

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

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

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

*Yours Affectionately,  
A. Alford*

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

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

## Inquiries

From Lucille Mehrkam, Member #32  
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Lucille is seeking information on the Andrew Alford who was listed in the 1880 census in Lamar County, Texas. He was born about 1844 in Arkansas and married a Sarah who was born about 1845 in Tennessee. She was probably a widow White as there was a 19 year old J. W. White living with the family as a stepson. All of the children were born in Arkansas except the first who was born in Texas. Their ages in 1880 suggest years of birth as follows: females S. L. 1869, N. J. 1871, L. W. 1874, E. E. 1875; males G. E. 1877, SAMUEL M. 1878 and W. A. 1879.

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

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

Can anyone help with this family?

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From Patrick Roper, Member #307  
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Patrick would like to correspond with other people researching any of the following:

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

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

John A. Roper, father of Franklyn

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

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From Rod Bush, Member #116  
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Rod is researching the following non-Alford surnames:

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

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From James P. Alford, Member #115  
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James is looking for information on Julious Sherrel "Paddy" Alford, b. 28 March 1880 in Marshall, TX. He was a foundry worker and lived in Kansas and Missouri from 1899-1903 and in New Orleans from 1903-1906. He worked on the Panama Canal in 1906.

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