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The President's Piece

By Gilbert K. Alford, Jr., AAFA President

How time does fly! While writing this I received the Winter 1997 quarterly. I've just been advised by Pam that she needs a President's Piece for the Spring issue now although you won't be receiving it until around the first of April. By then our meeting/reunion in California will be only a few months away and it will be time to write another piece.

I have a variety of things to cover—all are important but some are boring. Please take the time to at least scan over them for they may prove to be very important to you.

TEN YEARS OLD. In 1987, who would have thought that we would last ten years, grow as we have, and accomplish the things we have done? Yes, it was ten years ago this year that AAFA was formed. We have done so much, but as we look around there appears to be so much more yet to be done. I want to thank the hundreds of you who made it possible and to congratulate you for a job so well done.

WHY JOIN AAFA & REMAIN ACTIVE? As the committee chairpersons have been wrestling with the various issues of their concern, that subject has come up. Some folks think we make too big a deal out of *AAFA ACTION* and give the impression that the greatest benefit of membership is the quarterly. While it is true the quarterly is outstanding (if you know of a better family publication, tell me), for many members it is not what AAFA is all about. The greatest benefit is an intangible one—one that some of you may not appreciate. It is being a part of, and contributing to, what AAFA is doing. I have had any number of folks, inside AAFA and from outside AAFA, say they have never seen a family organization like ours. It does so much for so many folks and asks for so little in return. The beauty of it is that much of what is being done will go on and on and on and on like that battery bunny. Work that we are doing today, data that you send in today, money of yours that we spend for something today, is going to benefit your grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc. Two of the most used references that we have today were

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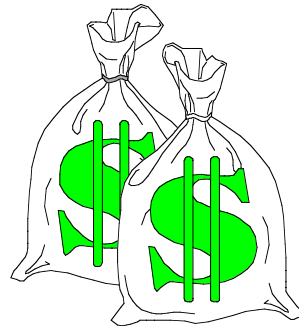
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Treasurer's Report



AAFA ended 1996 in the black, and this in a year when printing costs for *AAFA ACTION* went up significantly—and we didn't raise dues! Thanks to every member who contributed in any way—and that means each one of you. We're preparing to meet some fairly large printing expenses—when we begin publishing genealogies and other results of our research. Be sure to read the last section of Gil's President's Piece for more information about this project. And let's make 1997, our tenth year, our best ever!

Doris Alford Vetri, AAFA Treasurer
Paul Alford, Chairman, Financial Committee

Income Statement for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1996

Income

Donations		\$5,305.50
Dues		9,245.00
Reg Fees Initial		310.00
Annual Meeting Income	\$6,264.00	
Less: Annual Meeting Expenses	(5,386.16)	877.84
Misc. Income		83.80
Merchandise Income	3,307.50	
Less: Cost of Merchandise Sold	(2560.74)	746.76

Total Income

\$16,568.90

Expenses

Office Expenses		
Postage	\$1,601.91	
Printing	597.72	
Stationery	210.25	
Supplies	2,669.17	\$5079.05
AAFA ACTION Costs		
Printing	5,535.57	
Postage	2,554.31	8089.88
Research		410.93
Miscellaneous		37.00

Total Expenses

\$13,616.86

Net 1996 Income

\$2,952.04

New Member Lineages

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

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. (Lineage for Janet Hemby #832 will be printed in the Summer issue.)

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 Treasurer for back issues.) Those with "13" 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.

Note that there is a delay between the time new members join AAFA and the time their lineages are published. At the time of publication, we had actually signed up member #878, but that lineage will not be published for an issue or two.

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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#846 Kathleen Alford Conley / Family JOH810GA

1	jes917tx	JESSIE KATHLEEN	19170112 TX WICH			
	m.	CONLEY, GEORGE D.	19170619 AR PULA	19980102 TX BAST	19351013	
2	KEN893TX	KENNETH WISE	18930909 TX RUSK	19350129 TX HARR		
	m.	DRIVER, MAMIE ETHEL	18951018 TX MCLE	19780720 TX HARR	19140708	TX RUSK
4	KIN855AL	KINCHEN BEALL	18550816 AL CHAM	19310411 TX HARR		
	m.	GAMMILL, ANGELINE	AL CHAM	1902 TX RUSK		
8	JOH810GA	JOHN ROGERS	18100804 GA HANC	18811110 AL CHAM		
	m.	BEALL, AMELIA S.	18170611 GA	18960709 TX RUSK	18341127	GA TALI
16	KIN779NC	KINCHIN	17791028 NC	181501 AL / GA		
	m.	WOOTEN, ASENATH D.	1786ca	184206=<	18060118	GA GREE
32	JAM741NC	JAMES	17410520 VA / NC	18121112 GA HANC		6
	m.	BOYKIN, LURANER W.		17691214 NC		

(see Early Alford Ancestors of LODWICK ALFORD 1710 VA following the new lineages)

#847 Robert Marlin Alford / Family WIL787NC

1	ROB964GM	ROBERT MARLIN	19641121 GERMANY			
	m.	_____, MARCY G.				
2	ROB940GA	ROBERT MARLIN	19400708 GA JACK			
	m.	FISHER, LOUISE ANN				
4	MAR912GA	MARLIN WALKER	19120628 GA MORG	19910327 GA BALD		
	m.	ALFORD, CLARA				
8	WIL884GA	WILLIAM	188410 GA			
	m.	_____, EMMA	1887ca			

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16	ELI856GA ELISHA H. m. _____, FLORENCE A.	185609 GA 186204 GA			
32	JOH815GA JOHN ALLEN m. PASCHAL, JERUSHA	18150710 GA PUTN 1825 GA PUTN	19100822 GA PUTN 18920720 GA PUTN	ALFORD 18390201	GA PUTN 6 GA PUTN
64	WIL792NC01 WILLIAM m. 1 GAY, MASON	1794ca NC 18121107 NC FRAN	1882 GA		13
128	KIN768NC KINCHIN m. WILLIAMS, LINDA	1768ca NC 17890516 NC FRAN	1850> NC		2

(see Early Alford Ancestors of LODWICK ALFORD 1710 VA following the new lineages)

#848 Estelle "Dock" Alford / Family JOH807LA

1	LES916LA02 LESTER CLAYTON m. 2 DYKES, ESTELLE	19161221 LA WASH 19160819 LA TANG	19720125 LA STTA	BOGUE CHITTO 19491219	LA WASH LA WASH
2	WIL891LA0B WILLIS CLAYTON m. SMITH, VELMA ODENE	18911005 LA WASH 18960114 LA WASH	19700318 LA WASH 19660426 LA WASH	BOGUE CHITTO 19140510	LA WASH LA WASH
4	WIL847LA WILLIS JACOB m. BRUMFIELD, CLARETTA	18470530 LA WASH 18520103 LA WASH	18911230 LA WASH 19231017 LA WASH	IDDO ALFORD 18731211	LA WASH LA WASH

(see Early Alford Ancestors of JOHN SEABORN ALFORD 1807 LA following the new lineages)

#849 Lilburne Scheuermann / Family JOH807LA

3	geo897la GEORGIE BERTIE m. STAFFORD, HOSEA FEL.	18970516 LA ?? 18900223	19840314 LA WASH 19741130		
6	WAL874LA WALTER E. m. 1 SIMMONS, SARAH P.	187403 LA WAS? 18780726 MS	19000824 LA WASH 18950110 MS PIKE	ALFORD	LA WASH
12	SEA844LA01 SEABORN LOCHRAN m. 1 ELLZY, LAURA M.A.	18440519 LA WASH 184404 MS	19191122 LA WASH 1909	I ALFORD 18610425	LA WASH MS PIKE

(see Early Alford Ancestors of JOHN SEABORN ALFORD 1807 LA following the new lineages)

#850 Sheila Wilson Beckett / Family ZAD787GA

9	cel875al CELESTIA ODESSA m. WILSON, GEORGE W.	1875 AL 1870	1951 1940	PLEASANT HIL 18920127	AL WALK 12 AL WINS
18	ALE849GA ALEXANDER MARSHALL m. SHANK, FRANCES E.	18490301 GA TROU 18550503 GA	19340323 AL 19410102 AL	HOUSTON B CH 18741101	AL WINS GA TROU
36	SPI816GA SPIER WARREN C. m. COTTEN, CAROLINE M.	18160911 GA GREE 18191010 GA TROU	18540723 TX 19070220 AL CHAM		9 GA TROU
72	ZAD787GA ZADDOCK m. SHERRILL, PERRENE	1787ca GA GREE 1795ca	18231215 GA MORG 18251116 GA ??		9 18141103 GA GREE
144	JUL747NC JULIUS C. m. JACKSON, REBECCA	1747ca NC 1748ca NC	18200825 GA GREE 1825> GA GREE		3 1773ca NC ????

(see Early Alford Ancestors of LODWICK ALFORD 1710 VA following the new lineages)

#851 Mary Belle Miller / Family JAM791VA

9	ind826in INDIANA m. HARMON, WILLIAM	18260903 IN DAVI 18190313 KY FLEM	18900718 KS CHAU 18840427 KS CHAU	ALFORD 18410828	KS CHAU 13 IN DAVI
18	JAM791VA JAMES m. BAKER, HANNAH	17911221 VA GILE 1791 VA WYTH	18610809 IN DAVI 18750827 KS CHAU	ALFORDSVILLE 1813	IN DAVI 5 VA WYTH

(see Early Alford Ancestors of JOHN ALFORD 1768ca VA following the new lineages)

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#852 David Orville Johnson / Family JOH812WIHO

3	mar919ksho	MARGARET HOLFORD	19190805	KS BUTL	19891222	KS RENO	KS RENO
	m.	JOHNSON, VIDE	19111022	KS RENO	19830627	KS RENO	KS RENO
6	ORV888KSHO	ORVILLE HOLFORD	18880722	KS BUTL	19780823	KS RENO	KS RENO
	m.	CLARK, MINNIE ANNE	18841220	KS BUTL	19800131	KS RENO	KS RENO
12	FRA845WIHO	FRANK D. HOLFORD	184511	WI	1919	KS BUTL	
	m.	LINGENFELTER, MARGARET	186510	IN	1900-05	KS BUTL	
24	JOH812WIHO	JOHN HOLFORD	1812ca	WI ?	1887	WI ??	

#853 Nancy Wolfe Henderson / Family CHA801VA

23	joa822va	JOANNA	182212	VA WYTH	18910918	AR MADI		13
	m.	1 BAKER, THOMAS	1820ca	KY MADI	1850ca		18371130	VA WYTH
46	CHA801VA01	CHARLES W.	18010313	VA GILE	1880s	KY MONT	MT STERLING	KY MONT 13
	m.	1 HOGUE, NELLIE	1802		1849		18200110	VA

(see Early Alford Ancestors of JOHN ALFORD 1768ca VA following the new lineages)

#854 Raymond Alford / Family ISA782NC

1	RAY914TX	RAYMOND	1914ca	TX				
	m.							
2	WIL879TX	WILLIAM AARON	187910	TX CAL?				
	m.	JAY, NAOMI "OMA"	1886ca	TX			1908ca	TX
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	ISA748NC	ISAAC	1748E	NC				3
	m.	ALFORD, MARY	1760E	NC	1846ca	NC		NC
33	mar760nc	MARY	1760 EE	NC ??	1846ca	NC		
	m.	ALFORD, ISAAC	1748 E	NC				
64	JUL717VA	JULIUS	171709	VA NEWK	177111	NC BUTE		1
	m.	_____, LUCY						
66	LOD710VA03	LODWICK	1710ca	VA NEWK	1787	GA		2
	m.	3						
128	JAM687VA	JAMES	1687ca	VA ????		VA		1
	m.							
132	JAM687VA	JAMES	1687ca	VA ????		VA		1
	m.							
256	JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E		17100314	VA NEWK		10
	m.				1716ca	VA NEWK		
264	JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E		17100314	VA NEWK		10

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Early Alford Ancestors of JOHN ALFORD 1768ca VA

JOH763VA02	JOHN	1768ca VA		KY * MO		4
m.	2 HOGE, ELEANOR	17690405 VA	181412	VA WYTH 17891026	VA MONT	
THO725VA	THOMAS	1736ca VA FRE*	180611ca	VA WYTH		2
m.	FIELD ??, ELIZABETH	1745ca	1805/6>	VA WYTH 1760ca	VA	
JOH696MD	JOHN	1696E MD ????	1748	VA FRED		13
m.	_____, MARY		175804>			

Early Alford Ancestors of JOHN SEABORN ALFORD 1807 LA

JOH807LA	JOHN SEABORN	18071011 LA WASH	18911115	LA WASH IDDO FARM	LA WASH	2
m.	BRUMFIELD, MARGARET	18190209 MS PIK?	18550918	LA WASH 1835ca	LA WASH	
JAC761NC02	JACOB	17610815 NC BUTE	18240716	LA WASH	LA WASH	3
m.	2 SEABORN, FRANCES	17660929 VA SU??	1850-60	LA WASH 1792ca	NC CUM?	
JUL717VA	JULIUS	171709 VA NEWK	177111	NC BUTE		1
m.	_____, LUCY					
JAM687VA	JAMES	1687ca VA ????		VA		1
m.						
JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E	17100314	VA NEWK		10
m.			1716ca	VA NEWK		

Early Alford Ancestors of LODWICK ALFORD 1710 VA

LOD710VA03	LODWICK	1710ca VA NEWK	1787	GA		2
m.	3					
JAM687VA	JAMES	1687ca VA ????		VA		1
m.						
JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E	17100314	VA NEWK		10
m.			1716ca	VA NEWK		

**FOOTNOTES FOR
NEW LINEAGES**

For Footnotes 1–12, see *AAFA ACTION* issues noted:

- 1 - Winter 1994, pages 9–10
- 2 - Spring 1994, pages 9–12
- 3 - Summer 1994, pages 9–15
- 4 - Fall 1994, pages 7–9
- 5 - Winter 1995, pages 10–13
- 6 - Spring 1995, pages 10–12
- 7 - Summer 1995, pages 8–9
- 8 - Fall 1995, pages 6–8
- 9 - Winter 1996, pages 13–17
- 10 - Spring 1996, pages 8-9
- 11 - Fall 1996, pages 7–9 (no Summer 1996 lineages)

12 - Winter 1997, pages 9–11, 13

13 - See comments below arranged alphabetically by the reference.

CHA801VA01

Wife's first name has been spelled "Nellie", "Elizabeth", "Eleanor", ?? and the last name as Hoge, Hogue, and Hougé.

ind826in

The family lived for a while in Virginia and moved to Indiana in 1816 where they settled on the south bank of the White River at Portersville, DuBois County. They also lived in Gibson County, Indiana, where James was

known as Captain Alford. They next moved a few miles north to a 2-story hewed log house in what was to become Alfordsville, Indiana. James Alford founded the town and gave it his name. He gave ground for the first church in Reeves Township, DuBois County, a Christian Church that most of the Alford's attended. He also gave land for the first school house in Reeve Township. [The preceding data came from the Jewell Gallagher sketch and she credits three different associates as sources.]

joa822va

Other sources say they were married April 27, 1837, April 25 and March 30. Ethel Flannery, AAFA #596 has a

copy of the marriage bond and certificate dated November 30, 1837. There is also another source that says she was born Dec. 23, 1821. Ethel reported her death date as Sep 18, 1891 but data from Nancy Henderson shows her death as Sep 18, 1904. We must resolve this difference. Nancy shows the death to be in St. Paul, in Madison County, AR. (11/93 Rev 5/94; 1/97)

JOH696MD

The birth date and place of this John Alford is not certain. While most seem to think he was born about 1696 in Maryland others have suggested he immigrated from England and was born there about 1700—still others think he was born in Virginia. The theory of Stuart Blakely's, once published in Gil Alford's newsletter, has been refuted. At least one family group record shows a possible birth in New Kent County, VA. There is also the chance that he came from or through Pennsylvania. The Hoges and Crawfords were also in Frederick County, VA.

It had been thought that he married a Mary Dawson but we have found her married to Edward Alford, so his wife's name remains unknown. His will, dated 13 November 1748 does list "Mary" as his wife. Until recently we have always worked with an abstract of the will. Lynn Shelley now has the complete will, and our previous ideas about the birth order of the children have been shown to be incorrect. The birth order of the children is, in fact, the order in which they appear in the will. (5/94 Rev 9/94)

Will of John Alford

This will was added to our file 1/97.

John Alford of Frederick County, Va., will

In the name of God Amen I John Alford of Frederick County being very

sick and weak of body but in perfect health of mind & Memory Do make constitute & appoint this my last will & Testament in manner & form following. First & principally I give my Soul to Almighty God, my Body I give to the Earth to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter mentioned and for what Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with my will is that it may be Disposed of in the following manner.

Imprimis I Give to my beloved wife Mary Alford the use & benefit of all my Estate during her Natural Life except as is hereafter Excepted and after Decease to be equally Divided amongst all my Children Male & female except also the Specifick Legacys hereafter mentioned.

Item I Give to my Son John Alford one Negro Boy named Casar my Still with the appurtenances thereunto belonging my young Dark Bay horse called Prince & a young Natural pacing Mare with a Blaize in her face to be delivered to him when he shall arrive to the age of Nineteen Years unless his Mother Marry before he arrives to that Age & then my Will is that my Said Son Shall be possessed of the above Legacies Directly on her Said Marriage always provided that my Said Wife Mary shall have & enjoy half the profits arising & accruing by the Said Still During all the time that she shall remain a Widow & my will further is that if my Said Son John Should Die without Heirs & before his Mother that then the before Bequeathed Legacies Shall be equally Divided amongst all the rest of my Children - Males & females & further it is my Will that Sd son John Shall not Enjoy or have any other part of my Estate or any Share with my other Children than what is above given & bequeathed to him and further it is my Will that if my wife Marry before or after my said Son John Arrives to the Age of Nineteen years that he after his Arrival to that Age & such her Marriage shall have & take the Estate belonging to my other Children into

his hands.

Item I give to my Daughter Mary Alford one Natural pacing Young Bay Mare commonly called hers to be Delivered to her at the Day of her Marriage.

Item I Give to my son Thomas Alford a Young black pacing Mare commonly Called his to be Delivered to him at the Day of his Marrying.

Item I Give to my Son William Alford a Young Dark Bay Yearling pacing horse Commonly called his to be Delivered to him at the Day of his Marrying.

Item I Give to my Daughter Priscilla Alford one Negro Girl called Licia to be Delivered her after the Decease of my Wife. Also one Mare Colt that came of a black Mare called Flower to be Delivered to her at the Day of her Marriage.

Item I Give to my Daughter Aquilla Alford a young horse which Came of my Roan Mare to be Delivered to her at the Day of her marriage.

Lastly I Nominate & appoint my Loving Wife Mary Alford my Sole Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament hereby Revoking all other Wills before by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the 13th day of November 1748.

Signd Seald, & published

John Alford (Seal)
in the presence of
Jno Hurman (Harman)
John Peverly
his
Richard <> Robeson (Robinson?)
mark

At a Court continued & held for Frederick County on Wednesday the 4th day of January 1748.

This Will of John Alford Deceased was presented into Court by Mary Alford the Executrix therein named who in open Court refused to abide by the S'd Will. John Harman & John Peverley two of the witnesses

thereto having on Oath proved the Same & John Peverly on his Oath Declared that he saw Richard Robinson the other witness Sign the Same then & Will is admitted to Record.

Test J Woods C.C.

The following is a copy of the Alford Bond:

Know all men by these presents that we Mary Alford John Hurman Isaac Pennington & Edward Sniggers are held & firmly bound unto Marquis Calmses, (Gent.). The first Justice in the Commission of the peace for Frederick County for & in behalf & to the sole use & behoof of the Justices of the said County and their successors in the sum of Five Hundred pounds Current Money; To be paid to the said Marquis Calmses his Executors & Administrator & Assigns: To the which payment well & truly to be made we Bind ourselves & every of us & our every of our Heirs, Executors & Administrators jointly & separately firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals Dated this 4th day of January 1748.

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bound Mary Alford Administratrix of all the Goods Chattels & Credits of John Alford Deseased with the will annexed. Do make or cause to be made a true & perfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods Chattels & Credits of the said Dec'd which have or shall come to the Hands or possession or knowledge of her the said Mary or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for her: and the same so made do Exhibit or cause to be Exhibited into the County Court of Frederick at such time as she shall be thereunto required by the said Court and the same Goods Chattels and Credits and all other the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased at the time of his Death

which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said Mary or into the hands of or possession of any other person or persons for her do will and truly administered according to Law. And further do make a just and true Account of her Actings and Doings therein when thereto required by the said Court and all the rest & residue of the said Goods Chattels and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administratrix Account the same being first examined and allowed by the Justices of the Court for the time being shall deliver and pay to such person or persons respectively as the said Justices by their order of Judgement shall Direct pursuant to the Laws in that case made and provided; And if it shall hereafter Appear that any other last will and testament was made by the Deceased and the Executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said court making Request to have it allowed and approved accordingly. If the said Mary Alford being thereunto required to render and deliver up her Letters of Administration Approbation of such testament being first had and made in the said Court Then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and Delivered her
(seal) in presence Mary X Alford
of the Court mark

Jno Harman (seal)
Isaac Pennington (seal)
Edward Sniggers (seal)

At a Court continued and held for Frederick County on Wednesday the 4th day of January 1748 Mary Alford Administratrix of John Alford Deceased together with John Harman Isaac Pennington and Edward Sniggers her security Acknowledged in open court this their bond for the said Mary her true and faithful

Administration of the said Deceaseds Estate which was admitted to record.

Test: J. Wood C.C.

NOTE: The will was made November 1748 and probated beginning January 1748. This was under the old style calendar (Julian) where the new year did not begin until March—so January 1748 was actually what we date January 1749.

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His will was dated 1874. The following transcript was input from a transcript prepared by the late Guy Alford, a descendant.

Will of William Alford

Georgia, Morgan County:

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Alford of the County of Putnam and said state, being of sound mind & disposing memory and wishing to dispose of my property while in life, to take effect after my death, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made.

Item 1st. My will is, that all my legal and just debts be paid by my executors hereinafter named, so soon after my death as the same can be done without injury to my estate.

Item 2nd. My will is, that my entire property both real and personal of any description be by my executors named, sold at public outcry as the law provides and my estate be converted into cash.

Item 3rd. My will is, that from the proceeds of my estate my executors pay over to my stepdaughter Mary Ann Thornton, the sum of fifty dollars which is to be in full of her entire interest, she being relieved from payment of board and all other claims in favor of my estate.

Item 4th. My will is, that my

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In Remembrance of AAFA Members

**Claude Anding Alford
1898–1996
AAFA #17**

AAFA’s oldest living member, Mr. Claude Alford, died in December. He was so proud of being an Alford and being a member of AAFA. His obituary is the first one I’ve seen that identifies him as a member of the Alford American Family Association. Some of us in AAFA sent him cards when we heard he was in hospital, and his daughter Kathleen said he was so proud of the cards that he had her put them out where everyone could see them.

You’ll remember Mr. Claude for his short presence at the meetings in Jackson, MS, and St. Francisville, LA. He has been mentioned frequently in *AAFA ACTION*.

It was he who, having been born in 1898, planned to live into the year 2000 so he could say he was the only Alford to have lived in three centuries. It was he who made corn brooms by hand and brought them to the meeting in Louisiana to give out to those interested in having one. He died one month short of age 99.

Mr. Claude was one of the few members whose home I have visited. He still lived in the same house in which he was born. We’ve gone “cemeterying” together. I’ll miss him. —Gil

MCCOMB ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL
McComb, MS—Monday, 9 Dec 1996

Claude A. Alford Sr.

Claude A. Alford Sr., 98, of Magnolia, died there Dec. 8, 1996, at Beacham Memorial Hospital.

Visitation is 4–9 tonight at Capps Funeral Home of Tylertown and from 1 p.m. Tuesday at Progress Baptist Church until services there at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Billy Ray Simmons officiating. Burial will be in Progress Cemetery.

Mr. Alford was born Jan. 6, 1898, in old Pike County. He was the son of J. Dock Alford and Luminda Fortenberry Alford.

He was a retired merchant and farmer and served as post master at Progress for many years. He was a member of Progress Baptist Church. He was the oldest living member of the Alford American Family Association. He was a Mason for more than 70 years and was a member of Friends of the Progress Library and Silver Seniors of Silver Springs.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Inez Allen Alford; and nine brothers and sisters.

He is survived by two sons, C.A. Alford Jr. and Hollis Alford, both of Progress; two daughters, Florene Alford Brumfield of Baton Rouge, La., and Kathleen Alford Easley of Progress; 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Alford’s grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

A few days later the newspaper printed a letter from a friend:

MCCOMB ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL
Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996

Claude A. Alford Sr. did more than live a long time

Editor, Enterprise-Journal:

Please permit me to say a word about a great Pike Countian who recently passed from the earth. I refer to Mr. Claude A. Alford Sr.

His longevity in itself deserves recognition, living to be almost 99. But he did more than live a long life; he lived well. He was a man of industry, social involvement, and religious persuasion.

He demonstrated perfectly how to grow old gracefully. He was always cheerful, uncomplaining and concerned about others. Right up through his fatal illness, he called people needing encouragement from his bed in the hospital. For the last several years, he spent much time contacting and checking on people suffering the blows of life.

One of his most beloved chores was making dusting brooms from sage grass. These he gave to all he knew, and I suppose the streets of downtown McComb would not hold the brooms he gave away. His big heart made a way to many other hearts.

Few will be conscious—though the loss is very real—of the death of the last member of the J. Dock Alford family. This family of 10 has left a constructive shadow over Pike County that will influence this area from now on. Some were school teachers; some were prosperous farmer-businessmen. One was editor of the old “Progressive Farmer” for several years. From their little community of Progress, they have reached around the world with their lives.

Lives like this one take a long time, if ever, to evaluate. But may we never let their deaths take our eyes off the great legacy they have left us. They deserve more than our tears.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Hodges

ANCESTORS

1. Claude Anding Alford born Jan 6 1898, Pike County, MS, married Apr 18 1920, Inez Allen. Claude died Dec 8 1996, McComb, Pike County, MS, buried: Progress Cemetery, Pike County, MS.

Parents

2. Jephtha Josephus Alford born Dec 8 1854, Pike County, MS; married Feb 18 1874, Olevia Luminda Fortenberry. Jephtha died Nov 29 1913, Pike County, MS, buried: Silver Springs Cemetery, Pike County, MS.

3. Olevia Luminda Fortenberry born Dec 22 1856; died Dec 3 1942, buried: Silver Springs Cemetery, Pike County, MS.

Grandparents

4. Ira Payne Alford born Jun 22 1822, Pike County, Mississippi; married (1) Dec 30 1843, Elizabeth Hope, married (2) Sep 19 1872, Mary Hughes. Ira died Sep 15 1901, Washington Parish, Louisiana, buried: Mt. Hermon Cemetery, Washington Parish.

5. Elizabeth Hope born Jan 15 1826; died Dec 25 1871, Washington Parish, LA, buried: Mt. Hermon, Washington Parish, LA.

6. Hollis Horton Fortenberry born Feb 12 1825, Pike County, MS; married Louisa Margany James. Hollis died Oct 24 1867, Pike County, MS, buried: Hollis Fortenberry Cemetery. Said to have contracted yellow fever from a bale of cotton baggage sent to Osyka, MS from New Orleans and died soon after and was buried on hillside 300 yards west of old house by the road side south.

7. Louisa Margany James born Dec 5

1828; died Aug 9 1909, buried: Silver Springs Cemetery, Pike County, MS.

Great-Grandparents

8. Edwin Barksdale Alford born Nov 25 1792, NC, probably Cumberland County, married Dec 20 1818, in Pike County, Mississippi, Martha P. Smith. Edwin died Mar 10 1878, Pike County, Mississippi, buried: Roadside Grave, Pike County, MS.

9. Martha P. Smith born Mar 2 1802, SC; died Aug 8 1861, Mississippi.

10. James Hope born Ireland; married Isabelle Smith.

11. Isabelle Smith born South Carolina.

12. William Jasper Fortenberry born about 1772, perhaps in SC; married Violette Kennington.

13. Violette Kennington.

14. Evan James married Mary Magee.

15. Mary Magee.

Great-Great-Grandparents (Alford line)

16. Jacob Alford born Aug 15 1761, Butte County, NC, occupation Farmer; married (1) about 1785, in NC, Elizabeth Bryant, married (2) about 1792, probably in Cumberland County, NC, Frances Seaborn. Jacob died Jul 16 1824, Washington Parish, LA. Though born in Butte County, NC, Jacob lived in Franklin County after some reorganization of counties and later moved to Cumberland County where he was enumerated in 1790. Before 1795 he moved to Montgomery County, GA where tax and land records show he lived until about 1806. By 1807 he was in

Louisiana where his twin sons were born. Louisiana land records prove that he had settled on land in what was to become Washington Parish by December 1807. He was given headrights on 641.32 acres in what was to become Section 54 with the north boundary on what was to become the state line and the eastern boundary on the Bogue Chitto River. A Jacob Alford also took land in Amite County, MS, May 10, 1812 NE 1/4 Sec. 8, Twp 4 North, Range 6 East. More information is needed on this land, its use, etc. There is little doubt that it was this Jacob who had the land.

17. Frances Seaborn born Sep 29 1766, perhaps in Suffolk County, VA, died after 1860, Washington Parish, LA.

3rd Great-Grandparents (Alford line)

32. Julius Alford born Sep 4 1717, St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County, VA; married Lucy _____. Julius died Nov __ 1771, Butte County, NC.

33. Lucy _____.

4th Great-Grandparents (Alford line)

64. James Alford born about 1687, probably New Kent County, VA; married _____. James died about 1730, New Kent County, VA. Birth and death dates are estimates based on other recorded events in New Kent County, VA in the St. Peter's Parish Register. PLEASE NOTE: It is not proven that he was the son of John Alford but there is strong circumstantial evidence indicating that he is. James was the son of John Alford born possibly 1645, probably VA, married _____. John died Feb 10 1710, New Kent County, VA.

DESCENDANTS

Children of Claude Alford and Inez Allen :

- 2. i Florence Inez Alford, born Jun 20 1921, Pike County, MS; married (1) Pete A. Peterson, married (2) Hall A. Brumfield.
- 3. ii Kathleen Mallory Alford, born Aug 18 1923, Pike County, MS; married John D. Easley.
- +4.iii Claude Allen Alford, born Sep 28 1925.
- +5.iv Hollis Howard Alford, born Apr 3 1928.

Second Generation

- 4. Claude Allen Alford, born Sep 28 1925, Pike County, MS; married Marylin Jackson, born Apr 26 1934.

Children:

- 6. i Brad Alan Alford, born May 1 1953, Walthall County, MS; married Cheryl Higgs, born Apr 16 1958.
 - 7. ii Gary Claude Alford, born Aug 10 1955, Pike County, MS.
 - 8.iii Susan Inez Alford, born Dec 1 1956, Pike County, MS; married Gary Boyd.
 - 9.iv John Ferman Alford, born Dec 25 1959, Pike County, MS.
 - 10. v Ronnie Scott Alford, born Feb 7 1962, Pike County, MS.
 - 11.vi Richard Todd Alford, born Feb 7 1962, Pike County, MS.
- 5. Hollis Howard Alford, born Apr 3 1928, Pike County, MS; married Katie Ruth Smith, born Jan 12 1930.

Children:

- 12. i Ramona Rose Alford, born Jun 24 1955, Pike County, MS; married Joe Young.
- 13. ii Rebecca Ruth Alford, born Jul 6 1956, Pike County, MS.
- 14.iii Howard H. Alford, born Nov 25 1958, Pike County, MS.
- 15.iv Lisa Lynn Alford, born Aug 10 1962, Pike County, MS.
- 16. v Andrew Lee Alford, born Nov 28 1968, Pike County, MS.

**Myrtie Edith Alford Hunter
1904–1996
AAFA #519**

Myrtie Hunter of Houston, AL, died on 3 December 1996. In the March and June 1992 issues of *AAFA ACTION*, we published “Memories of Myrtie (Alford) Hunter,” transcribed from her handwritten drafts by Robin Alford Sterling, AAFA #320, Myrtie’s great-nephew. Many members met Myrtie when she attended the Decatur, Alabama meeting.

From the write-up on Aunt Myrtie which was in the hand-out at her funeral:

Mrs. Myrtie Edith Alford Hunter

Mrs. Myrtie Edith Hunter was born in Winston county, Alabama on July 6, 1904. She witnessed and played a formative role in the life and history of her beloved county and state for almost all of its 20th Century. The President of her birth was Theodore Roosevelt. In 1923, her name was entered on the Methodist membership rolls of Houston Methodist church.

She was a committed member of the church and beloved congregation for 73 years. She attended regularly until illness prevented. After several Sundays away in convalescence from hip surgery she returned for worship

just one week prior to her graduation. She loved worship, bible study, and singing. During last August’s Community singing at Houston Memorial UMC, she made her way to the front of the sanctuary, cane in hand, to lead the assembly in song. She has been a living witness to all who would question the value, need, and worth or worship.

In 1925, she began a 41 year teaching career in Winston County elementary schools. She taught at Pleasant Hill, Upshaw, Sardis, Moreland, Nesmith, Double Springs, Meek, Houston, and Addison. Her salary for the first year of teaching was to be \$90, but Alabama was too poor to pay on time. Finally, after the three month school year, she received a voucher for her salary which she cashed in for \$45. She claimed never to have had a bad student.

She met and married Mr. Ottis Bryan Hunter [on 3 Aug 1933]. Together they raised two sons, Mr. John Ottis Hunter and Mr. Frank Owen Hunter. She celebrated 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Her memory will be cherished by a church family and many friends.

**Remembering Aunt Myrtie
By Robin Alford Sterling**

Like many of us Alford, Myrtie was opinionated and sometimes ornery. But she was in equal amounts caring and kind. Her sense of family was legendary. She talked often of how she missed her parents (John Warren and Amy Alford) and her grandparents (Alexander and Fanny Alford). At her funeral, it was told how as children, Myrtie and her brothers Owen and Marshall and sister Daisy, would sit in front of the fireplace on a Sunday night while Papa John would read the Bible, lead a song, and then pray.

Her husband Bryan died in 1976. She kept house by herself for years and

grew flowers out in the yard next to the house. The house was across the road from the lumber mill along Highway 278. She would sit for hours and watch the cars go by and entertain the occasional visitor who would come by to reminence with her of days gone by. Her mind was keen until the very end.

She was an Alford in the grandest tradition of the family. She was a direct descendant of the Alford's of Troup County, Georgia of the 1840s and 50s. She was also descended from the antebellum aristocracy of the Shank family of near Hogansville, Georgia of the same time period. She was one of the last "unreconstructed rebels" in the woods of Winston County, AL. In her eulogy, she was compared to Granny Clampett. She would have been pleased at the comparison.

ANCESTORS

1. Myrtie Edith Alford born July 6 1904, Winston County, Alabama; married Aug 2 1933, in Winston County, Alabama, Otis Bryan Hunter, born Apr 6 1899, (son of J. Louis Hunter and Missouri H. _____) died Mar 30 1976, buried: Houston Methodist Ch. Cem, Winston Co AL. Myrtie died Dec 3 1996.

Parents

2. John Warren Alford born Jul 2 1884, Winston County, Alabama; married (1) Sep 18 1900, in Winston County, Alabama, Amy Cleopatra Tidwell, married (2) Feb 1 1938, in Cullman County, Alabama, Lidia Ira Hunter. John died Feb 20 1955, Winston County, Alabama, buried: Pleasant Hill #1, Winston Co., Alabama.

NOTE from Robin Sterling: Not sure about the marriage date. Last visit I got 18 Sep 1900, earlier date was 13

Oct 1903. The Cullman County marriage was number 27-406.

3. Amy Cleopatra Tidwell born Jan 10 1886, Warrior; Jefferson County, Alabama; died Aug 20 1937, Winston County, Alabama, buried: Pleasant Hill #1, Winston Co., Alabama.

Grandparents

4. Alexander Marshall Alford born Mar 1 1849; married Nov 1 1874, in Troup County, Georgia, Frances Elizabeth Shank. Alexander died Mar 23 1934, buried: Houston Baptist Ch. Cem., Winston Co. AL.

5. Frances Elizabeth Shank born May 13 1855, died Jan 2 1941, buried: Houston Baptist Ch. Cem., Winston Co. AL. Frances Elizabeth was known as "Fannie."

6. Isaiah Pinkney Tidwell born Jan 19 1834, Coweta County, Georgia; married (2) Nov 19 1865, Margaret Matilda Rivers in Warrior, Jefferson Co., AL. Isaiah died Jun 1 1895, Winston County, Alabama, buried: Pleasant Hill #1, Winston Co., Alabama. He spent four years in the Confederate Army as a cook.

7. Margaret Rivers born Aug 6 1844, Chesterfield, South Carolina; died Jun 2 1913, Winston County, Alabama, buried: Pleasant Hill #1, Winston Co., Alabama.

Great-Grandparents

8. Spire Warren Alford born Sep 11 1816, Greene County, Georgia; married Jan 12 1837, in Troup County, Georgia, Caroline Missouri Cotten. Spire died Jul 23 1854, Cass County, Texas, buried: unmarked grave, Cass County, Texas. Indications are that Spire served during the 1836 -1837 Creek Indian War as a volunteer in Denson's Alabama Infantry, Robinson's Company

organized in Lowndes County, Alabama. ["The Alabama Genealogical Quarterly," Mobile, AL, researched by Bruce A. Howard, PO Box 577, 36601.]

NOTE from Robin Sterling: Data on Spire and Caroline was copied from the family Bible of Thomas J. and Lula Fannie Johnson Goggans by their daughter GaNell Goggans Brantley who has the Bible in her possession; otherwise cemetery and census records.

9. Caroline Missouri Cotten born Jan 10 1819, Putnam County, Georgia; died Feb 20 1907, Welch Community, Chambers Co., Alabama, buried: Bethel Baptist Ch. Cem., Chambers Co. AL. (The cemetery is about four miles south of Roanoke, AL just off Highway 431.)

10. John Alexander Shank born Jan 24 1816; married Sep 16 1846, in Troup County, Georgia, Sarah Ann Hogan. John died Jan 13 1894, Winston County, Alabama, buried: Union Grove Cem., Winston County, AL, near Natural Bridge. John got sick, died, and was buried about 30 miles from his home in Houston. Myrtie Alford Hunter said she was told that when he died it had snowed so much, trees were bent over on the narrow road to the cemetery, to which John was taken in the back of a wagon.

11. Sarah Ann Hogan born Nov 6 1829; died Apr 23 1910, buried: Houston Baptist Ch. Cem., Winston Co. AL. According to a letter sent to Owen Alford in 1974, Sarah Ann Hogan was born November 5th, 1829. The other date is the one on her tombstone. According to the same letter, John and Sarah were married September 16, 1846. No county was mentioned. The 1829 date was confirmed via conversation with Fan Moss (8/30/92) who said that Sarah Ann's parents married in 1828 and had Sarah Ann the next

year. The tombstone is wrong.

Great-Great-Grandparents (Alford line)

16. Zaddock Alford born about 1787, Greene County, Georgia; married Nov 3 1814, in Greene County, Georgia, Perrene Sherrill. Zaddock died Dec 15 1823, Morgan County, Georgia.

17. Perrene Sherrill born about 1795; died Nov 16 1825, Georgia ??.

3rd Great-Grandparents (Alford line)

32. Julius Alford born about 1750, North Carolina; married about 1773, in North Carolina, Rebecca Jackson. Julius died Aug 25 1820, Greene County, Georgia. The date of his death is questionable. His will was written in 1819 and probated in the September 1820 court.

33. Rebecca Jackson born about 1748, North Carolina, died after 1825, Greene County, Georgia.

4th Great-Grandparents (Alford line)

64. Lodwick Alford born about 1710, New Kent County, Virginia, married (1) Elizabeth Cade?, married (2) Susanna Cade?, married (3) unknown. Lodwick died ___ ___ 1800, Franklin County, North Carolina. There has long been a family tradition, reinforced by some DAR records, that Lodwick married a Rebecca Ferrell. Nothing has been found to support this idea. A North Carolina court record lists his wife as Sarah and some believe he married, Sarah the widow of his brother Goodrich. It appears that the daughters of Goodrich were mentioned in Lodwick's will. There is nothing to indicate the mother of any of the children other than William, Eliza-

beth and Jacob whose births are recorded in St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County, VA.

65. Unknown (3rd wife).

5th Great-Grandparents (Alford line)

128. James Alford born about 1687, probably New Kent County, VA. James died about 1730, New Kent County, Virginia. Birth and death dates are estimates based on other recorded events in New Kent County, VA in the St. Peter's Parish Register. PLEASE NOTE: It is not proven that he was the son of John Alford but there is strong circumstantial evidence indicating that he is.

129. Unknown.

6th Great-Grandparents (Alford line)

256. John Alford born possibly 1645, probably Virginia. John died Feb 10 1710, New Kent County, Virginia.

257. Unknown.

DESCENDANTS

Children of Otis Hunter and Myrtie Alford:

- +2. i John Otis Hunter.
- +3. ii Frank Owen Hunter.

Second Generation

- 2. John Otis Hunter married Betty Sue Howell.

Children:

- 4. i Susan Hunter.
- 5. ii Carl Hunter.
- 6.iii Jonathan Hunter.
- 3. Frank Owen Hunter married Barbara _____.

Children:

- +7. i Lisa Hunter.
- 8. ii Lana Hunter.
- 9.iii Tammy Hunter.
- 10.iv Amy Hunter.
- 11. v Frankie Hunter.

Third Generation

- 7. Lisa Hunter married Danny Henderson.

Children:

- 12. i Lynn Henderson.
- 13. ii _____ Henderson.

Truman Alford 1911–1996 AAFA #5

Truman Alford is another dear friend and cousin who has departed, and he will be missed. Truman worked with us almost from the beginning of our Alford program. We began to correspond in 1984 and over the years he contributed much information and introduced several people to AAFA. I believe he was my first live contact with the Alford of West Louisiana—or the Sabine Parish Alford.

After a very active correspondence for about a year we had the good fortune to meet Truman and Margaret in September 1985. They stopped over on a trip to Chicago to see their daughter, Martha. We had a lovely visit and I remember some of the strangest things—they had a new Oldsmobile, Margaret gave us a jar of some of the best fig preserves I have ever eaten, and Truman liked to kick off his shoes when he sat and talked. Of course we talked a lot about our Alford ancestors. I don't remember the details of all those discussions but we do have it all in writing from Truman.

One thing that he told me that I have

always found interesting. It happened decades before any attempts to connect and “organize” Alford. When Truman saw Landon Alford of Henderson, Rusk County, TX come aboard with our Alford work he informed me that during the war he was stationed at Camp Maxey, Paris, TX. While there Landon’s late uncle Jesse B. Alford and wife Lucille shared their house with Truman and Margaret. He commented about what wonderful folks they were. I doubt very seriously if anyone had the least idea that they were distant cousins.

As you look back through the old issues of our AAFA quarterly you will frequently find information that was submitted by Truman Alford. We will always remember him. —Gil

Taken from a letter received from Truman’s wife Margaret:

Truman was, as he wanted to be, under hospice care at home and was as comfortable as one could be—never complaining and still the host for company we had.

Truman and his family had received the news that he had terminal cancer in lung and lymph nodes after several extensive examinations at hospitals in the Chicago area.

After that several families who were their friends visited and Truman drove them all over the Great Lakes area, eating out at Truman’s favorite places and playing bridge for hours.

Most recently Truman was using extra oxygen and the other things the hospice had furnished and otherwise had fairly normal days. When he slept, Margaret slept in a chair nearby. On the day of his death, she woke up, noticed that his breathing was weaker, and called their daughter Martha and her husband. When they arrived Margaret went to the door to let them in, and when they

got to the room Truman was gone.

The family flew from Chicago to Shreveport, LA and then drove to Truman’s home town of Many where he was buried in Ft. Jessup cemetery with many other Alford. Fort Polk, LA sent a military honor guard for the burial.

Lt. Col. Truman Alford

THE SABINE TIMES

Hemphill, TX & Many, LA—Wed, 6 Nov 1996

Military graveside services for Lt. Col. Truman Alford, 85, of Lincolnshire, Illinois will be conducted by an army unit from Ft. Polk Military Base in Leesville, La., at 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 30, 1996 at Ft. Jessup Cemetery. Services will be under the direction of Warren Meadows Funeral Home.

Mr. Alford was a resident of Lincolnshire for the past nine years. He was a graduate of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La., where he participated in the Army R.O.T.C. program. Following college, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and began his career of 30 years. He served during World War II and the Korean Conflict and retired as a Lt. Colonel. He also served as a tour in Military Intelligence at The Pentagon. Lt. Col. Alford is survived by his wife, Margaret Parnell Alford of Lincolnshire and a daughter Martha (Bernard) Alford Marks of Riverwoods, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents, Christopher and Molly Alford, and also by two sisters and seven brothers.

ANCESTORS

1. Truman Alford born Apr 20 1911, Sabine Parish, LA, married Jun 5 1937, in Tate County, MS, Margaret Parnell. Truman died Oct 30 1996, Lincolnshire, Lake County, IL, buried: Ft. Jessup, Sabine Parish,

LA. Truman was one of the founding members of AAFA.

Parents

2. Christopher Columbus Alford born Aug 9 1868, Sabine Parish, LA, married Nov 11 1891, Mollie Ann Smith. Christopher died Apr 11 1947, buried: Ft. Jessup, Sabine Parish, LA.

3. Mollie Ann Smith, born Mar 23 1873, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, (daughter of William Smith and Virginia Martin) died Jun 19 1959, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, buried: Ft. Jessup, Sabine Parish, Louisiana.

Grandparents (Alford)

4. William Riley Alford born Aug 1 1842, Sabine Parish, LA, married (1) Sep 26 1867, in Sabine Parish, LA, Isabella Presley, married (2) Aug 29 1872, in Sabine Parish, LA, Ann Duggan Gandy. William died Jan 22 1917, Sabine Parish, LA, buried: Ft. Jessup, Sabine, LA.

5. Isabella Presley born Sep 12 1848, Sabine Parish, LA, died Aug 10 1868, Sabine Parish, LA.

Great Grandparents (Alford)

8. Julius C. Alford born ____ 1797, GA, married about 1828, Elizabeth Waddell. Julius died about 1880, Sabine Parish, LA.

9. Elizabeth Waddell.

Great-Great Grandparents

Truman Alford’s line joins Claude Alford’s in this generation.

SIBLINGS

Children of Christopher Alford and Mollie Smith:

i Floyd Alford born Aug 27 1892,

- Sabine Parish, Louisiana, married Eula Mae Byrd. Floyd died Feb 6 1974, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, buried: Ft. Jessup, Sabine Parish, Louisiana.
- ii Christopher Columbus Alford Jr born Aug 16 1894.
- iii Isabell Alford born Nov 23 1895, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, married John Melvin Gandy. Isabell died Mar 1 1985, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, buried: Ft. Jessup, Sabine Parish, Louisiana.
- iv Bertie Alford born Dec 7 1896, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, died Mar 5 1974, Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, buried: Ft. Jessup, Sabine Parish, Louisiana. Bertie never married.
- v Arthur Alford born Sep 5 1898, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, married Ruby Scaife. Arthur died May 20 1968, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, buried: Ft. Jessup, Sabine Parish, Louisiana.
- vi Oscar Riley Alford born Jun 5 1900, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, died Feb 17 1929, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, buried: Ft. Jessup, Sabine Parish, Louisiana. Oscar never married.
- vii William Roy Alford born Oct 25 1902.
- viii Willie Cecil Alford born Nov 13 1905.
- ix Mollie M. Alford born Mar 19 1908, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, died Jun 6 1909, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, buried: Middle Creek Cemetery, Sabine Parish LA.
- x Truman Alford born Apr 20 1911.

DESCENDANTS

Child of Truman Alford and Margaret Parnell

- i Martha Frances Alford born Jul 27 1946, married Jan 27 1968, in Cass, TX, Bernard Louis Marks. Martha is a charter member, #482, of AAFA.

**Paul C. Murphy
1917-1995
AAFA #255**

HOUSTON CHRONICLE
Houston, TX—_____ April 1995

Funeral services for Paul C. Murphy, 77, will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 1995, at Earthman Baytown Chapel with minister Cecil Haffelfinger officiating.

Murphy died on Saturday, April 15, in a Port Lavaca hospital.

Born in Oakdale, LA. on Nov. 17, 1917, he had graduated from Oakdale High School. Later he attended and graduated from Rice University, having played football there during the 1938 defeat of the University of Colorado in the Cotton Bowl.

Murphy worked for Exxon for 44 years and was an active member of the Baytown Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by a daughter, Steveanna Murphy Giesecke and husband Jack of Port Lavaca; granddaughter, Gretchen Biesecke of Port Lavaca; brothers, Thomas Murphy of Canan City, Colo., and Charles Murphy of Arlington, Va., sister Nelda Randall of Coral Gables, Fla., cousins, Vesta Giddings [AAFA #233] of Baytown, Josephine Carrigan [AAFA #235] of Pleasanton, Calif., and Haidee Reeves [AAFA #210] of Hammond.

Pallbearers will be Troy Tucker, Bill Hanna, David Wims, Larry Sanders, Stephen Cathriner, Dean Minear, Gene Bosse and Johnny Touchet.

Honorary pallbearers are Emory Touchet, Grady Saunders, Jim Bacon, Harold Scarborough, Ed Cathriner, Hampson Herbert, the 1938 Cotton Bowl Rice football team and the Baytown Masonic Lodge.

Burial will be held at Cedar Crest Cemetery following services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Earthman Funeral Directors. ❖

(Footnotes, cont. from p. 8)

executors pay from my estate four hundred & seventy five dollars to my daughter Roena Hooks, wife of John Hooks, which is to in full for her entire interest in my estate - she being relieved from all claims against her in favor of my estate.

Item 5th. My will is, that my executors pay over from my estate four hundred and seventy five dollars to Thomas Robins as trustee (sic) for the sole & separate use of my daughter Caroline Smith, wife of Francis P. Smith and her children, said Robins not to be required to give bond on account to said trust, which sum is to be in full of the entire interest of said Caroline in my estate, she to be relieved from all liability in favor of my estate.

Item 6th. My will is, that the remainder of my entire estate, after paying the foregoing legacies, be equally divided between my three sons, John Alford, Green B. Alford & William Alford, share and share alike.

Item 7th. My will is, that in the event of the death of any of my children herein named prior to my death, the children of such deceased child, are to stand in the place of and receive that portion of my estate that the parent would have received under this will, in life.

Item 8th. I hereby constitute and appoint my three sons John Alford, Green B. Alford and William Alford executors of this my last will and testament, all of whom are to be relieved from any liability against them in favor of my estate,

This July 14th 1874.

Signed by William Alford and witnessed by C.H. Andrews, P.S. Burney and Jos M. High. ❖

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

compiled in 1908—that was just about 100 years ago. I assure you that those works don't hold a candle to what you and the AAFA are doing today. I have a similar, but smaller work, with the Chapman family. With them we have several 19th-century publications that are equally valuable—but nothing compared to AAFA's work. Your benefit from being in the AAFA is the footprint you're leaving that will be used by folks hundreds of years from now.

1997 MEETING - CALIFORNIA

You will find an insert sent with this issue—the announcement of our 1997 meeting in California. I've seen more early enthusiasm for this meeting than for any we have had. At Christmas I received a card from our senior member—90+ years old. She has been present at every meeting but the first and that was because she didn't know about it. There was a note on her card saying that she had already made reservations at the hotel for our meeting (she was acting on some inside information). Earlier this week (and I'm doing this the end of January) I heard from a member in California who said they already had fourteen family members who were going to be at the meeting and that they were working on five more.

For those who are on line we have already started an e-mail letter involving the CA folks and the other members who are involved with the CA meeting.

REGISTER NOW!! The registration form is also inserted. Now is the time to register. This year, to encourage early registration, we are going to reward a member for early registration. We thought about giving a prize to the first to register but that would defeat our purpose. Doris will keep close tabs on all the registrations received, and the 25th registrant (individual or couple) she hears

from, determined by the post mark, will receive the prize in Pleasanton. If you register early and then have to cancel, Doris will refund your registration fee if you advise her in advance of the meeting. Of course if you were #25, you won't get the prize!

By all means also make your hotel reservations. We arranged with the hotel to block out only a limited number of rooms for Thursday–Sunday nights at \$67 for single or double. That's the Holiday Inn–Select, Pleasanton, CA. Call 510-847-6000. (Don't call the Holiday Inn 800 number because they don't know about our arrangements.) Be sure you tell them you are with the Alford reunion group. We would not want you to miss out on getting one of the rooms. We did have one member sent to another hotel this last year, and in a previous year we had a number of folks who could not get a room. You can always cancel if you can't make it to the meeting

We have good reason for asking you to register early. Most of the two and one-half days of activity are planned specifically for those who will be present. When that is not known until the last minute, it puts those of us who have to do the work in a real bind.

AAFA IN CYBERSPACE. Don't worry—you won't have to become a computer nerd to continue with AAFA. However, a lot of members are now "online" as we say and we want to be sure that we are keeping up with technology and doing the best we can with what is available through that technology. AAFA now has its own web site. You may have noticed a mention of it in the last issue, and you'll find it listed on page 2 in this issue. As I write this anyone can go to the web site and access the cumulative index to the quarterly and the Master Booklist.

There is also a history of AAFA and its meetings. You can find the name and address of the members of the board of directors, and you can e-mail them from the home page.

We must thank AAFA member Jimmie Alford of Chicago who is providing us free space for the home page through his company, The Alford Group. We thank member Kim Savage for designing and doing all the work to get our information on the home page. I guess you'd call her our webmaster. Kim is a single mother who is also a Director at the University of Illinois, Chicago, and we appreciate her making the time available to do our work. Finally on that matter, thanks go to Pam Thompson, editor of this quarterly, for taking the home page under her wing as the chairperson of the Publications Committee.

Cecil Alford, the chair of our Information Management Committee, and Pam have also combined their efforts and are doing an On-Liners Newsletter. If you are one then you understand it, and if you are not one you are not likely to be interested. Do tell us though if you are on-line and we don't know it.

DUES RENEWAL. Several of you have been frustrated—maybe even somewhat irritated—by our system of notifying you when you need to renew your dues. That is all changed now. First let me remind you that "once in AAFA, always in AAFA." When you join you can't get out. We generally have three kinds of members, active members, inactive members and deceased members. If you keep your dues current, you are considered an active member. If not, then you are an inactive member. You know how you make the other group. So your membership as such does not expire. But keeping your membership active by renewing is very important to AAFA. We need

your presence—and the information you contribute! And we hope we'll be able to continue providing you with information about your "Alfords"—and the sense of satisfaction I mentioned above. One benefit of renewing is getting *AAFA ACTION*. Most of your dues are to pay for its printing and mailing. You receive four issues for each year of dues you pay. Starting with the Winter 1997 issue, you'll see the "Issue #" on the front cover. If you are sensitive to the situation you can see your last issue number on the quarterly mailing label. If you're like me you think about it just as the trash truck drives away with the envelope and label.

Not to worry. Max, our secretary, will now be sending out separate notices when it is time to pay your dues. You're going to think he is a little premature in that he is trying to send these out about six months before the planned date for mailing your "last issue." Don't wait and take a chance on something happening that will cause your payment not to be processed in time to make the main mailing. No matter when you pay your dues, your "active time" is extended by four more quarters. No matter if you pay six months early or three months early you still pay only \$16 at the going rate. Help us: pay as soon as you get the notice. I mentioned some of this last time but it bears repeating because we're still hearing from frustrated members.

SPEAKING OF DUES. Paul Alford and his finance committee are working on the AAFA financial plan. Nothing in it is conclusive yet but it appears that it's almost certain that we will be announcing an increase in dues. Over the years the presidents and the boards of directors have been most reluctant to raise dues. When we started in 1987—that was ten years ago—it cost \$18 to join the AAFA. Today it costs \$21. At this

point I cannot tell you if, when, or how much of an increase. If you want to hedge against an increase in dues, you may renew for as many years as you wish at the current rate. You don't have to wait for a notice. Just send your check to Doris. We have one member who renewed for ten years—he'll be getting quarterlies well into the next century.

1000 MEMBERS. We have added members at a rate of not quite 100 per year. As I write this we are just under 900 members. I don't know if normal growth will bring us to 1,000 by the end of this year, but I do think it would be outstanding if we could have "1000 in 10" years. I'd like to ask you to do me a special favor and help us reach 1,000 members. You can do like some of us have and give a gift membership to a child, parent, sibling, other kin or friend. If you are like some of us you won't hesitate to twist some arms and talk some folks into joining. If you will bring them in, we will do our best to make them like it and want to stay. You don't have to use an application blank or special form. Just mail Doris a check for \$21 (her address is on page 2) and give her the name and address of the person who you want to add to the membership. It would help if you tell her how they fit into the family but if you don't we will be back to you or them for that information.

GIVING TO AAFA. I mentioned your giving above. One of the problems we are running into is how to plan for the future and acquire the resources we will need. I commented earlier on the probable dues increase. In addition to needing a reserve in order to print and mail quarterlies for those whose paid dues carry them into the future, we also have real long term needs.

The one that bothers me the most is resources we will need to publish the many Alford genealogies and Alford

census books some day. The main, more or less final product, of AAFA must be a series of books that document most of what we have done and collected. Those of you who have attended a meeting recently have probably seen some of the many books of draft Alford genealogies that we have on hand.

Would you believe that we have over 100 Alford genealogies in the process of compilation?! It is going to take considerable money to publish them. We can expect to get some money back from the sale of books to members, other Alfords, or a few libraries. But the libraries where the books are likely to serve the greatest need over the years will not be able to afford to buy them all.

Can you imagine going to a library and finding a set of books on the shelf that will give you all the information about all the "Alfords" who were included in all the censuses from the year 1790 through 1920? Such a thing is unheard of for any surname, but we are planning on it for "Alfords." If in its "ultimate years" AAFA is going to be able to fulfill its original stated purpose, it must publish and distribute these books without too much concern about "the bottom line." We need to be accumulating the resources for it now. We need your donations.

Regardless of what happens with dues, most of the directors think we should continue with the AAFA Century Group—those who donate \$100 within the year, either in increments or in one lump sum. (See page 41 for the 1996 Century Group.) What they get in return is satisfaction—of contributing to the work of the Association and in knowing that "Alford" will be well represented in the libraries and archives of this nation—even the world—in the decades and centuries to come. We'd like to have you join us in the 1997 Century Group. ❖

Obituaries



HELEN V. ALFORD

LOS ANGELES TIMES, Valley Edition
Los Angeles, CA—Sat., 1 Aug 1992

Alford, Helen V., 67, of Canoga Park, sales clerk for J.C. Penney. Pierce Brothers-Praiswater Mortuary, Canoga Park.

LUCY HALFORD

LOS ANGELES TIMES, Valley Edition
Los Angeles, CA—Fri., 25 Aug 1995

Halford, Lucy, 80, of Glendale, homemaker. Scovern Mortuary, Glendale.

MARY E. MULROYAN ALFORD

CONTRA COSTA TIMES
____, CA—____ Oct 1975

Sent by non-member Ardis Parshall

Mary E. Alford, in Concord, Sunday, October 23, 1977. Survived by daughters: Candy Luce, Modesto, Mary Alford, Albany; son, Richard Alford, Pleasanton; sisters, Margaret Jones and Catherine Jones of Oakland, Nora Slagle of Moraga; also 3 grand-

children. A native of Oakland, aged 59 years. A 27 year resident of Concord. A member of Catholic Daughters of America Court de La Salle No. 1934; Past President of St. Bonaventure's C.C.D. and a member of St. Bonaventure's Church.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday October 26, 1977, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Bonaventure's Church. Recitation of the Rosary Tuesday, October 25, at 8:00 p.m. at Ouimet Bros. Concord Funeral Chapel. Burial at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Lafayette. Memorials may be made to the Heart Association.

AAFA NOTE: Mary was the wife of Frank M. Alford, whose obituary and that of his father, Charles Augustus Alford, appeared in the Winter 1997 issue, pp. 22-23, along with genealogical notes.

RUTH ALFORD

SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS
San Jose, CA—Thurs., 19 March 1992

Sent by Pam Thompson, AAFA #30

ALFORD, Ruth, 84, of Fremont, formerly of Sunnyvale, homemaker. Visitation from 2 to 9 p.m. today at Mountain View Chapel, Spangler Mortuaries. Service at 2 p.m. Friday at the chapel. Burial in Alta Mesa Memorial Park, Palo Alto.

WARREN N. ALFORD

SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS
San Jose, CA—Wed., 14 July 1993

Sent by Pam Thompson, AAFA #30

ALFORD, Warren N., 87, of Campbell, chauffeur. Private inurnment in Madronia Cemetery,

Saratoga. Arrangements by Neptune Society of San Jose.

AAFA NOTE: This was probably the Warren shown as son of Fred H. and Sarah Curviance Alford in the 1920 Santa Cruz County, CA census. In 1910 he was enumerated with his grandfather, W.C. Curviance. His siblings were Eugene, LeRoy and Dorothy.



FRANCES ALFORD

DETROIT NEWS
Detroit, MI—23 April 1996

From <http://www.dnps.com/dies/0423dies.htm>
(13 Nov 1996)

Alford, Frances, Age 86. Beloved wife of the late William. Dearest mother of William (Sharyn). Dear grandmother of Kristin Hammar, Susan Alford and Cathleen Alford. Brother-in-law of Alpha B. Cunningham. Friends may call on Tuesday 3:30-9 p.m. at Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. In state Wednesday 10 a.m. until time of service 11 a.m. Heritage Presbyterian Church, 23415 Jefferson (S. of 9 Mile), St. Clair Shores.

MARY A. ALFORD

DETROIT NEWS
Detroit, MI—9 Jan 1996

From <http://detnews.com/menu/stories/31351.htm>
(13 Nov 1996)

Mary A. Alford, a beauty salon owner, died of complications from pneumonia and Alzheimer's disease Saturday, Jan. 6, 1996, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. She was 80.

Mrs. Alford was a 1934 graduate of Detroit's Northwestern High School. She also attended Fleming Beauty School, earning a license in cosmetology.

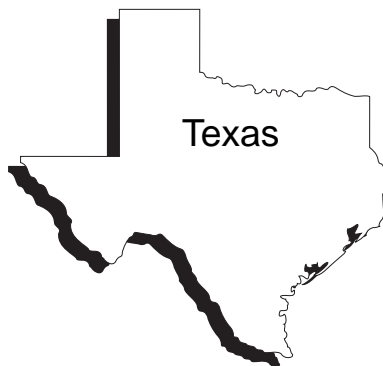
Mrs. Alford owned Campbell's Beauty Shop in Detroit for 15 years.

She was a longtime member of St. Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Alford loved to travel. She and her husband, Bob, toured throughout the United States and the Caribbean.

Surviving are her husband, Bob; a son, Kirk; three grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church, 6000 Stanford, Detroit. Burial will be at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.



ALINE ALFORD ROBINSON GATTIS

Sent by Carolyn Alford Saunders,
AAFA #673

AUSTIN AMERICAN STATEMENT
Austin, TX—28 Feb 1996

Aline Alford Robinson Gattis, age 76, of Forest Grove Community, died Monday, February 26, 1995, in a local nursing home in Austin, Texas. She was born November 16, 1919, in Milam County, Texas, to the late Elmer and Inez (Luckey) Alford.

She was married to Walter Gattis and was a homemaker most of her life. She was a member of the Forest Grove Christian Church in Forest Grove, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, William Alford.

Survivors include her husband, Walter Gattis of Forest Grove; sons John S. Robinson of Oak Hill and Christopher Robinson of Duncanville; brother M.J. Alford of Rockdale; sisters Mary Holman and Ruth Etherington both of Austin; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, February 26, 1996, at 2:00 p.m. in the Forest Grove Christian Church in Forest Grove. Burial will be in the Forest Grove Cemetery. Reverend Keith Gibbons of the Forest Grove Christian Church will officiate. Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home of Rockdale in charge of arrangements 512-446-5454.

ELBERT ROBERT ALFORD

Father of JoLynn Alford Long, AAFA #718; grandfather of Elbert Robert Alford IV, AAFA #796; brother of Frances Franklin, AAFA #799; and cousin of Claudette Taylor, AAFA #800

Sent by JoLynn Long

THE BOLIVAR COMMERCIAL
Cleveland, MS—Thurs., 14 Nov 1996

Shaw, MS—Elbert Robert Alford Jr, 75, of Padre Island, Texas, and formerly of

Shaw [MS] died Monday, Nov. 11, 1996, at Spohn Hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Graveside services were held at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. He was buried with full military honors.

Mr Alford retired from the U.S. Air Force after 32 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Lucille Alford of Padre Island; three children, Elbert Robert Alford III of North Bend, Wash., JoLynn Alford Long of Georgetown, Texas, and John Alford of Padre Island; a sister, Frances W. Franklin of Springfield, Mo. two brothers, Claude Hines Alford of Flemington, Mo., and John Wiggins Alford of LaMesa, Calif. and four grandchildren, John Robert Alford, Elbert Robert Alford, IV, Shannon Fincher Langford and Jamie Leigh Alford.

RICHARD ERWIN ALFORD

Father of Mary Justine Alford
Monroe, AAFA #232; sister
of Inez Surovik, AAFA #107

Sent by Yvonne Salmons, AAFA #130

*THE CALDWELL NEWS AND THE
BURLESON COUNTY LEDGER*
Caldwell, TX—23 Jan 1953

Richard Erwin Alford is dead. He died of a heart attack about 3 o'clock last Friday morning when he was alone in his car, on his way to Freeman town to get the colored cook. He was moving along slowly on highway 36 when he suddenly slumped forward, draped across the steering wheel. The car horn started blowing at the impact of his body. The car swerved to the right and rolled over the shoulder and into the ditch almost at the driveway entrance at Richard Bower's home on the highway. Several people saw what happened and rushed to Mr. Alford's aid. They called a physician but Erwin

was dead before the doctor arrived. Thus the life of Erwin Alford passed from this earth on to its reward.

He was a good man as good men go. Many people loved him and respected him. He had a way about him that made an impression. Friends flocked to his little service station on highway 21 after World War II and business flourished for him at that spot. He always had an interesting story to tell; a humorous remark to make ... a sort of so-called dry humor, which is the kind that is more often appreciated. Original witticisms came from him whenever he felt like talking to you. Yes ... Erwin Alford, who retired from the filling station business in 1948 after the largest oil well in the world was struck, the Alford No. 1, on his and other heirs property in Upton County will be missed plenty by his friends and cronies on the main drag, at the down-town corners, at the banks and the barber shops, where he was seen some time during almost any day. Occasionally he travelled out to Upton County to check the oil business and other times he puttered around with his cattle. For the past four years Erwin just messed around, more or less, but he hadn't been well. He had been ill several times before and his heart wasn't strong, like it used to be. Although he had been seriously ill several times in recent years, he had been feeling pretty well of late and nothing like this suddenness of death was expected. It shocked his family and friends.

Mr. Alford was born August 12, 1886, at Caldwell, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Halcut Alford. He was reared in this county and spent his entire lifetime here. In his youth he attended the local school, was a mail carrier and a farmer prior to World I. When the war came on Erwin was inducted into the 36th Division. In February 1918 went overseas July 1918 after training at Camp Bowie, Texas for less than six months. He was with M. G. Company, 141 Infantry. Fought in the battles of Meuse and Argonne Forest October 1 through October 29 and was decorated

for bravery under fire. He received his honorable discharge July 3, 1919, and came home as soon after that as he could.

Mr. Alford was first married to Miss Dovey Jean Wallace in the early 1900's. There were two sons born of this union, James Erwin, now of Houston and Tommie of Dallas. Mrs. Alford passed on in 1913.

He was again married in 192? to Miss Era Miears of Kerrville. Three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Alford, the first Dovey Jean, died in infancy. Mrs. Richard (Patsy) Stratton of Bryan and Miss Laurinda Alford of Caldwell. They survive their father.

The deceased is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons. He also is survived by two sisters and three brothers: Mrs. Inez Surovik [AAFA #107], and Miss Lizzie Alford, both of Caldwell; Lee Alford Sr., R.A. (Bob) Alford of Austin, and Phil Alford, Sr. of Caldwell and a number of nephews and nieces and four granddaughters and two grandsons.

Mr. Alford was a member of the First Methodist Church, The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Funeral service was held from Phillips—Luckey Funeral Home at 2 o'clock, Saturday afternoon with Rev. Phil Trammell officiating. Interment was in Masonic Cemetery.

Pall bearers were Phil Alford, Jr., Halcut Alford, Hoover Alford, Dan Alford, L.W. Gray, Hugh Cherry, D.L. Alford, Jr. [AAFA #54], and W.L. Surovik.

AAFA NOTE: Richard Erwin Alford's second wife, Sally Griffin, and their daughter, Mary Justine Monroe, AAFA #232, are not listed in this obituary.

HELEN HARRISON ALVORD BRIGGS

Sent by Doug Alford, AAFA #204

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS
Dallas, TX—24 April 1995

Helen Alvord Briggs of Duncanville. Born July 26, 1918, passed away April 22, 1995 after a courageous battle with cancer. The owner of Alvord's Boutique in Duncanville, Mrs. Briggs was a member of the Mountain View Church of God. She was raised in Paris, Texas and lived for many years in Lindale and Tyler before moving to Duncanville. She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Gordon Alvord in December of 1983. She is survived by her husband of nine years, Barney Briggs of Duncanville; daughter & son-in-law Naomi & Dan Petty of Duncanville; grandchildren Dwayne Petty and Madonna Petty, both of Duncanville; step-children Linda Mays of Austin, TX and Dwain Briggs of California; sisters, Lucille McQueen of Paris, TX and Revel Martin of Linden, TN; brother Kenneth Harrison of Wink TX; and a host of other friends and loved ones. Funeral Services are 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, 1995 at the Mountain View Church of God 2555 South Ledbetter, Dallas. Graveside services follow that same day at 4:00 pm. at Meadowbrook Cemetery in Paris, Texas. The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. Monday at David Clayton & Sons Funeral Home in Duncanville, Texas.

LIZZIE EVANS ALFORD

Sent by Yvonne Salmons, AAFA #130

*THE CALDWELL NEWS AND THE
BURLESON COUNTY LEDGER*
Caldwell, TX—_____ Sept 1968

Miss Lizzie Alford of Caldwell, died Wednesday, September 18 at 1:45 a.m. in the Goodnight Memorial Hospital, following an extended illness. She had attained the age of 88 years, 2 months and 23 days.

Funeral services for Miss Lizzie were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, September 19, in the Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Jim Killen officiating and

Mrs. W.L. Surovik, Jr., rendering soft organ music. Burial was in the Masonic Cemetery.

Miss Lizzie was born in Cooks Point, Texas, June 25, 1880, the daughter of Halcut and Mary Jane Scott Alford and spent all of her life in Burleson County.

She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Caldwell and a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Miss Lizzie spent her life living for others. Wherever she went she left a smile and a ray of sunshine. She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. W.L. (Inez) Surovik [AAFA #107] of Caldwell and two brothers, R.A. (Bob) Alford of Caldwell, and Phil Alford of Richmond.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and two brothers.

Serving as pallbearers were nephews, D.L. Alford, Jr. [AAFA #54], Halcut Alford, H.E. Alford, Dan F. Alford, Allen Alford and Phil Alford, Jr.

**LOCHIE BARNHILL
SAMPSON ALFORD**

Sent by Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #032

HOUSTON CHRONICLE
Houston, TX—29 March 1994

Lochie Barnhill Sampson Alford, born September 12, 1906 in Lee County, Texas, daughter of Pink L. Barnhill and Luna A. Monroe. Her family moved to Kingsville, Texas in 1913, where she grew up and attended Texas A & I College. She moved to Houston around 1930 and worked for many years for the Southern Pacific Railroad. She was very active in community affairs and an active volunteer in many of Houston's cultural organizations. She served in several positions of responsibility for the Houston Grand Opera Auxiliary and was a Past-President of the Tuesday Music Club.

She was also a past member of the Pine Forest Country Club. She and her husband, Col. James B. Sampson who died in 1977 moved to River Plantation in the late 1960s where they were members of the River Plantation Country Club. Lochie and her second husband Edgar Alford who died in 1991, were active members of First Baptist Church of Conroe where they sung in the choir. She also attended Bible Study Fellowship in Conroe. She moved to San Antonio in 1991 where she was confined to Heartland Nursing Home until her death on March 25, 1994.

**MARGARET SARAH
ALFORD**

Sent by Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #032

HOUSTON CHRONICLE
Houston, TX—30 May 1995

Margaret Sarah Alford, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother, born November 2, 1890, passed away May 29, 1995 in Baytown.

Episcopalian by faith. Survived by her son Vernon L. Alford, Pasadena and Maud Gray, Lawhon. 8 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren. Graveside services and interment will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, 1996, Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery with Reverend John Green officiating. Visitation will begin after 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home.

MELVIN C. ALFORD

Sent by Kenneth Alford, AAFA #242

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
Fort Worth, TX—Tues., 20 Dec 1994

FORT WORTH — Melvin C. Alford, 49, a fleet service tireman, died Friday at a Fort Worth hospital.

Funeral: was Saturday at New Hope Baptist Church in Oakwood. Burial: was in Rocky Mount Cemetery in Oakwood.

Mr. Alford was born in Oakwood and lived in Fort Worth 30 years. He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Mansfield and a former member of Rocky Mount Baptist Church in Oakwood.

Survivors: Wife, Sally Alford of Fort Worth; three daughters, Pamela Ford and Jackaloyne Alford, both of Fort Worth, and Mary Della Butler of Oakwood; two sons, Melvin Alford Jr. and David Alford, both of Fort Worth; mother, Lillian Alford of Oakwood; three brothers, Jimmy R. Alford, W.D. Alford and Leonard Alford, all of Fort Worth; sister, Lorene A. Ransom of San Francisco, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

RAYMOND ALFORD

Sent by Betty Wagstaff, AAFA #074

BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE
Beaumont, TX—Sat., 16 Nov 1996

Raymond "Coach" Alford, 88, of Beaumont died Nov. 14 at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. today at Forest Lawn Memorial park under the direction of Broussard's Mortuary in Beaumont.

A native of Baber, he lived in Beaumont most of his life and retired athletic director for Beaumont Independent School District. He was World War II U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife, Daisy Laird Alford of Beaumont; daughters, Lynn DeCordova and Carolyn Townsen, both of Beaumont; stepsons, John W. Laird of Beaumont and Robert E. Laird of Fannett; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church or charity of choice.

In another article:

BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE
 Beaumont, TX—Sat., 16 Nov 1996

Past BISD AD dies at age 88

By Kenton Brooks, Sports staff writer

To those who knew Raymond Alford, he was more than a former star athlete, coach and athletic director. He was a father figure, gentleman and friend. Alford, 88, died Thursday at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Alford retired as athletic director of the Beaumont Independent School District in August, 1973 after 21 years on the job. He was an assistant football and head basketball coach at Beaumont High in 1935-36, then moved up to head football, basketball and baseball coach in 1944.

H.A. Butler, now living in Nederland, played for Alford at Beaumont High.

"He was like a daddy to me," he says. "Raymond Alford was one of the greats. He had an influence on a lot of people. They don't make them like him anymore."

Sparky Adams, the retired athletic director of the South Park Independent School District, also remembers Alford as a "fine golfer."

"He enjoyed golf as long as he could enjoy playing," he says. "When he was athletic director, he put together a good coaching staff. He had a good rapport with his people in the BISD...."

Paul Carlisle coached against Alford for one year (1947-48) when he was head basketball coach at French High. Carlisle then worked for Alford after he became athletic director.

"He was a fine gentleman," says Carlisle. "Raymond was a top-notch coach who taught his boys a lot."

While coaching baseball, he tutored Gus Zernial and Grady Hatton, who later played in the major leagues....

Alford was a standout athlete

himself. He played on Beaumont High's 1925 state championship basketball team that defeated San Antonio Brackenridge 14-12 in the finals. He scored 12 of the points in the title game.

He was inducted into the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame at Athens in April 1972.

After high school, Alford went to Baylor University and lettered in basketball, football and baseball.

He was named to the All Southwest Conference baseball team as a junior.

Alford is a member of Baylor's Hall of Fame.

A graveside service, under the direction of Broussard's Mortuary, will be held this morning at 10 a.m. at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

AAFA NOTE: With all geographic reference available we are unable to determine the location of Baber—of which he was a native. It is probably this Raymond who was listed as a 12-year-old in Jasper County, TX in 1920 with parents S.H. Alford b. about 1880 TX and Susie born about 1886 TX. It appears to be some of this family who was living in Angeline County in 1910; the father was not present and they were living with Nancy Price, a grandmother. Maybe a reader can help us connect Raymond to the proper family branch.

**THEODORA L. "TEDDIE"
 BOKEMEYER ALFORD**

Sent by Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #032

HOUSTON CHRONICLE
 Houston, TX—_____ 1995

Theodora L. "Teddie" Alford, 73, a native Houstonian and lifelong resident departed this life on Tuesday, July 24, 1995 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Loved and respected by everyone. She was in the insurance business for 35 years. Preceding her in

death were her parents, Theodore Joseph and Lean Bokemeyer, four brothers and one sister. Teddie is survived by son F. Rickey Kooi; grandson Justin Kooi; granddaughter Cynthia Kooi, all of Houston. Brother Alton B. Bokemeyer of Brady, Texas; sisters Maurine Smith of Houston, Frances Johnson of Houston, Mary Joyce Parker of Port Lavaca, Texas. Many nieces, and nephews; and other relatives and friends. Memorial Mass: 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 5, 1995. Christ the Redeemer Catholic Community Church, 11507 Huffmeister, Rev. Maurice Lange O.M.I. of the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson, Texas celebrant. Cremation will be handled by Earthman Funerals. In lieu of usual remembrances those desiring may make memorials to American Cancer Society; P.O. Box 570127, Houston, Texas 77257-0127 or Missionary Oblate of May Immaculate, 1515 Hughes Rd., P.O. Box 635, Dickinson, Texas 77539.

WILLIE E. ROCK ALFORD

Sent by Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #032

HOUSTON CHRONICLE
 Houston, TX—29 Mar 1994

Willie E. Alford, 66, died Sunday, October 29, 1995. She is survived by her husband, William Alford, Sr.; sons, Edward Alford and William Alford, Jr.; sisters, Edna Avitts and Ethel Sheffield; brothers, William Rock and Joseph Rock, and by her four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Visitation will be from 5 PM until 8 PM Tuesday at Memorial Oaks Funeral Home. Funeral services for Mrs. Alford will be at 9:30 AM Wednesday, November 1, 1995 from the Memorial Oaks Funeral Home Chapel, Katy Freeway at Eldridge, with the Rev. Harry Adamson, officiating. Interment services to follow in Memorial Oaks Cemetery. ❖

Alfords in the News



BOB ALVORD

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE
San Diego, CA— Thurs., 3 March 1994

From <http://www.uniontrib.com>
(17 Nov 1996)

If it's really old (and cheap),
Lakeside man might go for it
By David Harpster, Staff Writer

LAKESIDE—Bob Alvord steps into his front yard and proudly shows off his newest contraption: a rusting one-man logging saw that he picked up at a swap meet the other day.

The 8-foot-long artifact goes well next to the horse-drawn orchard sprayer, the weather-beaten outhouse and the dozen or so saddles propped up on the front porch railing.

But Alvord's relic-laden yard does little to prepare visitors for what's in store inside his two-bedroom home.

By the time they scurry past the menacing mountain lion — a big one perched on a shelf — and hang their hats on the elk's hoof hatrack, house guests are ready to plop down in the turn-of-the-century dentist chair - complete with hand-grabbers for when it really hurts.

"It's a compulsion, I guess. I like to duplicate the past," said Alvord, a 45-year-old crane operator and

grandfather of two who has crammed his home with enough antique hunting trophies, vintage kitchen utensils and other slices of Americana to open a museum.

"It's important for my grandkids to grow up and see something else besides a computer screen," he said.

Alvord favors T-shirts and jeans, yet with his flint-colored beard and sturdy build, would look right at home in buckskin trousers and a coonskin cap.

When he's not running his crane rental company or cooking up a pot of chili for the annual Lakeside chili cook-off, he usually can be found scouring garage sales and secondhand stores to add to his collection.

"Nothing in here is that expensive," he said during a recent tour of his abode. "It most definitely has to be a bargain or I won't get it."

Alvord has managed to do quite nicely since 1978, when he moved into the house with little more than a sleeping bag.

Friends and neighbors say they're simply overwhelmed by the collection, which also includes a claw bathtub, a covered wagon, farm tools and piles of animal-skin rugs.

"It's like going back to grandpa's farm in North Carolina," said Lakeside resident Betty McMillen.

"It certainly is an interesting place," added Marcella Williams, who lives near Alvord. "I can hardly describe it. You have to see it to appreciate it."

Dominating his living room is a menagerie of mounted buffalo, antelope, cougars, bears and other hunting trophies he has picked up over the years.

Alvord, the son of a heavy-equipment operator, said he is not a hunter. He buys the mounts at auctions or through word of mouth from people who have heard about his passion for things old.

"That's the easier way to do it,"

he said.

The lone exception is an avocado-wood sculpture in the shape of a moose head.

"I got that one with a chain saw," said Alvord, who lives alone.

Out in back, shaded by an apricot tree, is an 80-year-old Western Union telegraph counter that Alvord has transformed into a bar.

Nailed to the wall is an authentic Route 66 Trading Post sign. Next to that is a scattering of cast iron pots that sit near where he plans his next project: a replica of a blacksmith shop.

Alvord says he has no real rhyme or reason to his collection. He'll add an item "just as long as it's early American and very rustic."

And rustic is certainly the word for the wooden outhouse, a two-holer he hauled down from the mountains in the bed of a pickup truck.

"It was on a piece of property in the Laguna Mountains and had to be removed when the property changed hands," he recalled. "I ran up and got it."

BOYD E. ALVORD

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE
San Diego, CA— Sat., 16 Oct 1993

From <http://www.uniontrib.com>
(17 Nov 1996)

George A. Scott dies at 86;
owner of Walker Scott stores
Jeanne Freeman Brooks, Staff Writer

.... George Scott went on to open Walker's Department Store, which later became the Walker Scott Department Store—sometimes described as the Macy's of San Diego.

Eventually, the downtown Walker Scott store expanded to 13 outlets in San Diego County and one in Palm Springs....

Mr. Scott died Tuesday evening. He was 86....
 Although he once told a reporter, "My plans are to be right here behind this desk until they carry me out," Mr. Scott announced his retirement in 1975, when Robert J. Dicker and **Boyd Alvord**, both of Redding, bought controlling interest....

In another article, same source, Wed., 12 Apr 1995:

CCDC seeks new life for downtown landmark
 By Rod Riggs, Staff Writer

When Broadway at Fifth Avenue was a bustling center of commerce before and after World War II, the eight-story Walker-Scott department store was the presiding attraction....

Then, in the mid-1980s, Walker-Scott fell victim to changing shopping patterns, and its landmark building slid into a forlorn disrepair....

Two merchants from Redding, Robert J. Dicker and **Boyd E. Alvord**, bought control of Walker Scott in 1975 and said they would dispel its lavender and old lace image. They generated profits for five years, but soon younger and more affluent customers bypassed the stores on their way to San Diego's new shopping malls....

DON & JANENE ALFORD

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE
 San Diego, CA—Sunday, 21 July 1996

From <http://www.uniontrib.com>
 (16 Nov 1996)

CHS benefit reaches Saturday Night Fever' pitch
 By Burl Stiff

.... Members of the Makua Auxiliary to the Children's Home Society brought disco back with a bang the other night at what they called

"Saturday Night Fever"—Makua's 44th annual dinner-dance and auction. Mari and Mike Fink were there, and so were ... **Janene and Don Alford**....

DON ALFORD

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE
 San Diego, CA—Sunday, 30 July 1995

From <http://www.uniontrib.com>
 (16 Nov 1996)

Presidential hemming made gala a real stitch
 By Burl Stiff

.... The party at the Sheraton Harbor Island East was called "Makua's Summer Magic." It attracted more than 300 guests and netted more than \$40,000 for CHS programs—adoption, foster homes, group homes, child care and such.

.... Terri and George Fleming were there, and so were ... Janene Knight and **Don Alford**....

DON ALFORD

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE
 San Diego, CA—Mon., 18 Oct 1993

From <http://www.uniontrib.com>
 (16 Nov 1996)

Mustang at 30: Icon Reborn
 By Jack Williams, Staff Writer

.... Ford previewed its new Mustangs yesterday in 100 cities throughout the country—and the Mustang mystique seems to be alive and kicking—with some reservations....

Maybe that's why many of the 300-plus members of the San Diego Mustang Club prefer the vintage models—as close to stock as possible, but with more power under the hood

than you can shake a stick shift at.

"You can slip a hotter cam or heads on it for true performance," said **Don Alford**, 66, a club member from Clairemont. "It can be pumping out 350 horses right quick and run circles around most cars."

FLETCHER ALFORD

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE
 San Diego, CA—Thurs., 18 July 1996

From <http://www.uniontrib.com>
 (16 Nov 1996)

Salvage company's rights to 1865 wreckage upheld
 By Bob Egelko

SAN FRANCISCO—A salvage company, not the state, holds the rights to the wreckage of the steamer Brother Jonathan, which sank off northwestern California in 1865 with about 200 people and perhaps a \$50 million treasure, a federal appeal court ruled yesterday.

Upholding a lower-court ruling, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the state had failed to prove that the entire wreck was abandoned while it lay on submerged state lands off Crescent City.

As a result, Deep Sea Research Inc., which located the wreck in 1993 after obtaining rights from the ship's insurers, can attempt to salvage its contents. **Fletcher Alford**, the company's lawyer, said it hopes to start work in the late summer or early fall, when the weather normally is most favorable.

The company can claim ownership on two grounds, Alford said: as successor to the insurance companies' title to the insured portion of the cargo, an amount yet to be determined, and as the "first finder" of the remainder of the ship and its contents.

"The law says the first finder of abandoned property becomes the

owner," Alford said. He said the company has agreed to pay insurers a percentage of the value of the insured property....

JERALD ALFORD

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE
San Diego, CA—Sunday, 10 Dec 1995

From <http://www.uniontrib.com>
(16 Nov 1996)

Mission Terrace is a new wave in design of affordable housing
By Lori Weisberg, Staff Writer

.... More than three years in the making, the 77-unit development located just east of San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium will provide housing affordable for families earning as little as 35 percent of the median income....

But don't tell **Jerald Alford** it's low-income housing. As far as he's concerned, that's a pejorative term that conjures up in people's minds images of the blighted, drug-infested projects that have given low-income housing a bad name.

Mission Terrace is affordable housing, insists Alford, chairman of Mission Valley's community planning group, and that is a much different proposition....

RICH ALFORD

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE
San Diego, CA—Sun., 7 March 1993

From <http://www.uniontrib.com>
(16 Nov 1996)

Driver joins winners' circle in Hall of Fame
By Burl Stiff

.... "Route 66" is a panoramic parade of the cars America drove from the early '30s to the late '60s—from

Model A to Mustang. Helping set the scene are all sorts of nostalgic artifacts, including Burma-Shave signs....

The exhibit strikes a note of pathos, too, in a 1931 "Okie" car. The rusty, dusty Plymouth, owned by **Rich Alford** of El Centro, might have come straight from "The Grapes of Wrath" with a mattress strapped to its roof, and a chicken coop bringing up the rear....

SARAH ALFORD

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE
San Diego, CA—Tues., 21 Nov 1995

From <http://www.uniontrib.com>
(16 Nov 1996)

East County children share holiday memories

Here are some notable entries from East County children in our holiday art and writing contests. [One among several:]

We went to this beautiful place called Big Bear for Thanksgiving. When we got there my grandma baked this enormous turkey. After everybody settled down, we went for a walk around the block. We forgot to lock the cat up before we left. When we got back the turkey was half eaten. So we locked the cat up and went and got another turkey. We baked the turkey and had a beautiful dinner.

Sarah Alford, 8, Alpine

THALIA ALFORD

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE
San Diego, CA—Tues., 10 Oct 1995

From <http://www.uniontrib.com>
(16 Nov 1996)

FRESNO—John Henry Draper Jr. never was able to come to grips with

the drive-by shooting that paralyzed him in 1989.

The shooting depressed the former high school football player whose friendships with gang members led to his shattered life.

Six years after he was crippled, Draper was shot again in a drive-by shooting last week as he sat in his wheelchair while arriving home from a fast-food restaurant with his girlfriend. Draper's girlfriend pushed him inside the house but it was too late....

Draper's death ends a life that once held promise but changed forever the day he was paralyzed. Draper, then 15, was sitting in a car when he was shot in the back with an Uzi by Joseph Packard, who was trying to shoot Draper's friend in retaliation for an earlier fight....

Thalia Alford, Draper's mother, said her son would cry at night and ask, "Why did this have to happen to me?"

Family members insisted Draper, one of 16 brothers and sisters, was a good person even though he was friends with gang members....



ANTHONY ALFORD

CALL AND POST
Cincinnati, OH—21 Apr 1994

Pastors' alliance discusses health care at White House
By Dr. Otis Moss Jr.

.... The Ohio African American Clergy Committee converged on Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, April 19, to discuss health care with our nation's leaders....

With what started out as a small idea by a Columbus resident with the support of the Columbus Pastoral Conference has now become the largest gathering of African-American clergy in the nation since the civil rights movement to discuss and support universal health care for all Americans...

The Ohio African American Clergy Committee is comprised of myself, serving as national convener, [one of many:] the Rev. **Anthony Alford Jr.**, Lane Metropolitan C.M.E. Church, Cleveland....

JOHN W. ALFORD

Sent by Betty Bowman, AAFA #663

NEWARK ADVOCATE
Newark, OH—_____ June 1994

Newark to honor Wallace, Alford

The Newark High School faculty and staff recently selected two award recipients to be honored at commencement exercises....

Sarah R. Wallace will receive the Alumni Citizenship Award. The Distinguished Service Award will go

John W. Alford

to **John W. Alford**....

Alford is chairman of the Executive Committee—The Park National Bank, Newark. Alford began his career in 1935 and has served as president since 1956. Alford served as lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1946.

Alford currently chairs the Schaffner Society for Licking Memorial Hospital. He also serves on the Advisory Board of "Call to College" and serves on the Par Excellence Learning Center Advisory Board. For the 1994 year, he is the honorary chairman for "Light Up A Life," Hospice of Licking County's major fund-raiser. Alford also agreed to serve as honorary chairman of the YMCA fund drive. He is also a life member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board.

Alford received his B.A. from DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., in 1935. He attended the Stonier Graduate School of Banking, New Brunswick, N.J. Alford [*sic*—?] and his late wife, Mary, have two children: Ronald Alford and Barbara Alford Cantlin....

DAISY ALFORD

CALL AND POST
Cleveland, OH—4 Nov 1993

Ordinance regulates lead paint removal

Cleveland's health director announced last Monday the enactment of a city ordinance that will regulate the removal of lead-based paint from Cleveland area homes.

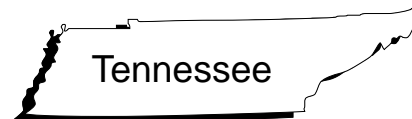
"The primary goal of this ordinance," states Cleveland Health Director **Daisy Alford**, "is to protect our young children from the devastating effects of lead contamination."

.... Alford noted there may be an estimated 80 percent of the homes in the Greater Cleveland area that may have some level or layer of lead-based paint.

"We call it the silent killer among

the young generation," said Alford....

[Daisy Alford was previously an "Alford in the News," *AAFA ACTION*, Winter 1994, p. 20.]



CHIP ALFORD

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE
San Diego, CA— Friday, 15 Oct 1993

From <http://www.uniontrib.com>
(17 Nov 1996)

Youth ministries campaign nationwide to teach teens the benefits of chastity
By Sandi Dolbee

Following is the chastity pledge that some teen-agers are signing:

"Believing that true love waits, I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, those I date, my future mate, and my future children to be sexually pure until the day I enter a covenant marriage relationship."...

Southern Baptist churches in all 50 states have adopted the campaign, Canada began using it this month, and there have been inquiries from as far away as London and Singapore, according to **Chip Alford** of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville....

AAFA NOTE: Chip Alford is the son of Jesse Jr. and Pat Alford. Jesse died 17 Aug 1996. See *AAFA ACTION*, Winter 1997, "Alfords Say Thanks," p. 14.

STEVE ALFORD

GANNETT NEWS SERVICE
25 Apr 1994

White, Keith, Byrd, Salvaggio Add To Fund-Raising Leads

WASHINGTON—Democrat Harold Byrd and Republican Charles Salvaggio added to their fund-raising leads over rivals in the 7th Congressional District race during the first three months of this year, campaign finance reports show....

From Germantown [TN], Byrd received \$1,000 contributions from [one of five:] **Steve Alford**, owner of Alford Studios....

TAMMY VANESSA ALFORD

Sent by Robin Sterling Alford

THE CHATTANOOGA TIMES
Chattanooga, TN—no date

Chattanooga mom sees Army dream come true

By Rebecca Carlisle

Chattanooga—At 33, **Tammy Vanessa Alford** was running out of time to achieve her childhood dream.

She wanted to join the Army.

It had been her goal since middle school, said Alford, a 1981 graduate of Brainerd High School in Chattanooga. Now she had less than two years left—the cutoff age for joining up is 35.

Her father was in the Navy, so she was used to traveling and did not want to stay in one place for too long. At the age of 15 she found her family settled in Chattanooga. She wanted to get out and back on the road. For her, the Army was the answer for her desire to travel.

Life got in the way. She put the dream on hold with the birth of her first son; she went on to have three more children.

When all her children were teenagers, though, her time came and she signed up. "I always said I would get there before 35," the proud Pvt. Alford said....

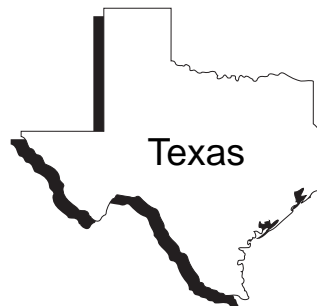
In boot camp at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Alford found one of the toughest aspects was not the physical

challenges, but leaving her children for several weeks.

It was the first time she had been away from her four children: Michael, 18; Consulea, 16; Geoffery, 14; and Anthony, 13. But she found the majority of the young women in training with her were closer to her oldest son's age than her own.

"I was known as 'mom,'" she said.

Because she was older and more mature, Alford provided a role model for some of the younger female soldiers, said Sgt. 1st Class Oxzavia Ellis, a Chattanooga-area recruiting commander.



CATHE HALFORD

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE
San Diego, CA—Mon., 26-Aug-1996

From <http://www.uniontrib.com>
(17 Nov 1996)

Democrat abortion opponents contend there's price to pay

By Dana Wilkie, Staff Writer

CHICAGO—When **Cathe Halford** helped coordinate Ann Richard's campaign for Texas governor six years ago, her abortion-rights views were in lock step with those of her boss, her party leaders, and what she believed to be the overwhelming majority of fellow Democrats.

That was before the middle of the campaign, when Halford's 18-year-old, just-graduated, unwed daughter got pregnant. The family crisis provoked a reformation in the thinking of this formerly longtime supporter of legalized abortion, who now was awaiting the

birth of her first grandchild.

In the end, Halford's daughter decided to keep the baby, and Halford became an active abortion foe—but not without cost.

"You will not advance in this party if you do not toe the line on this issue," says the 46-year-old **Odessa resident**, who had been selected as a state-convention delegate every year since 1984, but had to fight just to be an alternate delegate after she changed her abortion views. "It is a litmus test in the Democratic Party."

.... Attesting to this are groups like Texas Democrats for Life, of which Halford is a member, and Feminists for Life of America, a national organization of Democrats and others whose role model is Susan B. Anthony, the pioneering women's suffrage leader who advocated anti-abortion laws....

JAMES ALFORD

TEXAS FARM BUREAU NEWS
No place or date

Ag in Classroom Tour held in Trinity County

By Larry Binz

GROVETON—One hundred and eighty-three fourth-graders from elementary schools in the Trinity River Valley participated in an Ag in the Classroom field trip to the Meshell Longhorn Ranch recently....

James Alford, Trinity County Extension agent, and Bill Deauman, Soil Conservation Service director, conducted a brief program on fish that normally live in the area.

As Alford and Deauman seined small fish from the pond, a couple of six-foot-long 'gators lunged toward the nets.

"Naw, they're not going to eat you," Alford chuckled as he tossed the fish into a bucket for the youngster to observe. "They're going for the fish—not y'all."... ❖

Obituaries from Greene Co., Missouri—Part 3

By Lynn D. Shelley, V.P. and #484

See Part 1 in the Summer 1996 issue for the introductory statements that also apply to this article. Unless a newspaper is listed, all obituaries in this segment, listed in chronological order, are from *THE SPRINGFIELD DAILY NEWS*, a morning paper, and *THE SPRINGFIELD LEADER-PRESS*, an evening and Sunday morning paper, both published from 1926 to 1987.

WILLIAM B. ALVOID

Sunday, 4 January 1976

Services for William B. Alvoid, 73, of 1314 E. Brower, will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Ayre-Goodwin Chapel with the Rev. Albert Pyle officiating. Burial will be in Brookline Cemetery.

Mr. Alvoid died at 1:40 a.m. Saturday in Cox Medical Center following a short illness.

A native of Arkansas, he had lived in Springfield for the past 30 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Mildren Davis, of Billings, and Mrs. Dorothy Gaither of Tulsa; two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Gastineau, 2232 North Grace and Mrs. Maybelle Woody, 2801 West Olive; two half-brothers, Floyd Price of Verona and Albert Price of Escalon CA; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

AAFA NOTES: As was stated after his wife's 1974 obituary, AAFA does not know the identity of this family.

IONE F. ALFORD JONES

Saturday, 21 February 1976

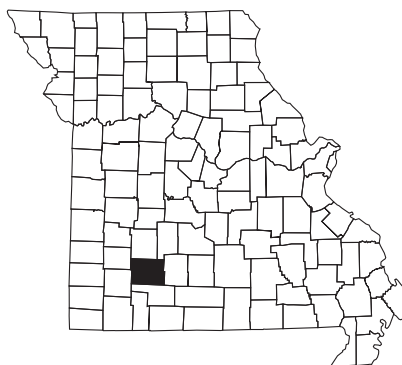
BOLIVAR—Services for Mrs. Ione F. Jones, 62, a longtime resident of

Bolivar, will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Pitts Chapel here with the Rev. James Goff officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery here.

Mrs. Jones died at 12:01 a.m. Friday in St. John's Hospital, Springfield, after a long illness.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the Berean Baptist Church here. Survivors include her husband, Melvin; a son, John, of Camdenton; two daughters, Mrs. Doyle Farmer, Goodson, and Mrs. Emil Grant, Morrisville; a brother, Bert Alford, Buffalo; and 10 grandchildren.

AAFA NOTES: Ione F. Alford was the daughter of Robert Daniel and Sarah Ethridge Alford of the Dallas County Alford family. She married Melvin Jones in 1935. AAFA needs additional information on her children.



SAM HALLFORD

Tuesday, 7 September 1976

EL DORADO SPRINGS—Services for Sam Hallford, 57, El Dorado Springs, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church here with the Rev. G.H. Sublett officiating. Burial will be in the El Dorado Springs Cemetery under the direction of Janssens of El Dorado Springs.

Mr. Hallford died at 11:40 p.m.

Saturday in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Kansas City after a long illness.

He was a World War II Army veteran and a construction worker.

Survivors include his wife, Stella; two sons, Larry, of Branson, and Dennis, still at home; two step-sons, Bob Hightree, Andale KS and Gary Hightree, Rio Hondo TX; two brothers, Raymond of Needles CA and Jim of Kansas City; and two grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

AAFA NOTES: It is assumed that Sam is a descendant of Jesse and Rebecca Powell Hallford of the Moniteau County, MO, family since they seemed to spell their name with double l's. He may be the Samuel Hallford, age 1-1/2 in 1920, son of William Jesse and Della Aldridge Hallford of St. Clair County, MO. That Sam did have a brother named Raymond but if there was a Jim in the family, he was born after 1920. Any further information on Sam and his family would be appreciated.

CAROL DIANE ALFORD CLARK

Sunday, 19 September 1976

Services for Mrs. Carol Diane Clark, 29, of 3012 North East, will be at 3 p.m. Monday in Ralph Thieme Chapel with Dr. Herbert Hillmee officiating. Burial will be in East Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Clark was killed late Thursday [Sept. 16] when a small sports car in which she was riding was crushed by a 2 1/2 ton dairy truck at Kearney and Glenstone here in Springfield.

Mrs. Clark who was a dental assistant is survived by her husband, Rex; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Alford, 939 North Fairfax; two sisters,

Mrs. Paula Scida, Kansas City, and Mrs. Vicky O'Neal, Portland OR; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Wilma York, Camdenton; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Alford, Lebanon, and maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Maude Swearingen, Maranatha Manor.

AAFA NOTES: Carol Diane Alford was the eldest daughter of Dale and Peggy Alford, born Feb. 28, 1947, in Springfield. She was first married to Edwin Louis Matthews in April, 1973, but was divorced in 1974. She married Rex Lee Clark in April of 1975. They had no children. Her two sisters, Paula Jean (born 1950) and Vicki Lynn (born 1954) are the remaining children of Dale Alford whose first wife died in April, 1994. He married Sylvia Maxine Hendrix in Dec., 1994. These are descendants of the Wright County Alfords.

BUELL ALFORD

Monday, 20 December 1976

BUFFALO—Services for Buell Alford, 44, McCune, KS, formerly of Buffalo, will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Montgomery Chapel here with Rev. Larry James officiating. Burial will be in New Hope Cemetery north of here.

Mr. Alford died at 3 a.m. Sunday in Mount Carmel Hospital, Pittsburg KS, after a long illness.

He was a veteran of the Korean War and had been a partner in Jarboe-Lackey Feed Lot.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma; a son, Edward of Parsons KS, a daughter, Connie, still at home; his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Alford, Springfield; and a sister, Mrs. Maxine Rimby, Fort Scott, KS.

AAFA NOTES: Buell was the son of Thomas R. and May Smith Alford of the Dallas County Alfords. His mother died in 1955. He married Thelma Noland, May 10, 1953, and they had

Edward (1954) and Connie. Is his widow the Thelma Alford who married David Don Weatherly in 1981 and then was divorced in 1984, both in Springfield?

**WINNIE ALFORD
 LINDSEY ATCHLEY**

Monday, 6 June 1977

LOUISBURG—Mrs. Winnie Alford Atchley, 75, a lifelong Louisburg [Dallas County] resident, died at noon Sunday in her home after a long illness.

Survivors include her husband Harry.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Cation Chapel with the Rev. Wesley J. Pulus officiating. Burial will be in Louisburg Cemetery, north of Buffalo under direction of Cation of Buffalo.

AAFA NOTES: Winnie Alford Lindsey was actually not an Alford but the daughter of Daniel Arthur and Elizabeth Alford Lindsey. Alford was Winnie's middle name. She married Harry Atchley and they had no children. He died June 22, 1987. These are descendants of the Dallas County Alfords.

**MABEL CATHERINE
 ALFORD MCMULLIN**

Tuesday, 11 October 1977

ROGERSVILLE—Mrs. Mabel Catherine McMullin, 61, Route 2, Rogersville, died at 6 a.m. today in St. John's Hospital, Springfield, after a long illness.

A native of Greene County, Mrs. McMullin was a former employee of C.R. Anthony Clothing Stores and was last employed with General Electric, both in Springfield. She was a member of Mentor Baptist Church, south of

Springfield.

Surviving are her husband, Stanley; a daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Porter, 1454 East Berkeley; a son, Richard, of Salina KS; a sister, Mrs. Reba Bayliss, Phoenix, AZ; three brothers, Earl and Kenneth Alford, both of Springfield, and Cecil Alford, Rogersville; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Greenlawn Battlefield South with the Revs. Hubert Swearingin and John Spence officiating. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery. The family will be at the funeral home from 7-8 p.m. tomorrow.

AAFA NOTES: Mabel Alford was the daughter of James Henry and Ella Young Alford of the Greene County Alfords.

**CRETE M. HALFORD
 DOBBS**

Monday, 10 July 1978

OZARK—Mrs. Crete M. Dobbs, 78, a former Christian County resident, died at 1:15 p.m. Saturday in Methodist Medical Hospital, St. Joseph.

Mrs. Dobbs lived west of Chadwick for many years before moving to Wichita in 1959 after the death of her husband, Don. Mrs. Dobbs, a member of the First Assembly of God in Wichita, moved to St. Joseph in November, 1977.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Doris Ann Karleskint, St. Joseph and Mrs. Mary Frances Riley, Wichita KS; a brother Raymond Halford, Blair NE; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements will be announced by Harris of Ozark.

AAFA NOTES: Crete M. Halford was the daughter of Elihu Bufurd and Melvina F. Halford of the Ozark County family of William Luker and Susan Caroline Walker Halford. Her

family seems to have always missed the Soundex 1900-1920. They were found on the actual listings in 1910 at which time she was ten years old, listed as Credea M.

EDDIE LLOYD ALFRED

Friday, 16 February 1979

AVA—Services for Eddie Lloyd Alfred, 26, Ava, will be Saturday in Houston TX. Cremation will follow the services. Mr. Alfred died at 11 p.m. Tuesday when a rifle he was cleaning discharged. Douglas County Coroner Logan Brown said Alfred was killed by a bullet from the rifle, and ruled that the death was accidental.

Simmons is in charge of local arrangements.

AAFA NOTES: The identity of this Alfred line is unknown at this time. It is assumed that his family was from Houston. He may have been related to the Springfield Alfred family (Carl G.) but no such connection is known.

MURIAL "DOLLY" MELVIN ALFORD

Sunday, 17 June 1979

NIANGUA—Services for Mrs. Dolly Alfred, 69, Niangua, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Fraker Chapel, Marshfield, with the Revs. Jerry Jones and Jeff Bennett officiating. Burial will be in Prospect Cemetery.

Mrs. Alfred died at 6:50 p.m. Saturday in the Cox Medical Center, Springfield, after a long illness. She was a member of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, Grovespring.

Survivors include her husband, Bid; a son, Glen, Lebanon; a brother, Eugene Melvin, Alameda CA; a sister, Mrs. Vera Abbott, Aztec NM, and one grandchild.

The family will be in the funeral

home from 7:30 to 8:30 tonight.

AAFA NOTES: Dolly married Oreth Alford, the youngest son of Jesse H. and Hulda Wilkinson Alford of the Wright County Alford, sometime after 1925. Glen was their only child.

IDA ALFORD

Saturday, April 4, 1981

Services for Mrs. Ida Alford, 93, of 711 Chicago, will be at 2 p.m. today in Boulevard Baptist Church with the Rev. W.L. Murdaugh officiating. Burial will be in Bellview Cemetery under the direction of Klingner Mortuary.

Mrs. Alford died Wednesday in Springfield MediCenter after a two-month illness.

Survivors include two sons, Harold and Gerald, both of Fair Grove; a daughter, Mrs. Roberta Leach, Fair Grove; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

AAFA NOTES: This is the widow of James Edmund Alford who died in 1952. His family has not been identified, although in the 1920 census, he seems to have been born in TX with parents who were born in KY and MS??

EULA FOLAND ALFORD

Sunday, 27 June 1982

CHICO, CA—Memorial services for Eula Foland Alford, 61, Chico, CA, were Saturday afternoon in Chico.

Mrs. Alford died at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Enlow Hospital, Chico, after a long illness. She grew up in Stone County and moved to California in the 1940's.

Survivors include her husband, J.S.; two sons, Larry and Robert, both of the state of California; and five sisters, Mrs. Lera Leonard and Mrs. Zola Eutsler, both of Springfield, Mrs.

Luella Schupbach, Spokane, Mrs. Dorothy Perkins, Billings, and Mrs. Mildred Parsons, Sheldon.

AAFA NOTES: Information leading to the identity of this family would be most welcome.

EARL L. ALFORD

Thursday, 23 June 1983

Earl L. Alford, 79, Springfield, died at 2:41 p.m. Wednesday in Cox Medical Center after a sudden illness.

A salesman, Mr. Alford was a member of the High Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie; a son Paul, Springfield; two brothers, Kenneth, Springfield, and Cecil, Rogersville; and a sister, Mrs. Reba Bayliff, of the state of Arizona.

Services will be announced by Klingner Mortuary.

AAFA NOTES: See the next 2 notices.

JESSIE HAMMOND ALFORD

Tuesday, 28 June 1983

Jessie Alford, 76, Springfield, died at 3 p.m. Monday in Cox Medical Center after a short illness.

A native of Highlandville [Christian County], Mrs. Alford was a Springfield resident most of her life and a member of the High Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Paul, Springfield; three brothers, Dewey Hammond, Bellingham, WA, and Clyde and Glenn Hammond, both of Everett, WA; and two sisters, Mrs. Verna Bilyeu, Springfield, and Mrs. Pauline Stickler, Lewiston, ID.

Klingner Mortuary will announce arrangements.

AAFA NOTES: See the next notice for both Earl and Jessie.

**JESSIE HAMMOND
ALFORD
EARL ALFORD**

Wednesday, 29 June 1983

Double funeral services for Jessie Alford, 76, and Earl Alford, 79, both of Springfield, will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Klingner Chapel with the Revs. David Cavin and Ron Jones officiating. Burial will be in Maple Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Alford died at 3 p.m. Monday in Cox Medical Center after a short illness.

Mr. Alford died June 22 in Cox Medical Center after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Visitation will be from 6:30 to 7:30 today in the funeral home.

AAFA NOTES: These were Earl L. and Jessie Hammond Alford of the Greene County Alford families. He was born in 1905 and was the first child of James Henry and Ella Young Alford. He married Jessie Hammond, Aug. 9, 1924, in Rogersville, MO. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1974. Paul Alford was their only child. It is not known whether he married or had children.

JAMES VOIN ALFORD

REPUBLIC MONITOR
Thursday, 14 July 1983

Funeral services were held July 12 in Oroville CA, for Jim Alford, 39, Oroville, who died July 7 from a massive heart attack.

Mr. Alford attended Republic High School from 1960 to 1962, when he graduated. He was a member of the varsity basketball team.

He is survived by his parents,

Maurice and Ruth Alford, Oroville, who formerly operated Stuckey's on Highway 60, east of Republic; his wife; and three children.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Jim Alford Memorial Fund, c/o Congregational Church, 1715 Bird, Oroville, CA 95965 or to M.M. Alford, 453 Silverleaf Drive, Oroville, CA 95965.

AAFA NOTES: This is James Voin Alford, a Dallas County Alford descendant, grandson of Matthew and Naomi Bray Alford, and son of Maurice Melvin and Dora Pendergraft Alford. He married Debra Jeanne Barr in 1968. The first 2 children are Aaron Todd Alford and Nicole Ruth Alford. The name of their third child is not known.

**BERTRAM NOAH
"BERT" ALFORD**

Thursday, 23 February 1984

BUFFALO—Bertram Noah "Bert" Alford, 67, Buffalo, died at 3:45 a.m. Wednesday in Valley Baptist Medical Center, Harlingen, TX, of an apparent heart attack.

A retired, self-employed trucker, Mr. Alford was a member of First Baptist Church and Buffalo Saddle Club. He was a veteran of World War II in which he was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred; three daughters, Mrs. Jacquelyn J. Beck, Kingsville, and Mrs. Janice S. Bramwell and Mrs. Patricia M. Donley, both of Buffalo; five grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Eugene Roberts officiating. Burial will follow in Reynolds Cemetery.

AAFA NOTES: Bertram Noah was a Dallas County Alford, son of Robert

Daniel and Sarah Ethridge Alford. He married Mildred Stafford about 1940.

EVERETT ALFORD

Wednesday, 23 May 1984

Also published in the *MARSHFIELD [MO] MAIL*
Thursday, 24 May 1984

LEBANON—Services for Everett Alford, 89, Lebanon, will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Palmer-Pickering Chapel with the Rev. Lawrence Clark officiating. Burial will follow in Prospect Cemetery.

Mr. Alford died of natural causes at 7:30 p.m. Monday [May 21] in Cox Medical Center, Springfield.

Survivors include his wife, Ila; a son, Dale, Springfield; a daughter, Mrs. Lena York, state of Washington; a brother Bid, Grovespring; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

AAFA NOTES: Everett was the son of Jesse H. and Hulda Wilkinson Alford of the Wright County Alfords. He married Ila Jane Latimer, Feb. 5, 1919, in Wright County. They had a couple of sons who died young and two children who survived to adulthood, Dale and Lena.

KENNETH RAY ALFORD

Friday, 5 October 1984

Services for Kenneth Ray Alford, 63, Springfield, will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Herman Lohmeyer Chapel with the Rev. Steve McQueen officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Park Cemetery.

Mr. Alford died at 12:14 a.m. Thursday in St. John's Regional Health Center after a short illness. A butcher with Smitty's Market, he was a member of Bible Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Frances; two sons, Robert, Oceania, VA, and David, Monett; a daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Lynn Coulter, Tampa FL; a brother, Cecil, Rogersville; a sister, Mrs. Reba Bayliff, Sun City, AZ; and six grandchildren.

AAFA NOTES: Kenneth was the youngest son of James Henry and Ella Young Alford of the Greene County Alford, born after the 1920 census. His sister Mabel (1977) and his brother Earl (1983) were already deceased as were his parents (1958 and 1968). He was first married to Helen Irene Rathbun who was the mother of the three children named here. She died in 1961. He married Frances _____ sometime after that.

JENNIE ALFORD BOYD

Tuesday, 18 February 1985

ROGERSVILLE—Services for Jennie Boyd, 82, Route 2, Rogersville, will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Marsh Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Louis Caddell officiating. Burial will be in Palmetto Cemetery northwest of Rogersville.

Mrs. Boyd died at 12:52 a.m. Monday in Springfield General Hospital after a long illness.

A homemaker, she was a member of United Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband, Rennie, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

AAFA NOTES: Jennie Alford was the daughter of George Monroe and Florence Beatie Alford who married in 1901. She was born Aug. 17, 1902, and married Rennie Boyd, Nov. 7, 1920. None of their children survived to adulthood. Her parents divorced and she is buried near her mother. She was not mentioned in her father's obituary (1957).

MARVIN ALFORD

Tuesday, 23 July 1985

PLAD—Marvin Alford, 83, Route 1, Tunas, died at 10:29 p.m. Sunday at Springfield General Hospital after a short illness. The body was cremated and no services are planned.

Cremation was under the direction of Cantion Funeral Home, Buffalo.

He was a lifelong resident of Dallas County and a farmer. Survivors include two brothers, Natt, Tunas, and Parker, Buffalo; and a sister, Grace Knight, Lee's Summit.

AAFA NOTES: Marvin Alford was the son of Robert Franklin and Lizzie Maddux of the Dallas County family. He was married to and divorced from Beulah Beck, but no dates are known at his time. They had no children.

PATRICIA M. HALLFORD

Tuesday, 24 December 1985

Patricia M. Hallford, 65, Los Gatos, CA, died Dec. 21 in her home.

She is the loving wife of Carl; devoted mother of Jeff and Greg Hallford, both of San Jose CA, and

Sherry Gorham, Sacramento CA; beloved daughter of Ruth Rohma, Springfield; and dearest sister of Fred Rohma, Springfield. She is a native of Lost Springs KS.

Private memorial services were held in Los Gatos. The body was cremated and the ashes scattered at sea off the coast of Maui.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation. For further information, call Darling-Fischer Chapel of the Hills, Los Gatos CA, 408-354-7740.

AAFA NOTES: This is possibly the wife of Carl Halford, born about 1913, who was the son of Serrel W. and Rosa M. Halford. When Rosa died in 1962 (Serrel died 1953), her son Carl lived in Norman OK. Patricia's parents were William Clyde and Ruth Rohma/Rohman of Springfield, MO, and in 1948 when William Clyde died, this Carl lived in Richmond CA, so maybe Carl is from a different Halford family.

VELMA SYMANTHA ALFORD STREET

Sunday, 9 November 1986

Services for Velma Symantha Street, 70, Springfield, will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Wood Funeral Chapel, Hartville. Burial will be in Steele Memorial Cemetery, Hartville.

Mrs. Street died at 9:45 a.m. Friday in Americana-Fremont Healthcare Center.

The casket will be closed at all times.

AAFA NOTES: This is Velma S. Alford, daughter of Claude Harrison and Georgia L. Alford of the Wright County Alford. Although no children are mentioned here, her husband's obituary in 1984, mentioned a son J.D. Street and a daughter [Mrs. ?], both of Springfield. ❖



Maine Marriages, 1892-1909

By Pamela Alford Thompson, Editor

From "Index to Maine Marriages 1892-1966," *Maine State Archives*. <http://www.state.me.us/sos/arc/archives/genealog/marriage.htm> (21 Oct 1996)

From the Web site:

This index was obtained from the Maine Department of Human Services, Office of Data Research and Vital Statistics. While subject to data entry errors, it serves as a reference resource for records held in the Archives (1892-1922) and for general information about these marriages through 1966.

One may search on each of the following fields: Bride's Name, Bride's Town/City of Residence; Groom's Name, Groom's Town/City of Residence; Year of Marriage....

To order a copy of a specific marriage record 1892-1922, send an e-mail request to jeffrey.brown@state.me.us. We will confirm and indicate the actual fee by e-mail. The basic fee for searching and copying marriage records is \$6.00 for a plain copy and \$10.00 for a certified copy.

Comments about the site from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, Vol. 1 No. 41 - October 21, 1996:

While the site has a title of "Index to Maine Marriages 1892-1966" I found that the years 1910 through 1949 are not yet available online.... [We will publish the 1910-1966 list later.]

I did a number of other searches and found that about 50% of the records I expected were actually available. Many marriage records that should have been there were not.... I was surprised to find that even the records of the 1950s and 1960s were rather incomplete. The marriage records for my older brother and older sister were not listed....

Bride and groom indexes searched for the following spelling variations: Alford, Alvord, Allford, Halford, Hallford, Alfred.

ALFORD, ABBOTT E.

Bride's Name	BARKER, LENA E.
Bride's Town, State	OLD TOWN, ME
Groom's Name	ALFORD, ABBOTT E.
Groom's Town, State	OLD TOWN, ME
Marriage Date	9 Jan 1894

ALFRED, LAROCHE

Bride's Name	TERRIEN, GEORGIANNA
Bride's Town, State	LEWISTON, ME
Groom's Name	ALFRED, LAROCHE
Groom's Town, State	LEWISTON, ME
Marriage Date	9 Jan 1905

ALFRED, LORE

Bride's Name	CRAFT, BLANCHE A.
Bride's Town, State	ENFIELD, ME
Groom's Name	ALFRED, LORE
Groom's Town, State	ENFIELD, ME
Marriage Date	13 Nov 1896

HALFORD, ARTHUR R.

Bride's Name	MUNROE, EMELINE W.
Bride's Town, State	CAMDEN, ME
Groom's Name	HALFORD, ARTHUR R.
Groom's Town, State	CAMDEN, ME
Marriage Date	24 Nov 1903

HALFORD, DANIEL

Bride's Name	PELLETIER, MARY
Bride's Town, State	LITTLE BLACK, ME
Groom's Name	HALFORD, DANIEL
Groom's Town, State	LITTLE BLACK, ME
Marriage Date	18 Feb 1896

HALFORD, MINNIE M.

Bride's Name	HALFORD, MINNIE M.
Bride's Town, State	LIMERICK, ME
Groom's Name	SANDERSON, BURTON W.
Groom's Town, State	LIMERICK, ME
Marriage Date	3 July 1907

HALFORD, PERCIVAL N.

Bride's Name	DECROW, LENA M.
Bride's Town, State	CAMDEN, ME
Groom's Name	HALFORD, PERCIVAL N.
Groom's Town, State	CAMDEN, ME
Marriage Date	29 Aug 1906 ❖

The Lost Graves: The Search Continues

By Grady H. Wilson, AAFA #830

See also the articles by Robin Alford Sterling, AAFA #320, in *AAFA ACTION*: "The Lost Graves," September 1990, pp. 38-43, "The Lost Graves—Epilogue 1," December 1990, p. 38, and "Marshall Alford of Winston Co., AL, 1905-1996," Summer 1996, pp. 3-6.

About a year ago my daughters and I renewed the effort to find the grave of Spire W. Alford. Becca Wilson Sheehan, her husband William "Bill", their children Christopher and Nicholas Sheehan, Sheila Wilson Beckett, her daughter Kerry Beckett and I spent a four-day weekend, September 20-23, 1996, traveling to and from Spire's old property site. This project has taken on the character of a good novel. The plot is unfolding as we read about Spire and his family from others who have knowledge and/or did research and shared it with us, from the research we did of old court house records, and the actual physical search of the property. It is as if we are living a novel, and I guess in reality we are. The end is not in sight and yet to be written, but we hope to be present when it is.

Our lineage to Spire is in the following descending order of offspring.

Spire W. Alford
Alexander M. Alford
Odessa Alford Wilson
Marlin G. Wilson
Grady H. Wilson
Sheila Wilson Beckett and Becca Wilson Sheehan

Bill, Becca and Sheila have expended an extraordinary amount of energy, effort and time in researching the Archives of the Texas General Land Office in Austin and Cass

County Court House for old records, trying to find out as much about Spire, his house, grave site, and anything else that might be of interest. Bill and Sheila made numerous phone calls, getting permission to go on the property, talking to people who could tell us about where the graves are, etc.

One of the people contacted was a Mr. [David] Thomas, who appeared to be sixty-five plus years old. He walked us up the road from his house to a place where he pointed at ninety degrees from the road and said "the graves were about hundred yards in there." He said he and his sisters played around the graves when they were kids. He also said two guys from Alabama came over a few years ago and offered him a hundred dollar bill if he would show them where the graves were. He went with them but could not find the graves. He said he looked for the graves sometime later, just after they cut the timber off the area last year or the year before, but he was not able to find them then.

After cutting and lashing our way through the underbrush and into the woods for more than a hundred yards, we could not find any tree trimmings and stumps that looked a year or two old. What we did find was rotted stumps and trimmings that had already decomposed and become part of the compost that was six to ten inches thick above the soil (sand). I am sure Mr. Thomas lost track of time. It made us wonder if he had also lost his sense of direction and distance.

We were told two or three stories about the size and height of the fence around the graves after most of the stones were removed to line the Cornett's cellar. The Cornett home was built before 1920 and could have been built over the top of Spire's home

site. A tornado blew the Cornett house away in 1920 and they rebuilt in a different location. We are looking into getting an abstract title search of Spire's old property with the hope of answering some of the questions.

We located the Cornett's old home site and found what we think was the cellar by pushing a machete into the ground every foot or so feeling for rocks or anything different than sand. We excavated an area about four by six feet and about two to sixteen inches deep. We found old bricks that were soft and in an advanced state of decomposure. We found flat ironrocks of the type that were used to build the fence around the graves. We also found parts of what I think is vintage 1800 to 1900 stoneware cups and plates and two parts that made up about fifty percent of a glass oil lamp of about the same vintage. We were afraid to excavate any further without permission. We brought the stoneware, glass and one of the ironrocks back home with us.

An old timer at the lodge where we were staying told us that a six pound ironrock like the ones we found at the cellar had about four pounds of iron in it. We are going to test the ironrock to see if a metal detector can locate ironrocks ten or more inches deep. If it can detect ironrocks that deep, then we are going to take one with us the next time we go there. We will try to find the fence around the graves. In our search of the site, from the blacktop road (FM 250) to Bear Creek, we could not find any rocks of any kind on the property with the tools we had with us, except the ones at the cellar and at Bear Creek.

Bill and Becca bought a new four wheel drive Jeep—prompted by,

(Continued on p. 38)

Alfords in Periodicals

By Pam Thompson, Editor

Electric Library from Infonautics, Inc. (Wayne, PA) is an online research service [www.education.elibrary.com] that allows a search through a large collection of source documents and photographs, including more than 900 full-text newspapers and periodicals. Following are excerpts from some of the periodical articles found by doing a search for ALFORD.



H.E. "GENE" ALFORD

NATIONAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
1 June 1995, p. 34

NSPA: The first fifty years
By Craig Frisby

1995 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the National Society of Public Accountants....

The July issue of *National Public Accountant* will be a special anniversary issue, entirely devoted to the history of NSPA. Below is an excerpt from that history....

Oklahoma City—1945-1949

.... The first official act of the new organization was a meeting of the Board of Governors called by President Hill for December 1 in Memphis, Tennessee. Named to serve in their districts until the first Annual Conven-

tion in 1946 were **H.E. Alford** (Pacific) [etc.]....

The National Society was incorporated December 11, 1945, under the laws of the State of Delaware as a nonprofit corporation....

Membership

.... An excellent and detailed California plan proposed by **Gene Alford** on the how-to's of local organization was followed with startling success....

Gene Alford and Jack Currans were elected at the 1946 Convention in Cleveland as vice presidents. Membership and state organizational activities west of the Mississippi were assigned to **Gene Alford** while Jack Currans was in charge of Eastern states....

SANDY ALFORD

THE ECONOMIST
25 July 1992, p. 62

Sugar and spice
By Nicholas Russell

"New" and "improved" beauty products pour out of the laboratories and onto television screens in an endless stream. So do franchise "opportunities". Some of them even work. Some don't. Still, here is one with a difference. **Sandy Alford's** gimmick is sugar. Not an obvious money-spinner in an era when many people are phobic about the stuff. But **Ms. Alford**, a beauty consultant in Los Angeles, is not trying to get her clients to eat it, but to use it to remove body hair.

.... Founded in 1989, her firm, Alexandria, already has 74 "body sugar" salons in Canada and America. In the past year, she says, it made \$500,000, on sales of \$1.5m....

Ms. Alford, who had no previous experience of running a firm, picked up the idea from an Egyptian friend. Egyptian women, she says, have been using sugar for hair removal for centuries. Franchises for "body sugar" salons, where "skilled practitioners stroke the sweetener on for quick, no-hassle results", are available from Alexandria at \$25,000 each. The company hopes to have 340 salons operating by the end of this year, including some in Germany and Britain as well as North America....

SHERRY, MARK, & CHRISTOPHER ALFORD

FARMER COOPERATIVES
Published by Superintendent of Documents
1 Dec 1995, p. 11

Tour Reveals Common Challenges Facing California Co-ops
By Dan Campbell, Editor

.... **Sherry Alford** keeps a close eye on the dozen or so youngsters gleefully swinging, climbing, twisting and turning on the playground equipment outside the Hansel and Gretel Parents Participation Nursery School in El Sobrante, Calif. One of the smiling, giggling faces is that of her four-year-old son, **Christopher**. He may not know it, but Christopher is carrying on a family tradition. Sherry's husband, **Mark**, was a preschool student at the cooperative 32 years ago. Based on his own happy memories of the preschool experience here, Mark and Sherry decided to enroll Christopher in Hansel and Gretel last year.

The **Alfords** pay just \$90 a month for three hours of preschool each weekday morning for Christopher. They also perform 20 hours of

work each month at the school, which includes attendance at a two-hour parents' class and performing three hours of work in the classroom each week. Both of the **Alfords** work, so they divide the classroom time among themselves....



GEORGE ALFORD, JR.

EDITOR & PUBLISHER

23 Apr 1994, p. 66

Newspeople in the News

By Ian E. Anderson

.... **George Alford Jr.**, employee relations manager and chief labor relations negotiator at the [Atlanta, GA] *Journal and Constitution*, was named personnel director....

WILLIAM ROBERT "RED" ALFORD

SCIENCE NEWS

19 Sept 1992, p. 182

Primality tests: An infinity of exceptions

By I. Peterson

As the consummate escape artist of his generation, magician Harry Houdini was famous for slipping out of what looked like inescapable predicaments—even when tightly bound, handcuffed, and locked in a trunk. Certain numbers display a similar slipperiness, eluding the ingenious snares set by mathematicians bent on distinguishing prime numbers from composite numbers as quickly and

efficiently as possible.

So-called Carmichael numbers rank at the top of the sneakiness chart. Though rare, they can confound tests based on Pierre de Fermat's "little theorem," passing for prime numbers—those divisible only by themselves and one—when they really represent several smaller numbers multiplied together.

Now a trio of mathematicians at the University of Georgia in Athens has proved there are infinitely many Carmichael numbers. Their proof settles an issue that dates back to 1910, when mathematician R.D. Carmichael first uncovered such numbers, computed 15 examples, and stated without proof that "this list might be indefinitely extended."

The new proof, which represents the work of **William R. (Red) Alford**, Andrew Granville, and Carl Pomerance, also highlights the intrinsic inadequacy of certain types of tests employed within various widely used commercial computer programs for rapidly verifying that a given number is prime. Knowing whether a number is prime plays a key role in several cryptographic schemes for assuring computer security (SN: 9/7/91, p.148).

"The result itself is not surprising," says mathematician Hugh C. Williams of the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. "What's interesting is that now there is a proof, and the proof is actually quite short, very elegant, very clever."

Granville describes the steps leading to the proof in the September *NOTICES OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY*.

The simplest way of determining primality is by trial division—dividing the given number by every number between 2 and the square root of the given number. If these trial divisors all leave a remainder, then the given number must be a prime. That's easy to do with small numbers, such as 107 or 11,035, but impossibly time-consuming for, say, 100-digit numbers.

In 1640, Fermat noticed a certain arithmetical relationship that pointed to a potential shortcut for culling lists of numbers. He discovered that if a number n is prime, then n divides evenly into b to the n th power. Thus, for $n = 11$ and $b = 2$, 2 to the 11th power— $2 = 2,046$, and 11 divides evenly into 2,046. This works for all prime numbers.

If there is a remainder, the given number is composite. However, a few composite numbers also leave no remainder for one or more choices of b , and Carmichael numbers comprise those even rarer composite numbers that pass as prime numbers no matter what value of b is chosen.

In other words, Fermat's test provides a remarkably efficient means of establishing that a given number hundreds of digits long is composite. But because certain numbers slip through, it can't serve as a definitive test of primality.

"This has made things very frustrating for primality testers," Williams says. "Although we have ways now of getting around this, it turns out the nicest, simplest way of attempting to get a primality test fails utterly because of the Carmichael numbers."

How common are Carmichael numbers? The smallest is 561. There are only 43 smaller than 1 million, and a total of 105,212 among the first 10 to the 15th power whole numbers.

Until the beginning of this year, Carmichael numbers seemed both scarce and hard to find. Then **Alford** discovered a surprisingly simple, practical method for identifying Carmichael numbers in vast quantities. "He found a way to produce huge numbers of Carmichael numbers with hardly any work," Pomerance says. "It worked out beautifully."

The ease with which it was possible to demonstrate the existence of so many Carmichael numbers spurred **Alford's** colleagues to return to the long-standing question of whether there was an unlimited supply

of these numbers. "Certain faculty members, here at the University of Georgia, taunted the number theory group that ... surely **Alford's** idea should provide sufficient impetus to finally prove that there are infinitely many Carmichael numbers," Granville says. "And indeed it did."...

AAFA NOTES: William Robert Alford was born Jul 21 1937, MS.

Parents

2. Eddie Pennington Alford born Mar 02 1904, Scott County, MS, married Aug 30 1928, Mamie Clayton Weems. Eddie died in 1977, Smith County, MS, buried: Carr Cemetery, Smith Co., MS.

3. Mamie Clayton Weems born Jul 08 1907, died Dec __ 1974.

Grandparents

4. William Allen Alford born Aug 02 1867, Scott County, MS, married Oct 12 1890, in Scott County, MS, Sallie Paul. William died Oct 9 1930, MS.

5. Sallie Paul born Jul 28 1872, AL, died Jan 01 1923, Scott County, MS.

Great-Grandparents

8. Brittian Washington Alford (Spire⁶, Brittain⁵, Isham⁴, Lodwick³, James², John¹) born Jan 10 1843, Leake County, MS, married Aug 1 1866, in Scott County, MS, Mary Frances Emily Lindsey. Brittian died Oct 20 1877, Scott County, MS, buried: Mt Olive Baptist, Cemetery Scott Co., MS.

9. Mary Frances Emily Lindsey born Feb 27 1850, Scott County, MS, died May 17 1935, Scott County, MS, buried: Mt Olive Cemetery, Scott Co., MS.



WAVERLY ALFORD

EMERGE
31 Oct 1995, p. PG

Helping Brothers In Need:
Activists across the country are reaching out to troubled youth
By Darrell Dawsey

At a community center on Detroit's east side, inside a cramped classroom, talk among teenage boys has shifted to death.

Fourteen-year-old Kemp Weathers is querying his 25 classmates on the prospect of dying for their convictions. Tall, muscular and stoic behind wire-frame glasses, Weathers wants to know what they would do if confronted with an armed rival about what they believed. Who would stand and scrap? Who would cut and run?

He doesn't bother to wait.

"I know how I feel," he announces, thumping his chest. "If it was something I had to do, if it was something for my family, a matter of life or death, couldn't nobody stop me from trying to do it. Nobody. If they had a gun, they'd just have to kill me."

Waverly Alford scowls. The 18-year-old is not buying it. He thrusts a meaty arm into the air, lips brimming with protest. Standing in front of a chalkboard, Michael Cross, now the former director of the local Urban League's Male Responsibility Program, smiles. This is only the second session for this group of program participants, but already the discussion is vigorous. Cross acknowledges

Alford's flailing arm.

"Man, let's be for real," **Alford** begins slowly and a bit contemptuously. "Ain't nobody in here about to stand up to somebody with a gun. I believe in doing the right thing, but ain't nobody in here trying to get killed. Nobody in here is about to run up on a guy with a gun or a bunch of boys. That's power, and if you don't have something to back you up, then you're not going to do it."...



CHARLES B. ALFORD

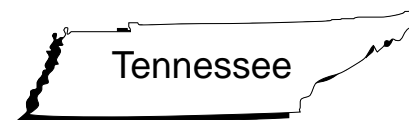
MARKETING NEWS
18 July 1994, p. 8

By Herbert Rotfeld

.... The [The George Hay Brown Marketing Scholar of the Year] awards program is financed through the perpetual Funding provided by the George Hay Brown Scholarship Trust and personal contributions from Brown.

All nominees demonstrated the exceptional scholastic achievement that is the hallmark of the program. Nominees included [among many]:

Charles B. Alford, East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C.



LINDA ALFORD

MEMPHIS BUSINESS JOURNAL
28 March 1994, p 10

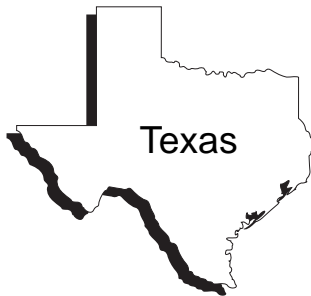
Who Needs Cash? Local Man
Writing New Scrip.
By Bruce Hansen

.... The idea of scrip machines is not new in this area, though it might as well be since they seem to be catching on so slowly here compared with the West and East coasts. They can be described as cashless automated teller machines (ATMs)....

Scrip machines work very much like ATMs, but instead of giving cash, they transfer money from the user's checking account into the merchant's account.

Linda Alford, accounts manager in the division of City Productions that sells the scrip machines, says an added advantage to the cash-strapped consumer is not having to make a stop at an ATM—and another at a service station to get gasoline....

Alford says the merchant can improve cash flow vis-a-vis sales paid for by check, as well as get a residual fee averaging around \$.25 for every transaction processed through the machine. With scrip machines, there are no charge-backs as there can be with credit cards....



BETTY ALFORD

FDA CONSUMER

1 Nov 1993, p. 28

Surprising Sources for New Foods By Bill Wagner

America has, for a long time, literally been a fertile field for the development of new food....

According to **Betty Alford**, Ph.D., Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences, Texas Women's University, "Edible cottonseed is being called 'the new staff of life.' It

contains more than four times the protein of wheat. But, more importantly, it contains all nine of the essential amino acids the human diet requires."...



GEOFFREY ALFORD

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT IN HEALTH CARE

1 Jan 1995, p. 26

Considering automated supply tellers? Crunch a few numbers first.

By John McCormack

.... Automated med-surg supply machines—similar to automated bank teller machines (ATMs)—don't come cheap....

When cost-justifications are done on supply ATMs, the results vary. For example, the ATMs didn't make the cut at St. Francis Medical Center in La Crosse, WI. "There are some benefits but not enough to offset the costs," says **Geoffrey Alford**, director of materials management. "I don't feel they're justified for med/surg supplies."

Alford acknowledges that the machines could save some hospitals money. But when he weighed the cost and potential savings against St. Francis' current piggyback label system, the numbers didn't justify leasing the machines for the 239-bed hospital.... ❖

(The Lost Graves, cont. from p. 34)

among other things, the thought of getting out in the woods looking for Spire. The Jeep has a winch on the front to pull it in and out of almost impossible places. We towed the Jeep from Houston, Texas to Spire's old property site. Bill drove the Jeep and shuttled all of us through the woods from the road to Bear Creek. That Jeep allowed us to cover more area than we otherwise would have.

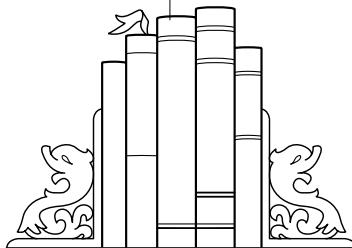
Bill found an area on the rise above Bear Creek that could have served as a corner for the foundation of a house. It was a flat ironrock with a surface of about one square yard and five or six inches thick. It looked like it could have been cut. There were other large ironrocks partially exposed in the area. We unrolled the cable from the Jeep's winch and winched two of those large ironrocks over to the one with the flat surface. We stacked them along with some smaller ones and made a monument to our expedition. In the middle of the stacked rocks is a bottle with our names and a brief note inside.

Buried deep against one of the rocks we winched was some charcoal and evidence of fire on that side of the rock. We presume that Native Americans could have camped there, even Spire or some hunters. It could also have been a forest fire that deposited the charcoal; however, there was no other evidence of fire on any of the other rocks. It was an ideal camp site, close to the creek in a forest with plenty of wild game.

At the present time we are in a state of thinking, reasoning, starting more research, testing, and planning our next on-site search. Since this project of finding Spire W. Alford is ongoing, there will be more of the story of "The Lost Graves" to come sometime in the future. We hope Spire will cooperate and quit evading everyone. ❖

Booklist Additions

The Booklist is a compilation of references to Alford's (and spelling variations) contained in books and some periodicals. Not every library has every book that contains information about Alford's. If we all work together to extract Alford data from books located across the country and centralize this information, more data is available to more Alford researchers.



Entries are organized by state and county. Each entry lists the book name and publication data followed by the name in bold print of every Alford listed on the pages that AAFA has. The page number where the name is found is listed next followed by a brief description (and sometimes the complete listing) of what information about the person is contained on the page.

Copies of any pages listed on the Booklist are available for an SASE to AAFA members (send enough postage and an appropriately sized envelope) and for ten cents per page plus an SASE to non-members from the AAFA Librarian: Nancy Alford Dietrich, P.O. Box 1838, Westport, WA 98595.

A printed copy of the 90+ page Master Booklist may be ordered for \$5 (members) and \$6 (non-members) from the AAFA Treasurer: Doris Alford Vetri, 981 Larkspur Place, N., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. The complete Master Booklist, minus the entries in this issue, is also available on the Publications page of AAFA's Web site:

<http://www.alford.com/alford/aafa/homepage.html>

If you'd like to contribute to the Booklist, photocopied pages from books may be sent to AAFA. Don't forget the title page, pertinent introductions and other interpretative material, index pages showing Alford's and variations, and any other pages you think will help understand the contents. Be sure to check for the spelling variations of ALFRED, ALLFORD, ALVORD, HALFORD, OLFORD, etc.

Once again, thanks to Ruth McNinch, AAFA #368, for extracting and typing the information from pages sent by members.

Census indexes and cemetery lists are generally not included on this list. These will be handled by their respective AAFA committees. You may send copies from such books and we will pass them on to the committees.

MULTIPLE STATES

- Doliante, Sharon J. *MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA COLONIALS: GENEALOGIES OF SOME COLONIAL FAMILIES*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1991. Title page, Index and pages that list Alford's and variations: **Betty Jean**, 1027 (b. 27 July 19__; m. Rev. Robert Ernest Brown, Jr. in Hernando, MS); **Jannie Marie**

AUFFORT, 1028 (b. 17 Apr 1938; m. 13 Aug 1965 Russell Warren Jensen).

CALIFORNIA

Tulare County—established from Mariposa, 1852

- *TULARE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, MARRIAGE RECORDS, INDEX 1853-1892*. Visalia, CA: Sequoia Genealogical Society, Inc., n.d. Title page, Index and pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Julia**, 39 (m. John W. Poe 13 Oct 1886); **Lundy**, (m. Nettie E. Lester 24 Aug 1887); **M.F.**, (m. Lillie B. Chittenden 3 Nov 1887); **Sarah**, 28 (m. Zenias Knight 20 Oct 1878).

INDIANA

Statewide or Multiple Counties

- Indiana DAR [Daughters of the American Revolution]. *INDIANA BIBLE AND FAMILY RECORDS Volumes 1-6*. Springfield, MO: Ozarks Genealogical Society, 1986. Title page, Index and pages that list Alford's and variations: **Maggie M.**, 135 (m. William J. Wood 29 Dec 1881; Martin Co.); **Sarah Lathrop ALFRED**, 36 (d. 17 Oct 1907 age 81; buried Pensacola, FL).

KENTUCKY

Mercer County—established from Lincoln, 1786

- Conover, Rebecca Wilson and Alma Ray Sanders Ison, comps. *KENTUCKY VITAL STATISTICS: MERCER COUNTY, KENTUCKY: BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES 1852-1859*. N.p.: By the authors, 1971; reprint edition, Harrodsburg, KY: Mercer County Public Library, 1983. Title, Index and all pages that list Alford's and variations: **Sarah E.**, 166 (wife of Gabe Jenkins; mother of Mary L. Jenkins b. 1856); **Mary A. ALFRED**, 203 (wife of John

Robertson; mother of Manda Robertson b. 1857), 204 (wife of J.A. Robertson; mother of Merit D. Robertson b. 1854); ; **Richard ALFRED**, 108 (b. 1852 Lawrenceburg; son of J.R. and Amanda J. Cox Alfred); **Sarah E. ALFRED**, 166 (wife of Gabriel R. Jenkins; mother of Lillard C. Jenkins b. 1855); **Sarah ALFRED**, 135 (wife of William Craig; mother of John Craig b 1858 in Washington Co.).

MARYLAND

Statewide or Multiple Counties

- Peden, Henry C., Jr. *MORE MARYLAND DEPONENTS 1716-1799*. Westminster, MD: Family Line Publications, 1992. Title page, Introduction and alphabetical entry pages that list Alford and variations: **Richard**, 2 (age 70 in 1793; age 69 in 1791; Dorchester Co.); **John ALLFORD**, 2 (no age, gave evidence in 1721; Dorchester Co.); **Joseph ALLFORD**, 2 (no age, gave evidence in 1721; Dorchester Co.); **Maccabees (Maccabus) ALLFORD**, 2 (age 53 in 1786, states he is brother of **Edward ALLFORD**; Caroline Co.); **Matt ALLFORD**, 2 (no age, gave evidence in 1717; Dorchester Co.).

Talbot County—established from Kent, 1662

- Peden, Henry C., Jr. *MARYLAND DEPONENTS 1634-1799*. Westminster, MD: Family Line Publications, 1991. Title page, Introduction and alphabetical entry page that list Alford (no variations): **Moses**, 2 (of Talbot County, aged 41 in 1773).

NORTH CAROLINA

Statewide or Multiple Counties

- Fries, Adelaide L. and Douglas LeTell Rights, eds. *RECORDS OF THE MORAVIANS IN NORTH CAROLINA Volume VIII 1823-1837*. Raleigh, NC: State Department of Archives and History, 1954. Title page, Preface, Index and one page that list Alford (no variations): **Margaret**, 4205 (m. Andrew Krauss in NC; he b. ca 1761, d. 1835).

TEXAS

Statewide or Multiple Counties

- Branda, Eldon Stephen, ed. *THE HANDBOOK OF TEXAS: A Supplement. Volume III*. Austin, TX: The Texas State Historical Association, 1976. Title page and page 17 that includes a brief biography of Needham Judge Alford. The biography was reprinted in full in "Needham Judge Alford, Methodist Preacher," *AAFA ACTION*, Summer

1996, p. 19. Alford names included are: **Needham Judge** (b. 12 July 1789 NC; m. Martha Waddell 1815 MS; d. 19 Sep 1869 in Limestone County TX); **Jacob** (Needham's father); **Elizabeth Bryant** (Needham's mother).

- Dilts, Bryan Lee, comp. *1890 TEXAS CENSUS INDEX OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS OR THEIR WIDOWS*. Salt Lake City, UT: Index Publishing, 1984. Title page and only page that list variations of Alford: **Benjamin F. HALLFORD**, 26 (resided in Paris, Lamar Co.); **Joseph B. HALLFORD**, 26 (resided in Italy, Ellis Co.).

Angelina County—est. from Nacogdoches, 1846

- Bowman, Bob, ed. *LAND OF THE LITTLE ANGEL: A HISTORY OF ANGELINA COUNTY, TEXAS*. Lufkin, TX: The Angelina County Historical Survey Committee, 1976. Title page, Index and page that list Alford (no variations): **H.C.**, 66 (organist-director at First Methodist Church, Lufkin).

Fayette County—est. from Bastrop, Colorado, 1837

- Knapik, Jane. *SCHULENBURG: 100 YEARS ON THE ROAD 1873-1973: With Brief Histories of Old Lyons and High Hill*. N.p.: Nortex Offset Publications, Inc., 1973. Title page, Index and pages that list Alford (no variations): **Delbert**, Appendix B (listed in First Vocational Agriculture Class, 1929).

Hardeman County—established from Fannin, 1858

- Neal, Bill. *THE LAST FRONTIER: THE STORY OF HARDEMAN COUNTY [TX]*. [Quanah, TX]: Quanah Tribune-Chief, 1966. Title page and pages that list Alford (no variations): **Janie Rebecca**, 90 (daughter of Thomas V. Alford and Mary Vesta Palmer; b. 1875 Oktibbeha Co., MS; m. Henry Brandon 27 Oct 1894 Cleveland, AR); **Mrs. Saphronia**, 90 (nee Ray; arrived in Quanah in 1889 when she was 19; had three sons, **Jim**, **Ruben**, and "**Flukas**"); **Thomas V.**, 90 (m. Mary Vesta Palmer; father of Janie Rebecca).

Hays County—established from Travis, 1848

- Stovall, Frances et al. *CLEAR SPRINGS AND LIME-STONE LEDGES: A HISTORY OF SAN MARCOS AND HAYS COUNTY FOR THE TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL*. N.p.: The Hays County Historical Commission, 1986. Title page, Index, and page that list variation of Alford: **Charles H. ALVORD**, 179 (bought dam on the San Marcos River in early 1900s; developed the Alvord Hydro Electric Plant; 1928 sold dam to Texas Power and Light Company.)

Knox County—est. from Young, Bexar, 1858

• Knox County History Committee. *KNOX COUNTY HISTORY*. Haskell, TX: Knox County Historical Society, 1966. Title page, Index and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Doc**, 169, 184, 190 (owned Alford's Livery Stable with his unnamed brother on Main Street, Knox City).

Lee County—established from Bastrop, Burleston, Washington, Fayette, 1874

• Killen, Mrs. James C., ed. *HISTORY OF LEE COUNTY, TEXAS*. Quanah, TX: Lee County Historical Survey Committee, 1974. Title page, Index and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Clifford**, 130 (pastor of Giddings Church 1957 to 1959); **Ellie**, 321 (m. William Edward McKeown); **Mose**, 220 (remembered as an old family of Hicks community); **Thomas**, 19 (postmaster of Evergreen, Washington Co. 1858); **Thomas**, 214 (from Georgia; owned a mercantile store in Evergreen in middle 1800s); **Winfred**, 255 (opened a livestock barn in 1930s in Lexington).

Tarrant County—established from Navaroo, 1849

• Garrett, Julia Kathryn. *FORT WORTH: A FRONTIER TRIUMPH*. Austin, TX: The Encino Press, 1972. Title page and pages that list Alford's (no variations): **J.P.**, 350 (early settler who received headright of 640 acres), 363 (listed as Private on Muster Roll of Tarrant County Rifles 1862).

Trinity County—established from Houston, 1850

• Hensley, Patricia Bartley and Joseph Woodrow Hensley. *TRINITY COUNTY BEGINNINGS*. N.p.: Trinity County Book Committee, 1986. Title page, Index and all pages that list Alford's and variations: **George F.**, T24 (Colonel, received in 1850s petition to annex part of Trinity Co. to Walker Co), T103 (county commissioner 1860-62); **Kate Garrison**, F501 (daughter of Leslie Garrison); **J.T. ALFRED**, T202 (teacher at Magnolia School pre-1940); **Jim O. ALFRED**, T202 (teacher at Magnolia School pre-1940).

Waller County—est. from Austin, Grimes, 1873

• *A HISTORY OF WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS*. N.p.: The Waller County Historical Survey Committee, 1973. Title page, Index and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Harry**, 64 [listed in Index, but not on this page]; **Harry**, 84 (b. 4 Aug 1892, son of J.P. Alford); **J.P.**, 64 (taught school at Mink Shop early 1880s). ❖



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Anonymous (2)

TOTAL: \$3254



African-American "Alfords" in the Civil War

Prepared by Pam Thompson, Editor

A database of over 230,000 names of the United States Colored Troops (USCT) was developed this year by the U.S. National Park Service. It has been made available in conjunction with the dedication of the African American Civil War Memorial. The database is available on the World Wide Web:

<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/usct.html>

Included in the records are the name, unit, and where available, rank in, rank out, and company. In addition to information about the individuals who served, brief histories of the units are included as hypertext links at the Web site. We are including only the date and place of organization here.

History of African-Americans in the Civil War

"Once let the black man get upon his person the brass letters, U.S., let him get an eagle on his button, and a musket on his shoulder and bullets in his pockets, and there is no power on earth which can deny that he has earned the right to citizenship in the United States."

Frederick Douglass

These words spoken by Frederick Douglass moved many African-Americans to enlist in the Union Army and fight for their freedom. With President Abraham Lincoln's issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862, the Civil War became a war to save the union and to abolish slavery.

Approximately 180,000 African-Americans comprising 163 units served in the Union Army during the Civil War, and many more African-Americans served in the Union Navy. Both free African-Americans and runaway slaves joined the fight.

On July 17, 1862, Congress passed two acts allowing the enlistment of African-Americans, but official enrollment occurred only after the September, 1862 issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation. In general, white soldiers and officers believed that black men lacked the courage to fight and fight well. In October, 1862, African-American soldiers of the 1st Kansas Colored Volunteers silenced their critics by repulsing attacking Confederates at the battle of Island Mound, Missouri. By August, 1863, 14 Negro Regiments were in the field and ready for service. At the battle of Port Hudson, Louisiana, May 27, 1863, the African-American soldiers bravely advanced over open ground in the face of deadly artillery fire. Although the attack failed, the black soldiers proved their capability to withstand the heat of battle....

Although black soldiers proved themselves as reputable soldiers, discrimination in pay and other areas remained widespread. According to the Militia Act of 1862, soldiers of African descent were to receive \$10.00 a month, plus a clothing allowance of \$3.50. Many regiments struggled for equal pay, some refusing any money until June 15, 1864, when Congress granted equal pay for all black soldiers....

In actual numbers, African-American soldiers comprised 10% of the entire Union Army. Losses among African-Americans were high, and from all reported casualties, approximately one-third of all African-Americans enrolled in the military lost their lives during the Civil War.

NARA Film Numbers

Alford, Alfred	M589 roll 1
Allford, Alvord	M589 roll 2
Halford, Hallford	M589 roll 36
Olford	M589 roll 65

- Alford, Alexander
3rd Battery, U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery—Organized from 1st Tennessee Heavy Artillery (African Descent). Designated 2nd United States Colored Heavy Artillery March 11, 1864, and 3rd Heavy Artillery April 26, 1864.

Rank In: Private
Company: C

- Alford, Alexander
4th Battery, U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery—Organized from 2nd Tennessee Heavy Artillery (African Descent). Designated 3rd Heavy Artillery March 11, 1864, and 4th Heavy Artillery April 26, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Corporal
Company: H

- Alford, Alexander
48th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized March 11, 1864, from 10th Louisiana Infantry (African Descent).

Rank In/Out: Private/Corporal
Company: H

- Alford, Edmund
12th Battery, U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery—Organized at Camp Nelson, Ky., July 15, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: D

- Alford, Elijah
116th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—no history located.

Rank In/Out: Private/Sergeant
Company: H

- Alford, Elijah
11th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry (Old)—Organized at Fort Smith, Ark., December 19, 1863, to March 3, 1864.

Rank Out: Private
Company: C

- Alford, Hack
4th Battery, U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery—Organized from 2nd

Tennessee Heavy Artillery (African Descent). Designated 3rd Heavy Artillery March 11, 1864, and 4th Heavy Artillery April 26, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Sergeant
Company: H

• Alford, Isaac
40th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Nashville, Tenn., February 29, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Corporal/
Sergeant
Company: C

• Alford, Jackson
64th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized March 11, 1864, from 7th Louisiana Infantry (African Descent).

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: D

• Alford, John
3rd Regiment, U.S. Colored Cavalry—Organized from 1st Mississippi Cavalry (African Descent) March 11, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: D

• Alford, Jourdan
7th Regiment, Louisiana Infantry (Colored)—Organized at New Orleans, La., for 60 days, July 10, 1863.

Rank In/Out: Sergeant/Sergeant
Company: G

• Alford, Julius
137th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Selma, Ala., April 8, 1865.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: A

• Alford, Mack
3rd Battery, U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery—Organized from 1st Tennessee Heavy Artillery (African Descent).

Rank In: Private

• Alford, Patrick
13th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-

try—Organized at Nashville, Tenn., November 19, 1863.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: A
AKA Name: Patrick Alfred

• Alford, Peter
63rd Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized March 11, 1864, from 9th Louisiana Infantry (African Descent).

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: B

• Alford, Peter
4th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Baltimore, Md., July 15 to September 1, 1863.

Rank In: Private

• Alford, Peter
3rd Battery, U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery—Organized from 1st Tennessee Heavy Artillery (African Descent). Designated 2nd United States Colored Heavy Artillery March 11, 1864, and 3rd Heavy Artillery April 26, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: B
AKA Name: Peter Alfred

• Alford, Richard
63rd Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized March 11, 1864, from 9th Louisiana Infantry (African Descent).

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: G

• Alford, Richard
69th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Pine Bluff, Duvall's Bluff and Helena, Ark., and Memphis, Tenn., December 14, 1864, to March 17, 1865.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: E

• Alford, Thomas
124th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Camp Nelson, Ky., January 1 to April 27, 1865.

Rank In/Out: Musician/Private
Company: I

• Alford, Tom
9th Battery, U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery—Organized at Clarksville and Nashville, Tenn., October 8 to November 1, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private

• Allford, Joseph
2nd Battery, U.S. Colored Light Artillery—No history file available.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: C

• Allford, Peter
88th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry (New)—Organized at Memphis, Tenn., February 20, 1865.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: H

• Alvord, Augustus
31st Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Hart's Island, N.Y., April 29, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Chaplain/
Chaplain

• Alvord, Austin W.
26th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Riker's Island, New York Harbor, February 27, 1864.

Rank In: First Lieutenant
Company: F&S

• Alvord, Henry H.
102nd Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized May 23, 1864, from 1st Michigan Colored Infantry.

Rank In/Out: First Lieutenant/
First Lieutenant
Company: C

• Alvord, John
31st Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Hart's Island, N.Y., April 29, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: I

• Halford, Fleming
44th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Chattanooga, Tenn., April 7, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private

• Halford, Robert
1st Battery, U.S. Colored Heavy
Artillery—Organized at Knoxville,
Tenn., February 20, 1864.

Company: I
AKA Name: Robert/Hafford

• Alfred, Alexander
102nd Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized May 23, 1864, from
1st Michigan Colored Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: D

• Alfred, Alfred
5th Battery, U.S. Colored Heavy
Artillery—Organized from 1st
Mississippi Heavy Artillery (African
Descent). Designated 4th Heavy
Artillery March 11, 1864, and 5th
Heavy Artillery April 26, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Musician/Private
Company: B
AKA Name: Alfred/Adam

• Alfred, Charles
96th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized April 4, 1864, from
2nd Corps de Afrique Engineers.

Rank In: Private

• Alfred, Charles
73rd Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized April 4, 1864, from
1st Corps de Afrique Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: B

• Alfred, Cooper
1st Regiment, U.S. Colored Cavalry—
Organized at Camp Hamilton, Va.,
December 22, 1863.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: E

• Alfred, Eugene
74th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized April 4, 1864, from
2nd Corps de Afrique Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Corporal
Company: DK

• Alfred, George
102nd Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized May 23, 1864, from

1st Michigan Colored Infantry.
Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: D

• Alfred, George
84th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized April 4, 1864, from
12th Corps de Afrique Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: C

• Alfred, George
87th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized April 4, 1864, from
16th Corps de Afrique Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: K

• Alfred, George
36th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized February 8, 1864,
from 2nd North Carolina Colored
Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: E

• Alfred, George
4th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—
Organized at Baltimore, Md., July
15 to September 1, 1863.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: A

• Alfred, George
95th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized April 4, 1864, from
1st Corps de Afrique Engineers.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: K

• Alfred, George
62nd Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized March 11, 1864, from
1st Missouri Colored Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: FA

• Alfred, George
87th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry
(New)—Organized November 26,
1864, by consolidation of 87th (Old)
and 96th United States Colored
Troops.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: D

• Alfred, George
87th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized April 4, 1864, from
16th Corps de Afrique Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: D
AKA Name: George/Alfred

• Alfred, George
87th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized April 4, 1864, from
16th Corps de Afrique Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: D

• Alfred, Isaac
17th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized at Nashville, Tenn.,
December 12 to 21, 1863.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: H

• Alfred, James
60th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized March 11, 1864,
from 1st Iowa Colored Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: C

• Alfred, James
10th Battery, U.S. Colored Heavy
Artillery—Organized from 1st
Corps de Afrique Heavy Artillery.
Designated 7th Regiment Heavy
Artillery April 4, 1864, and 10th
Regiment Heavy Artillery May 21,
1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: G

• Alfred, John
98th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized April 4, 1864, from
4th Corps de Afrique Engineers.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: G

• Alfred, John
21st Regiment, U.S. Colored Infan-
try—Organized from 3rd and 4th
Regiments, South Carolina Colored
Infantry, March 14, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Corporal
Company: F
AKA Name: John/Alfords

• Alfred, John
10th Battery, U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery—Organized from 1st Corps de Afrique Heavy Artillery. Designated 7th Regiment Heavy Artillery April 4, 1864, and 10th Regiment Heavy Artillery May 21, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: G

• Alfred, John
1st Battery, U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery—Organized at Knoxville, Tenn., February 20, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Corporal
Company: A

• Alfred, John
4th Regiment, U.S. Colored Cavalry—Organized from 1st Corps de Afrique Cavalry April 4, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: C

• Alfred, John
73rd Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized April 4, 1864, from 1st Corps de Afrique Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Sergeant
Company: GA

• Alfred, John
96th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized April 4, 1864, from 2nd Corps de Afrique Engineers.

• Alfred, John
92nd Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized April 4, 1864, from 22nd Corps de Afrique Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: I

• Alfred, John
102nd Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized May 23, 1864, from 1st Michigan Colored Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: H

• Alfred, John
114th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Camp Nelson, Ky., July 4, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: K

• Alfred, John
78th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized April 4, 1864, from 6th Corps de Afrique Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: G

• Alfred, Joseph
96th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized April 4, 1864, from 2nd Corps de Afrique Engineers.

• Alfred, Joseph
74th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized April 4, 1864, from 2nd Corps de Afrique Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: G

• Alfred, Joseph
73rd Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized April 4, 1864, from 1st Corps de Afrique Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Sergeant
Company: B

• Alfred, Joseph
74th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized April 4, 1864, from 2nd Corps de Afrique Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: FK

• Alfred, Manuel
76th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized April 4, 1864, from 4th Corps de Afrique Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: G

• Alfred, Moses
12th Battery, U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery—Organized at Camp Nelson, Ky., July 15, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: D

• Alfred, Peter
99th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized April 4, 1864, from 5th Corps de Afrique Engineers.

Rank In/Out: Bugler/Private
Company: C

• Alfred, Peters
6th Regiment, Louisiana Infantry (Colored)—Organized at New Orleans, La., for 60 days. July 4, 1863.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: D

• Alfred, Thomas
99th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized April 4, 1864, from 5th Corps de Afrique Engineers.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: B

• Alfred, Thomas
29th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Quincy, Ill., April 24, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private

• Alfred, William
92nd Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized April 4, 1864, from 22nd Corps de Afrique Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: E

• Alfred, William
33rd Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized February 8, 1864, from 1st South Carolina Colored Infantry.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: K

• Alfred, William
4th Regiment, U.S. Colored Cavalry—Organized from 1st Corps de Afrique Cavalry April 4, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: F

• Alfred, William
1st Regiment, South Carolina Infantry (Colored)—history file not available

Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: H

• Olford, Alexander
3th Battery, U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery—Organized at Camp Nelson, Ky., June 23, 1864.

Rank In/Out: Private/Musician
Company: C

• Olford, Anderson
51st Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized March 11, 1864, from 1st Mississippi Infantry (African Descent).
Rank In/Out: Private/Corporal
Company: I

• Olford, Franklin
5th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Camp Delaware, Ohio, August to November, 1863.
Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: D

• Olford, James
135th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Goldsboro, N. C., March 28, 1865.
Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: A

• Olford, Kalopp
63rd Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized March 11, 1864, from 9th Louisiana Infantry (African Descent).
Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: H

• Olford, Kalopp
69th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Pine Bluff, Duvall's Bluff and Helena, Ark., and Memphis, Tenn., December 14, 1864, to March 17, 1865.
Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: D

• Olford, Perry
44th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Chattanooga, Tenn., April 7, 1864.
Rank In/Out: Private/Corporal
Company: I

• Olford, Zed
136th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry—Organized at Atlanta, Ga., July 15, 1865.
Rank In/Out: Private/Private
Company: K ❖

Columbus A. Alford, 1850–1908

From Volume II, p. 1056, of *MEMOIRS OF GEORGIA Containing Historical Accounts of the State's Civil, Military, Industrial and Professional Interests, and Personal Sketches of Many of Its People* (Atlanta, GA: Southern Historical Association, 1895)

Columbus A. Alford, saw-mill proprietor, Willingham, Worth Co., Ga., is a man of affairs in the county, where for the past twenty-two years he has been actively and successfully engaged in developing her wonderful lumber resources. His large saw-mill plant at Willingham supplies an extensive foreign and coast-wise trade, and under the management of Mr. Alford has placed its owner in comparatively easy circumstances. Mr. Alford's parents resided in Wake

county, N.C., at the time of his birth, Feb. 6, 1850, where his father was a successful planter, lumberman and manufacturer of naval stores for a period of years—up to the time of his death in 1878. The son was given a good academic education and in 1871 came to Worth county, Ga., where he engaged in the manufacture of naval stores at Sumner for twelve years, thence removing to Willingham. During his residence in Worth county Mr. Alford has found time from business cares to take an active and influential part in the public life of the county, having served on the board of commissioners several years, and on the board of education, of which body he is now a member. In 1888, in appreciation of his services to the democratic party, and in recognition of his ability and worth as exemplified in his private affairs, he was nominated and elected to the state senate from the tenth district. He served in the two following sessions with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He is a member of Worth lodge No. 194, A.F. and A.M., and of Warrior lodge of the Knights of Honor. Mr. Alford has been twice married, and is the father of seven children, his first wife having been Martha A. Sumner, of Sumner, Ga., who died in 1881, leaving two children: Beulah B. and Grace F. [should be Green F(loyd)]. His second and present estimable wife was Jennie E., daughter of Benjamin Johnston, of Americus, Ga., who has borne him five children: Mattie B., Bennie L., Frankie E., Columbus A., and Earl J.

AAFA NOTE: Columbus Augustin Alford is the grandfather of Earl Johnston Alford, AAFA #518, and the great-great-grandfather of Laurie Faulk Montgomery, AAFA #760. His parents were Green Haywood Alford and Rebecca Jones. Columbus died 22 Sept 1908 in Haywood Co., NC. ❖

Fictional Halfords

Sent by Joan Hidle, from the Harper paperback book, *Almost A Lady*, by Barbara Ankrum, pp. 147–148:

“The bell over the cafe door jangled and a young couple ushered the cold air in from outside. Laughing at some private joke, the two stripped off their outerwear, greeted the other customers, and settled at a table, scooting their chairs closer together. **James Halford**, his name was—the son and apprentice of the town's harness maker, **Tom Halford**.... The girl's name was Alta, and they were only weeks away from getting married.”

NOTE from Joan: This is the only time these names are used. The story was set in Colorado Territory, 1870. The author lives in Van Nuys, CA with husband, David, and two children.

Wisconsin Land Records Before 1908

Prepared by Pam Thompson

From *Pre-1908 Homestead and Cash Entry Patents from the Bureau of Land Management's General Land Office (GLO) Automated Records Project*.
<http://searches.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/wisconsin/wisconsin.pl> (13 Jan 1997)

The land record documents in this database may be ordered from the BLM. Call them at 703-440-1600 to set up a GLO account with your Mastercard or VISA. They can then send you the images via FAX or mail, as you prefer.

An example of the full record as taken from the Bureau of Land Management

CD-ROM follows (from the first record on the list):

PATENT_L_N: ALFORD
 PATENT_F_N: BYRON
 PATENT_M_I: C
 ACCESS_NR: WI3690__.480
 SEQ_NR: 1
 TOTAL_PAGE: 1
 IMAGE_NAME: 00005785
 VOL_ID: 047
 IMAGE_TYPE: P
 DESCRIP_NR: 1
 ALIQUOT_PT: NW
 SECTION_NR: 8
 TOWNSHIP: 43 N
 RANGE: 11 W
 BLOCK_NR: 0
 MERIDAN_CD: 46

TOTAL_ACRE: 160.0000
 FRAC_SECT: N
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 DOCUMENT_N 409: 148
 MISC_DOC_N: 7 3333
 TITLE_AUTH: 251101
 SIGNATURE: Y
 SIGN_DATE: 1900/10/12
 SUBSU_RESV: N
 METES_BOUN: N
 SURVY_DATE:
 WARR_L_NAM:
 WARR_F_NAM:
 CANCEL_DOC: N
 MULT_PATEN: N
 MULT_WARR: N
 REMARKS:

Last Name	First Name	Init	Date	County	Acres
ALFORD	BYRON	C.	1900	Douglas	160.00
ALVORD	ELIPHALET	W.	1855	Waushara	0.00
ALVORD	ELIPHALET	W.	1855	Waushara	40.00
ALVORD	ELIPHALET	W.	1855	Waushara	120.00
ALVORD	ELISHA		1868	Bayfield	64.93
ALVORD	ELISHA		1869	Iron	40.00
ALVORD	ELISHA		1869	Iron	40.00
ALVORD	ELISHA		1869	Iron	40.00
ALVORD	ELISHA		1869	Iron	160.00
ALVORD	ELISHA		1870	Iron	40.00
ALVORD	ELISHA		1870	Iron	80.00
ALVORD	HARRIETT	A.	1878	Chippewa	160.00
ALVORD	HENRY		1878	Jackson or Monroe	0.00
ALVORD	HENRY		1878	Jackson or Monroe	120.00
ALVORD	JANE		1855	Crawford	80.00
ALVORD	JOSEPH		1848	Waukesha	40.00
ALVORD	JOSEPH		1849	Waukesha	40.00
ALVORD	LEVERETT	H.	1858	Crawford	0.00
ALVORD	LEVERETT	H.	1858	Crawford	40.00
ALVORD	LEVERETT	H.	1858	Crawford	40.00
ALVORD	LEVERETT	H.	1858	Crawford	40.00
ALVORD	LEVERETT	H.	1858	Crawford	40.00
ALVORD	LEVERETT	H.	1858	Crawford	66.96
ALVORD	LEVERETT	H.	1858	Crawford	66.98
ALVORD	LEVERETT	H.	1858	Crawford	80.00
ALVORD	LORENZO	D.	1878	Vernon	80.00
ALFRED	DAVID		1869	Vernon	0.00
ALFRED	DAVID		1869	Vernon	123.02
HOLFORD	EDWARD		1850	Dodge	44.73
HOLFORD	EDWARD	R.	1856	Dodge	40.00
HOLFORD	EDWARD	R.	1858	Dodge	40.00
HOLFORD	ROSINA		1850	Columbia	40.00 ❖

Letters: Robert E.L. Alfred & Ellen Alfred Chase

Compiled by Robert E. Alfred, Jr., #844, with introduction by Lynn D. Shelley, #484.

Introduction

While living in Morgantown, WV, I researched VA and WV Alford/Alfred families, but was not able to make contact with many descendants. In September 1995, after moving to Missouri, a letter was forwarded from my old address to my present home in Springfield from Robert E. "Bob" Alfred of Newport News, VA. He was a descendant of Lewis County, WV, Alfreds, and was interested in genealogy!! Later in 1995, AAFA was contacted by Curtis Kimball, #809, of Orange, MA, who was also researching his Alfred family from VA. Bob had made me aware of letters that were sent between his father, Robert E.L. Alfred, and Curtis' aunt, Ellen Alfred Chase, primarily during the 1940's. Ellen Alfred Chase was a librarian at the Newberry Library in Chicago, IL, during this time and had been researching her family for quite some time. It is very interesting to see the cooperation and collaboration of these two and to also see how many VA families are touched upon in their research. The relation between Bob's and Curtis' families has yet to be proved, but they are still working on it. I believe Bob's family may relate back to the Goochland Co. VA Alford's, and have no idea where Curtis' ancestor George may have been born—he had more education than most of his day and although his wife and children lived in New York for a time, he seemed to have strong VA ties.

Curtis sent copies of letters between his aunt and the clerks of Rockingham and Augusta Counties, VA, in March and April of 1943. In

these, it was determined that George Alfred, born about 1767, had died in Staunton, Augusta Co., VA, and in December of 1842, the inventory of his estate proved to be mostly books. Rockingham County informed her that there were no Alford/Alfred wills and that most records were destroyed by fire in 1864.

The following are the first two letters exchanged between the two named above:

5746 Kenmore Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
June 29, 1944

To any descendant of Charles J. Alford of Albermarle Co. VA, who settled in Weston, Lewis Co. in 1850:

This is an unusual way in which to address a letter, but for genealogical inquiry it more or less explains itself.

After many years' attempt to learn something of my great-great-grandfather, George Alfred, possibly of Albermarle Co. I find in a Lewis County biography mention of one Charles who left Albermarle County and settled himself with family, in Weston. He married a Miss Langford, and children of this marriage are listed as Frances, Charles J., James, Martha, and Pleasants.

It occurs to me that the name George Alfred may appear in some family records in your possession, and that thereby I may learn the parentage and birthplace of my ancestor.

All that I know of this George is that he was born in 1767, married a Mary DeVaux, at Charlottesville, Albermarle Co., around 1800, and was a well-known and famous schoolmaster of that locality, con-

ducting a boys' school at Staunton, possibly at Waynesboro, and undoubtedly elsewhere. Mr. Waddell refers to him in his *History of the Shenandoah Valley* as does Mr. Wayland in his *Virginia Valley Records*, but Mr. Wayland suggests him the son of a John Alfred of Cross Keys, Rockingham Co., and I question this, believing him to have come from an Albermarle family wherein the name "Martha" occurs often enough to suggest its being a family name. It occurs in your family, I note.

My ancestor had four children:

Edmund Pendleton Alfred
Frederick I. Alfred
Marietta Alfred
Martha White Alfred

These two boys were schoolmasters as well, and Edmund is believed to have been associated with the "Valley Vindicator" of Staunton, for many years. Martha White married a James Taylor of Marshall County, probably then Virginia, now West Virginia. This is all I know of the family.

I have written to existing Alford's as taken from directories of Staunton and thereabouts, but no one has ever replied to my inquiries.

If you can throw the faintest of lights on this Alfred family of mine, I shall so greatly rejoice. Presumably the family goes back to the Tidewater sections where one Richard Alfred is noted at Jamestown in 1624. There is considerable reference to the Tidewater families by name of Alford and Alfred, but the generations who went out around 1750 to the valley regions seem to have scattered and left little record of their individual families.

The name is not a common one today in Virginia, but my excitement is at high to find this biographical

sketch which suggests a possible source of information. I am so curious to know where this George was born, and to whom. May I hear from you!

Most sincerely yours,
Ellen Alfred Chase

P.S. I have in my possession an arithmetic published by this George, at Winchester, VA, in 1834. It has been in the family by hand-down. Would they had included a little more family history with it!

July 10, 1944
Mrs. Ellen Alfred Chase
5746 Kenmore Avenue
Chicago 40 Illinois

My dear Mrs. Chase:

I have before me your very interesting letter of the 29th relative to the Alfred (Alford) family. I am more than delighted to find that there are others of the Alford clan who have more than a passing interest in "head-hunting".

Some few years ago I spent several days in the West Virginia Archives searching for ancestors of my great-grandfather, Charles J.(?) Alfred. I think that the notes I made are in my personal files at Weston. I am sure they contain references to one George, but you have most likely run across the same material. Frankly, I was never able to integrate the information collected in this more or less cursory exploration. My father, Perry G. Alfred, who was greatly interested in his lineage, died before I had developed any great interest in genealogy. His knowledge in these matters was entirely by hand-down, mostly from Great-grandfather, Charles, whose interest, as I have gathered, was somewhat limited.

As best I can reconstruct it from memory here is the story told to me

by my father: Charles (J.?) Alford or Alfred was one of two (?) children born to _____ Alfred by a first marriage. His full sister was Elizabeth. Great-grandfather is understood to have been at least reared in Fluvanna County (an Uncle now living is under the impression that he came from Culpepper Court House); in early life he seems to have been an overseer on the plantation of one _____ Price; later he became a bricklayer by trade and in following such went "over the mountain" to Albemarle County to undertake the building of a home for a Colonel Langford. In story-book fashion he fell in love with Langford's daughter. She was my great-grandmother. There were other daughters in the Langford family. One is known to have married _____ Wingfield. Her name was Frances. On the death of great-great-grandmother, my great-great-grandfather (?) was remarried. The only child born to this union insofar as we had knowledge was Frederick J. Alfred. It is quite likely that there were others, for it does not appear that there were close bonds between children of the first and second marriage. On or about the time noted in your letter Charles J.(?) left Albemarle with his family and settled in Lewis County, VA (now WV). Elizabeth and her brother Charles seem to have been separated early in life. On the re-marriage of the father, she was taken by the mother's people and reared in a cultural atmosphere, having been afforded a liberal education. Family tradition seems to have it that she was a schoolmistress with quite an outstanding reputation in and around Charlottesville; she was said to have authored an Arithmetic and possibly a Grammar which was extensively used in the State of Virginia, although I am inclined to believe that her achievements may have been confused with those of George mentioned in your letter. We were never able to learn just what became

of her. As will be noted in the brochure, "Newspapers of Lewis County" by Roy Bird Cook, Frederick J. Alfred, my great-grandfather's half brother came to Weston with or shortly after Charles J.(?); here he edited the "Weston Herald" until the Yankees made it too hot for him and he left; he returned after the Civil War espousing the Union philosophy—a complete reversal of policy. Obviously, his sincerity was not taken seriously and he gave up his Weston venture. Copies of his "Weston Herald" are preserved in the Archives Department here in Charleston. You will note his connection with the "Vindicator" of Staunton. I think he is very likely the Frederick I. of your letter. Father deducted that a one-time Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky was a son. What foundation for this belief, I do not know. You may be able to shed some light on the other side of the picture. Be that as it may, our family lost contact with Fredrick after he left Weston.

I have within the last day or two re-checked Wayland's "History of Rockingham County" (I may be giving the wrong title) and am unable to find reference to this George of whom we are both so anxious to learn. For my own satisfaction, I should like to know more of his children, Edmund, Fredrick, Marietta, and Martha. From your letter it would appear that this George was also my great-great-grandfather.

Needless to say, I am grateful for your letter. I fear that I have not been of much help. I trust that I may hear further from you on this most absorbing subject?

Very sincerely yours,
Robert E. Alfred ❖

Yukon Gold Rush "Alfords"

By Pamela Thompson, Editor

At an Internet site devoted to the Yukon Gold Rush, a database called "Pan for Gold" contains a compilation of names of the Gold Rush participants. Material for the Pan for Gold database was assembled from many sources by the Dawson City Museum. The site's address is:

<http://www.gold-rush.org/>

Alfords and spelling variations were found in four of the sources. Not all of the data is clear, but we're publishing it as found. "The numeric codes attached to some names indicate file sources, microfilm numbers, mining claims, and some census information including ethnicity, occupation, social status and religion."

NWMP records at Chilkoot: checkpoints listing people who entered the Yukon

Vol. 2 (9,445 records)

This North West Mounted Police database appears to have been created by an amalgamation of archival records from both the Chilkoot Pass and Lake Bennett. At Lake Bennett, the mounties kept records of all boats built by stampeders to carry them along the Yukon River to Dawson City.

Date, Name, Checkpoint Entered

- Apr 5, 1899 ALWORD, WM. G. Rampart

NWMP records at Lake Bennett: checkpoints listing people who entered the Yukon

Vol. 2 (6,133 records)

The second of three volumes of Lake Bennett records maintained by the North West Mounted Police. These records list the names and boat numbers of stampeders embarking on the Yukon River trip from Lake Bennett to Dawson City. Led by legendary mountie Sam Steele, the North West Mounted Police contingent at Lake Bennett

worked painstakingly to keep track of the flotilla of 7,000 boats, skows, barges and rafts.

Date, Name, Checkpoint Entered

- May 20, 1898 ELFORD, R.H. TX - boat 315

1901 Census records

(68,387 records)

By 1898, Dawson City's population had grown from zero to 10,000. This made it the largest city west of Winnipeg and north of San Francisco. This database was developed from 1901 Dawson City census records.

Age, Surname, Alias, Fstname, Gender, Ethnicity, Religion, Occ1, Occ2, Origin, Civstat, Yukonres, Source, Vol_ed, Page

- EALFORD, SEAMAN W. 18991009 M 037 037 001
RG 84 6662
- ALFORD, R. W. 18980822 M 006 020 ORIGLO 182

[These records are not clear. The information presented does not match the categories listed, and no explanation was available.]

Clary Craig, post office worker list of people dying or leaving Klondike

(13,852 records)

Clary Craig, a post office worker in Dawson City, maintained a list of people leaving the Klondike by death or departure. Many of the almost 14,000 entries list forwarding addresses or destinations for those leaving the Klondike.

Name, Depart/Death Date, Address, Location of Death

- ALFORD, WM. SEP 27, 1904 Fairbanks, AK

[It appears from this record that William Alford left the Klondike for Fairbanks in 1904.] ❖



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

Vietnam War: "Alford" Casualties and MIAs

By Pam Thompson, Editor

From *Vietnam Era Prisoner of War/ Missing in Action Database*. <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/pow/powhome.html> (30 Oct 1996)

The Vietnam Era POW/MIA Database has been established to assist researchers interested in investigating the U.S. Government documents pertaining to U.S. military personnel killed, missing, or imprisoned in Southeast Asia during or after the conclusion of American involvement in the Vietnam Conflict. The title of this collection is "Correlated and Uncorrelated Information Relating to Missing Americans in Southeast Asia."

Copies of desired documents may be obtained in two ways:

1. Microfilmed copies of the material can be sent to the researcher's local library on inter-library loan for viewing. This service is free, but materials must be returned to the Library of Congress;

or

2. Photocopies or microfilmed copies of desired documents can be ordered from the Library of Congress' Photoduplication Service. These copies must be paid for, but are retained by the researcher.

When ordering photocopies or microfilm, provide reel number, and casualty REFNO, Source Number [?], or Subject of the document folder. For ordering information, contact the Library of Congress, Photoduplication Service, Washington, D.C. 20540. Voice: (202) 707-5640 / FAX: (202) 707-1771.

Three "Alfords" were found on this database. A representative sample of the records for each is included here, with some records expanded to show the information contained on the database for each record.

GERALD OAK ALFRED, JR.

- North Vietnam, pre-1975: Individual Dossier - Biographical Information Regarding Gerald O. Alfred

Country: North Vietnam, pre-1975
Name: Gerald O. Alfred
Subjects: Crash site; Dong Hoi City; Quang Binh Province; Missing
Comments: Document includes undated miscellaneous biographical sheet of 1st Lt Gerald O. Alfred, Jr.

Reel: 144

Reference Number: 0546-0-01

Page: 66-67

Type of Document: Miscellaneous

Date of Report: 780818

Date of Information: 661211

Category: Casualty files

- Status Review: Major G.O. Alfred, USAF

- Casualty Message to Parents of Gerald O. Alfred

Name: Gerald O. Alfred, Jr.

Subjects: Aircraft downed; Missing

Reel: 144

Reference Number: 0546-0-01

Page: 33-34

Type of Document: Telegram

Date of Report: 661213

Date of Information: 661211

Originator: USAF

Category: Casualty files

- PMSEA3 Search

Name: Gerald Oak Alfred

Subjects: Missing

Comments: Lists loss incident data for Alfred, Davidson, and twelve personnel with the surname Davis.

Reel: 33

Source Number: 5746 / Page: 163

Type of Document: Miscellaneous

Date of Report: 870828

Date of Information: 660000

Originator: DIA

Category: Source Reports

- Letter to Parents of Major Gerald O. Alfred Regarding Status Review

- 1st Lt. Gerald O. Alfred, Jr. - MIA Status post-1975 Vietnam: Record contains several letters

- Circumstances, handwritten notes, source data sheets, and copies of newspaper articles concerned with status of Gerald O. Alfred Jr.

- Freedom of Information Act Requests: Major Gerald O. Alfred, Jr.

- North Vietnam, pre-1975: Status Review in Case of Major Gerald O. Alfred, Jr.

Country: North Vietnam, pre-1975
Name: Gerald O. Alfred, Jr.

Subjects: Aircraft downed; Mai Le Ferry Area; Dong Hoi City; Gulf of Tonkin; Killed

Comments: Document includes letter dated Oct. 16, 1978, Summary of Facts and Circumstances, and Staff Summary Sheet dated Oct. 18, 1978.

Reel: 144

Reference Number: 0546-0-01

Page: 72-77

Type of Document: Memorandum

Date of Report: 781120

Date of Information: 661211

Originator: USAF

RAYMOND ALFORD

[Only two records for Raymond Alford are on the database.]

- post-1975 Vietnam: Working Papers-GRV-HSY/CRS-H/Dogtag.

Country: post-1975 Vietnam

Name: RAYMOND ALFORD

<p>Subjects: Remains; Crash site; Dog tag; Gia Lai Province; Kon Tum Province</p> <p>Reel: 64</p> <p>Source Number: 14162 / Page: 5</p> <p>Type of Document: Automated Data Extract</p> <p>Date of Report: 911007</p> <p>Date of Information: 000000</p> <p>Originator: DIA</p> <p>Category: Source Reports</p> <p>• post-1975 Vietnam: Dog tag and remains information from Gia Lai - Cong Tum Province.</p> <p>Country: post-1975 Vietnam</p> <p>Name: Raymond Alford</p> <p>Subjects: Dog tag; Remains; Aircraft downed; Crash site; Gia Lai Province; Kon Tum-Province</p> <p>Comments: Name not associated with active POW-MIA case.</p> <p>Reel: 64</p> <p>Source Number: 14162</p> <p>Page: 1-3</p> <p>Type of Document: Refugee Report</p> <p>Date of Report: 910605</p> <p>Date of Information: 880000</p> <p>Document Number: M91-039</p> <p>Originator: JCRC-LNO</p> <p>Category: Source Reports</p>	<p>Name: Terry L. Alford</p> <p>Subjects: Killed</p> <p>Reel: 208</p> <p>Reference Number: 1515-0-02</p> <p>Page: 123-124</p> <p>Type of Document: Letter</p> <p>Date of Report: 781025</p> <p>Date of Information: 780929</p> <p>Originator: DAAG</p> <p>Category: Casualty files</p> <p>• South Vietnam, pre-1975: Review of Missing Persons Status: Alford, Terry L.</p> <p>Country: South Vietnam, pre-1975</p> <p>Name: Terry L. Alford</p> <p>Subjects: Killed; Aircraft downed; Duc My Pass; Ban Me Thuot; Dac Lac Province; Nha Trang; Khanh Hoa Province</p> <p>Comments: Includes 29 September DAAG memo, cover sheet/ decision memorandum, 27 September disposition form, summary of casualty status events and casualty reports</p> <p>Reel: 208</p> <p>Reference Number: 1515-0-02</p> <p>Page: 109-117</p> <p>Type of Document: Miscellaneous</p> <p>Date of Report: 780900</p> <p>Date of Information: 691104</p> <p>Originator: USA</p> <p>Category: Casualty files</p> <p>• South Vietnam, pre-1975: Finding of Death</p> <p>• South Vietnam, pre-1975: Letter to Miss Patty Bauer and Parents</p> <p>• South Vietnam, pre-1975: Correspondence Between Congressman Bob Casey and Army</p> <p>• South Vietnam, pre-1975: U.S. Army Personnel Missing/Captured in Southeast Asia Biographic Data</p> <p>• South Vietnam, pre-1975: Letters from Parents to White House and DAAG; Letters from DAAG to Parents and League of Families</p> <p>• South Vietnam, pre-1975: VFGH</p>	<p>Homecoming Army Debriefing Report</p> <p>• South Vietnam, pre-1975: Missing/ Missing in Action in Southeast Asia</p> <p>Country: South Vietnam, pre-1975</p> <p>Name: Terry L. Alford</p> <p>Subjects: Missing; Ground battle; Aircraft downed; Minh Hai Province; Khanh Hoa Province; Binh Dinh Province</p> <p>Reel: 208</p> <p>Reference Number: 1515-0-02</p> <p>Page: 36</p> <p>Type of Document: Miscellaneous</p> <p>Date of Report: 000000</p> <p>Date of Information: 691102</p> <p>Category: Casualty files</p> <p>• South Vietnam, pre-1975: Casualty Messages</p> <p>Country: South Vietnam, pre-1975</p> <p>Name: Terry L. Alford</p> <p>Subjects: Aircraft downed; Missing; Nha Trang; Ducmy Pass</p> <p>Comments: Includes CO 10th AVN Bn (Cmbt) Dong Ba Thin RVN messages ... and CG USARV LBN RVN...</p> <p>Reel: 208</p> <p>Reference Number: 1515-0-02</p> <p>Page: 4-12</p> <p>Type of Document: Message</p> <p>Date of Report: 691105</p> <p>Date of Information: 691104</p> <p>Category: Casualty files</p> <p>• RVN: Remains and Wreckage Discovered in Tuy Hoa/ Nha Trang Area</p> <p>Country: RVN</p> <p>Name: Terry L. Alford</p> <p>Subjects: Khanh Hoa Province; Phu Yen Province; Aircraft downed</p> <p>Comments: Includes evaluation. REFNO 1515</p> <p>Reel: 313 / Page: 1-4</p> <p>Type of Document: Refugee Report</p> <p>Date of Report: 850723</p> <p>Date of Information: 691104</p> <p>Document Number: T85-226</p> <p>Originator: JCRC-LNB</p> <p>Category: Army Files</p>
<p>TERRY L. ALFORD</p> <p>• Status Review: Chief Warrant Officer, W-2 Terry L. Alford, USA</p> <p>• South Vietnam, pre-1975: ALFORD, T./Helicopter Lost While Returning From A Mission, Biographic data sheet</p> <p>Country: South Vietnam, pre-1975</p> <p>Name: Terry L. Alford</p> <p>Subjects: Missing; Khanh Hoa Province</p> <p>Reel: 273 / Page: 1-2</p> <p>Type of Document: Miscellaneous</p> <p>Date of Report: 720215</p> <p>Date of Information: 691104</p> <p>Originator: USA</p> <p>Category: Army Files</p> <p>• Letter to Parents/ Change of Status</p>		

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NAME	BIRTHDATE	RANK	SERVICE	DATE OF CASUALTY	HOME TOWN	AGE	WALL LOCATION PANEL	LINE
George A. Alford	7 MAR 1948	CPL	MC	31 JUL 1968	Alvin, TX	20	50West	040
Mark C. Alford	13 FEB 1948	SGT	ARMY	3 SEP 1969	Atascadero, CA	21	18West	026
Michael L. Alford	11 AUG 1949	SP4	ARMY	1 MAY 1968	Redlands, CA	18	53East	027
Terry L. Alford (identified as an MIA)	22 OCT 1947	CWO	ARMY	4 NOV 1969	Pasadena, TX	22	16West	026
Thomas E. Alford	12 MAR 1948	PFC	ARMY	1 DEC 1968	Mer Rouge, LA	20	37West	016
Ulysses Alford	25 JUN 1939	SSGT	ARMY	9 JUL 1966	Asheville, NC	27	09East	008
Ronnie E. Alvord	11 JAN 1947	PFC	ARMY	5 MAR 1968	Hutchinson, KS	21	43East	002
Bruce C. Alfred	25 APR 1949	PFC	MC	27 DEC 1967	Moultrie, GA	18	32East	067
Gerald O. Alfred	18 OCT 1942	MAJ	AF	11 DEC 1966	Seattle, WA	24	13East	031
Thomas S. Alfred	22 JUL 1949	PVT	ARMY	23 APR 1968	Oceanside, CA	18	51East	035
Calvin D. Halford	14 JAN 1946	PFC	ARMY	3 SEP 1966	Natchez, MS	20	10East	064
Charles E. Halford	14 MAY 1967	SP4	ARMY	14 MAY 1967	Latham, IL	19	19East	118
Michael D. Halford	18 SEP 1938	2LT	ARMY	5 JUN 1967	Breckenridge, TX	28	21East	058 ❖

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1. Alford, Addison C. (2 entries)

Lake Union Herald: 1915, Feb 17

Advent Review, and Sabbath Herald:
1915, Mar 18

Birth date 1835 02 22

Death date 1915 02 01

2. Alford, Beatrice L.

Columbia Union Visitor: 1995 Jul 15

Birth date 1911 00 00

Death date 1995 05 21

3. Alford, F. Everette

North Pacific Union Gleaner: 1990,
Jun 18

Birth date 1905 07 16

Death date 1990 04 08

4. Alford, Joseph Nichols

SWUR: 1969, May 10

Birth date 1881 11 14

Death date 1969 04 09

5. Alford, Jr Samuel J.

Southern Tidings: 1995 Mar

Birth date 0000 00 00

Death date 1994 09 18

6. Alford, Mary

Pacific Union Recorder: 1980 May 05

Birth date 1892 01 25

Death date 1980 02 18

7. Alford, Matt Hale

Pacific Union Recorder: 1981, Jul 20

Birth date 1894 07 20

Death date 1981 05 22

8. Alford, Samuel J. (2 entries)

Review and Herald: 1964, Nov 5

ST: 1964, Oct 16

Birth date 1898 06 10

Death date 1964 08 14

ALLFORD

1. Allford, Wallace

Central Union Reaper: 1945, Apr 03

Birth date 1875 09 05

Death date 1945 01 29

ALFRED

1. Alfred, Anita L

Pacific Union Recorder: 1985 Jan 21

Birth date 1917 03 22

Death date 1984 07 10

2. Alfred, Lucy Elizabeth (2 entries)

Pacific Union Recorder: 1967, Jul 10

Review and Herald: 1967, Jul 6

Birth date 1890 06 20

Death date 1967 01 18

ALVORD

1. Alvord, Cebourn E.

Advent Review, and Sabbath Herald:
1921, May 19

Birth date 1838 12 06

Death date 1920 09 21

2. Alvord, Edwin Gillette (3 entries)

Lake Union Herald: 1919, Jan 22

Advent Review, and Sabbath Herald:
1919, Feb 6

Lake Union Herald: 1919, Jan 22

Birth date 1840 05 15

Death date 1918 12 22

3. Alvord, Eunice

Advent Review, and Sabbath Herald:
1895, Apr 9

Birth date 1813 03 03

Death date 1895 03 04

4. Alvord, Gertrude Josephine

AUG: 1966, Apr 4

Birth date 1887 07 03

Death date 1965 12 22

5. Alvord, Jesse C.

Pacific Union Recorder: 1970, Jun 18

Birth date 1897 08 30

Death date 1970 04 10

6. Alvord, Jessie Flo Turner

Advent Review, and Sabbath Herald:
1941, Jul 31

Birth date 1875 01 06

Death date 1941 05 31

7. Alvord, Lillie J.

Pacific Union Recorder: 1956, Sep 3

Birth date 1872 00 00

Death date 1956 06 15

8. Alvord, Pamela

Advent Review, and Sabbath Herald:
1875, Nov 4

Birth date 0000 00 00

Death date 1875 10 12

9. Alvord, Robert Omer (2 entries)

Lake Union Herald: 1980, Jul 1

Lake Union Herald: 1980, Jul 29

Birth date 1919 08 28

Death date 1980 06 05

HALFORD/HALLFORD

1. Halford, Mary Rosana Worden

Lake Union Herald: 1923, Nov 28

Birth date 1855 08 15

Death date 1923 09 03

2. Hallford, Ida M.

Pacific Union Recorder: 1943, May 26

Birth date 1866 11 13

Death date 1943 04 27 ❖

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Joseph Harrison Alford

Joseph Harrison Alford was born in Flatwoods on May 1, 1837. He was the fourth child and second son of Isaac W. and Mary P. Edmiston Alford. His early life was much like that of his brothers and sisters. He was educated in the schools of Lawrence County and graduated from Jackson Academy in Lawrenceburg. Joseph moved out of the home of his parents during the late 1850's and moved to Lawrenceburg. While a resident in Lawrenceburg, he boarded with Robert J. Kelley, the Sheriff of Lawrence County, and clerked in a grocery store.

At this point the Civil War intervened and the plans Joseph Harrison had made for his life were drastically altered. He and his brothers, James Madden and Robert Newton Alford, went to Maury County in order to join the Army of the Confederacy. They joined "D" Company of Biffle's 19th Cavalry Regiment, a part of Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest's

Cavalry. During the war, Joseph Harrison made a good soldier and was awarded the "Confederate Cross" for bravery in battle.

After the war, he came home and moved back to the farm to help his widowed mother and his brothers and sisters with the work. The year 1876 was an important year for the Alford family, and a year that was to mean a lot to future generations. On January 2, 1876 Joseph Harrison Alford, 39 years old and a confirmed bachelor, married 24 year old Tennie Austin. The newly married couple set up housekeeping with his mother and his sister, Molly Alford. His mother, Mary Edmiston Alford, died later that year. After her death, Joseph Harrison inherited the Alford farm and continued to live there and tend the land....

In addition to farming, Joseph Harrison Alford served for several years as Deputy Clerk and Master of Lawrence County. The excerpt below from the *Lawrence Union* on February 4, 1897 tells about his reappointment to that post:

"T.H. Meredith, Chairman of the Democrat Executive Committee of this county, succeeds W.T. Nixon as Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court. Mr. Meredith has retained J.H. Alford as his deputy."

According to a group of letters published in the *Democrat Union* in the feature "From the Old Courthouse Attic" on May 13, 1974, Joseph Harrison Alford was instrumental in

bringing the first telephone to Lawrence County in 1897. The first letter in the group is printed below:

*February 19, 1897
Dear Mr. Alford;*

Your letter to Mr. C.A. Parker of Columbia about telephones was handed to me for reply. I will be in your town next Tuesday, the 23rd of this month, to see you on this matter, and would be glad if you would arrange for me to meet a representative of your business men.

Please write me if your people are willing to invest a small amount in Telephone stock for the sake of its conveniences.

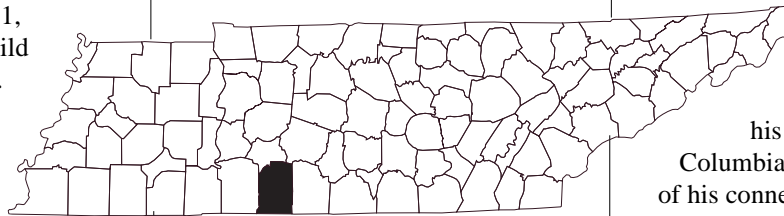
*H.O. Fulton,
Secretary/Treasurer
Citizens Telephone Company*

It is reasonable to assume that Joseph Harrison Alford and his family moved to Columbia, Tennessee as a result of his connection with the Citizens Telephone Company.

Joseph Harrison Alford died in Columbia on his 65th birthday, May 1, 1903. Tennie Austin Alford died in 1917 at the age of 63. They are both buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Columbia.

Children of Joseph Harrison Alford

Joseph Harrison Alford and Tennie Austin were married on January 2, 1876 in Lawrence County, Tennessee. Five daughters and one son were born to the couple during the next ten years. They were; Leslie Elnora (1877), Mary Virginia (1879), Frances Arabella (1881), Edgar Harrison (1885), Kathleen (1886) and Mattie Lou (1887).



.... For some reason, none of their six children married. The children lived together in downtown Columbia, Tennessee with their aunt, Mary Etta "Molly" Alford.

In 1920 Edgar Harrison Alford, only 35 years of age, passed away. At that time he was the Cashier of the Bank of Culleoka. The five daughters of Joseph Harrison and Tennie Austin Alford died within a 27 year period between 1941 and 1968.

Leslie Elnora (64) died in 1941, Mary Virginia (64) in 1943, Kathleen (66) died in 1952, Frances Arabella (72) in 1953 and Mattie Lou (81) in 1968. The Alford girls were buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Columbia along with their parents and their aunt.

With the death of Mattie Lou Alford in 1968, the line of Joseph Harrison Alford came to an end.

The Estate of Mattie Lou Alford

Mattie Lou Alford, the last member of the Joseph Harrison Alford line, fell and broke her hip in 1960. The fall resulted in her being placed first in the Maury County Hospital and finally in a Rest Home in Columbia where she lived until her death in 1968.

In September of 1961, a petition for Conservator was entered in the Maury County Court in Columbia, Tennessee for the purpose of appointing Virginia Parsons, wife of Clifford Parsons, and a cousin on Mattie Lou's mothers side, as Conservator for Mattie Lou Alford. At that time, her estate was valued at more than \$75,000. This included AT&T stock, two houses, life insurance policies and savings accounts.

Mattie Lou Alford died on January 28, 1968 in the rest home where she had lived the last seven years of her life. Due to her expenses in hospitals, the

rest home and medication, her estate at the time of her death was valued at \$60,000. At her death, she left a will and a partial will both very unclear as to her intentions. The will is listed below:

My last will and testament should I pass away in this attack give to Garden Street Presbyterian Church \$2,000 and \$1,000 to Clifford and Virginia. Have the remainder to divide as they see best.

Mattie Lou Alford — May, 1960

The will was written in a feeble, uncertain hand and was very hard to read. It was written on the back of a grocery list and was accepted and entered in the Probate Records. The partial will is reprinted below:

To those taking care of me in the hospital should I pass along, please give this note to Virginia Parsons. I wish some of my money given to the Garden Street Presbyterian Church, possibly about \$2,000. A few hundred to the children's department of the Garden Street Sunday School. Some of my savings to the relatives in Lawrenceburg.

The partial will was unsigned and not considered to be a legal document. The nearest of kin were five half-first cousins on the mother's side all living in Oklahoma and Kansas, Clifford Parsons, a second cousin on her mother's side, and twelve second cousins all descendants of Robert Newton Alford, her father's brother. These included; Roy, Edward and Clarence Alford, children of Bobby Joe Alford; Myra Giles and Gladys Murray, children of Mattie Alford Chaffin; and Bonnie Lou, Joe, Gillie, Thomas and Boyd Alford, Mailene Strong, and Elma Stewart, children of Gillie Isaac Alford. Also of equal kin were several children of James Berlin Alford and of Maggie Alford Lewis, children of James Madden Alford, another brother of Joseph Harrison Alford.

The statement in the partial will, "Some

of my savings to the relatives in Lawrenceburg," was rather unclear. At that time, Roy Bob Alford was the only relative living in Lawrenceburg; however, all of the relatives on the Alford side were born and raised in Lawrenceburg.

The will was settled in a very unsatisfactory way concerning the relatives. With half-first cousins and second cousins considered as being equal, \$5,000 was give to each of the five half-first cousins and \$2,000 each was given to Roy, Edward and Clarence Alford. These three were considered as the "relatives in Lawrenceburg," the other heirs were left out completely.

The rest of the money, some \$40,000, was donated to various charities in the Columbia, Tennessee area. Only \$28,000 of the money, however, actually wound up in the hands of these charities. It was donated in the following manner; \$3,000 to King's Daughter School to furnish and equip a playroom, \$3,000 to the Maury County Library and \$22,000 to the Westminister Presbyterian Church, formerly the Garden Street Presbyterian Church.

None of the heirs on the Alford side were happy with the way the estate was handled. Although the money went to good causes, none of the heirs were in the kind of financial condition that would merit giving a sum of \$28,000 to charity. Also in their thinking was the fact that they believed a part of the money should have belonged to their grandfather, Robert Newton Alford, in the first place. Surely this feeling dates back to the death of Mary Edmiston Alford in 1876. The estate evidently went to the two children, Joseph Harrison and Mary Etta, who were living at home when she died. Why the estate was not divided equally among all the children is not known and will probably never will be known.

Hickman Williams and Bailey Alford left North Carolina and settled on the

Middle Fork of Shoal Creek sometime between 1813 and 1818. They made their home on land in the Flatwoods section of Lawrence County. It is a safe assumption they probably built their cabins next door to each other. More than likely, the oldest son left in Lawrence County, Isaac, built his home next door.

In the years between 1818 and 1850, a number of changes took place with the people who lived in these two houses. Hickman Williams died in 1826 and his wife, Winna, and her unmarried daughter, Dilla, continued to occupy their home. Then after Winna Clifton Williams died in 1837, Dilla lived there alone. Bailey Alford died between 1836 and 1840 and his wife, Nancy, remained in their home. It is a safe assumption that as Nancy became unable to care for herself, she moved into the house with her son, Isaac.

The 1850 Census of Lawrence County showed the two houses side by side occupied as follows;

1850 Census of Lawrence County

Page 56, Household 476

Isaac W. Alford	44M
Mary Edmiston Alford	38F
James Madden Alford	17M
Nancy J. Alford	16F
Isabella Alford	14F
Joseph Harrison Alford	13M
Robert Newton Alford	10M
Thomas B. Alford	8M
William P. Alford	6M
Mary Etta (Molly) Alford	4F
Margaret Elizabeth Alford	2F
Nancy Williams Alford	73F

Page 56, Household 477

Dilla Williams	50F
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During the decade of the 1850's, further changes in the household of Isaac Alford took place. Isaac died in

1859 and Mary Edmiston Alford was listed as the head of the household in 1860. At that time Mary and her family were listed among the largest and wealthiest landowners in Lawrence County. Her mother-in-law, Nancy Williams Alford, was still a member of the household as was her newly married son, James Madden Alford, and his wife and baby daughter.

Also residents in the Alford home were William F. and Mary A. Tripp, children of Harlow and Elizabeth Alford Tripp. They were the nephew and niece of Isaac Alford. Harlow and Elizabeth Alford Tripp had undoubtedly died during the 1850's and their two children were taken in by their uncle.

Next door still lived Dilla Williams, still unmarried. As can be seen by the comparison of the ages of the two census reports, some are not consistent with the ten year census age differences.

1860 Census of Lawrence County

Household 806

Mary Edmiston Alford	48F
Robert Newton Alford	20M
Thomas B. Alford	18M
William P. Alford	16M
Mary Etta (Molly) Alford	14F
Margaret Elizabeth Alford	12F
Sarah Alford	9F
William F. Tripp	10M
Mary A. Tripp	8F
Nancy Williams Alford	79F
James Madden Alford	27M
Martha Childress Alford	22F
Emma Cornelia Alford	6 mo.

Household 807

Dilla Williams	58F
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Note that Nancy Williams Alford was listed as 73 in the 1850 Census and 79 in the 1860 Census. The 79 in the 1860 Census more nearly coincides with her actual age. She was born in 1781, the

oldest child of Hickman and Winna Williams. Her sister, Dilla, shows to be 50 years old in 1850 and only 58 in 1860—women, then as now, do not like to tell their actual age.

Ten years later, in 1870, the household of Mary Edmiston Alford was very similar to the 1860 Census. The most notable difference was the absence of her mother-in-law, Nancy, and the fact that several of her children had married and moved away. Mary Tripp was still living with her aunt, but her brother, William F. Tripp, had married and he and his wife and their three children were living next door in the home previously occupied by Dilla Williams. She had apparently died.

1870 Census of Lawrence County

Household 577

Mary Edmiston Alford	54F
Joseph Harrison Alford	29M
William P. Alford	26M
Mary Etta (Molly) Alford	24F
Margaret Elizabeth Alford	22F
Mary A. Tripp	18F
Dorcas (servant)	70F

Household 578

William F. Tripp	20M
Mary E. Tripp	23F
Idella Tripp	5M
John W. Tripp	4M
Robert Henry Tripp	5 mo.

The most important change in the two households came about in 1876. During that year two events took place that made a big difference in the life of all the Lawrence County Alford families in the future. On January 2, 1876, Joseph Harrison Alford, then 37 years old, married Tennie Austin. The newly married couple set up house-keeping in the household where he had been born and lived his entire life.

We assume that Mary Edmiston Alford

was sick and unable to take care of herself. She died later that year and as can be seen by taking a look at the 1880 Census, Joseph Harrison Alford became the head of the household. At that time, he, his wife, their two children lived in the house with his unmarried sister, Mary Etta (Molly) Alford. William Tripp and his family lived in the other house.

1880 Census of Lawrence County

Household 113

Joseph Harrison Alford	43M
Tennie Austin Alford	27F
Lesley Alford	3F
Mary Virginia Alford	10 mo.
Mary Etta (Molly) Alford	33F

Household 114

The Tripp family

During the 1840's and 1850's, Isaac Alford was one of the largest property owners in Lawrence County. In 1860, Mary Alford had a stated real estate value of \$6,000, quite a sum in those days. By 1870, the real estate owned by Mary Alford had slipped to \$2,000. This slippage was probably due more to the deflation caused by the Civil War and Reconstruction rather than because she had sold some of the land. It is a reasonable assumption that at her death in 1876 she had a sizable estate for the 1870's.

Evidently Joseph Harrison and Mary Etta (Molly) inherited most of the estate. We know that none of the other children of Isaac and Mary Alford could show any wealth at all after the 1870's.

In 1899, the oldest son, James Madden Alford, applied for a Civil War pension. He made a statement on his application that he had no real estate and was dependent on his children for support. During the thirty year period

from 1870 to 1900, James Madden Alford was a highly respected citizen of Lawrence County. He had been elected to two county offices, Circuit Court Clerk and County Court Clerk. He had operated a grocery store in Wayland Springs during the 1970's. He should have been in good financial shape until his later years.

Robert Newton Alford did not own any property during this thirty year period. He lived on the farm of his cousin, Lue Williams Hannah, most of the time. When he applied for a Civil War pension in 1911 he made oath that he had no real estate and was solely dependent upon his children for support. The other children either died, married or left the county during the last quarter of the 19th Century....

The Joseph Harrison Alford family was well off financially. All the children had good jobs and were thrifty. Oddly enough none of the children married and with the death of each one of them the wealth continued to grow....

Mary Etta "Molly" Alford never married. She lived with the Alford family in Columbia until her death in 1936. Her obituary is reprinted below:

Miss Molly Alford

Roy Alford, Mrs. Mattie Chaffin, her daughter, Mrs. Myra Giles, Mrs. Maggie Lewis and Miss Ada McLean attended the funeral of Miss Molly Alford at Columbia last Saturday. Miss Alford was 90 years of age at her last birthday, which occurred in December.

A number of people of this county knew the deceased lady, who was the daughter of Isaac Alford and who once lived on the Alford farm, which is now owned by the Lawrenceburg sanitarium. She was the last of a family of eleven children and an aunt of B.J. Alford and Mrs. Chaffin, Jim Alford, Mrs. Lee Davidson and of Mrs. Lewis. ❖

Romantic Meeting

By Doris Alford Vetri #303 & Thelma Frieda Alford Harman #397

Our mother, Frieda Holzmuller, was a young beautiful redhead. She described herself as a flapper who could do a good Charleston. She caused a stir and much attention when she went downtown shopping in Philadelphia, PA—never more so than the time when the beads she was wearing broke. Young sailors came running to help her retrieve her beads. Among those sailors was young James Luther Alford from Texas who had enlisted in the U.S. Navy on January 3, 1920. His brothers described him as being wild young man. Perhaps that got him the ticket for speeding on his horse in Winnsboro, TX. I believe escaping the farm life of Pickton, TX, was his main reason for joining the service—first the Army in 1917 and three years later the Navy. Little did he know that he would never live on the farm again.

Was it the Alford charm or the Texan drawl that attracted Frieda to him? Maybe both—four months later he married that pretty redhead, on May 17, 1920. They had four children together. Discharged from the Navy on August 31, 1921, he became a Philadelphia fireman, from which 20 years later he would retire. He would also purchase a farm house on 10 acres. He went back to Texas to visit his parents but the East was his home after the chance meeting with that pretty redhead. ❖

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Families of the descendants of John Alford, b. 1807 in LA: Estelle "Dock" Alford, #848, LA; Mary and Nolan David Alford, #425, LA; Pat Brock Smith, #064, MS; Betty A. Wall, #779, MS; Dick and Sally Stoewer, #120, LA; Frankie A. Penny, #704, LA; Sally's sister Jeanne Singleton, #249, LA; Gil's daughter Mary A. Davis #270 and her husband Steve, TX; Lib Scheuermann, #849, LA; and Mary and AAFA President Gil Alford, #019, MO.

Gathering with Family, Meeting with Friends

Kate and Robert Hollingsworth, #772, MS, and Caroline A. Saunders, #673, TX, enjoyed their time at the banquet on Saturday night. Robert and Caroline descend from Edward Alford, b. 1792 in NC.

Attendees representing the WIL786TN branch (William Alford, b. 1786 in TN): Thomas R. "Dick" Alford, #534, and his wife Nelda, TX; and Robert L. Dunagan, #430, MS.

JoLynn Alford Long, #718, TX, her aunt Frances Alford Franklin, #799, MO, and her cousin Claudette Alford Taylor, #800, MO, all descendants of Elbert Robert Alford, b. 1897 in MS. JoLynn's nephew Elbert "Robby" Robert Alford IV, #796, WA, was unable to attend.

Harold Glen Alford, #227, and his wife Freda, TX, were the only attendees representing the HAY780GA branch (Haywood Alford, b. 1780 in GA).

Descendants of John Alford, b. 1801 in NC: Max Alford, AAFA Secretary, #230, his wife Earline and daughter Samantha, #836, TX; and David Alford, #615, TX, and Roy Alford, #208, TX.

Julia Alford Duke, #528, GA, Myrtice A. Edwards, #773, GA, Celeste and Richard Furr, #775, GA, and Elisabeth A. McLane, #076, GA. Julia and Elisabeth are descendants of John Alford, b. 1815 in GA. Myrtice and Celeste are descendants of Brittain Alford, b. 1781 in NC.

Descendants of the BEN619EN branch (Benedict Alford, b. 1619 in England): Fred and Deborah Anderson, #756, IA, and Dick and Connie Alford, #633, ID. This was the first meeting for these attendees—and it was the first time we welcomed members from these states or this family branch!

In the center, AAFA Vice-President Lynn Davidson Shelley, #484, MO, coordinator of the Springfield meeting, and her parents Paul and Pat Davidson, LA. Lynn and her father descend from Ann Alford, b. 1790 in GA, who married Elijah Davidson.

Posey Alford and some of his family members from MO had a chance to visit on Saturday night. Back row: James P. "Posey" Alford, #021 and his wife Mary, TX. Front row: Deborah Sanders, Raymond Alford, #854, and his wife Helen, MO; Cynthia A. Hopper, and Ray Alford, Jr. all from MO.

Sam Walker Wilson, Jr., #847, TX, and his wife Anita did some research Saturday afternoon. They are descendants of Turner Alford, b. 1800 in NC.

Descendants of Cullen Alford, b. 1775 in NC: Milton and Roberta A. Folds, #049, GA, and Patricia C. and Robert Thorn, #562, TX. The Folds were the hosts of the very first AAFA meeting in Atlanta, GA, 1988.

*Jimmie Alford, #500, IL, and
Ramona Alford Darden, #715, TX,
at the dinner on Friday night.
Jimmie is the Chairman of the
Tenth Anniversay Committee. He
descends from William Alford, b.
1804 in VA. Ramona descends
from William Alford, b. 1787 in NC.*

*Mary Belle Miller,
#851, MO, is a
descendant of
James Alford, b.
1791 in NC.*

*Janet A.
Hemby, #832,
TX, is
descended
from David
Alford, b.
1785 in VA.*

*Lodwick H.
Alford, #011,
and his wife
Frances, GA,
at the dinner
on Friday
night. Wick is
descended
from
Nathaniel
Alford, b.
1787 in NC.*

*Susan M. Laubengayer, #647,
OR, Ruth Eager Moran, #622,
OK, and Alicia R. Houston,
#001, PA. Alicia descends from
Thomas Alford, b. 1802 in VA.
Susan descends from Thomas
Alford, b. 1811 in VA, and Ruth
descends from John Alford,
born 1763 in VA.*

*Elizabeth H. Hazlip, #358, MS,
Milton and Roberta A. Folds, #049,
GA, Robert and Patricia Cook
Thorn, #562, TX, and Maxine and
Robert B. Alford, #207, TX.
Elizabeth descends from James
Alford, b. 1764 in NC. Roberta and
Patricia descend from Cullen Alford,
b. 1775 in NC. Robert descends
from Bailey Alford, b. 1781 in NC.*

*Representing the JOH816NC branch (John Alford, b. 1816 in NC), Marie
and Cecil "Dezman" Alford, #651, MS, at the dinner on Friday night.*

Above: John and Janice Smith, #152, TX, Lynn D. Shelley, #484, MO; Jean and Paul Alford, #455, AL. Janice, Lynn, and Paul are on the AAFA Board of Directors. A descendant of Baldy Alford, b. 1784 in GA, Janice and her husband John took all the meeting photographs!

Below: A few of the many AAFA members who descend from John Alford, b. 1807 in LA: Don and Deane Nelson, #833, AK, Jack and Frances Harry, #839, LA, and Mary and Nolan David Alford, #425, LA.

Above: Frances Alford Herrington, #708, LA, Bruce and Catherine Alford Ellard, #606, MS. Frances and Catherine are descended from William Alford, 1804 in GA.

Family Branch Files

Several AAFA members have taken on the responsibility of maintaining official computer genealogy files for their branch of "Alfords." They keep their files updated and send them to Gil Alford once a year in either a GEDCOM file or as a set of Brother's Keeper data files so he can incorporate the records into the AAFA database. He also uses the file to prepare the genealogies that are printed for the annual meeting and to extract statistical data on family branches for discussion at the meeting.

Branches being managed at this time are:

Isham Alford, born 1755 NC	Janice Smith	73734.3121@compuserve.com
William Alford born c1780 VA	Jare Pearigen	no email
John Alford, born 1816 NC	Earsal Alford Bender	no email
Ephraim Alford, born 1829 SC	JoLynn Alford Long	74743.3045@compuserve.com
Thomas Alford, born 1802 VA	Alica Roundy Houston	arhouston@aol.com

Lynn Shelley, AAFA Vice President and Research Committee Chair, is currently looking for someone to manage the following lines, which she has begun but cannot continue to manage and keep up with her other AAFA duties. These are not even her lines!

Halford (all)
 William Alford, born c1804 NC
 John Alford, born 1786 NC
 Greene Co. MO Alfords
 William Alford, born 1811 NC

There are a number of other branches for which help is needed:

Benedict Alford born c1619 - New England Immigrant from England
 Alexander Alvord (brother of Benedict)
 Robert Alford born c1760 in England
 Haywood Alford born 1780 in Georgia
 Jephtha Alford born 1797 in Georgia
 John Alford who died 1748 in VA and John Alford born 1735 in Ireland (these two John branches intermarry early on and must be in same file)
 John Alford born 1804 North Carolina
 John Alford born 1801 North Carolina
 Lodwick Alford born 1749 North Carolina
 Michael Alford born c1760 Ireland
 William Alford born 1775 VA (mainly William born 1804 VA)

NOTE: It is not practical at this time to maintain separate files for branches of the family that connect to the main branch of James Alford born c1687 of Virginia. We can use a different type of help on them though.

If you are a descendant of any of these branches, you should send new data that you discover, and updated data on living family members (births, marriages, etc.), to the Family Branch Manager.

We would like to encourage other members to participate in the gathering and organization of Alford data. If you are using Brothers Keeper or a genealogical computer program that converts data to GEDCOM, would like to become the official AAFA keeper of data on your family branch, and are willing to adhere to some specific AAFA standards on data input, contact Gil Alford. He'll work closely with you to determine the scope of what needs to be done on your line and what you can realistically do. ❖

Welcome New AAFA Members

NOTE: Lineages for members #827-845 were printed in the Winter 1997 issue.

MBR# & NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST ZIP	BRANCH ANCESTOR	BIRTH DATE AND PLACE
827 Margaret R. Wilson	6115 W. Markham Apt. 2B	Little Rock	AR 72205	DAVID	1785 VA
828 Rebecca J. Alford	3400 Cloverfield Rd	Harrisburg	PA 17109-2021	NEEFHAM	1789 NC
829 Gordon Alford Matlock	2321 Trillium Hrts.	Longview	WA 98632	GEORGE	1793 MO
830 Grady H. Wilson	264 Sugar Grove Lane	Brownsville	TX 78520	ZADDOCK	1787 GA
831 Becka G. Sheehan	1312 Steele	Friendswood	TX 77546	ZADDOCK	1787 GA
832 Janet A. Hemby	18331 Carriage Lane	Houston	TX 77058-3430	DAVID	1785 VA
833 Deane A. Nelson	P.O. Box 1249	Seward	AK 99664	JOHN	1807 LA
834 Shirley A. Mayfield	27929 22nd Ave S	Federal Way	WA 98003	JOHN	1795 VA
835 William Matthew Alford	1845 Oates Dr., Apt. 1238	Mesquite	TX 75150	JOHN	1801 NC
836 Samantha Kay Alford	2873 Franklin Dr. Apt. 506	Mesquite	TX 75150	JOHN	1801 NC
837 George W. Alford	P.O. Box 1018	Bristow	OK 74010	GEORGE	1838 NC
838 Barbara Martin Trott	3635 Rosenhaven Place	Titusville	FL 32796-2966	ANDREW HALFORD	1787 NC
839 Frances Williams Harry	305 Ben Harry Road	Bogalusa	LA 70427	JOHN	1807 LA
840 Resa Alvord	P.O. Box 1061	Dryden	NY 13053	ROYAL ALVORD	1801 NY
841 Derek Alford	124 E. Jackson Road	Webster Groves	MO 63119	ENGLISH not reported	
842 Linda Lou Flack	P.O. Box 845	Ruidoso	NM 88345	EDWIN	1792 NC
843 Brian C. Reed	1003 Medalion Dr.	Rockledge	FL 32955	ISAAC	1805 NC
844 Robert E. Alfred	615 Sea Pines Lane Apt. 1503	Newport News	VA 23608	CHARLES	1808 VA
845 Thomas Wayne Windham	446 Andrew Chapel Rd	Brandon	MS 39042	BRITTAIN	1781 NC
846 Kathleen Conley	P.O. Box 218	Smithville	TX 78957	JOHN	18101 GA
847 Robert M. Alford	10 Red Cedar Dr.	Columbia	SC 29229	WILLIAM	1783 NC
848 Estelle (Dock) Alford	28583 River Road	Mt. Hermon	LA 70450	JOHN	1807 LA
849 Lilburne Scheuermann	1102 Cleveland St.	Franklinton	LA 70438	JOHN	1807 LA
850 Shelia Wilson Beckett	9607 Southward Cove	Austin	TX 78733	ZADDOCK	1787 NC
851 Mary Belle Miller	921 W. Second	Maryville	MO 64468	JAMES	1791 VA
852 David Orville Johnson	12204 Aberdeen	Leawood	KS 66209	JOHN HOLFORD	1812 WI
853 Nancy Wolfe Henderson	205 Lahaina St	Hilo	HI 96720	CHARLES	1801 VA
854 Raymond Alford	500 N. Quincy	Sedalia	MO 65301	ISAAC	1782 NC

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