

Jackson Meeting the Biggest Ever!



The Jackson meeting was bigger and better than any before. One hundred and forty or more persons appeared at the meeting some time between the reception Friday evening and the closing at noon on Sunday. At the risk of leaving someone out we have tried to list all the folks whose name we "captured" during registration. If you were there and we have omitted your name please let us know. The list is arranged informally by state and no effort has been made to keep branches of the family together.

From Pennsylvania: Sebastian A. & Doris O. Alford Vetri, Benjamin F. Jr. & Ruth Alford

From Virginia: Marian M. Houk with daughter Jan and niece, Stephanie Alford Mixon of Massachusetts, Lee & Dorothy Jean Alford Jones

From North Carolina: Katherine Alford Echols



To show AAFA's appreciation for five years of service as our President, in-coming President H. Harold "Hal" Alford presented out-going President Lodwick H. Alford with a beautiful wooden plaque with a brass engraving expressing the Association's gratitude and, appropriately, a gavel.



Doris Alford Vetri, AAFA's new Treasurer, speaks with Gil's wife Mary Alford at the registration table, where a beautiful exhibit of for-sale framed AAFA emblems and Alford crochets, prepared by Gil and Mary, was displayed.

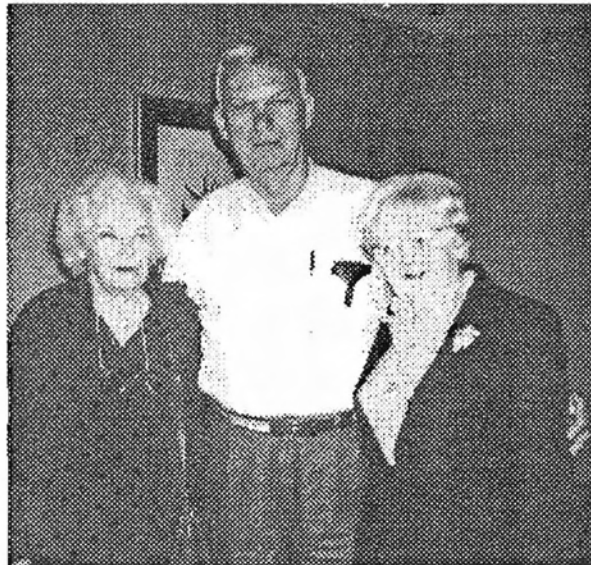


Captain Lodwick H. Alford (#11) of Sea Island, GA, and his daughter Andrea Alford Fantacci (#319) of Zachary, LA.

At the meeting it was announced that Wick, AAFA President for the first five years of the Association's existence, was elected to the position of Chairman of the Board. We are fortunate that in this capacity Wick will continue to offer his insights and enthusiasm to AAFA.

At the meeting Andrea volunteered to be the AAFA "T-shirt" lady. She moved quickly to be able to offer members the opportunity to buy T-shirts or golf shirts by Christmas, and everyone received ordering instructions in a separate mailing in early December.

Families



Siblings Vesta Alford Giddings (#223) of Haytown, TX; Murray L. "Plug" Alford Jr. (#236) of Cut Off, LA; and Josephine Alford Carrigan (#235) of Pleasanton, CA



Doris Baldwin Alford and her husband E. Griffin Alford (#423) of Jackson, MS; Ann Marcella Alford Baird (#25) of Indianaola, MS and her father Lee Alford of Jackson, MS—Griff and Lee are brothers



Marian Alford Mixon Houk (#43), her niece Stephanie Alford Mixon, and her daughter Janet Houk Ridgley. Marian and Jan are from Falls Church, VA, and Stephanie is from Boston, MA



Elizabeth Hawes Hazlip (#358), AAFA Publicist from Hazlehurst, MS; Dora Jay Warren from Crystal Springs, MS; Ruby Alford Heard (#137), AAFA Mississippi Genealogist from Jackson, MS; Dovie Alford from Houston, TX

Friends

From Georgia: Ruth Echols McNinch, Robert V. & Betty Alford McGugan, Captain Lodwick H. Alford

From Florida: H. Harold & Jo Alford, their son Victor H. Alford, Willie M. Alford

From Alabama: Mrs. Owen (Mary) Alford, Bob Alford & Wanda Sterling, Craig D. & Dolores F. Rhodes

Pike County Mississippians at the Meeting

Front row, L to R: Mr. Fay Smith and his wife Pat Brock Smith (#64), Helen Frances McManus (#451), Sarah Lee Ball (#444)

Back row, L to R: Julius Alford (#13), V.P. of the AAFA Mississippi Chapter; Claude Alford (#17), at age 92 the old AAFA member; Claude's son Hollis Alford; and Hal Alford (#226), AAFA President who lives in FL but is a Pike County native



Harold G. Alford of Longview, TX, and Eulon A. Alford of Hammond, LA, socialize during the welcome reception

held on Friday night, when attendees had an opportunity to reacquaint themselves with old friends and relatives and meet some new ones. At the meeting, Eulon volunteered to assume the very important task of mailing the quarterlies after they are delivered from the printer. Gil, Mary, and their granddaughters have been getting this job done in record time (stuffed, stamped, and labeled in one day), but the officers of the Association felt that Gil has enough to do for AAFA! We all thank Eulon for helping in this necessary way.

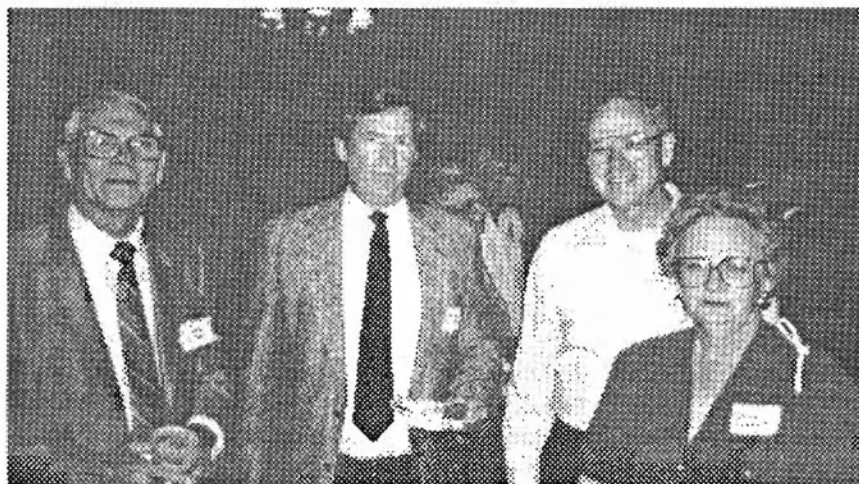




Gil Alford, AAFA Executive Director, from Florissant, MO, and Willie Alford (#128), AAFA Florida Representative

New Members

Rev. Harrell O. Alford (#445) from Thaxon, MS ; Gerald Buchanan (#201), AAFA Mississippi Publicist from Clinton, MS; Robert L. Dunagan (#430) and his wife Reba Alford from Byhalia, MS



Ray D. Alford (#459) from Sacramento, CA—Publications Director Pam Thompson's father—and Max Ray Alford (#230) from Mesquite, TX, AAFA's new Secretary

From Mississippi: Robert L. & Reba Dunagan, Elizabeth Alford Williams, Theodore (Pete) & Elizabeth, Ann Marcella Alford Baird, Rev. Harrell & Annie Alford, Juanita Waldrop, Anne Alford Flippin & Ford, Gerald & Dottie Buchanan, Diane Alford Hisaw (daughter of Lois R. Alford listed below), Dora Jay Warren, Elizabeth Hawes Hazlip, Nixie Alford Albritton, Johnney Nolen Alford, M. Theo & Margaret G. Wesley with daughter Anna Saterstorm and her husband Roger, Sarah Lee Ball, E. Griff & Doris Alford, Lee M. Alford, Vodie Alford Gilchrist with William G. & Tammie Gilchrist, Virdie E. Alford Dees, Ruby Alford Heard, Don and Earsel Alford Bender with Ray Pickett, Edgar Griffin Jr. & Carolyn Alford, Julius Mosby Alford, Fay S. and Patricia B. Smith, Claude A. Alford, Sr. with son Hollis Alford, Helen Alford McManus, Ann Lavinia Alford, Vonceil

A. Strong with her mother Florence Alford Hendon, H. L. & Angelia Alford with Ken, Faye Alford Swan

From Missouri: Gilbert K. Jr. & Mary Newkirk Alford, Wilmer P. & Jonnie Lou Crum

From Kansas: Shirley L. Hite, R. Ethyle Jones

From Louisiana: J. M. (Jack) Jr. & Eileen Kinabrew, Murray L. & Mary Schulz Alford, with children and grandchildren Catherine Alford Seal, Jason M. Seal, Anna Catherine Seal, Gretchen Alford Wroten, Earnie J. Wroten, Matthew M. Wroten and Luke M. Wroten; Eulon A. & Yvonne Alford, Willie Joe & Peggy Alford, Glenn A. Alford, Oliver S. III & Marilyn Robinson, Andrea E. Fantacci with daughters Vicki & Carole, Lois R. Alford, Richard A. & Sally Stoewer

From Arkansas: Donald Ray & Joan Alford, Guy

Leroy & Doris Ruth Alford Lemen, Marian Alford Hodges, Mary Alford Helms

From Texas: John C. & Janice S. Smith, Max Ray Alford, Harold Glen & Freda M. Alford, Bryant J. & Mary Louise Alford, Hollis W. & Arlene F. Alford, Robert B. & Maxine H. Alford, Winston B. & Maudie Murray with Rosemary Blair of Georgia, William J. & Jeweleen Joy Alford, Dovie Jean Alford, Roy L. Alford, Dr. Harvey M. & Mattie Lou Fry, Gwendolyn Walsh, D. L. Jr. & Catherine G. Alford, James J. & Kathryn L. Alford with sons Andrew and Joseph, Vesta Alford Giddings

From California: Bruce & Pamela Alford Thompson, Ray Dorte Alford (Pam's father), Josephine Alford Carrigan, Seanne Carrigan (Josephine's granddaughter)

From Washington: Nancy Alford Dietrich



One of the first duties of AAFA's newly elected President Harold "Hal" Alford was to present outgoing officers with awards expressing the Association's appreciation for five years of service. Here Julius M. Alford, outgoing Treasurer, receives his plaque.



Rosemary Blair, left, of Georgia, guest of Maudie Murray, right, (#188) of Richland Springs, TX

One of the major events of the meeting was the election of officers and expansion of the board of directors. Plaques were awarded to the four outgoing officers for the outstanding job they did during the four-plus years they served. Those leaving office were President Lodwick H. Alford, Vice President Weston Adams, Treasurer Julius M. Alford (replaced earlier in the year so he could assume position of VP Mississippi), and Secretary Nancy T. Alford.

The location for future meetings was discussed with the following results:

1992 Florida October 9-11 (see insert in this issue)

1993 Louisiana October 8-10 at a site being determined by the Louisiana membership

1994 Richmond, Virginia second weekend in October❖

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Wanda (Mrs. Bob Alford) Sterling (#320) of Owens Cross Roads, AL, and Bob's grandmother Mary (Mrs. Owen) Alford



John C. & Janice S. Smith (#152) from Plano, TX



Guy & Doris Alford Lemen (#419) from Pine Bluff, AR

Couples



James J. & Kathryn L. Alford (#58) from Caldwell, TX



Wilmer P. & Jonnie Lou Crum (#431) from St. Louis, MO



Donald Ray & Joan Alford (#59) from Arkansas



Ruth & Benjamin F. Jr. Alford (#447), AAFA Pennsylvania Representative, from Wyomissing, PA



Katherine & D.L. Alford (#54) of Caldwell, TX



Mary and Gilbert K. Alford Jr. (#19), AAFA's Executive Director, enjoying the buffet dinner Saturday night. Gil and Mary work countless hours preparing for the annual meeting—which is why it's always so successful!

And More Couples



Jo and Hal Alford, our new President, and his sister Dorothy Alford Jones with her husband Lee Jones (#286) from Colonial Heights, VA



Betty Alford McGugan (#176) and her husband Bob McGugan from Lilburn, GA; Mary and Bryant J. Alford (#124), Betty's aunt and uncle, from Jacksonville, TX