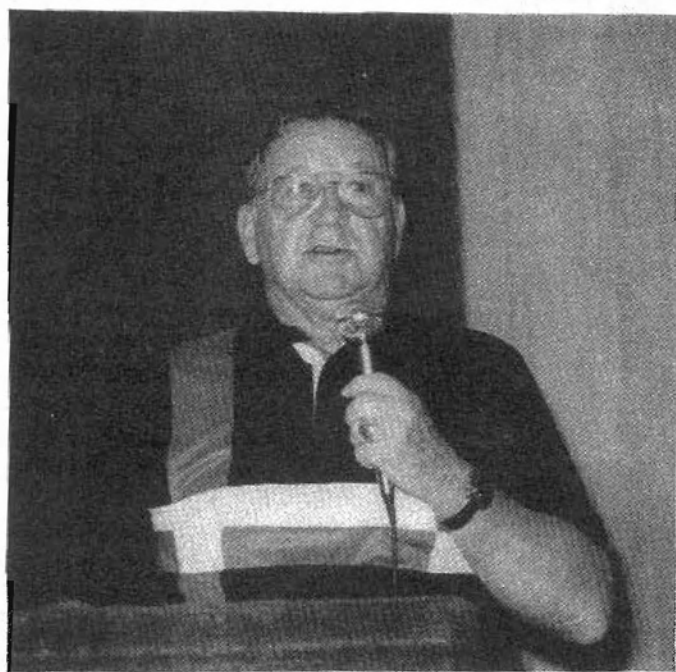


## 1994 Meeting in Richmond, VA



Al Alford, #617, FL

By Ben Alford, #447, AAFA President, Wyomissing, PA

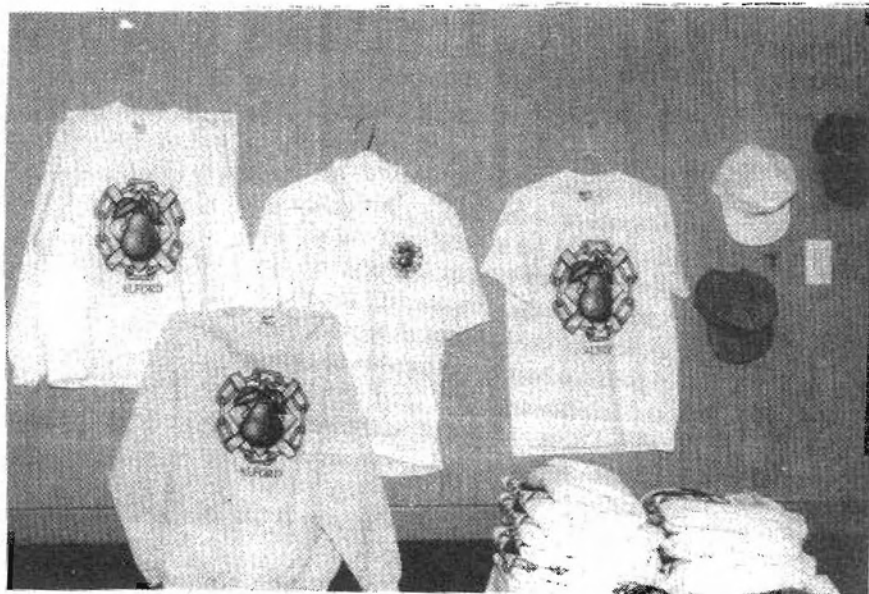
Our 1994 AAFA Annual Meeting in Richmond, VA, was a great success. Approximately 125 "Alfords" and their families attended. Their membership numbers and places of residence, included for each person mentioned in this report, show that both old and new AAFA members are involved and that our active members cover a large portion of the U.S.

Emanuel "Al" Alford, #617, AAFA Events Coordinator from Pensacola, FL, found our organization an excellent location at the Richmond Holiday Inn at the airport. The location allowed members a chance to visit the many historical spots near Richmond before and after the meeting. The meeting also got started on a very sound basis through the work of Doris Alford Vetri, #303, AAFA Treasurer from Mount Laurel, NJ, and Max Alford, #230, AAFA Secretary from Mesquite, TX, through their extensive publicity to the members and collection of meeting fees.

This year's excellent program opened with Friday's optional Genealogy Workshop conducted by Richard and Charlene Dunn from Everton's Genealogical Publications. They discussed many areas related to good family research. I particularly remember their suggestion to make a list of desired information before visiting a library or historical society reference room. They also helped us learn how to ask the right questions in order to obtain the best information and save time. They brought numerous handbooks and forms for sale to help in cataloging the data you obtain. Included with the workshop fee was a free year's subscription to Everton's *Genealogical Helper* magazine. With the help of the *Helper*, all of us expect to be better genealogists in the coming year!

The Friday night reception allowed us to get together socially and to meet new members. Joe Alford, #88, our Virginia State Representative from Hampton, VA, and Al Alford provided the group with numerous door prizes, including Virginia hams and bacon! Thank you, Joe and Al.

Andrea Alford Fantacci, #319, AAFA Buying Service Director from Zachary, LA, had a tremendous "store" of Alford mementoes. She has really turned up some neat Alford items. As some of you

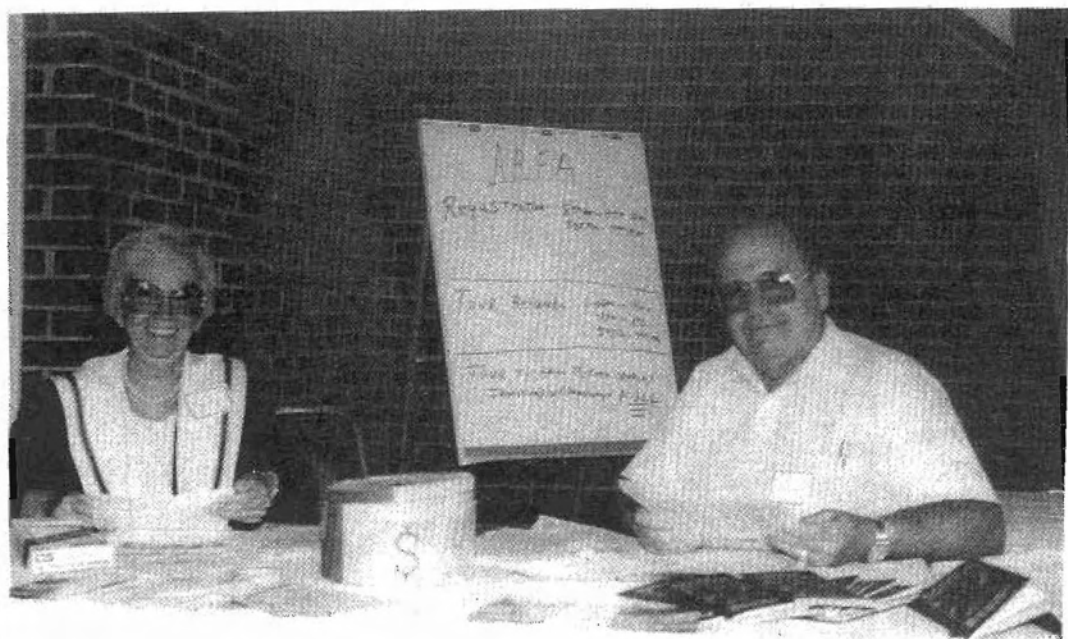


The Sales Area, where items with the Alford emblem were displayed and sold.

*Descendants of James Alford, b. 1713 in VA: Chairman of the Board Lodwick Alford, #011, GA, and his wife Frances; and Wick's daughter Andrea Fantacci, #319, LA, Buying Service Director in charge of the "store".*



know it started with just a few t-shirts from which she got the name "t-shirt lady." Thanks also to Andrea's helpers, Gil's wife Mary Alford, Doris and Sebastian Vetri, and others who tended the store. They kept it open during the reception and other off-hours between the meetings. A list of AAFA merchandise along with Andrea's address is included as a flyer in the Fall 1994 issue of the quarterly, and in the next issue we hope to have a flyer that will permit those of you who can't make it to the meetings to purchase plain, matted, or framed copies of our AAFA logo and/or the Alford emblem and several other interesting Alford items.



*Registration Friday afternoon, where Doris Vetri, #303, NJ, and Max Alford, #230, TX, signed in the attendees*



*Mike Alford, #004, VA. and Ruth Eager Moran, #622, OK, with the picture display in background.*

At the Saturday morning business meeting officers presented reports about their area of activity for the past year with new activities outlined for the upcoming year. An election was held, and the current officers were reelected. Max Alford discussed future meeting sites: October 1995 will find us in Decatur, AL, near the Red Stone Space Arsenal Museum. Bring your children and grandchildren to see the space capsules and the equipment used to test them; the following year we will meet in Springfield, MO, where you can take a side trip to Branson for the latest in country western music. The group voted to meet on the west coast in October 1997 so the loyal Alfords who've been flying east each year can drive to the meeting for a change!

On Saturday afternoon Lynn Davidson Shelley, #484, AAFA West Virginia State Representative from Morgantown, WV, and Gil Alford, #19, AAFA Executive Director from, as we all know, Florissant, MO, led the Alford Family Forum. They discussed the movement of colonial Virginia settlers to the interior by several early roads. Many of the settlers, including the Alfords, were emigrants and had to work for the landowners to pay for their ship passage before being able to move inland to obtain land of their own. Lynn provided us with a lot of new information based on her detailed research, particularly in western Virginia, which became the state of West Virginia at the beginning of the Civil War.



*Evelyn Mistich, #481, LA, and Evonne A. Salmons #130, TX, looking through the research materials on Sunday morning.*





*Descendants of John Alford, b. 1696 in MD: Front—Jean Harvey, Elizabeth Price (sisters); and Ruth Eager Moran, #622. Back—Elizabeth and Vincent Heazel, #664, MD; and Diane Etchison, #656, CA.*



*At the Friday night reception—Descendants of Littleberry Alford, b. 1801 in NC: Ken Alford and his father H.L. Alford, #446, MS; and descendants of William Alford, b. 1804 in GA: Nancy Herrington and her sister Catherine Ellard, #606, MS.*



*Descendants of John Alford, b. 1801 in NC: Front—Hollis and Arlene F. Alford, #196, TX; Earline and Max Alford, #230, TX. Back—Roy and Dave Alford (sons of Hollis and Arlien), TX; Doris and Sebastian Vetri, #303, NJ.*



*Descendants of Isham Alford, b. 1749 in NC: Aloma and Charles Alford, #187, FL; Lynn Shelley, #484, WV; Ann Lavenia Alford #386, MS; and Janice Stogsdill Smith, #152, TX.*



*Front—Marian M. Houk, #043, VA; Stephanie Alford Mixon; Julius M. Alford, #013, MS. Back—David and Juanita Stevens, #621, GA. Marian, Stephanie, Julius, and Juanita are descendants of Jacob Alford, b. 1738 in VA. Another attendee from this branch was Elizabeth Hawes Hazlip, #358, MS.*

During the afternoon we had a detailed discussion by James Boles of Ancestral Tours about a proposed special trip to Great Britain by the Alford group. Jim has led many family groups in tours of their ancestral countries. The tour is scheduled for June 4–15, 1995, and requires a minimum of 20 participants. Jim has prepared a detailed brochure for the tour, which can be obtained from him at Ancestral Tours to Great Britain Ltd., 24 Murray Street, Norwalk, CT 06851, or call 203-846-8911.



Saturday night everyone enjoyed the buffet dinner, followed by Awards Night. The Association awards \$25 to the winners in each of four categories. The winner for getting the most new members was Elizabeth McLane, #76, Valdosta, GA, for getting 5 new members; Tim Alford, #696, Kentwood, LA, was a runner up with 3 new members. Mildred Richbourg, #542, Panama City, FL, won the award for submitting the most new family group sheets: 43! Runner-up was Dick Alford, #534, W. Columbia, TX, with 34.

The award for the best non-biographical article for *AAFA ACTION* went to our Chairman of the Board, Lodwick Alford, #11, Sea Island, GA. He won for his article titled "Adventures in Greene County, Georgia" (Winter 1994, p. 34).

Frequent contributor James P. Alford, #115, Houston, TX, won for the best biographical article, "Julius Caesar 'Paddy' Alford, 1848–1876" (Spring 1994, p. 59).

*Descendants of Lockhard Alford, b. 1790 in NC: Mary Alford Intellini, #707, MD, and Larue Alford King, #701, NC.*



Several photographic awards were also presented for "Alford" pictures submitted to Jack Kinabrew, #83, AAFA Photograph Project Director from New Orleans, LA. We hope to publish the winning entries in the quarterly.

Thanks go to all the above award winners as well as to the many other members who help us recruit new members and who contribute the articles that help make AAFA ACTION one of the best family quarterlies in the country. We also want to thank Pamela Alford Thompson, #30, AAFA Publications Director from Mountain View, CA, for her outstanding effort in the publishing of our quarterly.

At the Sunday morning History Workshop, Gil had the AAFA state workbooks laid out for review. He also had updated computer printouts of many of the Alford lineages. This workshop allowed the members to check organizational information against their own genealogical data and update their data from new information Gil received during the past year.

Start planning now to join us on October 13-15, 1995, in Decatur, AL. The Annual Meeting grows and improves every year, so don't miss this great opportunity to meet your cousins, learn about your family history, and support our efforts to have the best family organization in the country!

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** All of the wonderful meeting photos published in this issue were taken by Janice and Jim Smith, #152, of Plano, TX. They went to a lot of trouble to group people into family groups and to get a picture of nearly every attendee. More photos will be published in the next issue, so if you were there and don't see your picture, you'll probably see it next time. ♦



*Descendants of Julius Alford, b. 1747 in NC: Henry G. Alford, #057 and his father, Albert Alford. Henry is the State Representative for Maryland*



*More descendants of Julius Alford, b. 1747 in NC: Front—D. L. and his wife Catherine Alford, #054, TX. Back—Dovie Jean Alford, #110, TX, Geraldine and her husband Lewis Obermiller, #429, NC; Jim Alford, #115, TX; and Evonne Salmons, #130, TX.*

## Meeting Attendees Grouped by Family

Descendants of ALEXANDER ALVORD,  
b. 1627 England  
Steph and Bill Jewell, VA

Descendants of HAYWOOD, b. 1780 GA  
Harold and Freda Alford, TX

Descendants of HENRY, b. 1826 NC  
Katherine (Alford) Echols, NC  
John and Gerry Echols, NC  
Helen Alford, NC  
Ruth Echols McNinch, GA  
Linda Echols Perry, MD  
Kristie Echols, NC  
Gail Echols, NC

Descendants of ISAAC, b. 1748 NC  
Bob and Maxine Alford, TX  
Jim and Mary Alford, TX

Descendants of ISHAM, b. 1749 NC  
Lynn Davidson Shelley, WV  
Charles and Aloma Alford, FL  
Ann Alford, MS  
Janice and John Smith, TX

Descendants of JACOB, b. 1738 VA  
Marian and Dock Houk, VA  
Juanita and David Stevens, GA  
Elizabeth Hawes Hazlip, MS  
Julius "Pooley" Alford, MS

Descendants of JAMES, b. 1713 VA  
Lodwick and Frances Alford, GA  
Andrea Alford Fantacci, LA

Descendants of JEPHTHA, b. 1797 NC  
Nancy Elkin, MS  
Virginia Alford Bray, MS

Descendants of JESSE, b. 1830 NC  
Joe and Jeanne Alford, VA

Descendants of JOHN, b. 1696 MD  
Stuart and Maidee Blakely, VA  
Elizabeth Price, MD  
Mike and Betty Heazel, MD  
Ruth Eager Moran, OK  
Diane Etchison, CA  
Jean Fulton Harvey, VA

Descendants of JOHN, b. 1640 VA  
Jody Davis, VA

Descendants of JOHN, b. 1735 Ireland  
Thomas Alford, NY  
Samuel McCray, VA

Descendants of JOHN, b. 1787 NC  
Ben and Ruth Alford, PA

Descendants of JOHN, b. 1801 NC  
Doris (Alford) and Sebastian Vetri, NJ  
Max and Earline Alford, TX  
Hollis and Arlene Alford, TX  
David Alford, TX  
Roy Alford, TX

Descendants of JOHN, b. 1807 LA  
Pat Brock Smith, MS  
Gil and Mary Alford, MO  
Murray and Mary Alford, LA  
Sally and Dick Stoewer, LA  
Mattie Lou (Giddings) and Harvey Fry, TX  
Vesta Alford Giddings, TX  
Seanne Carrigan, CA  
Josephine Alford Carrigan, CA

Descendants of JOHN, b. 1844 Scotland  
"Al" Alford, FL

Descendants of JULIUS, b. 1717 VA  
"Al" and Chella Alford, MD

Descendants of JULIUS, b. 1747 NC  
Gerry (Alford) and Lewis Obermiller, NC  
Evonne Alford Salmons, TX  
Dovie Alford, TX  
D.L. and Catherine Alford, TX  
Jim Alford, TX  
Henry Alford, MD  
Albert Alford, MD

Descendants of JULIUS, b. 1797 GA  
W. J. and Jeweleen Alford, TX

Descendants of LITTLEBERRY, b. 1800 NC  
H.L. Alford, MS  
Ken Alford, MS

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## VOL. 27, NO. 3, July–Sept 1983

•“Powhatan County, Virginia Oaths of Allegiance, 1777,” by Robert Y. Clay, p. 194

“List of Persons who took the Oath of Allegiance to the State before E Logwood Gent Justice 1777.... [on list:] Ansel Alford”

## VOL. 28, NO. 1, Jan–Mar 1984

•“Local Notices from the Virginia Gazette, Richmond, 1783 (continued),” p. 18

“Advertisement of a mare taken up by William Alford, near the Tye River, Amherst County.”

## VOL. 29, NO. 4, Oct–Dec 1985

•“John and Susannah Key of Old Amherst County, Virginia,” by Betty Key and Marcus M. Key, pp. 196–204.

Elizabeth Alford m. William Waller Key in Amherst Co., 1790. Her father was probably William and her brother was John. One of their daughters, Elizabeth, m. Lee Alford in 1816 in Davidson Co., TN. Extensive history of Key family.

## VOL. 30, NO. 2, Apr–June 1986

•“Local Notices from the Virginia Gazette, Richmond, 1784 (continued),” p. 108

“Thomas Johnson, Sheriff, advertises for sale at Louisa Court house land, to satisfy the tax due thereon: [on list:] .... James Alford, 50 acres”

## VOL. 33, NO. 4, Oct–Dec 1989

•“Kanawha County, (West) Virginia 1800 Tax List,” p. 264

[on list:] “Alford, John 1 [white male over 16]-1 [horse]  
Alford, John 1 [white male over 16]”

## VOL. 34, NO. 4, Oct–Dec 1990

•“Lancaster County, Virginia 1800 Tax List,” p. 256

[on list:] “Alford, Zachariah Est. 3 [white male tithable]”

## VOL. 35, NO. 4, Oct–Dec 1991

•“John and Mary Finley of Montgomery (Wythe) County, Virginia (continued),” by Carmen J. Finley, p. 261

“Known children of Thomas Milton and Lutecia (Horne) Finley are: ....

iv. William Orville Finley, born 4 Jan. 1837, Overton County [TN]; married Mary C. Alford, 22 Feb. 1872; died 9 June 1895, Dallas Co., Texas.” ♦

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Descendants of LOCKHARD, b. 1790 NC  
Mary Alford Intellini, MD  
LaRue Alford King, NC

Descendants of MANUEL, b. 1853 SC  
Bill Alford, VA  
Harris Alford, MS

Descendants of ROBERT, b. 1760 England  
Marian Alford Hodges, AR  
Mary Alford Helms, AR  
Don and Joan Alford, AR

Descendants of SAMUEL, b. 1814 SC  
Mike and Eva Alford, VA

Descendants of SEABORN, b. 1807 LA  
Evelyn Mistich, LA  
Jack Kinabrew, LA

Descendants of THOMAS, b. 1802 VA  
Susan and Jim Stapleford, NY  
Alicia Roundy Houston, PA

Descendants of TOMMY WILDCAT ALFORD  
Pamela Alford Burnett, OK  
Elroy and Jan Alford, OK

Descendants of WILLIAM, b. 1786 TN  
Jare and Vesta Pearigen, VA

Descendants of WILLIAM, b. 1789 NC  
Elizabeth Alford McLane, GA  
Marshall McLane, Jr. GA

Descendants of WILLIAM, b. 1804 GA  
Catherine (Alford) and Bruce Ellard, MS  
Vonceil Alford Strong, MS  
Nancy Alford Herrington, LA

Descendants of WILLIAM, b. 1812 GA  
Roberta (Alford) and Milton Folds, GA

Families not identified  
Beverly Alford, MD (SC Alfords)  
Evelyn Alford Bolding, DC (Robeson Co. NC Alfords) ♦