slave, and a trunk of gold. There is probably some truth in this legend. Joseph no doubt had a sizable amount of cash left over from the sale of the land in Washington Parish, and slave records from Sabine Parish in 1860 show that Joseph Alford owned one slave, a 14 year old male.

In 1857, again according to family legend, Joseph Alford was staying at a way station near Middle Creek in Sabine Parish. Supposedly, the owner of the establishment, Andrew McClendon, tried to rob Joseph. Joseph shot and killed Mr. McClendon. Some sort of arrangement was made whereby Joseph agreed to marry Andrew McClendon's wife, Euphemia, and support her and her daughter. Marriage records of Sabine Parish indicate that Andrew J. McClendon married Euphemia S. Cook (b. 1830/31 in Alabama) on 18 August 1851. Six years later, on 3 September 1857 [some family tradition says they married in 1859], Euphemia S. McClendon married Joseph W. Alford. The

marriage must have been a success, because Joseph and Euphemia eventually had four more children.

Andrew and Euphemia had at least one daughter, Frances McClendon born 1854, Sabine Parish, Louisiana. She was Joseph's step-daughter and was with the family in 1860 and 1870.

In 1859, Joseph Alford purchased public land along the eastern edge of Sabine Parish which had recently been surveyed and offered for sale. In 1870



he was living in Many, Ward 7, Sabine Parish, Louisiana. His wife was shown as the head of the household in 1880. Joseph Alford died sometime between 1870 and 1880, as evidenced by census reports, probably in Sabine Parish, LA. Euphemia died between 1880 and 1900. Both are believed to be buried in an overgrown and forgotten cemetery (sometimes called the Bloodworth Cemetery) located on the banks of Mill Creek, a tributary to Middle Creek.

Children:

2. ii. Joanna Alford born 1859, Sabine Parish, LA.
- +3. iii. John Jephtha Alford born 1 Mar 1862.
- +4. iv. Julius J. Alford born _____ Dec 1867.
5. v. Julia Ivey Alford born _____ Jan 1874, Sabine Parish, LA.

Second Generation

3. John Jephtha Alford [Don Weinell spells his middle name "Jephthey"]

was born 1 Mar 1862 in Coburn, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, married (1) 17 Mar 1887 [Debbi Logan says married Nov 17 1890] in Natchitoches, LA. That would have been after birth of first two children. [The LDS-IGI shows 1880 which is probably what Debbi intended.] Catherine Cordelphia Williams, who was born 27 Nov 1876, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, (daughter of L. Dowell Williams and Martha Conley, said to have been a full-blooded Indian, possibly Cherokee). Catherine died 18 Aug 1919. He married (2) Jo Craig; married (3) Julie Montgomery. John died 23 May 1929, Middlecreek, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, and is buried at Davis Cemetery, Sabine Parish, LA.

"Jep" as he was known, was a farmer and raised some cattle and hogs. He is remembered by those who knew him as somewhat of an eccentric. Supposedly, he owned a large black stallion and used to ride it to the Middle Creek Baptist Church. He would sit in the back row and would leave immediately after services.

Shortly after Catherine's death, Jep married Jo Craig. This marriage was brief; there were no children. According to one of Jep's granddaughters, Jep ran his second wife off because she wouldn't do anything around the house.

Jep Alford's third and final wife was Julie Montgomery. She was previously married, and her maiden name was Horn. Shortly after their marriage, Jep was plowing one of his fields and had a heart attack. He crawled back from the field to his house. One of his grandsons remembers seeing him rolling from side to side on the bed in pain. He died the next day at the age of 67. His wife, Julie, was five months pregnant at the time. In September 1929, Jep's last daughter, Willa Vay, was born. The rest of the Alford's

shunned Julie and Willa Vay. Even Jep's death certificate lists Catherine Williams as his wife.

Children by Catherine Williams:

- i. Joanne E. Alford born 2 Mar 1888, Middlecreek, Sabine Parish, Louisiana; married 24 Dec 1913, in Sabine Parish, Louisiana, Andrew J. Montgomery. Joanne died 22 Nov 1914, Sabine Parish, Louisiana. [Debbi Logan says married in December]. She is buried at Davis Cemetery, Sabine Parish, LA.
- ii. Effie Bell Alford born 4 Aug 1889, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, married (1) 1922, Frank Majestic; married (2) John Gandy. Effie died 24 Jan 1969, Sabine Parish, Louisiana. She is buried at Mt. Carmel Cem., Sabine Parish, LA.
- iii. William Ryal Alford born 11 Mar 1891, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, married 9 Sep 1917, in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, Vertie Sparks.
- iv. Louis Jephtha Alford born 8 Sep 1892, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, married 19 Dec 1919, Sarah Jane Cobb. Louis died Ft. Jessup, Sabine Parish, LA.
- v. Lennora E. Alford born 3 Feb 1894, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, died 9 Aug 1895, buried: Davis Cemetery, Sabine Parish, LA.
- vi. Lillian May Alford born 3 July 1895, Sabine Parish, Louisiana; married 3 May 1914, Thaddeus G. Colburn in Sabine Parish. They had seven children together. Thad died in 1940. In July 1963, she had a heart attack. A few days later, on 21 July 1963, she died at the Willis-Knighten hospital in Shreveport. She is buried in the Middle Creek Cemetery next to her husband. She is remembered as being an excellent cook and for working hard to support her family after Thad's death.

- vii. Maud Ethel Alford born 9 June 1897, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, married 28 Nov 1917, William C. Cobb.
- viii. Edward Ivy Alford born 9 Oct 1898, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, married 26 Feb 1922, in Sabine Parish, Louisiana, Myrtie Framton. Edward died 26 Mar 1975.
- ix. Anna Catharine Alford born _____ Jan 1900/01, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, married 4 May 1919, Thomas J. Coburn. Anna died 1966.
- x. Loyd W. Alford born _____ Nov 1901, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, died 29 Dec 1902, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, buried: Davis Cemetery, Sabine Parish, LA.
- xi. Ella E. Alford born 9 Sep 1904, Sabine Parish, Louisiana. Ella was mentally retarded.

Children by Julie Montgomery:

- i. Will Vay Alford, b. _____ Sept 1929.

4. Julius J. Alford born _____ Dec 1867, Sabine Parish, Louisiana; married Mary _____. Children:

- i. Hattie or Ollie Alford born _____ Sept 1890, Louisiana.
- ii. Cora Alford born _____ Dec 1891, Louisiana.
- iii. Kate Alford born _____ Dec 1892, Louisiana.
- iv. Sebe Alford born _____ Aug 1895. His name was probably Seaborn.
- v. Leslie Alford born _____ Jan 1896, Louisiana.
- vi. Carry Alford born _____ Feb 1897, Louisiana.
- vii. Della Alford born _____ Jan 1899, Louisiana.
- viii. Gertrude Alford born 1903ca, Louisiana.
- ix. Ethel Alford born 1905ca, Louisiana.
- x. Ellen Alford born 1907ca, Louisiana. ❖

Lover Jack

Source: Covington, W.A. *History of Colquitt County [Georgia]*. Spartanburg, SC: The Reprint Company: 1980. Lodwick Alford, AAFA #11, sent page 50 from this book, which recounted this story about his Uncle Jack.

Along about 1892, the Beardens sold their stock of goods... and, taking the \$150,000 that they had accumulated during their stay in Colquitt, they moved back to Thomasville, where Bearden soon died. Immediately a perfect swarm of elderly gentlemen, widowers and bachelors, began to fly around Aunt Sally, every one of them swearing to his undying love for her, based on her personal charms alone; but that bereft lady was adamant to their impetuous appeals till old Jack Alford, from up Poulan, appeared on the scene; and such was the witchery and potency of his "line" that in no time he had scattered his rivals, and took the memorable trip over the broom, a-holding Aunt Sally's hand.

In about two years more, Aunt Sally lay down and died, leaving lover-Jack with nothing in the world to console himself for his bereavement except the little old \$150,000 which he, under the Florida inheritance laws, took in its entirety, there being no inheritance tax foolishness in those halcyon days. Lover-Jack, too, has passed on, they tell us, having lost in some wild-cat scheme a considerable portion of the \$150,000, and we have not thought it worth while to try to trace the remainder. ❖



Alfords on the Internet

Gloria Alford

P.O. Box 7062, Santa Cruz, CA 95061

Gloria is listed in *WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN ART*, and her work is included in numerous public, private and museum collections.

She is currently showing at India Joze Restaurant, located in the Santa Cruz Art Center, 1001 Center Street. Her work is often included in group shows at the Pope Gallery. Three of the works shown here are on display at the McPherson Rental Gallery.



*Gloria Alford with "By the Shore"
(Acrylic on paper, 22" x 30")*

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Associate Professor, Rice University, 1985 to present.
Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, 1981-1985.
Instructor, Oakland University, 1980-1981.
Teaching-Research Fellow, University of Iowa, 1977-80.
Research Associate, Institute for Urban Studies, Houston,
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Education

Ph.D., University of Iowa, Political Science, 1981.
M.A., University of Iowa, Political Science, 1980.
M.P.A., University of Houston, Public Admin., 1977.
B.S., University of Houston, Political Science, 1975. ❖

Mr. Claude Is 98!

Mr. Claude Anding Alford, Sr., AAFA #017, a founding member and long time avid supporter of AAFA, celebrated his 98th birthday recently. He was born January 6, 1898 in the now 117 year old home in which he still resides. His four children sponsored a birthday party for him in the fellowship hall of the Progress [MS] Baptist Church.

He has four children whom he and his late wife Inez Allen reared, 14 grand children, 25 great grandchildren, and five great-great-grand children. Over 100 persons attended the celebration.

Mr. Claude has been present at two AAFA annual meetings, and many members have visited him at his home in Mississippi. At the Louisiana meeting he presented several members gifts of corn or straw brooms that he had made by hand. He says his plans call for a birthday in January 2000 so that he can say he is one Alford who lived in three different centuries! ❖

Alabama Death Certificates Index, 1908–1959

By Robin Alford Sterling, AAFA #320

This list represents the indexed copy of Alford's (plus some spelling variations) who died and are registered with the State Health Department. These names were extracted from microfilmed copies of the comprehensive index of all records on file in Montgomery. In the early days of its administration, not all deaths were reported to the state, so the earliest period (1908 - 1920) may not have all Alford's who died within the State. However, it is probably most of them. We have the LDS to thank for filming the records.

Except for the earliest dates which are mostly alphabetical, the tapes are arranged by soundex number. All of the Alford's fall under the number 416. Next is a code number for the county in Alabama and then a death date,

which in some cases is not complete—only the month and year are recorded between 1923 and 1940. After that is the volume and page number (I did not type this information). Given information listed below, an Alford researcher can order a copy of the actual death certificate (for \$12) to obtain more information, such as spouse, parents, birthdate, etc. Write to:

Bureau of Vital Statistics
Department of Public Health
Montgomery, AL 36130

I have tried to be faithful in my typing to the original copy. The names were not recorded exactly chronologically, but grouped semi-alphabetically in varying time periods—sometimes a few years together, sometimes single years.

While I made every attempt to be

accurate, some errors may have crept in. In addition, some of the 1943 dates were hard to read. I urge family members to check this information against cemetery records, Bible records, newspapers, and an actual copy of the death certificate.

Editor's note: For this compilation, the names have been presented alphabetically without regard to date of death. Be sure to check the spelling variations at beginning and end of the list. AAFA has a printout of the names in the order that they appeared originally if you need to see a copy. Also, some of the notations in parentheses are unclear. Some early records say "infant" and some later ones say "infant of"—are the "infant" notations indicating that this was indeed an infant, or that it was an "infant of"? It also appears that some entries have the name of the spouse noted in parenthesis. All notes in brackets are from Robin Sterling.

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>		
Alford, Elias	Randolph	4/38	Alford, Alice F.	Etowah 5/37
Alford, Merleline C.	Escambia	4/37	Alford, Alton C.	Morgan 12/10/53
Alford, Della	Etowah	9/29/40	Alford, Alvert F.	Etowah 11/9/52
Alford, (infant of Irvin)	Crenshaw	2/6/20	Alford, Amandia E.	Clay 3/7/50
Alford, A.A.	Choctaw	12/24	Alford, Annie	Montgomery 8/35
Alford, A.C. Mrs.	Winston	8/37	Alford, Annie	Montgomery 9/24
Alford, A.M.	Winston	3/34	Alford, Annie W.	Etowah 11/4/59
Alford, Aaron	Etowah	10/38	Alford, Archie	Geneva 7/34
Alford, Albert F.	Etowah	1/18/45	Alford, Austin	Etowah 2/26/21
Alford, Alberta	Houston	9/12/52	Alford, Auther	Chambers 1/31/13
Alford, Alberta	Jefferson	5/34	Alford, Beatrice	Montgomery 5/28/51
Alford, Alberta	Jefferson	7/35	Alford, Ben	Baldwin 11/37
Alford, Alex Jr.	Escambia	12/28/19	Alford, Ben	Mobile 10/23/56
Alford, Alex	Mobile	3/11/44	Alford, Ben	Perry 11/8/09
Alford, Alf Mrs.	Tallapoosa	10/15/18	Alford, Bernard R.	Montgomery 2/17/49
Alford, Alfred L.	Morgan	3/16/40	Alford, Bertie M.	Jefferson 12/23/57
Alford, Alfred W.	Jefferson	9/36	Alford, Bessie M.	Montgomery 2/11/52
Alford, Alice	Shelby	5/37	Alford, Bettie	Montgomery 4/35
Alford, Alice	Tallapoosa	11/20/19	Alford, Bevie	Bullock 12/23
Alford, Allen	Etowah	10/12/44	Alford, Billy J.	Tallapoosa 6/9/51
			Alford, Blanch	Covington 10/11/22
			Alford, Blanche	Covington 10/11/22
			[duplicate?]	

Alford, Bobbie A.	Geneva	3/9/57	Alford, Ella	Morgan	9/35
Alford, Bolden	Mobile	12/3/21	Alford, Ella	Tallapoosa	1/18/10
Alford, Bollen A. Sr.	Montgomery	12/28/59	Alford, Emma E.	Jefferson	4/18/43
Alford, Bula [Beulah]	Morgan	5/8/14	Alford, Emma	Montgomery	2/2/22
[She was a Sterling who married Pleas Alford]			Alford, Emma	Morgan	6/5/51
Alford, C.H.	Houston	9/22/49	Alford, Enos	Greene	2/39
Alford, Callie	Covington	5/14/52	Alford, Ernest B.	Baldwin	11/25/55
Alford, Cally	Walker	3/14/18	Alford, Ernestine	Mobile	4/18/43
[duplicate of Mrs. Ed Alford?]			Alford, Essie M.	Bullock	3/1/46
Alford, Carlton	Macon	7/12/47	Alford, Essie	Montgomery	1/11/46
Alford, Carlton W.	Macon	11/25/50	Alford, Ethel D.	Bullock	4/36
Alford, Carrie	Chambers	2/38	Alford, Ethel E.	Etowah	1/3/59
Alford, Carrie Lee	Etowah	8/23	Alford, Ethel	Houston	1/23
Alford, Charles	Escambia	5/?/22	Alford, Etta May (Mrs.)	Jefferson	11/8/17
Alford, Charles L.	Talladega	10/1/47	Alford, Ewell F.	Montgomery	4/8/56
Alford, Clarence E.	Jefferson	5/20/43	Alford, Exie	Chambers	12/8/45
Alford, Claude	Crenshaw	1/27/19	Alford, Fannie E.	Winston	1/2/41
Alford, Claudia F.	Houston	12/37	Alford, Fannie	Montgomery	8/23 48
Alford, Clopper	Randolph	10/36	Alford, Faustina M.	Mobile	11/12/54
Alford, Clyde Edw.	Etowah	7/34	Alford, Flora Mrs.	Escambia	7/7/22
Alford, Columbus M.	Pike	12/11/40	Alford, Florence	Bullock	12/31/43
Alford, Cora B.	Lee	2/38	Alford, Frances	Mobile	5/3/41
Alford, Corine	Pike	10/2/13	Alford, Francis A.	Jackson	9/17/47
Alford, Coy	Mobile	1/26	Alford, Frank	Washington	5/30/59
Alford, Daisy	Bullock	12/23	Alford, Fred	Geneva	5/36
Alford, Daisy S.	Bullock	1/2/46	Alford, Fred	Jefferson	7/24/54
Alford, Daniel	Morgan	10/13/14	Alford, Fred O.	Etowah	5/21/45
Alford, Darrel F.	Cherokee	10/28/47	Alford, G.W.	Autauga	3/25
Alford, Dave	Tuscaloosa	8/34	Alford, Gaba	Jefferson	7/16/10
Alford, David	Chambers	6/25/40	Alford, George C.	Wilcox	5/29/42
Alford, Delia	Montgomery	8/4/45	Alford, George E.	Montgomery	3/25/42
Alford, Della	Montgomery	2/26/50	Alford, George L.	Wilcox	12/37
Alford, Denson	Chambers	4/34	Alford, George W.	Calhoun	9/12/40
Alford, Dewey	Mobile	9/21/57	Alford, Georgia Mae	Montgomery	10/34
Alford, Dora	Randolph	1/5/47	Alford, Gerald W. Jr.	Montgomery	7/13/54
Alford, Dula A.	Mobile	12/27/55	Alford, Gladis	Tallapoosa	2/23
Alford, Ed. Mrs.	Walker	3/14/18	Alford, Gussie	Houston	9/14/55
[duplicate of Cally Alford?]			Alford, H.C. Sr.	Elmore	3/14/56
Alford, Ed (infant)	Houston	6/15/12	Alford, H.L. Mrs.	Etowah	3/38
Alford, Eddie	Walker	2/38	Alford, Hattie	Jefferson	11/35
Alford, Edmond	Henry	8/7/43	Alford, Henry D.	Crenshaw	6/37
Alford, Edward (infant)	Jefferson	2/27/16	Alford, Henry T.	Jefferson	7/26/45
Alford, Edward E.	Jefferson	7/17/44	Alford, Homer P.	Houston	5/33
Alford, Edward G.	Geneva	8/14/55	Alford, Horace C.	Jefferson	7/28/51
Alford, Effie	Montgomery	8/5/10	Alford, Howard (infant)	Cherokee	10/22/47
Alford, Eliza J.	Etowah	3/9/56	Alford, Ida	Jefferson	1/20/40
Alford, Eliza J.	Montgomery	11/7/54	Alford, Ida	Pike	12/30/14
Alford, Elizabeth B.	Jefferson	3/21/47	Alford, Ida L.	Etowah	6/29/13
Alford, Elizabeth	Henry	2/39	Alford, Infant of ?	Clay	4/13/17
Alford, Ella	Jefferson	5/6/48	Alford, Infant of F.C.	Etowah	12/27/18

Alford, Isaiah (infant)	Houston	10/7/11	Alford, Katie B.	Butler	12/5/40
Alford, J.C.	Bullock	4/22/10	Alford, Katie B.	Butler	12/5/40
Alford, J.M. (infant of)	Conecuh	8/23	[duplicate entry]		
Alford, J.W. (infant)	Escambia	4/8/13	Alford, Laurence R.	Mobile	7/26/52
Alford, Jake	Jefferson	11/27	Alford, Lee (infant of)	Montgomery	N.S. 1922
Alford, James	Montgomery	2/36	[don't know what N.S. is]		
Alford, James	Jefferson	1/22/53	Alford, Lee (infant)	Bullock	5/26/13
Alford, James	Jefferson	4/23	Alford, Lee Sr.	Bullock	9/27/49
Alford, James	St. Clair	2/19/19	Alford, Lee	Tuscaloosa	12/22/54
Alford, James C.	Montgomery	7/9/53	Alford, Lee Roy	Crenshaw	4/15/21
Alford, James E.	Crenshaw	10/3/40	Alford, Lelia	Geneva	11/11/08
Alford, James E.	Marion	2/11/58	Alford, Lella	Houston	1/14/08
Alford, James F. (infant)	Montgomery	6/2/55	Alford, Lena	Montgomery	11/35
Alford, James G.	Montgomery	9/7/22	Alford, Lenie	Bullock	4/14/11
Alford, James H. (infant)	Jefferson	5/24/54	Alford, Leonard	Jefferson	2/36
Alford, James H.	Geneva	10/9/50	Alford, Leve	Montgomery	12/22/20
Alford, James J.	Elmore	7/5/20	Alford, Lewis	Jefferson	11/35
Alford, James L.	Clay	10/23/55	Alford, Lillian	Etowah	5/14/17
Alford, James R.	Russell	2/20/54	Alford, Lillie M.	Clarke	6/28/51
Alford, James T.	Montgomery	1/37	Alford, Lillie M.	Jefferson	1/39
Alford, James W.	Pike	3/15/12	Alford, Lilly	Covington	1/23
Alford, Jane A.	Jefferson	10/39	Alford, Lina Jane	Chambers	8/25
Alford, Jane	Bullock	5/23/10	Alford, Linda J.	Montgomery	11/18/53
Alford, Janie	Morgan	2/10/52	Alford, Lloyd W. (infant of)	Mobile	9/35
Alford, Janie Mrs.	Elmore	1/2/17	Alford, Lockie J.	Montgomery	10/3/50
Alford, Jas. Harold	Jefferson	6/25	Alford, Lodwick M.	Montgomery	4/7/19
Alford, Jean	Mobile	2/8/47	Alford, Lon G.	Butler	5/34
Alford, Jeff D.	Macon	9/28/40	Alford, Lonnie	Jefferson	7/23
Alford, Jefferson D.	Etowah	3/11/40	Alford, Lorenzo	Russell	7/11/42
Alford, Jenny C.	Jefferson	11/8/44	Alford, Lottie B.	Mobile	12/9/49
Alford, Jesse	Chambers	4/16/48	Alford, Louana J.	Montgomery	9/14/53
Alford, Jesse F.	Etowah	3/18/41	Alford, Lougene I.	Tallapoosa	6/18/51
Alford, Jimmie	Mobile	1/33	Alford, Louis A.	Winston	12/3/56
Alford, Joe Jr.	Jefferson	6/8/83	Alford, Louise	Jefferson	6/25/14
Alford, John A.	Clay	3/15/51	Alford, Lovie E.	Escambia	7/20/47
Alford, John C.	Houston	4/24/41	Alford, Lucindy	Bullock	8/28/09
Alford, John H.	Mobile	7/17/45	Alford, Lucious	Mobile	4/20/48
Alford, John J.	Morgan	3/15/51	Alford, Lucius M.	Lee	7/33
Alford, John R.	Dale	5/26	Alford, Lula	Bullock	4/24/54
Alford, John W.	Winston	2/20/55	Alford, Lula	Bullock	11/29/22
Alford, John Wm.	Macon	12/35	Alford, Lula	Calhoun	3/23
Alford, Joseph	Crenshaw	1/11/14	Alford, Luther F.	Montgomery	8/19/58
Alford, Judge H.	Montgomery	10/11/50	Alford, M. [?]	Chambers	8/35
Alford, Jules E.	Mobile	5/29/10	Alford, M.M.	Chambers	4/25
Alford, Julia C. [see Mrs. Walter R.]			Alford, Maggie J.	Greene	7/29/49
Alford, Julius C.	Elmore	10/24/44	Alford, Maggie P.	Etowah	8/27/59
Alford, Julius C. Jr.	Montgomery	8/12/16	Alford, Major	Macon	4/26
Alford, Julius C.	Tallapoosa	11/13/53	Alford, Major	Montgomery	9/21/44
Alford, Julius	Mobile	3/16/49	Alford, Mamie R.	Jefferson	10/11/56
			Alford, Margaret A.	Jefferson	6/34

Alford, Margaret	Escambia	5/4/14	Alford, O.B.	Montgomery	4/30/40
Alford, Margaret	Greene	5/28/14	Alford, O? Q?	Tallapoosa	9/5/17
Alford, Margaret	Greene	6/1/14	Alford, Odis B. Jr.	Houston	1/21/49
[Two entries]			Alford, Ola Mae	Etowah	3/25
Alford, Margaret Jane	Crenshaw	5/20/19	Alford, Ollie Henry	Montgomery	7/27
Alford, Mariah	Montgomery	6/34	Alford, Ona Neal	Jackson	6/9/43
Alford, Martha	Randolph	7/9/53	Alford, Ora B.	Escambia	5/13/59
Alford, Martha S.	Jefferson	4/30/44	Alford, Oscar	Geneva	11/37
Alford, Mary	Jefferson	6/28/58	Alford, Oscar L.	Covington	8/23/16
Alford, Mary	Montgomery	4/18/10	Alford, Otis	Russell	3/30/59
Alford, Mary	Montgomery	5/38	Alford, Pat	Tuscaloosa	4/37
Alford, Mary	Russell	11/18/14	Alford, Pearlie	Butler	2/25
Alford, Mary Ann E.	Crenshaw	11/36	Alford, Pherlisher N.	Talladega	11/10/46
Alford, Mary B.	Jefferson	10/13/55	Alford, Pleasant M.	Morgan	9/2/54
Alford, Mary Cook	Escambia	10/34	Alford, Polly A.	Geneva	8/28
Alford, Mary E.	Clay	2/7/58	Alford, R.M.	Conecuh	9/30
Alford, Mary E.	Montgomery	3/13/42	Alford, Rebecca C.	Mobile	12/3/50
Alford, Mary E.	Morgan	4/20/55	Alford, Rena	Coffee	1/21/19
Alford, Mary E.	Tuscaloosa	5/33	Alford, Reuben B.	Jefferson	11/36
Alford, Mary Elizabeth	Clay	1/26	Alford, Rich	Montgomery	10/21/11
Alford, Mary Jane	Geneva	6/26	Alford, Richard R.	Geneva	1/29
Alford, Mary L. (W.P.)	Elmore	7/32	Alford, Richard W.	Jefferson	11/23
[Not sure what the initials mean]			Alford, Riley	Montgomery	11/34
Alford, Mary L.	Montgomery	6/37	Alford, Robert	Bullock	5/23
Alford, Matilda	Autauga	5/13/42	Alford, Robert	Russell	10/13/22
Alford, Mattie M.	Montgomery	10/16/49	Alford, Robert	Tuscaloosa	2/38
Alford, Mattie R.	Montgomery	2/34	Alford, Robert E.	Etowah	7/37
Alford, Maura A. (Mrs.)	Jefferson	4/2/18	Alford, Robert I.	Chambers	12/23/53
Alford, May (father)	Escambia	4/3/17	Alford, Robert L.	Escambia	5/14/19
Alford, Milton	Houston	7/30	Alford, Rosa Anna	Montgomery	2/25
Alford, Minna R.	Montgomery	5/13/59	Alford, Rosevelt, Jr.	Houston	11/30
Alford, Minnie	Etowah	2/33	Alford, Rubie L.	Bullock	1/30
Alford, Minnie	Tuscaloosa	12/14/19	Alford, Ruby L.	Montgomery	7/36
Alford, Minnie R.	Elmore	9/9/52	Alford, Ruth Kelley	Covington	10/34
Alford, Miss N. Goodwin	Houston	12/26	Alford, S.D.	Calhoun	3/22/48
Alford, Mittie Leola	Clay	2/24/21	Alford, S.W.	Chambers	11/39
Alford, Mose M.	Geneva	11/4/50	Alford, Sallie (Joe)	Jefferson	8/29
Alford, Mrs.	Lee	4/1/12	Alford, Sallie	Bullock	2/39
[No first name given]			Alford, Sallie	Choctaw	3/22/14
Alford, Murdis	Mobile	7/3/50	Alford, Sallie	Talladega	2/15/14
Alford, N.A. (John)	Etowah	6/28	Alford, Sallie Ann	Geneva	2/24
Alford, Nancy J.	Mobile	8/10?/42	Alford, Sallie M.	Elmore	10/6/44
		[trouble reading date]	Alford, Sally J.	Montgomery	5/18/58
Alford, Nancy	Jefferson	7/10/51	Alford, Sam O.	Etowah	4/1/47
Alford, Nannie H.	Morgan	7/3/44	Alford, Samatha	Etowah	10/5/14
Alford, Nannie	Montgomery	9/1/45	Alford, Sarah	Houston	1/27
Alford, Nathaniel	Etowah	2/26	Alford, Sarah A.	Etowah	10/10/45
Alford, Nellie (Hardman)	Etowah	3/32	Alford, Sarah E.	Houston	1/24
Alford, Nick	Jefferson	7/27/58	Alford, Sarah E.	Mobile	5/3/45
Alford, Nora	Montgomery	9/10/14	Alford, Sarah Jane	Russell	12/33

Alford, Savannah B.	Etowah	12/2/58	Alford, William F.	Etowah	2/21/45
Alford, Savannah	Jefferson	5/23/19	Alford, William J.	Etowah	3/27/41
Alford, Scott J.	Etowah	3/8/57	Alford, William J.	Etowah	3/27/41
Alford, Semmie	Greene	7/21/51	[duplicate entry]		
Alford, Shirley	Mobile	6/5/58	Alford, William J.	Jefferson	4/24/43
Alford, Sidney	Montgomery	10/11/55	Alford, William L.	Clay	9/17/44
Alford, Sterling R.	Baldwin	9/25	Alford, William M.	Jefferson	11/21/44
Alford, Stonewall J.	Etowah	5/29/51	Alford, William P.	Morgan	5/38
Alford, Susie	Montgomery	8/3/13	Alford, Willie	Crenshaw	1/3/19
Alford, Tarry L. (infant)	Clay	5/30/10	Alford, Willie	Jefferson	11/15/21
Alford, Tavia	Etowah	8/20/16	Alford, Willie Jr.	Tuscaloosa	6/27
Alford, Thomas	Etowah	4/21/41	Alford, Willie Barnes	Montgomery	9/25
Alford, Thomas B.	Jefferson	10/30/18	Alford, Willie L.	Chambers	7/39
Alford, Thomas B.	Jefferson	10/38	Alford, Willie L.	Montgomery	6/7/51
Alford, Thomas B. Jr.	Etowah	8/11/58	Alford, Willie M.	Jefferson	4/28
Alford, Tillman R.	Cherokee	3/22/43	Alford, Wm. A.	Houston	6/35
Alford, Tommie	Jefferson	12/35	Alford, Wm.	Montgomery	4/6/21
Alford, Tott Mrs.	Tallapoosa	10/16/22	Alford, Zeak	Morgan	3/34
Alford, Travis W.	Jefferson	7/8/44	[Ezekiel Alford, the ancestor of Betty Dietz, AAFA #7]		
Alford, Valinda (Ralph)	Geneva	2/29	Alford, Zenia (Scott)	Etowah	7/32
Alford, Vannie	Jefferson	4/20/18	Alford, Sarah	Bullock	4/19/11
Alford, Verba C.	Talladega	4/32	Alford, Annie Louise	Chambers	5/35
Alford, Viola	Walker	6/25/18	Alford, Annie	Mobile	2/25
Alford, Virgil A.C.	Clay	8/32	Alford, Annie R.	Russell	11/39
Alford, Vivian	Walker	4/31	Alford, Aron	Russell	8/36
Alford, W.J.	Etowah	10/5/14	Alford, Cleo	Chambers	9/23/41
Alford, W.T. Mrs.	Wilcox	3/13/13	Alford, Corinne	Mobile	1/5/53
Alford, Wallace	Greene	5/26	Alford, Elizabeth M.	Mobile	6/4/21
Alford, Walter	Macon	7/5/59	Alford, Estelle	Jefferson	11/8/18
Alford, Walter	Tuscaloosa	10/29/45	Alford, Francis C.	Montgomery	6/22/19
Alford, Walter C.	Etowah	1/20/45	Alford, George	Mobile	12/24/12
Alford, Walter Dean	Tuscaloosa	7/36	Alford, Infant of ?	Mobile	1/3/18
Alford, Walter F.	Elmore	10/18/55	Alford, Lula	Montgomery	7/30/18
Alford, Walter H.	Montgomery	5/38	Alford, Martha	Jefferson	9/35
Alford, Walter R.	Dallas	2/38	Alford, Mattie	Russell	3/16/41
Alford, Walter R. Mrs. (Julia C.)	Dallas	8/39	Alford, Miles A.	Geneva	6/19/21
Alford, Walter R.	Wilcox	11/5/53	Alford, Piffie	Russell	4/8/41
Alford, Warren M.	Crenshaw	10/13/20	Alford, Rosa M.	Jefferson	9/4/50
Alford, Wash	Geneva	10/27/18	Alford, Timothy	Jefferson	9/24/55
Alford, West	Mobile	7/18/17	Alford, W. Mrs.	Geneva	10/7/16
Alford, Wiley	Houston	6/9/42	Alford, Wiley	Russell	4/30
Alford, Will	Etowah	6/26	Alford, Wiley	Russell	10/21/50
Alford, Will	Greene	11/27	Alford, William D.	Montgomery	5/37
Alford, Will	Jefferson	6/30/48	Alford, Sinda	Cullman	3/8/45
Alford, Will	Jefferson	9/37	Alford, Francis	Montgomery	6/27/22
Alford, Will	Montgomery	12/22/55	Alford, George W.	Morgan	3/24/41
Alford, William	Mobile	10/22/55	Alford, Emma S.	Mobile	7/34
Alford, William	Montgomery	10/24/54	Alford, Dwight H.	Montgomery	8/13/57
Alford, William C.	Etowah	10/6/16			



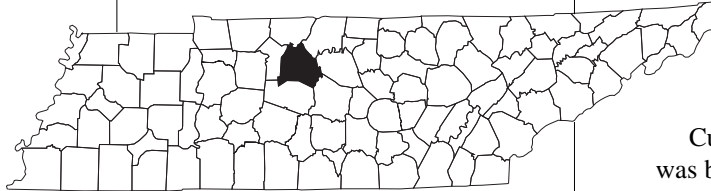
The May House, Davidson Co., TN

Sent by Carol Hughes Gipson, #724

From *A Past Remembered* by Paul Clements (Nashville, TN: Clearview Press, 1987), pp. 116–118. This book contains a collection of Antebellum Houses in Davidson Co. TN.

“In early 1780 John Brown arrived in the Cumberland wilderness [of Tennessee].... In 1786 he was granted a 640 acre tract of land about eight miles south of pioneer Nashville on the west fork of Mill Creek, near the main trail which led through the forests of southern Davidson County. From the earliest days of the region’s settlement, there had been a handful of fortified outposts known as stations, but in the middle 1780s ... the number of stations dramatically increased and a fortifica-

tion called Brown’s Station was built on John Brown’s land. A number of families lived safely for a time at Brown’s Station, but in the spring of



1788 the terror of Indian warfare came to the outpost on Mill Creek.... [After several massacres and attacks,] Brown’s Station was abandoned by the survivors who moved to a stronger fortification closed to Nashville.

“The Indian wars lasted until 1795, and in that year John Brown sold most of his grant to John Cockrill, who made his home about two miles west of

Nashville. The Mill Creek land, which probably included the station, stayed in the Cockrill family until 1807, when 272 acres were sold to **John Alford**, who had been serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary War when John Brown had journeyed to the

Cumberland region.. Alford was born in northern Virginia, on the Pennsylvania border, but had moved to the central part of the state by the time of the revolution. He had remained there until 1806, and by the time he and his wife, Elizabeth, came to Davidson County, Tennessee, he was already forty-six years old, and most of his nine children were grown. **John and Elizabeth Alford** lived on the west fork of Mill Creek until she died in 1822, and he remained there until his own death in 1837, after

which James F. May paid thirty dollars an acre for 172 acres, which may have included the site of Brown's Station.

"James Francis May was a member of one of Tennessee's most prominent families. In 1786 his grandfather, James White, founded Knoxville, which became the first capital of Tennessee.... [His mother, Mary McConnell White] married Dr. Francis May, and in 1806 they moved to Nashville.... James Francis May, the third of five May children, was born in 1812 and was only five years old when his father died in 1817 at the age of forty.

"In 1820 young May's widowed mother married Judge John Overton, an old family friend who was among the wealthiest and most powerful men in the region.... James May and his four brothers and sisters moved to John Overton's plantation, *Traveller's Rest*, which was located about two miles from where Brown's Station had been built, and during the years in which James May was growing up there, Judge Overton continued to treat him as a son, although a half brother and two half sisters were born to young May's mother. In 1833, just after James reached the age of twenty-one, Overton died, and in 1837 James May took over the management of the Overton plantation....

"[In 1834, James May married Eliza Perkins.] James May was probably still living at *Traveller's Rest* with his

growing family when he bought the Alford place in 1837. The fine two-story brick house into which the family moved may have possibly been built by John Alford, but it was probably constructed by James May soon after his purchase of the property. The new farm would not receive James May's full attention until 1841, when his half brother, John Overton, reached the age of twenty-one and took over his late father's plantation, and when he relinquished management of the Overton estate. James May was not yet thirty years old and was one of the area's most promising young men.... He and Eliza had four children, and a fifth child would soon be born on the farm, which was the home of around thirty family slaves....

"[In 1843 James May was killed in a carriage accident.] A son was born to Eliza May near the time of the tragedy, and she named the child after her husband. Young James Francis May spent his early years in the house which had been built by his father, but after his mother died in 1854, James, his brother and two sisters went to live in Williamson County with an older sister who had married the year before....

"[During the War Between the States, the May] farm was ravaged by Federal foraging detachments which descended on the neighborhood. The war came to an end, and by 1870 the widowed Ann [May] Ewin was sharing the house on Mill Creek with her child, with her

unmarried older sister, White May, and with her younger brother, William....

"After staying in the May family until 1888, the house was subsequently owned by James C. Bradford, and after its purchase by William Granberry in 1909, the *May House* remained in the Granberry family for over seventy years."

AAFA NOTE: John B. Alford was b. in Frederick Co., VA, on 8 May 1760, the son of William and Letticia Alford. John and Elizabeth Bibb were m. 2 March 1783 in Amherst Co., VA [McDonald, *Some Virginia Marriages 1700-1799*, Vol 19, p. 1—see Booklist]. John d. 24 April 1837 in Davidson Co., TN.

We have an 8x10 color photograph of the gravestone of Elizabeth Bibb Alford, wife of John Alford. The engraving reads:

Elizabeth Alford
was born in Amherst
City, Virginia, Nov
the 20th 1758 died in
Davidson County
Tennessee
July the 4th 1822

The gravestone is in the Alford Cemetery on the Granberry Farm, Hill Road, Brentwood, TN. The photo includes an old fence and building in the background. If anyone would like a color xerox copy of this photo, please send \$2 to AAFA. ❖



Write a biographical sketch of an "Alford" you know. We'll print it in *AAFA ACTION* and preserve the memory for the future.

Gil Alford's About Alford's

By Gilbert K. Alford, AAFA #19 and Sr. Associate for Alford Family Systems, (formerly AAFA Executive Director)

I have discussed writing a regular column with Pam, and for a variety of reasons it seems to be a good idea. There is no telling what you are likely to find here, but I think more often than not it will be something about *About Alford's*, the newsletter I published from November 1982 until the Fall of 1991—a total of 37 issues and just over 1000 pages. Though I may sometimes cover our Alford ancestors, I expect that at least as often I'll write about one of you.

Most of you know that I retired from the Federal Civil Service in 1981 after about 34 years combined military (13) and civilian (20) years service. I bought what was then called a home computer—had all of 8K of memory and tape storage—until I could afford a disk drive which used single density disks holding about 90K of data. By 1982 I had nothing to do with my time and nothing to do with my computer—until my mother-in-law made a challenging statement that caused me to stumble into the world of genealogy.

I began digging around on a lot of surnames: Alford, Newsom (my mother's name), Newkirk (my wife's father's name and the one involving the challenge), and Chapman (my mother-in-law's name). Those of you with whom I have corresponded or conversed know I can quickly become long winded. I needed an outlet for all the information I was collecting, and writing different letters to all my contacts was becoming something of a chore. In September 1982 I mailed out a free eight page "Newkirk Notes." In November 1982 I mailed out a free eight page "About Alford's."

Here's the very first paragraph written

in the Alford publication.

"YOU ASKED FOR IT: The positive and enthusiastic response to our proposal to make some attempt to establish a genealogical exchange or network on ALFORD has prompted this initial journalistic effort. Notice in the section above that we say it will be published occasionally. The dictionary says that means "occurring from time to time." To us that means when we have something that may be of interest to you, when we feel like it, and when we can afford it. We will number the issues consecutively so all of us can keep up with them. We will date each publication as of the date we plan to take to the post office." [I corrected errors here, but almost the first word—positive—was spelled wrong as was at least one other in that piece! No spell checkers in those days. You had to grab the dictionary.]

I was not going to charge for these issues as they were just substitutes for personal letters which would otherwise have been sent to the folks I mailed the newsletters. Readers of both quickly demanded more pages, and there was a seemingly ever-increasing number of readers. *About Alford's* #2 had no price on it and contained ten pages. When number 3 came out on April Fools Day 1983, it carried a \$10 annual fee and we were off and running.

Looking back at *About Alford's* #1 is revealing. On the front page I confessed that all the data had not been loaded into the data bank. Guess what? It still hasn't all been loaded—but has it ever increased. I also confessed in that issue that I was not a genealogist and I knew nothing about journalism (writing), and that has not changed.

At that time I did not know much about my Alford ancestors—or anyone else's. I had seven ancestors listed

counting my father. Three of them were wrong.

I had only been fooling with dead Alford's, as I call them now, a few months when I knew we had a problem with LODWICK ALFORD. I wrote: "From the relatively little that I have learned about ALFORDS in the short time we have been involved with family history and genealogy, I have concluded that one of our most confusing and controversial ancestral given names is LODOWICK or LODWICK." We have since increased our collection of information about the various Lodwick Alford's many fold, but I think we are not much closer than we were 14 years ago on understanding the one I call "Ole Lodwick." I announced that in a future issue I'd do a feature on Lodwick. As it turned out that's just about all that was included in the 24-page third issue. Of course as we look back now we see much of it was wrong.

The interesting thing about looking over the old newsletters is seeing who was corresponding with me. As much as possible I always introduced the new players in each issue. Here's a roll call of the 28 persons listed in the "Alf Directory" in that first issue:

Mr. R.A. Alford, Jr., AAFA #119
probably now inactive
Mr. Bobby Alford, who finally joined
as AAFA #669!
Eileen Alford, deceased
Mr. Grady J. Alford, brother of Peggy
Alford Schuster AAFA #666
Mrs. Jaqueline Alford (Lomita, CA)—
lost touch
Mr. Julius M. Alford (original AAFA
director and treasurer), deceased,
AAFA #013
Mr. L.E. Alford, deceased (Tampa FL)
Mrs. Martin Alford, AAFA #147
Mrs. Carroll (Shirley) Alford, AAFA
#212

Dale Best (Agoura CA)
 Katherine Black, AAFA #134 (The Crochet Lady!)
 Mr. R.F. Bush, AAFA #116 (California helper)
 Mrs. Larry L. Clark (Corpus Christi)
 Denna B. Cross, AAFA #126 (a tremendous help in our beginning)
 Elizabeth A. Duncan, AAFA #366
 Mrs. Ranelle Foster (Dallas TX)
 Mr. Marshall K. Gardner
 Mrs Myra Ozier Hunt (Foley AL)
 Mrs. Joy S. Laney (Warren AR)
 Miss Reva McGogan, deceased (Shannon NC)
 Mrs. Edna Jean Meade (Phoenix AZ)
 Mrs. Woodrow (Lucille) Mehrkam, AAFA #032 (AAFA's expert on Texas Alford)
 Mr. Elmer K. Miller (not a member but still contributes information frequently)
 Mr. David Price, Jr., AAFA #168 (newest member of AAFA Alford Hall of Fame)
 Miss Mary Louise Reynolds—lost touch (mail to her is returned), great helper initially
 Mrs. Geraldine Showalter (San Diego CA) lost touch
 Mr. Charles H. Sleight, AAFA #441
 Mrs. Lee Ann Turner AAFA #020

All but one or two of the AAFA members listed are still active members.

For some reason or other, probably oversight, I did not list Mrs. Lewis O. (Tressie) Bowman in that "Alf Directory" although we had been in touch. As some of you know she published *The Alford Family Bulletin* from July 1970 through the Fall of 1979. Before I began I wanted to be sure I was not encroaching upon her territory and that she was finished with her publication. She assured me that due to health—she was 83 at the time—she was finished. She and her daughter, Lucy Shull Stevens, were a great help to me, and to the Association, from that time until their deaths. Tressie was AAFA #039 and she was the very first inductee into

the AAFA Alford Hall of Fame. Daughter Lucy Shull Stevens was AAFA #094, and many members got to meet her in person at the Raleigh NC meeting in 1990—not long before she died.

Not knowing what to call a collection of comments and questions about our dead Alford, I had a two page piece in that first issue called "Pedigree Potpourri." Did you ever get the impression that I have some kind of hang-up with alliteration? Well, yes, maybe "illiteration" too. Ten of the folks listed in the "Alf Directory" had a piece in this section. It's amusing to see now that we were looking for ISLAM ALFORD of Alabama for Mrs. Larry (Gloria) Clark. [Janice Smith: Why have we never gotten this cousin of yours involved with the AAFA?]

Myra Ozier Hunt, who is not a member although we did have a recent exchange of letters, sent me a lot of handwritten notes. From it I was able to conclude that she thought her Alford lineage, beginning with a great grandmother SARAH MINERVA ALFORD went on back through WILLIAM ALFORD, WILLIAM SION ALFORD, JR, CAPTAIN JAMES WILLIAM SION ALFORD; JAMES ALFORD, BENJAMIN ALFORD, WILLIAM ALFORD, ALEXANDER ALFORD, BENEDICTINE ALFORD, and WILLIAM ALFORD. It wasn't long before she decided to drop a number of those folks from her lineage. I have yet to see any real valid record for a person named James William Zion Alford. Sure, it was published in a couple of books down in Georgia, but the editor obviously did not know what he was doing. I'd say there is sufficient implication in that last statement to drop this subject. Think about it.

As I look over that list of folks who were with me from those early days, I start to think about the role they played in what I did—and maybe in what

resulted in the establishment of AAFA.

There are two that really stand out in this initial group: Lucille Mehrkam and David Price. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for their generous help and support. In this issue I'll let you know Lucille's genealogy and how her research efforts have helped all of us. Dave Price Jr. was also very instrumental in our successful beginning. I'll be introducing his version of the genealogy in a future issue and will wait until then to talk about him .

When I began to look for Alford information, I began by looking for folks who had been looking for Alford information. Why go out to libraries, archives, and musty government records facilities if you can get data from someone who has already done it? My promise was "give me your data and I'll stir it up with some kind of process and send it back to all of you." I have been to a few libraries, but I can honestly say that from almost the first day I have had more information from your collective efforts than I have been able to process.

Here is what Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #032, wrote to me on August 19, 1982:

"I am glad someone has put the Alford family on computer. My son has one and has promised to do so for me but I can't keep him home from fishing long enough. [She has since been through at least two computers.] Hope you can read this as I am having trouble with my eyes and it is affecting my typing.... First I would like to know what you already have as I have some two or three thousand cards on Alford. First do you have the Alford Family Bulletin by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman? Do you have the Alford family from England? Do you have the Arthur Alford family of Horry Co. SC? I have all the Alford information as found in the Ala. Reg. by Granduel & Jones. I have all the births and deaths in Texas

from 1903 thru 1960. I have lots of Alford's from Wake and Franklin Co., NC. Nearly all the Alford's of MS and LA. I also have the Alford family as found in the Fulmore Family by Cade Fulmore. I also have lots of information on Cade Alford of NC, AL and MS. I have the Alford marriage records of NC by Murray Genealogy from Hunting for Bears Inc. I do have some information on the Alford's of TN.... I am enclosing a copy of my files on Alford's. Any help on my family will be appreciated as this is my problem ancestor...."

OK, you read that and you say, so what? What she sent me was three large three-ring notebooks that contained her one and only file of all this information. She sent it along for me to review, copy as I saw fit, and return when I could. How many folks would trust such a treasure to anyone—much less a person with whom they had exchanged correspondence only once?

I seriously believe that had Lucille not sent those notebooks full of Alford information to really seed my effort and to give me an indication of what was possible that I would never have gone past the first year or two. If you appreciate our being here as we are, you owe a great deal of thanks to Lucille.

She enclosed with her letter a two page list titled: "People working on Alford Families." It contained 20 names and addresses. I wrote to every one of them. Three were returned by the post office. All of the others responded and I corresponded with most of them for some time—some still. About half of them are AAFA members. At least two are deceased.

Some of you might find my response to Lucille's questions, about what I had, interesting. I won't bore you with the entire content of the letter.

I started off by telling her that I did not have the Alford family on the computer—just "high hopes" for doing so.

She mentioned the trouble with her eyes. She has had several operations and treatments since then and received some temporary relief. She called yesterday to talk about a project she is doing for AAFA and reports that again she cannot drive. She expects to pretty well "pack it up" after she finishes this effort for us.

The following can best be handled by quotes. It shows how far your collective effort has come by establishing something of a beginning benchmark. "You asked what we had on Alford. Not Much. We have a little data on an alleged line of descendants going back to the mid 1600's in Virginia. That plus a couple of other short histories has provided most of what we have. Our Alford's were not from this part of the country and there is not as much available locally on that surname as some of the others."

"Do we have the Alford Family Bulletin? No, but we have written for a subscription." Another correspondent sent us copies of issues no 9 and 10 (Spring and Fall 1978). We made copies and returned them to her.

"Do we have the Alford family from England? No, never heard of it."

"Do we have the Arthur Alford family of Horry Co SC? No, and never heard of him either. (We really just got into this as you can see.)"

I mentioned a couple we did have and then: "All the other stuff you mentioned we don't have.... We have the computer, the interest, the desire and the time." And it went on for more than a page.

I later concluded that much of the material that Mrs. Bowman used in her

Alford Family Bulletin must have come from Lucille.

Those who were at the meeting in Houston or Raleigh had an opportunity to meet Lucille in person. Health and eye condition has precluded her attendance at any since.

One who has done so much for the national Alford effort deserves a lot more than she has gotten in return. She has learned nothing about her Alford line—not one thing. As well as I can remember we have not added one iota of information to what Lucille had when we first "met"—not a date, location, or name. Maybe some of you could put forth some special effort and try to find something for her.

Lucille's mother was MARGARET C. ALFORD BRIER, daughter of JOHN PEACHMAN ALFORD and MARGARET J. MOSTYN. The following are paragraphs taken from two papers Lucille provided me several years ago:

"I believe that PEACHMAN and WM B. ALFORD were brothers—NEED PROOF—believe they were the sons of JAMES ALFORD 1800 (b. 45 up) Liberty (now Marion Co.), SC (2 sons 16-20). Could this be the JAMES ALFORD in 1827 Morgan Co., AL???. Who is the JACOB ALFORD listed in 1807 Barnwell Co., SC Land Grants... I show a PEACHMAN ALFORD (b. 1804–1794) in the 1820 Marion Co., AL, census with a son under ten and two daughters under ten. He is one of the purchasers of the estate of John and Sarah Henry in Marion Co., on Dec. 1821. He is on a list of Insolvent Debtors of Marion Dist in 1820. He is in the 1830 Orangeburg Co., SC, census (b. 1800–1810) with three sons under 5 and 1 between 10–15 and 2 daughters.... According to the information Ron [Head AAFA #326] has he married Eliz. H. Whipple in Lowndes Co., AL on 6 Sept. 1837. Also married in Lowndes Co., AL was Ludwick Pierce [Alford] b. GA: s/o Lodwick

[Alford] of Green Co., GA, (GGGF of Jim Alford of Houston [AAFA #115]), Geo. C. Alford b. GA, s/o Julius C. [Alford] of Troupe Co., GA, (GGGF of Martin Alford of KS [AAFA #147]). Ron [Head] also found REDDING ALFORD in the 1850 Lowdens Co., AL census as REDDING HALLFORD b. 1815 SC. I believe he is a brother (or son) of Peachman and Wm. B. b. 1808 SC. He is the GGGF of Rose Shelton [AAFA #192]....

“PEACHMAN [ALFORD] purchased slaves from Est. H.M. Seppford/Lippford on 1 Dec. 1837 in Abbeville Co., SC. He sold land in Abbeville Co. in Dec. 1838. PEACHMAN ALFORD, Enoch Nelson and Wm. Nelson, bound to Moses Taggart Ord. for \$10,000 in Est of Henry H. Nelson in Abbeville on 27 Jan. 1838. Enoch Nelson made gdn of Henry Harvey Nelson, a minor. He is in the 1840 Abbeville Co., SC census (b. 1800–1810) with 3 boys and 3 girls.... PEACHMAN ALFORD purchased land in Monroe Co., AL. in 1842. Peachman (b. 1800 SC) wife Eliz. H. (b. 1804 SC) are found in the 1850 Esca. Co., FL and 1860 Mobile Co. AL censuses (b. 1799 VA). He died at Mobile on Aug 1862 and his death certificate states he was 60 born in VA. He is buried in the New Magnolia Cemetery, Mobile AL.... That’s the sum total of my knowledge on old Peachman Alford.”

The following, on later generations, was in the same package and I’d like to keep it together with the above.

“JOHN PEACHMAN ALFORD; s/o WM. B. ALFORD and Sarah Ann (Snowden) Thames Alford was born 12 Sept. 1841 Monroe Co., AL and died 27 Apr. 1913 Magnolia, Montgomery Co., TX; buried Mostyn Cemetery (now Tillies Prairie).... He is in the 1850 Monroe Co., AL census, 1855 Grimes Co., TX School Census, NOT FOUND 1860 TX/AL CENSUS; joined CW 11-13-1861 at Anderson, Grimes Co., TX and was discharged at

Montgomery, AL 30 May 1865.... He married Martha Solomon at Monroe Co., AL on 4 Apr 1865; d/o Tobias Solomon and Rebecca J. Feet. Martha and two sons, John (b.1866) & Charles (b.1870) as was her brother E.F. Solomon are listed in the 1870 Monroe Co., AL census. John G. Solomon (f/o Tobias) & PEACHMAN ALFORD families are living within 12 households of each other in 1820 Marion Co., SC—they moved to Monroe Co. AL and lived as neighbors and moved to Montgomery Co., Texas as neighbors.... JOHN PEACHMAN 2/mar. 22 Jan. 1867 at Montgomery Co., TX to Margaret Jane Mostyn b. 9 June 1850; d/o Henry T. Mostyn and Alice Barrington. NOT FOUND IN 1870 TX/AL CENSUS. It is in the 1880 Waller Co. TX census and 1900–1910 Montgomery Co., TX censuses. JOHN PEACHMAN’s and Margaret’s first child was born 12 Feb. 1868 and next child on 7 Aug. 1870. If this second son of Martha’s born Mch. 1870 is his child also—he was really traveling the road between AL & TX ??? [Seems to be not all that unusual for some Alfords.—Gil] ANY INFORMATION on this John and Charles would be appreciated.”

Does anyone have any information that could help extend Lucille’s line? Her contributions to Alford research and her support of AAFA have been invaluable—it would be great if we could give her something in return! ❖

CALIFORNIA CONNECTIONS?

Getting ready for our 1997 meeting in California is a project in the works NOW! If anyone has “Alford” connections to California, please make sure AAFA has this information. If you have contacts there who are not AAFA members but are doing research, please put us in touch with them.

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by letter and was not in attendance at the meeting. Paul W. Alford, Janice Smith, Lynn Shelley, and Marian Alford Hodges were elected to the Board. The Board discussed the revisions to the By-Laws and a decision was made to submit the changes to the membership with a few minor changes and schedule a vote so that the changes would be in place by the next annual meeting.

Sally Stoewer and her sister Jeanne Singleton oversaw The Company Store, a tremendous success as usual. There were t-shirts, caps, pins, coffee cups, golf shirts, tote bags, cross stitch graphs, and key rings for sale during the meeting. Sally is also in the process of putting together an Alford cookbook which will be for sale at this year’s meeting.

The meeting ended with the Sunday morning Alford History Workshop. There were notebooks full of Alford data, video tapes for viewing, every issue of AAFA ACTION, books, computer disks (with a computer available), and numerous other research sources. And, of course, some of the nicest people you would ever want to meet! Those people who can not stay for Sunday morning just don’t know what they’re missing.

I don’t know the words to convey the wonderful associations that are made during these meetings. It is similar to when you vacation somewhere and the scenery just takes your breath away—but you can’t capture the beauty of it all on film, so you end up telling your friends that you just had to be there to appreciate it. The meeting is very much like that. Dealing with people via mail or electronic means, even over the telephone, you just can’t feel the warmth they project as you do when meeting them in person. Make your plans now to attend the 1996 meeting in Springfield, Missouri. Experience what I am talking about in person. It’s the only way to fly. ❖

1995 Meeting Report and More Photos

By Max Alford, AAFA Secretary

The 1995 meeting of the AAFA was held in Decatur, Alabama, beginning October 13. The meeting began with the workshop on Friday. Gil Alford started the workshop off as only Gil can. He outdid himself at this meeting. He not only had overhead view graphs with lineage information but also had transparency color maps of the U.S. as it looked during a particular period of history as he discussed the westward migration of our Alford ancestors. Lynn Shelley, our newly elected vice-president, assisted Gil in presenting the program. Lynn has done an amazing amount of research concerning Alford. She shared some of her finds with the audience as well as offering tips on doing research.

In the afternoon session, we were very fortunate to have as a guest speaker Robert S. Davis, Jr., Director of the Family and Regional History Program at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Alabama. Mr. Robin Sterling, AAFA #320, made the arrangements for Mr. Davis to speak at the meeting. Mr. Davis has had more than 500 documents published on records, research, and archives, including 24 books. He presented a very informative talk on doing research in both Georgia and Alabama. According to Mr. Davis, there is a wealth of information in these two states that is not normally found in other states. Mr. Davis also stated that he was very impressed by our Association and the amount of information that it has available not only to its members but to the general public as well.

The Friday night reception was well attended. The food was delicious. Every one had a chance to visit old acquaintances as well as make new ones.

The meeting officially began Saturday morning with a "Welcome" issued by Paul W. Alford, AAFA #455. Paul and his wife, Jean, were the hosts for the event. Everyone who attended owes Paul and Jean a debt of gratitude for all their work in preparing for the meeting—including, for the first time, a copy machine available on site to make copies of the numerous documents available in the Research Room.

Before Ben Alford, AAFA President, officially called the meeting to order, some door prizes were handed out. Our editor, Pam Thompson, was awarded the prize for having traveled the farthest to the meeting. As you probably know, Pam lives in California. However, she only beat out Jo Carrigan's group by a few miles! Paul Alford, who lives in Decatur, won for having traveled the shortest distance. Vesta Alford Giddings, AAFA #233, won for being the most senior member present. Another senior member, the late Oliver Perry Alford, was not present when the award was handed out, or he would have won—O.P. had about a year on Vesta.

Ben Alford then officially called the meeting to order. Ben gave a report on actions by the President since the last meeting. He then called on the following people for their reports:

Doris Vetri	- Treasurer's Report
Pam Thompson	- Publication Report
Janice Smith	- Wills Report
Evelyn Mistich	- Cemeteries Report
Jack Kinabrew	- Photographs Report
Sally Stoewer	- Memorabilia Shop
Gil Alford	- Reorganization
Elizabeth Hazlip	- Publicity
Max Alford	- Secretary's Report

The meeting site for next year was discussed. Al Alford, Events Coordinator, informed the membership about what he had encountered in trying to

arrange for hotel accommodations. After some discussion, a vote was taken and California was reaffirmed as the meeting locale for 1997. Some mention was made of forming a caravan for the trip to California. This would consist of meeting at a predetermined location and traveling not necessarily together but rather staying at the same motels along the route, sightseeing at the same attractions, etc.

A vote was also taken for the meeting site in 1998. Jimmie Alford, AAFA #500, volunteered to help organize and advertise the '98 meeting if it could be held in Kentucky. Jimmie's ancestors are from Kentucky. The vote was in favor of Kentucky as the 1998 meeting site, a city to be determined at a later date by Al and Jimmie.

The Saturday night buffet was attended by 136+ people, the most attendance by any one event for the entire meeting. An official with the City of Decatur made an appearance dressed as Stephen Decatur, naval hero of the War of 1812 and for whom the city is named. He delivered Decatur's official welcome to the city. The awards for the Photography Contest were also announced. The winners were: Camille Crouse, #034; Robert B. Alford, #207; Timothy W. Alford, #476; Elroy Alford, #563; Vincent M. Heazel, #664; William C. Alford, #675.

All of the winners were awarded a one year extension of their subscription to *AAFA ACTION*. Start gathering up those old photographs now to enter in this year's contest.

The Board of Directors met Friday night after the reception. Wick Alford, the late Pooley Alford, Gil Alford, and D.L. Alford resigned effective at the end of the meeting. James P. Alford had already submitted his resignation

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*BELOW—
Descendants of
William Alford, 1786
TN: Jare Pearigen,
#259, VA, Mary
Cates Brockwell,
#764, AL, and Bob
Dunagan, #430, MS.*

*ABOVE—Betty A. Wall, #779, MS;
her son Nolan David Alford, #425,
and his wife Mary Alford, LA; Gil
and Mary Alford, #019, MO; Lib
Shuermann, LA, guest of Frankie
Penny; Sally Stoewer, #120, LA;
Pat Brock Smith, #064, MS;
Frankie A. Penny, #704, LA; and
Sally's sister Jeanne Singleton,
#249, LA. Betty, Nolan David, Gil,
Lib, Sally, Pat, Frankie, and Jeanne
descend from John Alford, 1807
LA.*

*LEFT—Robert and Kate
Hollingsworth, #772,
MS, Pat Brock Smith,
#064, MS, Edwin V.
McMillan, #819, MS,
Helen Alford McManus,
#451, MS, and Will and
Carolyn Alford
Saunders, #673, TX.
Robert, Pat, Edwin,
Helen, and Carolyn are
descendants of Edwin
Alford, 1792 NC.*

LEFT—Ella Langdon Alford, #246, MO, a descendant of John Alford, 1810 GA; Jan (Mrs. Elroy) Alford; and descendants of Tommy Wildcat Alford, 1860 OK: Ruth Alford Musick, #778, OK, and her son Elroy Alford, #563, OK.

BELOW—Margie and Andy Alford, #786, AL. Andy is a descendant of Pleasant Alford, 1818 AL.

ABOVE—Descendants of Exum Alford, 1788 NC: Ruth Echols McNinch, #368, GA; her mother Katherine A. Echols, #364, NC; and Katherine's daughter-in-law Gail Echols, NC.

RIGHT—Renee Alford Shelfer, #744, AL; Ramona Alford Darden, #715, TX; Jessie Adams, #738, TX, whose husband is Ramona's cousin; and guest Rosemary Alford, TX, Ramona's sister-in-law and Renee's mother. Renee, Ramona, and Jessie's husband are descendants of Levin Ellis Alford, 1814 GA.

*ABOVE—Julius and Mary Virginia
“Ginny” Alford, #717, NC. Julius is a
descendant of Jacob Alford, 1781 NC.*

*ABOVE—Gene and
Pat Waters, #781, MO.
Gene is AAFA's only
descendant of Payton
Alford, 1785 KY.*

*ABOVE—Max and Earline Alford, #230, TX (back
left). Doris and Sebastian Vetri, #303, NJ (front left).
Betty and Travis Alford #374, KS, with their
daughter and grandson Michelle and Ibrahim Sani.
Max, Doris, Travis, Michelle, and Ibrahim descend
from John Alford, 1801 NC.*

*LEFT—Cecil “Dezmon” and Marie Alford,
#651, MS. Dezmon is a descendant of
John Alford, 1816 NC.*

*LEFT—Vesta Alford Giddings,
#233, Houston, TX, receiving an
award from Jean Alford for being
the oldest member present.*

*BELOW—Angie and H.L. Alford,
#446, MS. H.L is a descendant of
Littleberry Alford, 1800 NC.*

*BELOW—Patricia Cook and Robert Thorn, #562,
TX, descendants of Cullen Alford, 1775 NC.*

*RIGHT—Leslie and Jeffrey Evan
Alford, #485, AL. Jeffrey's ancestor
is Redden Alford, 1820 SC.*

Meet Me in Springfield!

By Gil Alford

Springfield, Missouri, is the site of AAFA's Ninth Annual Meeting and Family Reunion will be held from October 11–13. We REALLY hope to see YOU there!

It could be a long time before you have another chance to attend an AAFA meeting in as centrally located a location as Springfield. From a geographic perspective this should be our most heavily attended meeting yet. Consider for a minute that Missouri is only five states removed from both coasts, and just two states removed from both Canada and the Gulf of Mexico. Some folks say Missouri is in the Midwest—others claim it's in the south. In the Civil War it was a border state. You can see influence from each of its eight adjoining states: Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Don't feel bad if you're not sure how to pronounce the name of the state because those who live there still don't know if it's "Missouruh" or "Missouree." But then we don't know how to pronounce Alford either.

It was in Springfield where in 1926 the plans for the first completely paved transcontinental highway in the U.S. were laid. It came to be known as "Main Street USA" or Route 66, and it ran right through Springfield.

We asked the Missouri Division of Tourism to send all AAFA members some visitors information about the state. We wanted you to see how much there is to see and do in Missouri—before and after the meeting, of course. If the weather cooperates, the foliage in and around Springfield will be beautiful. Springfield, the third largest city after St. Louis and Kansas City, is not too far from Branson, one of the top vacation destinations in the nation.

Some sights and events you won't want to miss while you're here:

For outdoor enthusiasts: Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World offers 170,000 square feet of showroom overflowing with gear and equipment for every outdoor activity. A four-story tall waterfall, giant freshwater aquariums with daily fish feedings, a firing range, and two-story log cabin with waterwheel will keep you gawking. A 17,000 square-foot Fish and Wildlife Museum is one of the top of its kind in the nation.

For wild animal lovers: At Buena Vista's Exotic Animal Paradise, you can take your car on safari through the world's largest animal park. For 9 1/2 miles you drive through 3,000 wild animals.

For spelunkers: You won't want to miss Fantastic Caverns, the only ride-through commercial cave in America. That's just what us old folks need.

For battlefield explorers: Nearby Wilson Creek National Battlefield was the site of the first major Civil War battle west of the Mississippi. A 5-mile, self-guiding auto tour passes eight wayside exhibits and 12 displays. Two houses on the site have been restored to their 1861 appearance, and General Sweeny's Museum of Civil War History borders the battlefield.

For sports fans: The new Missouri Sports Hall of Fame features outstanding moments in Missouri sports with hands-on activities.

Just 35 miles down U.S. 65 you'll find three major lakes—and Branson. The main attractions are the 30+ theaters with afternoon and evening shows. A factory outlet mall in Branson will keep you busy between shows. Another area attraction is Silver Dollar

City, which some liken to "an old folks six-flags." It will be particularly interesting in October as they'll be in the midst of the National Crafts Festival. Another "must see" is the Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Theater.

For those interested in doing genealogical research in Springfield:

The Shepard Room—Local History and Genealogy
397 E. Central, 3rd Floor, Main Library,
417-837-5000
Hours: M-Th 8:30 am to 9 pm; F & Sat
8:30am to 5:00 pm

Ozarks Genealogical Society Library
534 W. Catalpa
417-831-2773
Hours: W 1 to 4 pm; Sat 10 am to 4 pm

Lena Wills Collection (Weekly Gen. Column for years)
Missouri State University
Duane Meyer Library
S. Kings and E. Madison Southwest
417-836-4535

Greene Co. Archives & Records Center
1126 Boonville
417-868-4021

History Museum for Springfield
City Hall Building, 830 Boonville
417-864-1976
Hours: Tu–Sat 10:30 am to 4:30 pm

LDS Church Family History Center
1357 S. Ingram Mill Rd.
417- 887-8229
Open Tu, W, Th

MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT IS AVAILABLE, INCLUDING STATE GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND COUNTY SOCIETIES WHERE THERE WERE MANY ALFORDS, WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING. ❖

Welcome New AAFA Members

MBR# & NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST ZIP	ULTIMATE ANCESTOR	BIRTH DATE AND PLACE
794 Karen Theriot Reader	2045 Green Valley Rd	Watsonville	CA 95076	NANCY	1829 TN
795 Kenneth Waterson Alford	1615 West Lake	Dyersburg	TN 38024	NOAH	1839 VA
796 Robby Alford	2307 N 64th St, #A-301	Renton	WA 98056	ELBERT ROBERT	1897 MS
797 James Huston Alford	303 S. Ripley St, Ste. 4100	Montgomery	AL 36104	KINCHEN	1812 NC
798 Pauline Browning Ward	6274-D Hackberry Dr.	Hope Mills	NC 28348	ELI	1719 VA
799 Frances W.A. Franklin	1424 West Seminole	Springfield	MO 65807	ELBERT ROBERT	1897 MS
800 Claudette A. Taylor	Rt. 1, Box 174	Fairgrove	MO 65648	ELBERT ROBERT	1897 MS
801 D.R. Alford	Box 450	Sweeney	TX 77480	ISSAC	178- NC
802 Donald L. Bray	152 Cherokee Rd	Hendersonville	TN 37075	WILLIAM	1787 NC
803 Benson W. Alford	6003 Wilderness Road	Tyler	TX 75703	JOHN	1810 GA
804 Larry W. Alford	P.O. Box 38343	Houston	TX 77238	BALDY	1784 NC
805 Paula Jo Burns	6611 Berrytree Lane	Sugar Land	TX 77479	WILLIAM	1787 NC
806 Jennifer Lynn Jackson	8927 Pitner	Houston	TX 77080	JAMES	1687 VA
807 Rebecca Jo Roberts	2222 Fulham Ct	Houston	TX 77063	JAMES	1687 VA
808 Michael Glenn Roberts	431 Compass Rose Cir. N.	Crosby	TX 77532	JAMES	1687 VA
809 Curtis M. Kimball	60 Main St	Orange	MA 01364	GEORGE	1766 VA
810 Christine Hodges Smith	29270 Lee Road	Waterford	PA 16441	JOHN	1475 ENG

ON-LINE GENEALOGY— CONTRIBUTE AND SEARCH!

Contribute your GEDCOM files to GenServ and get 2 months of free access to this extensive database—and it's only \$12 a year after that!

The GenServ system collects genealogical data and makes that data available on-line to other researchers. GenServ is not an index—it contains actual “family tree” databases with over 3.5 million individuals from around the world (as of 25 April 1996).

These databases contain basic genealogical information such as names, dates of birth, marriage, etc., details of family relationships, and often the sources of this information together with other descriptive text. An ever-growing number of researchers has contributed information to the GenServ. Currently there are more than 2,400 databases from individuals in three dozen countries, with hundreds of new ones being added every month.

Like AAFA, the GenServ system is run entirely by volunteers. On 14 March 1996, they added their 3 millionth name to the system. In December 1995 the system had only 2.1 million names, and they expect to reach 4 million names well before the end of 1996.

Anyone who is able to send and receive electronic mail can use the GenServ system. You can also visit the GenServ home page on the World Wide Web (<http://soback.kornet.nm.kr/~cmanis/>). For full information on this program, send an email, even a blank one, to: genserv-doc@progecons.com.

If you use a computer to do genealogy, we encourage you to participate in this exciting genealogical project!

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