

some names. In checking closer I discovered that Gerald Alford AAFA #231 of Houston, TX who attended our 1989 meeting in Houston, had lost his wife, Margie, in September 1991.

When we were preparing for the 1990 meeting in Raleigh, NC, I was impressed with the initiative taken by Leon and Imogene Kennedy, AAFA #379 of Conroe, TX, to get to the meeting. They got a clue about the meeting from a publication in Virginia and then called around in St. Louis until they found me. They asked for the details and said they would be there and they were. They were professional genealogists, and we were looking for great things from them. After the meeting we didn't hear anymore from them.

A few weeks ago I sent them a copy of a paper I was coordinating with several descendants of a particular Alford. Last weekend I received a call from Imogene. She advised me that Leon had died in February after our meeting in October 1990. He had not been feeling well, but the doctors could not find anything wrong with him other than the flu-like symptoms. They continued to work, flying to the Washington D.C.-Virginia area in January 1991. Leon died on February 7, 1991, and the doctors did not know the cause of death. Imogene asked for an autopsy, which disclosed that he had a rare cancer of the interior linings of his blood vessels.

We don't want to meddle into the private lives of our members, but we do care and we are family, so we would appreciate you and your close kin keeping us posted on your well-being and status. I'm sure that I have been told about others who should have been mentioned here. We'll try to keep track of all future such reports and tell you about them in the quarterly.

Membership Certificates

In talking to some of our members in Destin, I discovered that some member families have not received membership certificates. If you have not received the 8 1/2 x 11 certificate with seal and ribbons, please let us know and we will arrange to have one sent to you. ♦

Roberta Folds in Hall of Fame

At the 1992 Annual Meeting in Destin, FL, Roberta Folds, Member #49, of Atlanta, GA, was inducted into the Alford American Family Association Hall of Fame, joining Tressie Bowman, Gilbert Alford, and Pamela Alford Thompson, original members inducted at the 1990 meeting in Raleigh, NC. Below is the text of the Induction Letter written by Chairman of the Board Lodwick Alford.

Dear Roberta:

Whereas, the Alford American Family Association was established in 1987 for the broad purposes of:

1. **Collecting, recording, preserving, disseminating and perpetuating biographical data and historical information on Alford and their ancestors.**
2. **Educating members, particularly those of the younger generations, on Alford family history and how it relates to the history of our nation.**
3. **Furthering fellowship and camaraderie within the living Alford family.**

and Whereas, the Board of Directors of the said Association are desirous of recognizing those individuals who have contributed most to furthering the broad purposes of the Association, and,

Whereas, in your capacity as appointed coordinator for making arrangements for the first annual meeting of the Alford American Family Association in Atlanta, Georgia in 1988, you performed your assigned tasks in an outstanding manner, and,

Whereas, the arrangements for that meeting set the highest precedent for meetings in subsequent years, the

expenses of which were in part met by your personal funds, and,

Whereas, you and your helpful spouse Milton entertained at a gracious dinner the entire group of attendees in your lovely home thereby setting a high standard for fellowship and camaraderie, and,

Whereas, you have subsequently done an outstanding job in extracting the 1860 Georgia census and been instrumental in acquiring a private collection of Alford papers, and,

Whereas, your outstanding accomplishments in promoting the goals of AAFA at the most crucial time of early organization are exemplary and are in the highest and finest traditions of the ancient, honorable, proud and illustrious name of ALFORD, and,

Whereas, because of your devotion and achievements you are commended in the highest words of fulsome praise and the Board of Directors is pleased to announce your induction into the Alford American Family Association HALL OF FAME.

I therefore set my hand and seal this tenth day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

Lodwick H. Alford
Chairman of the Board

[Editor's note: Our Chairman deserves to be commended himself for composing such wonderful text!] ♦

Q. How many Alford does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A. Two. One to screw in the the light bulb, and the other to write it up for AAFA ACTION!

—Deann Alford Landers, AAFA #467



Standing to be inducted into the Alford Hall of Fame by Lodwick Alford are Roberta Alford Folds and her husband Milton, AAFA #49 from Atlanta, GA.



Elisabeth McLane, AAFA #76 from Valdosta, GA, won the award for recruiting the most new members!

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Boy, did I hate missing the Saturday afternoon meeting in Destin [for some personal reasons]. The meeting was great—well organized, and the displays were great. The young man who did the presentation on photographs was excellent [Victor Alford, AAFA #225]—his display also. I think this should be presented at all of the meetings, as I'm sure there are new folks each time. [Editor's note: Since I missed this year's meeting and plan to attend next year, I agree!]

The reports given during the business meeting were very informative. Wow, did Elizabeth Hazlip [AAFA #358] do a good job with publicity. She must be suffering from the "sore finger."



At lunch: Facing the camera is Julius M. "Pooley" Alford, AAFA #13 and Mississippi State V.P. from McComb, MS. To his left is Evelyn Z. Mistich, AAFA #481 from Belle Chasse, LA. Also at the table are Evelyn's aunt and uncle, non-members Melba and Herbert Wise from Metairie, LA.



The crowd at the Saturday morning session.