

## Inquiries

If you can supply information related to the Alford's who are listed below, please send it to the person whose address is shown or to AAFA.

### From David Price

David Price, Jr. AAFA #168, 1954 Old Hickory Boulevard, Brentwood TN 37027-4014 is looking for information on a J. H. ALFORD. A biographical sketch of GEORGE BENTON ALFORD published some years ago in an unidentified book [see article in this issue] contains a reference to a brother of Lodwick Alford, "Warren Alford, great-grandfather of the late J. H. Alford, a prominent citizen of Raleigh at the time of his death, a few years ago." Since the date of publication of the book is not known one cannot fix "a few years ago." There may be reason to question all written here about Lodwick (Lotwick) Alford—even his relation-

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Grace Baptist Church where he served as an adult Sunday School teacher, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, and member of the Board of Trustees. He was ordained a deacon 15 March 1953.

In the memorial service conducting by Dr. Kelly Fitzgerald and Rev. John Harris, they said: "In Steve's life we see a remarkable blend of toughness and tenderness. Some of his pronouncements were as final as a unanimous decision of the Supreme Court of our land. You just didn't question him about those. But a minute later, or an hour later, he would be marshmallow soft. I suspect his toughness was tied to his high standards. He had strong convictions about what was right and what was wrong, and he was determined to stand for the right. Those who had spent much time with him knew his tender side surfaced when he was around people who were hurting and

ship to Warren, but there should be some validity to the J. H. Alford who was recognized as prominent.

### From Ronald Head

Ronald A. Head AAFA #326, 3154 LeBron Avenue, Montgomery AL 36106 has done much work to help Alford's with their Alabama connections. In a recent letter he had several inquiries as follows:

Who is NEEDHAM ALFORD who married 13 Sept 1806 in Jefferson Co., GA, to Alvey LOFLEY? I haven't located them in 1820, 1840 or 1850, but in 1830 they were in Warren Co., GA. I believe this couple may well have been the parents of the AXIOM S. ALFORD who appears here in Montgomery by 1860. AXIOM S. ALFORD married in Warren Co., GA, in 1830, and in 1870 Montgomery, he has in his household one "Evy?" OLFERD, b. ca 1787 NC whom I suspect to be his mother. [AXIOM S. ALFORD shows up in Bibb Co., GA, in 1840 (his son Julius N. said in his CSA pension application that he was born in Bibb Co.), and in Houston Co., GA, in 1850, before coming to Montgomery. I find no record of Axiom S. after the 1870 census, but he presumably died here, as his family continued their residence here long afterwards.] I wonder if there could be a connection between AXIOM S. ALFORD and the "AXUM" ALFORD in the 1850 Franklin Co., NC, census records whose name was assumed to be "Isham."

Who is BERTUS ALFORD who married 1 Oct. 1801 in Greene Co., GA, to Mary BOONE? He was mentioned in a 1787 Greene Co. deed, so he must have been born prior to 1767. Was he a son of ISHAM ALFORD? Do you know anything about Isham and his children? I would like to see a listing of this family.

Who is BYNUM ALFORD who was born in the 1780's, prob. married Nancy THOMPSON in 1814 in Morgan Co., GA, (published records read "Bymun")? He died probably in DeKalb Co., GA, in the 1840's. His widow Nancy (b. ca 1792) appears in 1850 DeKalb Co. with children Bynum (b. 1826), Sarah B. (b. 1828), and John T. (b. 1831).

Who is BIAS ALFORD, a juror in Jefferson Co., GA, in 1803? He resided in Jefferson Co. in 1820 (as did one JASON ALFORD), and in Washington Co., GA, in 1830. Is he a relative of NEEDHAM ALFORD above, who married in Jefferson Co. in 1806?

Who is LUCRETIA ALFORD who was born in the 1760's and resided in 1840 in Columbia Co., GA, where she presumably died before 1850? Her probable children include these:

HANDY ALFORD b. 1794 NC m. 13 Nov. 1823 Columbia Co., GA: Dicey FLEMING [res. 1830 Houston Co., GA, 1840 Dooley Co., GA, and 1850 Wakulla Co., FL]

GUILFORD ALFORD b. 1798 NC m. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ [res. 1830, 1840, 1850 Columbia Co., GA]

BENJAMIN E. ALFORD b. 1806 NC m. 1) 22 Nov. 1827 Columbia Co., GA: Ann WILKERSON m. 2) 18 Jan. 1835 Columbia Co., GA: Phoebe BURBRIDGE [res. unk. in 1830; in Columbia Co., GA 1840-1850]

Who is JEPHTHA ALFORD born 1797 NC, died after 1850 when in Carroll Co., GA? He married 20 July 1820 in Jones Co., GA to Jane SCROGGIN. They resided in 1830 Jackson Co., GA; 1840 Troup Co., GA; and 1850 Carroll Co., GA. Their probable children include these: Julius C. b. 1820 m. 13

Jan. 1847 Troup Co: Elephare HICKEY; Richard b. 1821 m. Jane \_\_\_\_\_; Gabriel b. 1824, m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_; Mary Ann b. 1824; Jefferson b. 1836; Jane b. 1838; Susan b. 1840.

### From Susan Herring

At the meeting in Raleigh Susan Herring, Member #334, announced that she thought NATHANIEL GREENE ALFORD of Wake Co., NC, was the son of John Alford, Jr. and his wife Nancy. Although Susan says she has court records to support this, we have not seen the data. This raises a number of questions and leads to another inquiry that follows this. In the 1850 census of Wake Co., NC, a 70 year old Nancy Alford was enumerated in the household of BALDY ALFORD and his wife Priscilla PEARCE. Is this Nancy the widow of Susan's John Alford, Jr.? A JOHN ALFORD married Nancy WRIGHT September 1, 1801, in Franklin Co. NC. Was that the same couple? Was JOHN ALFORD, JR. the son of JOHN ALFORD born about 1750 to JULIUS and LUCY ALFORD?

### From Doris Vetri

Doris Vetri AAFA #303, 29 Circle Drive, Telford PA 18969 is researching JOHN ALFORD, son of JULIUS and LUCY ALFORD (see previous inquiry). This JOHN ALFORD is supposed to have been born about 1750, married Chloe POPE, moved to Greene Co., AL, and died there after 1830. His children were JOHN ALFORD, JR., ABRAHAM ALFORD, THOMAS ALFORD, and JACOB ALFORD. While John Alford, Jr. seems to have remained in NC, the other sons moved to AL. We don't know the makeup of JOHN ALFORD, JR's family.

ABRAHAM ALFORD is supposed to have had (1) D. FENNER ALFORD, (2) JOHN H. ALFORD, (3) KELLY ALFORD, (4) HILLIARD ALFORD, (5) HENDERSON H.

ALFORD, (6) REBECCA E. ALFORD, (7) ADELINE C. ALFORD, (8) JAMES M. ALFORD, (9) ELEANOR C. ALFORD, and (10) MINERVA L. ALFORD.

THOMAS ALFORD is thought, by some at least, to be the Thomas Alford who was in St. Clair Co., AL, where he was sheriff in 1840. [This provides yet another theory for this Thomas Alford. See Ron Head's "Archibald Alford and His Family" in the Sept. 1990 issue.]

JACOB ALFORD did appear in AL, but it is not certain how long he remained there or in NC. It is unlikely that he was the Jacob who married Betsey PURVIS in Franklin Co. in 1813. They were still in Franklin Co. in 1850. Then who was this Jacob? Jacob, son of John, who went to AL apparently married a lady whose maiden name is not known and whose given name has been reported as Milbre, Milberry and Melva. The latter spelling is used in 1850 when she was enumerated with her son SHERROD H. ALFORD in Lauderdale Co., MS. Sherrod and his brothers JAMES G. ALFORD and JULIUS ALFORD, all in Lauderdale Co. in 1850 were born in NC between 1803-1822 so they apparently did not spend much time in AL.

Doris Vetri is apparently trying to connect this family and her ancestor JOHN ALFORD of Neshoba County, MS, who was born about 1801 in NC.

### From Lodwick Alford

Captain Lodwick H. Alford AAFA #011, Post Office Box 742, Sea Island GA 31561 heard from Will Perry AAFA #336, at the Raleigh meeting, that LODWICK ALFORD was buried in Vance County, NC. If anyone has any information on this it would be much appreciated if they would contact either Captain Alford of AAFA. Maybe some of our NC members could dig around and find something—no pun intended.

(George B. Alford, cont. from p. 33) state prohibition is wrong in principle. Besides, it is not temperance and is not founded on God's truth. We need better roads and more money for our schools, which we had in the county before the prohibition law went into effect. Mr. Alford believes the State prohibition law should be repealed; that the county should issue bonds for building modern highways, and not keep on wasting the taxes, as is the prevailing practice.

For the benefit of young men starting in life, Mr. Alford would say that there is no better time to strike out for one's self than now. Economy is the first lesson to be learned. If a young man will choose an honorable vocation and stick to it with persistent patience, he will command success. A steady, slow and sure advance on the road to fortune is more to be desired than a mushroom growth, however fascinating the latter may be. Reading good books is helpful to the young man in business. In all his reading, the Bible should be first.

Mr. Alford is an occasional contributor to the newspapers, having written for *The News and Observer*, *The Gold Champion*, *The Evening Times* and some others. He has been too busy with other matters to attempt any ambitious task in writing.

The interest of Mr. Alford in local educational affairs appears from the fact that he is chairman of the Holly Springs Public High School Committee. Besides, he is president of the Holly Springs Land & Improvement Company and president of the G. B. Alford Company (Incorporated).

Mr. Alford has been married twice. His first wife was Charlotte Ann, daughter of Johnson and Martha Olive. His second wife, who is now living, was Mrs. Texanna O. Collins, widow of Walter Collins. Mr. Alford has two children—a daughter, Mattie V., who is married to Mr. R. J. Utley, and a son, Green Haywood Alford.