

Obituaries: Children of Jephtha Alford & Their Spouses

The following obituaries were sent by AAFA Executive Director Gil Alford. The subjects are his aunts and uncles, children of Jephtha Martin Alford, and their spouses. For more information on this family, see "Roxie Alford Penton's Family," p. 29, AAFA ACTION, December 1990. Hugh Edwin Alford's *In Search of My Alford Ancestors* also gives background on this line.

LEODA (ALFORD) SMITH

FINAL RITES FOR MRS. LEODA SMITH

No source

Following a lengthy illness death came to Mrs. Leoda Alford Smith at the age of eighty three years while she was a patient in Tylertown Hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband, William V. Smith and had resided in the old Brockdale area all her life.

Final rites were conducted Wednesday November third from the chapel of the Hartman Funeral Home followed interment in the Smith Family Cemetery.

Rev. Jerry Wise was the officiate for the religious rites. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Thelma Uhlman, of Tylertown, Miss.; one step-daughter, Eliza Jane Smith of Baton Rouge, La.; three brothers, W.B. Alford, Mt. Hermon, La., G.K. Alford, Gonzales, La., and L.W. Alford of South Carolina; two sisters, Mrs. Lexie Schaffer, of Tucker, Ga., and Mrs. Gussie Fortenberry, of Metairie, La., and ten grandchildren.

NOLA (ALFORD) SMITH

MRS. ED SMITH OF MT. HERMAN DIES MONDAY

No source

Mrs. Nola Alford Smith, wife of Edd [sic] Smith, Mt. Herman, La., passed away Monday night, March 10, in a local hospital. She was 62 years of age, having been born October 2, 1889, in Washington Parish.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. V. Davis, pastor from Bogue Chitto Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. D.P. Worshaw, pastor of Hayes Creek church, and the Rev. M. Magee of Mt. Herman.

Pallbearers were Bob Alford, Buddy Alford, Daunogh Alford, Nathan Smith, Hughey Miller and Denman Miller. Interment was in Bogue Chitto Cemetery, Hartman's of

Tylertown in charge.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the Bogue Chitto church and was active in church work as long as her health permitted. She had been confined to her bed since April 1951. She was loved by all who knew her.

Surviving, besides the bereaved husband, are two sons, Earl and Hugh Smith, Mt. Herman; two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Graves of Franklinton, and Mrs. Eathel Lee Johnson, of Ellisville, Miss.; four sisters, Mrs. Leoda Smith, Tylertown; Mrs. Roxie Penton, Franklinton; Mrs. Lexie Schiffer [sic], of Georgia; and Mrs. Gussie Fortinberry, New Orleans; and five brothers, W.B. Alford, L.S. Alford, and I.L. Alford, Mt. Herman; G.K. Alford, Greensburg, La. and L.W. Alford of Waterboro, S.C.

ALONZO SEBE ALFORD

FUNERAL HELD FOR LONZO S. ALFORD

No source

Mt. Hermon, LA—Thurs., 21 May 1964

Funeral services for Lonzo Sebe Alford, age 73 years, were conducted from the Mt. Hermon Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 19th with burial following in the Morris Cemetery, near Mt. Hermon. Rev. Ed Jenkins, Pastor of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church and Rev. Marvin Magee, a former pastor, officiated at the religious rites.

Alford died at approximately 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 16th. The body lay in state at Poole Funeral Home in Franklinton until 9:30 a.m. Tuesday when it was taken to the church where it lay in state there until time for the service to begin.

During his active years Alford was a farmer and school bus operator but had lived in retirement for the past several years.

Survivors include one son, A.D. Alford of Mt. Hermon; three daughters, Mrs. Audelle Boyd of Cretna, Louisiana; Mrs. Odille Miller of Jackson, Louisiana and Mrs. Hasselton Tyson of Atlanta Ga.; three brothers, Benton Alford of Mt. Hermon; G.K. Alford of Greensburg and Lora Alford of Walterborough, South Carolina; three sisters, Mrs. Leoda Smith, Tylertown, Miss.; Mrs. Lexie Schaeffer [sic] of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Gussie Fortenberry of Metairie, a number of grandchildren and a host of other relatives in southeast Louisiana and south Mississippi.

Poole Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

IDDO L. ALFORD

No source—Thurs., 12 May 1960

FUNERAL HELD FOR MT. HERMON SCHOOL BUS DRIVER WED.

Funeral service for Iddo L. Alford, age 64, of the Mt. Hermon Community, were conducted at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday from the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church. Interment was in the Bogue Chitto Cemetery at the church.

The funeral rites were in charge of Reverend Fred Bolian, former Pastor of the Bogue Chitto church, but presently pastor of the Ebenezer Church in Tangipahoa Parish, assisted by the Reverend Robert Sanderson, pastor of the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church.

Alford died at 6:30 A.M. Monday in the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, following six months of hospitalization and confinement to his home following a major operation made necessary by a lingering ailment. Alford, apparently was in the best of health in the latter part of October, 1959, when he began to complain of not feeling well and went to the hospital for an examination and found that his trouble was of a serious nature, which necessitated an early operation. Immediately following the operation, Alford was given about a 50-50 chance of recovery, but, his condition gradually worsened until the time of his death. Up until the time of the examination, he had not known that he had any serious ailments.

Alford was a community leader in education and religious activities as well as being a leading farmer of the Mt. Hermon Community. He had operated a school bus from the Mt. Hermon High School for the past thirty-five years and was always ready and willing to assist a less fortunate neighbor. He made dozens of trips to help his less fortunate neighbors and friends to hospitals, to funerals, and to other places where help could be received. He made many trips to Nashville, Tennessee, to take bus loads of people from his community to hear the Grand Ole Opera and other trips to take bus loads of people on a vacation to such places as Lookout Mountain and various other places of interest.

For many years, each child on his school bus was given a Christmas present. He always did this on the last day school was in operation before Christmas. He was one of the most active members of the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church and could always be counted on to do more than his part in any community or Church activity.

The body lay in state at the family home, about four miles east of Mt. Hermon, until time for service at the Church.

Survivors include his wife, the former Ella Morris of Mt. Hermon; three sons, Roscoe Alford of Mobile, Ala.; Ford Alford of Bay Minette, Ala.; and Donough Alford of Mt. Hermon; one daughter, Mrs. Chrystelle Traina of New Orleans; four brothers, Bannon Alford and Alonzo Alford, both

of Mt. Hermon; Gilbert Alford of Greensburg, La.; and Lora Alford of Walterboro, South Carolina; three sisters, Mrs. Leota Smith of Tylertown, Miss.; Mrs. Gussie Fortenberry of New Orleans; and Mrs. Lexie Schaffer of Atlanta, Ga.

Pallbearers were Henry New, Donald Burch, B.F. Roberts, G.T. Patterson, Shelby Booty, C.K. Williamson. Honorary pallbearers were Harvell Pierce, R.W. Magee, Carey Burch, Malcom Wascom, Marvin Miller, Vernon Sanford, Burriss Simmons and J.D. Miller. Brown Funeral Directors of Bogalusa were in charge of arrangements.

ROXIE (ALFORD) PENTON

MRS. M.K. PENTON MOURNED; SERVICES THIS MORNING

No source—13 March 1956 is handwritten date on newspaper clipping, probably the date of death

Funeral services for Mrs. M.K. (Roxie) Penton of Franklinton were conducted this morning at ten o'clock from the Bonner Creek Baptist Church. Interment followed at the church cemetery. The pastor of Bonner Creek officiated.

Mrs. Penton, 56 year old housewife, died at five-thirty Tuesday afternoon in a Bogalusa Hospital where she had been seriously ill for the past six weeks.

The deceased was born August 31, 1899 in Washington Parish, the daughter of Jep M. and Laura Warner Alford, and lived her entire life in that vicinity. She was active in civic and church affairs and leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

Surviving are her husband, four children, Wilmon, Wayne, Garry and Zelda all of Franklinton; five brothers, Blanton Alford, Lonzo Alford and Iddo Alford all of Mt. Hermon, Gilbert Alford of Greensburg, La. and Lora Alford of Waterboro, S. C.; three sisters, Mrs. Lexie Shaffer of Tucker, Ga., Mrs. Gussie Fortenberry of New Orleans, and Mrs. Leoda Smith of Tylertown. Mrs. W.R. Pittman of Tylertown is an aunt of the deceased.

Simmons of Franklinton was in charge of arrangements.

FLORENCE ALFORD

No source

MRS. L.S. ALFORD MOURNED; RITES AT MT. HERMON SAT.

Mrs. L.S. (Florence) Alford, 64 year old housewife, of Mt. Hermon, La. died Thursday, March 8 at a local hospital where she had been a patient for a week. She had been in ill health for

a number of years.

Funeral services were conducted from the Mt. Hermon Baptist Church at ten o'clock Saturday morning. Officiating ministers were Rev. M.M. Magee, pastor and Rev. Fred Bolian, pastor of Bogue Chitto Baptist Church.

Interment was in the Morris Cemetery with nephews of the deceased severing as pallbearers, J. Earl Smith, Ford Alford, Donough Alford, H. Samuel Smith, Wayne Penton and Benton Fussell.

Mrs. Alford was born September 4, 1891 in Washington Parish, the daughter of the late Oscar and Hester Stringfield Morris and lived the greater part of her useful Christian life at Mt. Hermon in Washington Parish. She was a member of the Mt. Hermon Baptist Church and took an active part in church activities as long as her health permitted.

Survivors are her husband, one son, Dovoix Alford of Mt. Hermon; three daughters, Mrs. Audell Johnson, Roseland, La., Mrs. Odallee Miller, Baton Rouge, La., and Mrs. Haseltine Drago of New Orleans; two brothers, Willie W. Morris of Amite, La., and Herbert Morris of Baton Rouge, La.; two sisters, Mrs. Howard B. Fussell, Franklinton, La. and Mrs. Iddo Alford of Mt. Hermon, La.

DUVOIX BROWN FORTINBERRY

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METAIRIE, La.—Duvoix Brown Fortinberry, 82, a Pike County native who resided in Metairie, died July 23, 1991, at East Jefferson General Hospital of New Orleans.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Tharp-Sontheimer-Tharp Funeral Home of Metairie. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Silver Springs Cemetery. The Rev. Tommy Frost will officiate.

Hartman Funeral Home of McComb is in charge of local arrangements.

Mr. Fortinberry was born Nov. 30, 1908, in Pike County. He was the son of Lemuel Q. Fortinberry and Lillian Ellzey Fortinberry.

He was a retired serviceman for New Orleans Public Service, a veteran of World War II and a member of Highland Baptist Church of Metairie, where he was a deacon.

Mr. Fortinberry is survived by his wife, Gussie Alford Fortinberry of Metairie; three daughters, Carolyn F. Tibble of Knoxville, Tenn., Glenda F. Maronge of Birmingham, Ala., and Rebecca F. Upchurch of Houston, Texas; one brother, Kendrick Fortinberry of Satellite Beach, Fla.; three sisters, Zelma Smith of Magnolia, Birdie Ott of Mt. Hermon, La., and Willie Jean Simmons of Baton Rouge, La.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

EDGAR WILLIAM SMITH

No source

EDGAR W. SMITH DIES SUDDENLY AT MT. HERMON

Edgar William Smith, retired farmer of Mt. Hermon, La. Route 2, died suddenly at his home Sunday afternoon, May 24. His body was found, apparently an hour or more after death, by his son Earl Smith.

Mr. Smith was 74 years of age. He was a member of the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church and an outstanding member of his community. His sudden passing was a grievous shock to his family and a wide circle of friends.

Funeral services were held from the Bogue Chitto church at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, with interment in the church cemetery. Hartman's Funeral Home of Tylertown was in charge of arrangements.

The services were conducted by Rev. W.F. Hutson of Bogalusa, assisted by the Rev. F.S. Bolian, Bogue Chitto pastor, the Rev. D.P. Worshan of Clifton, La., the Rev. R.S. Mefford of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and the Rev. M.M. Magee of Mt. Hermon.

Pall bearers were James Smith, Huey Miller, Nathan Smith, Clinton Smith, Murphy Smith and Pete Miller.

Mr. Smith was born in Washington Parish on March 26, 1879 the son of the late Jeremiah and Martha Bankston Smith. He lived his entire life in that parish. He was married to the former Nola Alford, who preceded him in death on March 10, 1952.

Surviving are two sons, Earl and Hugh S. Smith of Mt. Hermon, the latter being a member of the U.S. Coast Guard; two daughters, Mrs. Joe Graves, of Franklinton, La.; and Mrs. Victor Johnson of Ellisville, Miss.; one sister, Mrs. Luther Varnado of Osyka, Miss. and one grandchild, Roby Graves of Franklinton. ♦

(Purposes Revisited, cont. from p. 14)

to help them learn more about their Alfords, and we will do so at no cost to them. At the same time emphasize that these folks have some Alford information that we don't have. Every Alford (Alford descendant) living does—even you! Ask them to share it with us. We will take it on any paper or form they have, will supply forms, and even help them organize it if necessary. In doing this, offer them the opportunity to become a member. Emphasize that membership is not required to get our help, to accept and record their information, or to attend an annual meeting. Tell them we would be most honored to count them as a member.

If they join, fine. If not then we will probably have acquired some new information—maybe even some that will be critical to solving one of YOUR Alford problems. ♦