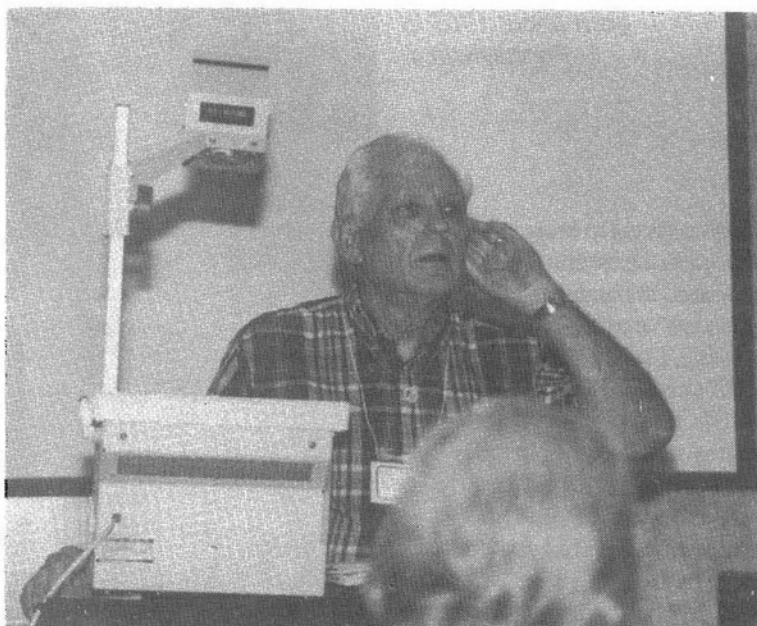


More Photos from 1997 Meeting in Pleasanton

On page 70 of the Spring 1998 issue, we printed a photo of David Gaston Alford, #503 TX, and his cousin Frances Thetford Cree, #932 TX, but we misidentified Frances as her sister Elizabeth Mohle, #424 TX. Both Elizabeth and Frances were at the meeting, but we also failed to include Frances on the list of attendees on page 72. These cousins are descendants of Needham Alford, born 1789 in North Carolina. We apologize for these errors.

The photos in the Spring issue were much darker than usual—the printers said they worked to make them better but were unable to for some reason, even though they're from the same batch as those in the Winter issue. We're sorry that the quality was poor and especially apologize to the subjects of the pictures.

If you were at the meeting but didn't see your photo in AAFA ACTION, it's probably because we didn't get a chance to take your picture! John and Janice Smith, our meeting photographers, make every effort to catch everyone, but they need your help to let them know you've been missed. The Smith's are also the AAFA photo archivists and keep archival copies of all the photos taken at the meetings, so be sure to get yourself included in this visual history.



Gil Alford, AAFA President, spends a great deal of time preparing for the Saturday afternoon Alford Family Forum. This is a popular session that focuses on genealogy, the various branches, and how we connect to each other—or don't, at least yet!



Cliff and Jeanne Singleton, #249 LA—Jeanne descends from James Alford, born 1687 in Virginia, through the branch of John Seaborn Alford, born 1807 Louisiana. Jeanne is the sister of Sally Stoewer, #120 LA, and together they ran the AAFA Store at the meeting. Jeanne helped Sally, who was in a wheelchair following an accident, keep the store open during most of the meeting.

Burt and Patricia Alford, #498 OR—Burt is the only AAFA member who is a descendant of John Alford, born about 1785 in Pennsylvania.



Did you forget to bring your camera to the meeting? If you are interested in obtaining a copy of a photo we've published from the meeting, contact Janice Smith, 1513 Croston Drive, Plano, TX 75075. Keep in mind that the quality of the color photos is much better than the quarterly is able to deliver. If you know a photo was taken but you don't see it published, Janice can probably help you with that as well. We don't print every photo!



Shannon, Sherryn, Daniel, and Seanne Carrigan—Daniel and Sherryn are not AAFA members, but we were happy they attended as guests at the Saturday night dinner. Daniel is the son of Josephine Alford Carrigan, #235 CA, and the father of Shannon, #539 CA, and Seanne, #335 CA. Seanne was the official hostess of the 1997 meeting and did a lot of behind-the-scenes preparation to help make the meeting a success.



Pamela Alford Thompson, AAFA ACTION Editor, and her patient husband Bruce—they live across the Bay from Pleasanton in Mountain View. Pam is descended from Pierce Lewis Alford, born about 1828 in Georgia.

On Sunday afternoon four very nice husbands allowed their wives to go antiquing in downtown Pleasanton. At the end of the street of antiques we found an ice cream store and took a break.

Gil Alford—AAFA President, Sebastian Vetri—husband of Doris, Paul Alford—AAFA Board Member, Doris Vetri—AAFA Treasurer, and Mary—Gil's wife were resting and enjoying watching the people stroll by. Walt and his mother Janice Smith—AAFA Board Member, Photographer, and Wills Officer, are in the back. Jean, Paul's wife, was still "looking". John, Janice's husband, is the photographer.

