

Alabama Draft Registrants in WWI

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The Birmingham Public Library has a collection of 84 rolls of microfilm containing data on all Alabamans who registered for the draft during World War I. The registration took place during 1917-1918. The microfilm was a negative image and hard to read in places. Most of the Alford's listed are white; some of the black Alford's are noted. Because of the condition of the film, I may have missed a few designations. Two Alabama counties were skipped because the film was unavailable: Franklin and Sumpter. All other counties not represented in the following list had no Alford's. In most cases, full name and birthdate was given. Other information may include occupation and employer; build (short or tall); eye and hair color; any infirmities; and nearest relative. The format of the actual registration cards varied from county to county but was mostly two different styles. Occasionally, marital status and number of children are listed; but names of spouses are infrequent. In the interest of time, I recorded only full name, birthdate, nearest relative and relationship (if mentioned and readable). Nearest relative was sometimes a wife, mother, or father. If it was listed, I specified which; otherwise I wrote in the name given.

NOTES: Because of limits on the time I had to spend in the library, I restricted myself to the surname "Alford." I didn't do variations. Therefore, this list can be considered an Alford "index" of the microfilm. On some of the records, no birthdate was given so I recorded the age given on the date the registration was made.

Format: Name, Birthdate, Nearest Relative

BALDWIN

Sterling Rinard Alford, 7 Dec 1882, Alia Laura Alford

BIBB

Robert Alford, 24 Apr 1898, (black)

BIRMINGHAM (CITY)

Bennie Alford, 5 Jul 1894

Charles Alford, 16 Dec 1898, (black)

Howard Orlando Alford, 22 Jun 1889

Hoyt Byars Alford, 5 Jan 1898, Mrs. Elizabeth Alford
(mother)

Hugh McKinley Alford, 19 Mar 1896, Mrs. R.W. Alford
(mother)

James Bass Alford, 27 Apr 1899, Elizabeth Alford (mother)

Jim Alford, 22 Jun 1896, (black)

Louis Arthur Alford, 20 Feb 1896, Mary (black)

Nathaniel Alford, 5 Jun 1900, Sophia Davie (black)

Nick Alford, 7 Jan 1898, Ella Alford (black)

Othar Thurston Alford, 9 Apr 1899, Mrs. Della Alford

Russell Alger Alford, 28 Jan 1899, Jennie Alford (mother)

Sidney James Alford, 27 Feb 1883, Adeline Benson (black)

Thomas Bailey Alford, Jr., 23 Mar 1877, T.B. Alford, Sr.

Timothy Alford, 12 May 1897, Albert Alford (black)

Travis Woodward Alford, 11 Feb 1877, Della Alford (wife)

Wiley Alford, 17 Dec 1872, Sarah Elizabeth Alford

BULLOCK

Arthur Alford, "don't know," Gertrude (black)

BUTLER

Livis(?) L. Alford, 19 Aug 1885, Rush Alford

CALHOUN

Ed Alford, 5 Oct 1880, (black)

CHILTON

Julius Caesar Alford, 12 Jun 1878

CHAMBERS

Andrew Alford, 1883, (black)

Benjamin Warren Alford, 19 Apr 1886, Dora May Alford
(wife)

Bill Alford, 15 Jul 1891

Charles T. Alford, 21 Jan 1896, S.W. Alford (father)

Dave Alford, 1892, (black)

Enoch Alford, 10 Jul 1900

Harvey Alford, 15 Apr 1898, (black)

Howard Alford, 1894, (black)

Monroe Alford, 1874, Willie Alford (black)

Robert Alford, 1896, (black)

Walt L. Alford, 14 Mar 1892, (black)

CLAY

Almond Cristopher Alford, 12 Jul 1880, Mrs. Liola Alford

Brady Alford, 1 Aug 1899, Mrs. Lizzie Alford

Buster Langhorn Alford, age 42 on 12 Sep 1918, Mrs. Nancy
Alford

Eloy D. Alford, 20 Aug 1893

Henry L. Alford, 15 Dec 1889

James L. Alford, age 29 on 12 Sep 1918

Jesse Lee Alford, 13 Oct 1884, Mary Elizabeth Alford

John A. Alford, 25 Oct 1886

William Andrew Alford, 6 Jul 1881, Mrs. Mary Ella Jones

COLBERT

Dave Alford, age 27 on 12 Sep 1918, Mrs. Maude Looney

[Note: Dave is reported as an inmate of the Bryce State
Mental Hospital in Tuscaloosa]

COVINGTON

Allison Bryant Alford, 14 Aug 1886
 J.C. Alford, 21 Dec 1896
 Richard McDaniel Alford, 26 Dec 1894, Mary Emma Alford
 Ruben Leyflitte Alford, 26 Oct 1877

CRENSHAW

Bolin Amigrade Alford 26 Oct 1877, Maggie L. Alford
 Claude McTell Alford, 20 Sep 1887
 Dewey Hobson Alford, 2 Jun 1899, Eula Alford
 Don Alford, 18 Jun 1889
 Earkuel Atmus Alford, 21 Dec 1885, Willie L. Alford
 Euell Fredric Alford, 15 Sep 1885, Effie Jane Alford
 James Irwin Alford, 27 Jun 1892
 James Alford, 18 Feb 1897
 John Lewis Alford, 24 Jul 1898, Mrs. Florance Alford
 Warner Hillard Alford, 28 Jul 1882, Glennie Orine Alford

DALE

Burrel Quincy Alford, 12 Sep 1884

DALLAS

Joseph Dewitt Alford, 3 Jul 1888

ELMORE

Odie Wooding Alford, 2 Dec 1891
 William Perry Alford, 5 Dec 1874, Lillian May Alford

ESCAMBIA

Alexander Alford, 7 Jan 1886
 Benjamin Cullen Alford, 9 Oct 1881
 Boland Alford, 12 Dec 1892
 Dock Alford, 10 Aug 1893
 Frank Alford, 20 May 1873, Hattie Alford (wife)
 James Alford, 20 Feb 1890
 John William Alford, 15 Sep 1878, Flora Alford
 Josiah Alford, 1 Nov 1878, Orbell Alford
 Stokes Alford, 24 Apr 1899
 Will Alford, 3 Nov 1887

ETOWAH

Albert Alford, 29 Jun 1894
 Albert Fletcher Alford, 26 Dec 1894
 Charles Montgomery Alford, 29 Nov 1881, Carrie Lee Alford
 Cleveland Alford, 22 Nov 1893
 Dennie Alford, 27 Mar 1899, Allen Alford
 Fred Oliver Alford, 4 Jul 1895
 Hershell Alford, Jul (age 28 on Jun 1917)
 Jeff Davis Alford, 29 Jul 1888
 Jessie Fain Alford, 23 Aug 1890
 Oliver Hannibal Alford, 20 Jan 1880
 Otis Talmadge Alford, 31 Jul 1896
 Rob Alford, 10 Feb 1891

Robert Andrew Jefferson Alford, 28 Jan 1888
 Sam Oly Alford, 12 Dec 1888
 Scott Junior Alford, 18 Jun 1892
 Stonewall Jackson Alford, 3 Feb 1883
 Thomas Brakenredge Alford, 30 Apr 1878
 Walter Colquit Alford, 15 May 1896, Allen Alford (father)
 Hardiman Talmage Alford, 5 Mar 1898
 William Luther Alford, 14 May 1876

FRANKLIN - (missing)**GENEVA**

Barney Miller Alford, 30 Jan 1895
 Devon Otto Alford, 13 Apr 1900
 Edward Gillespie Alford, 1 May 1878
 George Washington Alford, 23 Mar 1893
 George Washington Alford, 26 Jun 1881
 Jeremiah Alford, 16 Sep 1899, Zadie Alford
 John Richard Alford, 28 Mar 1891
 Lester Jay Alford, 26 Sep 1896
 Walter P. Alford, 4 Apr 1896

GREENE

Carlton W. Alford, 25 Feb 1892
 Simmie Alford, 33 on 12 Sep 1918, (black)
 Will Alford, 1874 (44 on 12 Sep 1918), (black)
 George Alford, 15 Mar 1879, (black)

HENRY

James Monroe Alford, 21 Feb 1898
 Moses Alford, 5 Aug 1882, Carrie Alford (black)

HOUSTON

Albert Augusta Alford, 22 Aug 1892
 Homer Peacock(?) Alford, 15 Dec 1886
 Josiah H. Alford, 5 Aug 1875
 John Cornelius Alford, 22 Feb 1876

JEFFERSON

Charlie Alford, 20 Feb 1890
 Willie Alford, 14 Mar 1895, (black)

LEE

Lucius Manning Alford, 12 Jan 1878

MACON

James Alford, 1889 (38 on 5 Jun 1917)

MOBILE (CITY)

Jesse Alford, 4 Sep 1900, Joseph Alford (father) (black)
 Lucius D. Alford, 7 Jan 1882, Lizzie Alford

MONTGOMERY (CITY)

Julius Elijah Alford, 1 Dec 1886

Lacy Alford, Mar 1884, (black)
 Lodwick Herrin Alford, 1 Jan 1885
 Sidney Alford, 11 Jul 1878, (black)
 Walter Herbert Alford, 14 Sep 1880, Rosa Anna Alford

MONTGOMERY (COUNTY)

Grover Alford, 27 Nov 1892
 James Arnold Alford, 18 Jul 1884
 James Thurman Alford, 14 Feb 1873, Josephine Alford
 Les Alford, 5 Oct 1889, (black)
 Louis (Louin?) Alford, 22 Apr 1891
 Lumie Alford, 5 Sep 1900, Sarah Jane Alford
 Malcolm Love (Lou?) Alford, 13 Aug 1895
 Raymond Talmage Alford, 26 Jun 1895
 Will Alford, 12 Apr 1874, (black)

MORGAN

Albert Alford, 19 Jan 1900
 Elmer Canton Alford, 14 Feb 1893
 Jessie Alford, 1 Jan 1892
 Ples Miller Alford, 1 Dec 1875, Grace Alford

RUSSELL

Thomas Alford, 12 Oct 1900 (black)
 Wiley Alford, 1880 (38 on 12 Sep 1918), Addie Mae Alford
 (wife)

ST. CLAIR

Horace Coleman Alford, 9 Jul 1886

SUMPTER - (missing)

TALLADEGA

Bennett Allae(?) Alford, 12 Apr 1883

TALLAPOOSA

Julius Alphonso Alford, 15 Jan 1900, J.C. Alford (father)
 Julius C. Alford, 27 Jan 1875

WALKER

Charles Whitfield Alford, 26 Jun 1886
 Eddie Lee Alford, 18 Mar 1883, Whit Alford

WILCOX

George Lusk Alford, 14 Mar 1873, Lottie B. Alford
 George Clem Alford, 11 Mar 1893
 Lynch Thomas Alford, 7 Apr 1900
 Walter Ross Alford, 23 Nov 1893

WINSTON

John Warren Alford, 2 Jul 1884, Amy Alford ♦

(The President's Piece, cont. from p. 12)

Paducah for dealda— we will bring that with us. We are going there for the outstanding facility and great room rate.

The land there was originally given to Revolutionary War General George Rogers Clark, but there was a dispute with another family. The general died and his claim went to his brother William Clark who you know as half of Thomas Jefferson's "Lewis and Clark" expedition. He platted a town there after the expedition in 1827 and named it in honor of the Padouca Indians.

We will be able to walk out of our hotel and onto brick sidewalks and see nearby turn-of-the-century buildings. Within a short walking distance we will find St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church of circa 1899,

Museum of the American Quilter's Society (MAQS), Fort Anderson (an 1861 Union Fortification), the 1937 Federal building, 1905 Market House, Seamen's Church Institute, River Heritage Center, the 1924 Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Freight Depot (now a Railroad Museum), an old steam locomotive, and the riverfront with the confluence of the Tennessee and Ohio rivers. Feeling lucky? The Players Riverboat Casino is just 7 miles up the road in Metropolis, IL (yes, Metropolis was the home of Superman). There are few richer places in the country for fishermen and those looking for water activity, and there are two public and four private golf courses in town.

But we're not going to Kentucky just to see the sights. We are going to talk about our Alford—dead and alive. Never before have we gone into a

meeting better prepared with data on Alford of the host state. We feel that we "know" almost all of the dead Alford of Kentucky and are now busy connecting them with their kin. We have also begun to get to know the live Alford, better connecting them with their kin—dead and alive.

Don't turn off on the meeting if you don't have Alford kin in Kentucky. It is probable that at the meeting we will talk about Alford—dead and alive—from other states more than we do Kentucky Alford. As always, our preparation for the meeting and the discussion will all be based on the ancestors of those who register for the meeting, and the earlier the registration the more likelihood of lots of coverage. You will find registration materials in this issue. Use them, and the quicker your register the better of you will be in the final analysis. See you there. ♦