

Obituaries: Children of Jephtha Alford (Part 2)

In the last issue of AAFA ACTION, we printed obituaries for five children and three children-in-law of Jephtha Alford. Below are obituaries for two more of his ten children who grew to adulthood and three more of his children-in-law. These were all submitted by Gil Alford, who reported that there were many spelling errors in them, not all of them noted. (See also Jephtha's biography in this issue.)

WILEY B. ALFORD

No source

Long time resident of Mt. Hermon, La., 89 years old, Wiley Banton Alford, died at his home of Mt. Hermon, La. at 10:20 p.m. on Monday night Feb. 23, 1976. He was almost 90 years old when he expired. He was born July 10, 1886 at Washington Parish, La., and the son of the late Japtha [*sic—should be Jephtha*] M. and Fannie Purvis Alford.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday Feb. 25, 1976 at Bogue Chitto Church and Interment was in the church cemetery, with the Rev. Gene P. Theriot officiating. Capps Funeral Home of Tylertown, Miss., directed the final rites at 2 p.m.

He married Emma R. Miller on Sep. 3, 1905, she preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by 2 daughters, Fannie Lelia Mae and Frankie L. Alford R.N. He is survived by 3 sons, Berchel L. Alford of Kentwood, La., Ollie Jim and Jephtha, both of Mt. Hermon, La., 2 daughters, Mrs. Shelton L. (Allie) Brock of New Orleans, La. and Mrs. Bosia S. (Blanche) Brock of Harrahan, La., 2 brothers, 2 sisters, 12 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Devoix Fortonberry [*sic—should be Duvoix Fortinberry*], Jack and Joseph Frabbicle, Downey Miller, Shelton and Ralph Brock.

EMMA R. (MILLER) ALFORD

No source

Final rites were conducted on Wednesday, March 3, 1971 at 2 p.m. at the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church of Mt. Hermon, La. for Mrs. Alford, the former Emma R. Miller, daughter of the late Necdarn and Fannie Miller.

Mrs. Alford was born August 8, 1885, being almost 86 years of age when she expired after a lengthy illness of several years. She was a long time resident of Mt. Hermon, La. She passed away at Riverside Medical Center on March 1, 1971 on Monday at 10:40 p.m. She was preceded in death by 2 daughters Fannie Lelia Mae and Frankie L. Alford R.N. and is

survived by her husband of 66 years, Wiley B. Alford, 3 sons, Berchel of Kentwood, La., Ollie Jim, and Jephtha, both of Mt. Hermon, La.; 2 daughters, Mrs. Shelton (Allie) Brick [*sic—should be Brock*] and Mrs. Bosia (Blanche) Brock both of New Orleans, La., 12 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren, also six brothers.

Rev. Hillary Speights officiated and interment was in the church cemetery. Capp's Funeral Home of Tylertown, Miss, directed the final rites. Pallbearers were Warren Mayley, Ralph and Jerry Brock, Jack Frabbicle, Downey Miller, and Jewell Simmons.

ELLA MORRIS ALFORD

No source

Mrs. Ella Morris Alford, 83, a resident of Rt. 2, Mt. Hermon, died at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 20th, at the Southwest Regional Medical Center in McComb, Mississippi.

She was the wife of the late Iddo L. Alford of Mt. Hermon, and was a member of the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Roscoe L. Alford, Donough Alford, both of Mt. Hermon, and Ford Alford of New Roads, La.; a daughter, Mrs. Louis (Chrystelle) Traina of Metairie; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The body lay in state at the Crain Funeral Home in Franklinton until the time for funeral services, which were held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 22nd at the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church with the Rev. Roger Bowers and the Rev. H.B. Speights officiating. Interment was in the Bogue Chitto Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ray Alford, Philip Alford, Paul Donough Alford, Jr., Rodney Holloway, Michael Traina, and Mitchell Traina.

MARTIN KENZIE PENTON

(Husband of Roxie Alford)

No source

Funeral services were held last Saturday for Martin Kenzie Penton, 74, of Franklinton, at the Bonner Creek Baptist Church. Services were conducted by Rev. Roy Houston and Rev. Harry McIntyre.

Penton died last Thursday [October 15] at the Veterans Administration hospital in Alexandria. Penton was a member of the Bonner Creek Baptist Church for many years. He was

also a member of Zona Lodge 337, F & AM and a veteran of World War I. Masonic gravesite rites were conducted at the Bonner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Penton is survived by three sons, Maj. Gary E. Penton, chaplain in the U.S. Air Force in Okinawa, Wilmon Penton, Franklinton, and Wayne Penton, St. Joseph, La., one daughter, Mrs. Zelda Lorell Penton McKnight, Pollock, La.; one brother Chancy, Franklinton; and ten grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Denman McClendon, Devoy Alford, Donough Alford, Leonard Corkern, Julian H. Penton, Buster Burkhalter.

LORA WARNER ALFORD

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RETIRED COLLETON FARM AGENT L.W. ALFORD DIES AT AGE 85

Walterboro—L.W. Alford, 85, retired Colleton County farm age, died Saturday in a Columbia hospital. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Fred Parker Funeral Home.

Mr. Alford was born in Mount Hermon, La., a son of J.M. Alford and Laura Warner Alford. He received his bachelor of science degree from Louisiana State University in 1924 and was a member of Alpha Zeta, a national honorary and scholastic fraternity. He did graduate work at North Carolina State and was an honorary alumnus of Clemson University and a member of the National Extension fraternity, Epsilon Sigma Phi. He was the first agriculture teacher at Walterboro High School, where he taught for three years. He helped organize one of the first Future Farmers of America chapters in the state.

In 1928 he was appointed as Colleton County Agricultural Agent following a referendum during the 1928 summer primary. This made him the first elected to his position. He served as the county agent for 35 years, retiring in 1963.

Mr. Alford served three times as president of the County Agents Association and was a member of the National County Agent Association, which presented him the Distinguished Service Award in 1948. Active in the S.C. Farm Bureau, he had also served as a past president of the S.C. County Agents Association and as a vice president of the Southern Bee Keepers Association. He helped organize the first auction market in the state in Columbia. He was a former secretary of Colleton County National Resources Commission. He helped organize and was a member of Ashton Grange.

He was a former president and the first South Carolina governor of the National Ruritan Club, which he helped organize in the state. He was a former chairman and treasurer of Colleton County Chapter of the National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis and a former chairman of the Disaster

Committee of the Colleton County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He also helped organize the Agriculture Adjustment Administration, the Soil Conservation Service, Rural Rehabilitation Administration, Production Credit Association; Federal Land Bank Association and Coastal Electric and Palmetto Rural telephone cooperatives.

Mr. Alford was instrumental in the organization of the first Boy Scout troop in Walterboro and served as scoutmaster. He was secretary-treasurer and a charter member of Walterboro Lions Club and helped organize the Walterboro Women's Civic League in 1926. He was a member of Masonic Unity Lodge 55 and a former Worshipful Master. He helped organize and was a charter member of the Walterboro Country Club. A member of Bethel United Methodist Church, he served as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent and a member of the Board of Stewards.

Surviving are his wife, Grace G. Alford; two sons, James W. Alford of Columbia and William Alford of Washington, D.C., a brother; two sisters; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. ♦

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