

Miscellaneous Alabama Records

Robin Alford Sterling, AAFA #320, has obtained from the Alabama State Archives a microfilm copy (16mm) of the reel that contains the Alford section of the Alabama Families Surname Clippings File. The Archives states that this "file consists mainly of clippings about Alabamians from Alabama newspapers and contains notices of appointments, marriages, legal proceedings, general news items, personal, obituaries, as well as articles and correspondence about family histories." Robin has transcribed much of the material. In the Fall 1996 issue of *AAFA ACTION*, we published "Julius Caesar Alford, War Horse of Troup, GA" (pp. 28-32), which included all files that pertain to Julius Caesar Alford, 1799-1863. Miscellaneous records are published in this article. AAFA NOTES are furnished by Gil Alford, AAFA President.

The following are miscellaneous typed records found in the Alford Tapes. It does not say who extracted the information.

Administration of Estates

1. Martha Alford, 1861

Henry L. Burt, Administrator, account with estate. This record carries cost of coffin for daughter, Matty.

AAFA NOTE: We cannot identify these Alfords.

Minutes of 14th Regiment Georgia Militia

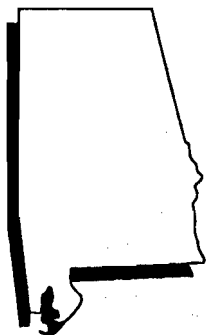
Includes following names:

Alford, Jacob	Alford, Owen
Alford, Obidiah	Alford, Willie
Alford, Cullen	Alford, Kinchen

Alford Marriages of Record

[all from Hancock County, GA]

Robert Alford and Mason ? 1806
 Jacob Alford and Martha Culver 1818
 Obediah Alford and Martha Saunders 1827
 Almon B. Alford and Harriett Eubanks 1835
 Hamlin C. Alford and Emily A. Howell 1841



John L. Alford and Susan H. Temple [no date]
 Owen Alford and Laura I. Jones 1861
 Asa J. Carter and Elizabeth Alford 1825
 Elisha Cain and Ann L. Alford 1850
 Joel Latimer and Martha Alford 1841
 John Newsome and Patsey Alford 1807
 Jordan B. Ransom and Emily B. Alford 1825

[A note here reads: "Certified copies of marriages records \$1.50 each"]

Deaths

[Some are not Alfords; I typed everything on the page.]

Laura Boswell Dowling Died April 19, 1909 in Ozark
 Gussie Boswell Died Feb. 10, 1907 at Ozark, Ala.
 Joe C. Alford died 1863
 Philip Z. Etheridge died on the 19th

of April 1862 at Herman -do Mip. [don't know what "-do Mip" means]

Martha Herin Alford died July 8th 1880 in Opinka, Ala.
 Mrs. F.F. McLaprey died June 30 1895 in Opelika, Ala.
 Beale Alford Bocker died Aug. 26 1896
 Mattie Alford River died Oct 27 1896 in Opelika, Ala
 Mr. Cook Boswell died Oct 15, 1911 at New York
 Mrs. M.B. Alford Booth died July 20, 1913

AAFA NOTE: Most of these folks, if not all of them, are kin to Julius Caesar Alford, the ole Warhorse of Troup County, GA, who moved to Montgomery. His first wife was a COOK and his granddaughter married a COOK. He later married Martha HERIN BOSWELL and she brought some of her Boswell children from the previous marriage to the family. Some of her children by Julius chose to carry on the Herin name. A daughter, Mattie Belle Alford, married Arthur Booth and died in 1913, a couple years after the marriage. Some of the family did make its way to Opelika, Lee County, Alabama. Unravelling all the names on the tape from this very complex family and set of descendants is difficult since all the data is not organized yet.

Letter from Dr. B.C. Holtzclaw

p. 580 [page numbers refer to frame number on the film]

From Grandrud's Alabama records Vol. 108, Greene County pp. 89-90, Mrs. B.W. Gandrud, 311 Caplewood Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.

University of Richmond, Va. Aug. 25, 1943

My wife's great grandmother was Rebecca Alford who married Robert E. Coleman in Green County, Ala., Feb. 20, 1838 [see also p. 36, this issue]. The family knew that this Rebecca had a brother Fenner Alford and two sisters, Adeline Alford who married Joseph Bryant and Ellen (or Eleanor) Alford who married Joseph Knighton, but did not know their parents names. The Census of Greene County for 1850 gives as the only Alford in the county Abraham Alford b. 1787, Linney Alford b. 1788 and two unmarried daughters Eleanor and Minerva. I think that Abraham and Linney Alford were therefore the parents of these children, particularly since the census shows the daughter Eleanor. The Probate Judge gave me the marriage record of Rebecca Alford and Robert Coleman but said that there were no Alford wills. I am pretty sure that the ancestry is correct and the evidence is strong that Abraham Alford was the son of John Alford, Sr, in Franklin county, N.C. This John Alford, Sr., in 1821 acknowledged deeds in Franklin county, N.C., to Fenner Alford, Rebecca Alford, Kelly, Henderson, Hilliard and John H. Alford. My guess is that the deeds were to this grandchildren as Fenner Alford was only 6 years old in 1821 and his sister Rebecca was only 1. John Alford was an old man at the time, and Abraham Alford moved to Green County.

AAFA NOTE: Before his death Dr. Benjamin C. Holtzclaw corresponded with AAFA President Gil Alford. He wrote much the same information in letters to him. These Alford are part of the large group that descend from James Alford born about 1687 and are related to many members.

John McRae Alford

p. 266 [handwritten]; p. 269 [typed], [no author mentioned]

Alford, John McRae, businessman,

was born September 21, 1861, at Carolina, Marion County, S.C.; son of Paisley and Martha (McRae) Alford, the former served in the C.S. Army at Charleston; grandson of Sion and Catherine (McPhaul) Alford, and of John and Mary (McInnis) McRae of Richmond County, N.C. He was educated in the common schools of South Carolina, and the high school, Wallace, N.C. He first engaged in farming, but has since entered largely in the banking and mercantile business. He was a member of the house of representatives of 1907 from Geneva County. He is a Democrat; a Presbyterian; a Mason; and a Knight of Pythias. Married: February 18, 1894, at Claxton, Ga., to Lelia, daughter of Mitchel J. and Annie Jane (Beasley) Green.

Children:

1. Barney Millard;
2. Walter Paisley;
3. Nellie. Residence: Hartford.

[The following is something titled "Biographical Memoranda." It was a form apparently filled out by (or for) John McRae Alford. What follows is an abstract.]

John McRae Alford; address Hartford, Alabama; date of birth: 21 Sep 1861 at Carolina, Marion County, South Carolina. Father was Paisley Alford, born at Alfordsville in Robeson County in North Carolina; he lived at Carolina, Marion County, South Carolina and served with the Confederacy at Charleston. Paisley was the son of Sion Alford and Catherine McPhaul Alford of Alfordsville, North Carolina. John McRae Alford's mother was Martha McRae, daughter of John McRae and Mary McInnis of Stewartsville, Richmond County, North Carolina. On his father's side his great-great grandfather was Jacob Alford and wife Mary Pace from Wales. On his mother's side his great grandmother and grandfather were from Scotland

(didn't know their names).

One of his teachers was John H. Morrison of country school at Carolina, South Carolina. He went one term to Wallace High School at Wallace, North Carolina. First tried farming in South Carolina and later naval stores operator in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. Married Lula Green, daughter of Mitchel J. Green and Annie Jane Beasley, 18 Feb 1894 at Claxton, Georgia.

"Mr. Alford is what is termed a self-made man, as he was deprived of the advantage of a college education, his proper years for such coming during the reconstruction period after the Civil War and only attained a common school education, but by hard work and diligent attention to his business interests, he has made a success in life which is a demonstration of his ability. He is largely interested in several ___ and large mercantile firms holding responsible positions with them and is also a member of the Alford Brothers Company and one of the largest naval stores factors in this section."

Children: Barney Millard Alford, age 12 Walter Beasley Alford, age 10 Nellie Alford, age 8

AAFA NOTES: John McRae Alford married three times. His first wife was Delia McKinnon. They had one son, Frederick Augustus Alford. His second wife was Lelia Green, whom he married on 18 Feb 1894 in Claxton, Evans Co., GA. She was born in Nov 1875 in Bulloch Co., GA, the daughter of Mitchel J. Green and Annie Jane Beasley. They had the three children listed in the article above, all born in GA.

Leven E. Alford Family

p. 314 [at bottom is handwritten, Mrs. W.T. Barnett, Pine Level, Ala.; the following information was typed]

Copied from family Bible of Leven E. Alford:

Leven E. Alford, son of William [someone has written in "Jr."] and Mary Alford was born May 21, 1814, Hancock County, Georgia.

Charlotte Derrick Alford, daughter of John and Mary Derrick, was born Jan 19, 1812, Lexington District, South Carolina.

Leven E. Alford and Charlotte Derrick were married Dec. 11, 1834 in Montgomery Co., Ala.

Children of Leven E. and Charlotte Derrick Alford:

John William Alford married
Emily Alford
Hilliard Judge Alford married
Henrietta Copeland
Mary Ann Alford married
Akious Beasley
Sylvanus Walker Alford First
wife, Martha Blackburn
Frances Jane Alford James Pugh
James Middleton Alford died
early
Jacob Wesley Alford. . . . married
Lydia Pugh
Julius C. Alford married Mamie
Williams

Leven E. Alford and Charlotte Derrick Alford are buried in Methodist Cemetery, Pine Level, Alabama (See Derrick Family.)

AAFA NOTES: Leven Ellis Alford, sometimes spelled Levin, died 30 Aug 1896 in Montgomery Co., AL. His mother was Mary Ellis. He moved to Alabama in 1832. Charlotte Derrick died 17 Oct 1887, also in Montgomery Co. All the children were born in Montgomery Co., AL, except James Middleton, who was born in Jones Co., FL. James and Jacob are in reversed birth order in the list above.

John was born 9 Oct 1835. He married Emily Jane Alford on 15 Oct 1857 in Pike Co., AL. He died before 1 Oct 1896.

Hilliard was born 30 Dec 1837. He married 26 Apr 1861 in Pike Co., AL. He died 26 Apr 1910 in Pike Co. and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Troy, Pike Co. Henrietta M. Copeland was born 19 Jan 1844 and died 3 Oct 1895.

Mary Ann was born 28 Apr 1840. She married Akious/Akeous Beasley on 24 Feb 1861 in Montgomery Co. She died 27 Oct 1917 or 1919. Akeous was born 11 May 1832 and died 9 Jan 1914.

Sylvanus was born 14 Oct 1842. He married his first wife on 1 Oct 1861 in Pike Co., AL. She died before 1870. He married (2) in Montgomery Co. to Eliza J. Reynolds on 8 Aug 1870 in Montgomery Co. He married (3) Mary David on 7 May 1874. He married (4) Elizabeth Jane (Mann) Bulger.

Frances Jane "Fanny" Alford was born 20 March 1845. She married in Montgomery Co. on 9 Feb 1866 to James A. Pugh, who was born in 1839 and died in 1907. Frances died 11 Nov 1913.

Jacob was born 1 Feb 1847. He married in Montgomery Co. on 9 Feb 1870 to Lydia M. Pugh, who was born in Nov 1846 and died after 1910. Jacob died 25 May 1929 in Montgomery Co.

James was born 5 June 1851. He died 15 Sept 1851 in Jones Co., FL.

Julius was born 3 June 1855. He married Mary Emma Williams on 13 Dec 1893. She was born in 1869 and died in 1897. Julius died 8 Oct 1942 in Montgomery Co. and is buried at Union Springs Cemetery in Bullock Co., AL. ❖

William Alford of England, Executed 1468

From "Lancastrians Abroad," by Anthony Gross, *HISTORY TODAY*, 1 August 1992, p. 31

... Similar doubts [i.e. "grounds for action against them appear slender"] surround the executions in November 1468 of Henry Courtenay and Sir Thomas Hungerford, heirs of Lancastrian partisans, and of John Poynings and William Alford, squires accused because they 'hadde familiar conversation with the Duke of Somerset and his complicitis' while in Bruges for the wedding of Margaret of York and Charles of Burgundy. These were not so much effective measures against a nest of rebels as an overreaction towards men seeking only to provide against a reversal of fortune by maintaining channels of communication with the exiles. The counterproductive nature of Edward's policy is well illustrated by the case of the young Earl of Oxford. Although his father and brother had been executed in 1462, John remained loyal until his arrest on suspicion of treason in November 1468. Released in the following April, he soon joined the Lancastrian exiles overseas and thereafter remained a permanent thorn in the side of the Yorkist dynasty.... ❖

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