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sons and the descendants of my father's brothers we have 15 or more Alford males to perpetuate our branch of the name. We are also lucky in having "my cousin Eileen" who has painstakingly compiled the history of the ancestors and descendants of Consider Alford, my great, great, great grandfather, who migrated to Hartford, Conn. before 1800. Frankly, we do not know much about his early background, but we are zeroing in on the facts. Fortunately, we do know the entire story of his wife's ancestors. This makes us eligible for the Mayflower Society, DAR, SAR, Magna Charta and numerous other patriotic societies.

Many of the connections that we have established have been ordinary New England folks—most of whom migrated to America for religious freedom or adventure. A study of the genealogy of our family is very rewarding in connecting us with the American mainstream as well as with the makers of American history and others of nobility.

"My Cousin Eileen" was, for two years, the Corresponding Secretary of the Mayflower Society for the State of Texas. Her hobby is not ancestor worship, but rather, the challenge of unraveling a delicate and tangled web which eventually leads right back to you! She has labored long and lovingly on the line of her father, Thomas Kennedy Alford. Her mother's maiden name was Agnes McCosker and why she did not go back to the kings of Ireland via that route, I just do not know. I am grateful that she stayed with the Alford side in her research. She deserves a commendation from the family. This is it, Eileen, dear.

WILLIAM RUSSELL ALFORD, JR.
Son of William Russell Alford
Grandson of William Madison Alford
G. Grandson of Thomas K. Alford
G.G. Grandson of Edwin M. Alford
G.G.G. Grandson of Consider Alford ♦

James Alford, 1764–1839

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James, son of Jacob and Mary (PACE) Alford, was born about 1764 in Robeson, then Bladen, Co., North Carolina. He died 19 February 1839 in Copiah Co., Mississippi. He is buried in the Ard Cemetery west of Crystal Springs, Copiah Co., Mississippi. A transcript of his will follows this sketch.

James married Alice Katrain MCTYER about 1788. Alice, the daughter of William and Sarah Ann (ADAIR) McTyer, was born about 1769 in Robeson Co., North Carolina, and she died about 1837 in Copiah Co., Mississippi. She is also buried in Ard Cemetery.

The story is told that during the Revolution the Tories took James away to hang him because he would not tell them where the Whigs were hiding. Mingo, a negro slave, went on a mule to warn the Whigs. They went in pursuit and overtook the Tories near Gallivants Ferry, South Carolina. After swimming the horses across the stream, they surprised the Tories as they were about to hang James. The 16 Whigs then rounded up the 22 Tories, brought them back, hung them and buried them in the same grave.

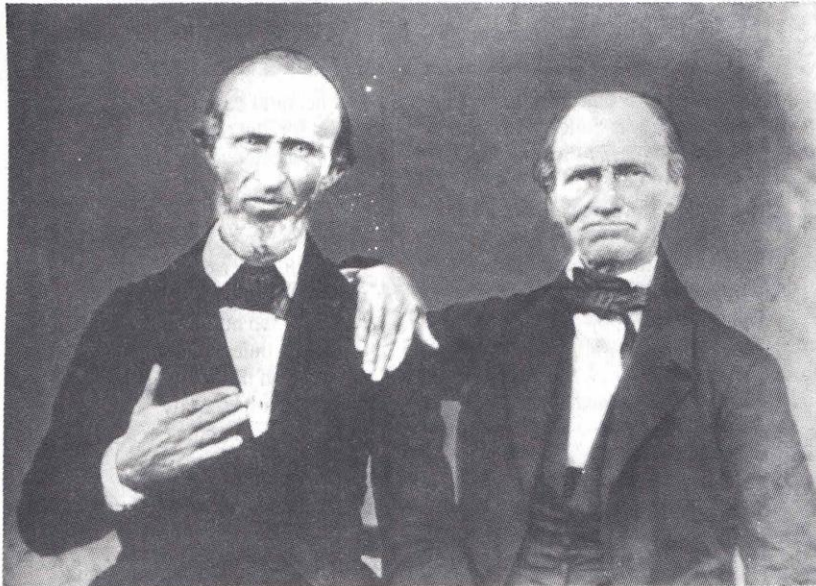
James and his entire family, except Jacob and Charity, moved to Mississippi in 1833.

Their children were:

- i. Jacob Alford, born about 1789 in Robeson Co., North Carolina, died February 1861 in Robeson Co., married (1) Mary MCKAY January 1819 who was born about 1793 and died 2 December 1824 in Robeson Co.; married (2) Katherine MCRAE November 1825. She died 14 May 1838 in

Robeson Co. He married (3) Mrs. Patience THOMPSON, widow of Lennon Thompson, about 1842, and she died 16 October 1860.

- ii. Sarah Ann Alford, born about 1791 in Robeson Co., North Carolina, married Reuben PIERCE about 1809.
- iii. Patience [Agnes] Alford, born about 1795 in Robeson Co., North Carolina, died in Copiah Co., Mississippi, married Thomas THOMPSON.
- iv. Mary [Polly] Alford, born about 1796 in Robeson Co., North Carolina, died in Copiah Co., Mississippi.
- v. Charity Alford, born about 1797 in Robeson Co., North Carolina, died 1836 in Wilson Co., Tennessee, married John Guill LIGON 2 February 1819. He was born 13 October 1797 in Virginia and died 3 November 1866 in Wilson Co., Tennessee.
- vi. Kytice [Kitsey] Alford, born about 1798 in Robeson Co., North Carolina, died about 1874 in Copiah Co., Mississippi, where she is buried in the Ard Cemetery, married James ARD who died about 1844.
- vii. Winifred [Winnie] Alford, born about 1804, married William DOATHWAIT.
- viii. Elias Alford, born 18 October 1806 in Robeson Co., North Carolina, died about 1843 in Copiah Co., Mississippi, married Cinthia CAMMACK 27 June 1839. She died about 1847, also in Copiah Co.
- ix. Julius Caesar Alford, born 15



Left:
Julius Caesar Alford
15 Dec 1808 – 15 Oct 1899

Right:
Jacob Alford
ca 1789 – Feb 1861

Sons of James and Alice
Katrain (McTyer) Alford

December 1808 in Robeson Co., North Carolina, died 15 October 1899 in Copiah Co., Mississippi where he is buried in Alford Cemetery, married Mary Jane [Jency] CAMMACK. She was born 22 January 1815 and died 7 October 1896 in Copiah Co., and is buried with her husband.

- x. Jeanette Alford, born 14 March 1811 in Robeson Co., North Carolina, died 30 September 1884 in Copiah Co., Mississippi, buried there in Old Crystal Springs Cemetery, married Samuel ROWAN who was born 1 September 1805 and died 9 April 1892, buried in same cemetery.
- xi. Miranda Loretta Alford, born 13 June 1815 in Robeson Co., North Carolina, died 9 February 1879 in Copiah Co., Mississippi, buried in Old Crystal Springs Cemetery, married William Summerfield WILSON 2 October 1834. He was born 17 June 1809 and died before 1850.

Will of James Alford

Recorded in Will Book B, Page 1,
Copiah Co. Records
Mississippi State
Copiah County

I, James Alford, make no preamble about soul or body. As to my soul having made it my great business to reenstamp on it the image of God. I doubt not but it will be remembered when Christ shall come to make up his jewels and as to my body that admirable piece of divine mechanism that so long have been the honored servant out of duty to God and my country, I know that though sown in dishonor, it will be one day raised in glory! I bequeath to my beloved wife the tract of land where I now live and after her death—to my son Elias and to her one negro girl—named Milbra, and one boy named Dublin, and after her death the girl to Mary and Maranda and Dublin to my son Julius, and one negro named Harriet to my three granddaughters namely Matilda, Winna and Mariann Thompson and for the girl to live with my wife until the youngest child is ten years old—then to be hired out and the

money to be divided between the three children when they become of age. And all the rest of my property to be sold and equally divided between my daughters, Sarah Ann Pierce and Charity Legan and Kytice. And after all my debt is paid, to equally divided between the three. I do now leave my sons, Julius and Elias my executors of the above will this the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

Witness my hand and seal this the 13 day of April 1835.

James Alford (Seal)

Witness:

John Manning
Thomas Cammack
Wiley Everett

SOURCE:

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