

Louisiana Alford's, Part 3

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As we continue to review our early Louisiana Alford's, we take a quick look at the families found there in 1830 and 1840. I mentioned the 1830 families in the previous issue but inadvertently omitted one of our key early Louisiana Ancestors, HAYWOOD ALFORD, who was included in the 1830 enumeration.

Thus there were three branches of the family represented in Louisiana in 1830.

HAYWOOD ALFORD, who was a minister, came from Georgia through Mississippi and finally went to Arkansas. He was the progenitor of several AAFA members. For more on him and his family see "Haywood Alford of Burke Co., Georgia" p. 43-45, *AAFA ACTION*, September 1992 and "Squyres - Alford Connections", p. 49, *AAFA ACTION*, March 1993. Haywood was still in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, for the 1840 census. His family had begun to spread and two sons, JOHN H. ALFORD who had just married Martha A. DAVIS the year before, and STANFORD L. ALFORD who married Nancy SMITH in 1838, were also enumerated in Ouachita Parish in 1840.

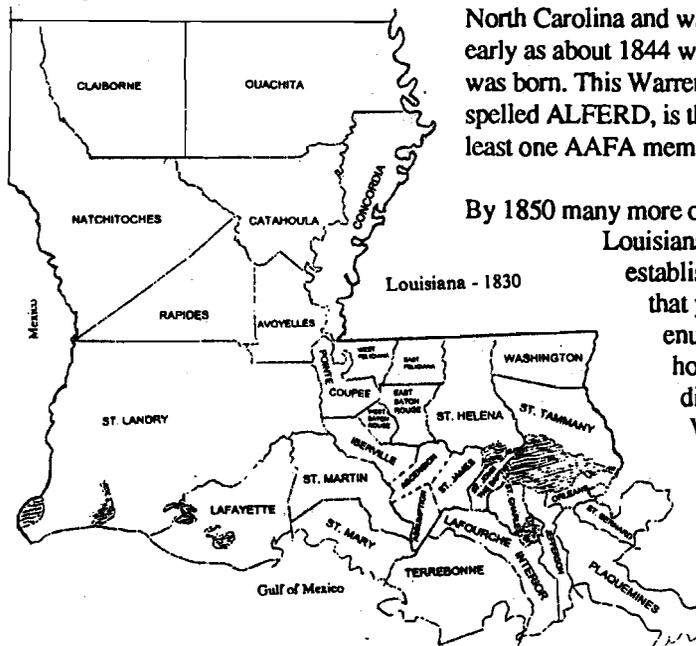
The Alfred family of the New Orleans area was the second branch of the family in 1830 and 1840. I'm not able to exactly identify each of the two persons listed in 1830 and the three listed in 1840, but we do have considerable information on the family. Though he is not a member of the Association, for ten years I have been working with WARREN H. ALFORD of Grctna on this family. The progenitor, EDWARD ALFORD, was born in Ireland and married Jane TOLLE, also of Ireland in 1835 in Orleans Parish. It is probable that all the "Alferds" enumerated in that area in 1830 and 1840 were connected to this family.

The third branch of the family was the one that would prove to be most prolific. Franky B. Alford was enumerated in 1830 in Washington Parish. She was the widow of JACOB ALFORD who came to the area early in the century from North Carolina—with a layover of about ten years in Georgia. By 1840 this bunch had really begun to spread. When we did the series on Mississippi, we mentioned EDWIN BARKSDALE ALFORD, SEABORN JOHN ALFORD, and WILLIAM ALFORD, who were sons of Jacob who settled in Pike County, Mississippi.

Several children from this family did not remain in the Washington Parish area with the parents. This seemed to be particularly true of the older children and especially those of Jacob's first marriage to Elizabeth BRYANT. In 1840 two sons, JULIUS C. ALFORD and NEADHAM (NEEDHAM) ALFORD, were in Natchitoches Parish—that part that was to later become Sabine Parish. These two sons and their families will be covered in future articles or biographical sketches. One of the younger sons, JOSEPH ALFORD, was enumerated in Washington Parish, and his mother,

Franky Seaborn Alford, was living with him. The progenitor of most of the Washington Parish Alford's and many AAFA members was there in 1840: JOHN SEABORN ALFORD (twin brother of SEABORN JOHN ALFORD of Pike Co. MS). I hate to admit it, but there are two other Alford's and an Alford in Washington Parish in 1840 that stump me. Maybe the details of the 1840 census, when we have it, will clear this up. Maybe you can help. They were JOHN A. ALFORD, JOSEPH ALFORD, and JOHN ALFROD.

There is one other Alford in the 1840 census about whom I know nothing. A Sarahann Alford was enumerated in Claiborne Parish. By 1850 Claiborne will be split into Claiborne, Bossier and Bienville Parishes. Then we find the family of JAMES W. ALFORD in Bossier Parish, and later a family that was to be prominent in the area, that of ALMON B. ALFORD [see "Louisiana Alford's, Part 2" p. 34-36, *AAFA ACTION*, March 1993.] Another family in the general area not long after 1840 was that of WARREN ALLFORD enumerated in neighboring Caddo Parish in 1850. He was born about 1816 in North Carolina and was in Louisiana as early as about 1844 when his first child was born. This Warren, frequently spelled ALFERD, is the ancestor of at least one AAFA member.



By 1850 many more of the north Louisiana parishes had been established. In the census that year Alford's were enumerated in 26 households in 13 different parishes. We will look at them and those of later years in the final segment of Louisiana Alford's in the next issue. ♦