

# ***Inquiries***

*There have been a number of inquiries submitted to AAFA Central from people searching for Alford ancestors. We have included two of them here. One is for information about the William L. Alford family and the second is regarding lineage in the Benedict Alford line.*

*November 8, 2001*

*ALFORD AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION  
P. O. Box 1586  
Florissant, Missouri 63031-1586*

*Dear "Alford Family":*

*A friend of mine came across your name and address on the Internet and gave it to me. I am researching my Alford Family ancestors and thought that you might provide me with some additional information or possibly the name of someone else who is researching my family line.*

*My great grandmother was Mary Whitson and her father was William Lee Alford. I am enclosing a more detailed list of what information that I have.*

*Of course I am looking for "anything" on this family line, but I am particularly looking for more information on William Lee Alford's brothers and sisters as well as more about his father George J. Alford and his wives ? Richardson and ?Martha Boatright.*

*Any help that you can be would be sincerely appreciated. I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kathy Curtin  
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Guthrie, OK 73044  
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*Enclosure:*

*George J. Alford  
born about 1831 - Georgia  
married first wife last name Richardson*

- 1. Thomas Jefferson Alford  
born August 4, 1850, Carroll County, Georgia*

died December 31, 1942 buried Snyder, Kiowa County, Oklahoma  
 married Christine Wright Catheart Robinson (born 12 Feb 1850 and died 26 Dec 1932) in Jack  
 County, Texas on December 1, 1887

**George J. Alford**

married second wife last name (??Martha) Boatright

2. **George Anne Alford**

born February 15, 1860

died May 12, 1938 buried Postoak, Jack County, Texas

married W. T. Skaggs (born 1855 - died 1922)

3. **Cordelia P. Alford**

born February 2, 1864 in Texas

died 25 July 1926 Llano Cemetery, Amarillo, Texas

married James R. Henry on October 15, 1883 in Jack County, Texas

4. **William Lee Alford (my great grandfather)**

born April 1, 1865 near Jacksboro, Jack County, Texas

died July 17, 1946 in Sterling, Comanche County, Oklahoma

buried in Woodlawn Cemetery near Rush Springs, Grady County, Oklahoma

married Mary A. Whitson Offutt (Offit) in Jack County, Texas on December 10, 1887

5. **John**

born about 1867 Texas

6. **Laura**

born about 1869 Texas

Our Corresponding Secretary, Gil Alford, responded to Kathy, a segment of which follows:

*We do find the families of "Tom and Crystine" and "William L. & Mary" in the 1900 census of Jack Co., TX. In the first family we found "Jane Cathead" mother-in-law and in the second family "Emmery Offutt" and those persons tend to confirm that these are your families. In the 1910 Jack County census a Thomas J. Mauldin was listed with three Alford grandchildren: Iva A., 17, Bertha 15 and Rachel 13. [They are children of Welch Alford and wife Frances Mauldin.] They don't appear to be your family.*

*We also had a listing, from a marriage list we purchased, of the marriage of William L. Alford to Mary Offitt on the same date as you have.*

*We searched the 1870 and 1880 census of Texas looking for names in your family and come up with a blank on George Ann, Cordelia, William L., John and Laura.*

*We are pretty familiar with the Alford's of Carroll Co. GA in 1850 and before. All of them were descendants of a Jephtha Alford b. 1797 in North Carolina but we cannot fit a George J. or Thomas Jefferson into this family. I'm sending a copy of this letter and your correspondence to Joel Alford, one of our members in Texas. He is a descendant of this Carroll Co. GA family and the person in AAFA who is most knowledgeable about them. If he sees a possible connection he will probably be in touch with you.*

If any of our members can provide information on this branch of the Alford Family, we are certain Kathy would be most appreciative.

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Our second inquiry came to us via e-mail from Daniel Carpenter of Portland, Oregon. Daniel is interested in a branch of the Benedict Alford Family who was a 1630s immigrant to Boston. His inquiry is:

*Hello,*

*I've come across the Alford family site and have been in touch with Judy Rowe and Phil Alford, recently. I'm interested in knowing more about the family.*

*Mary Ruth Alford was the daughter of Ashley Owen Alford granddaughter of Benedict and Rebecca Owen Alford.*

*Mary would be my fourth great grandmother. She married Peter Bisconer and had one son, then married a Thompson. She died as Mary R. Thompson in 1904 at Elgin, Union County, Oregon.*

*There are tons of Bisconer's descended from her only son by Peter. I have yet to learn about the Thompson children.*

*I'm interested in corresponding with family and sharing information. I am slowly trying to get everything together in book form, but there are so many in my direct line that it is taking a while.*

*Thanks for your help.*

*Daniel Carpenter  
Po Box 4232  
Portland, Oregon 97208*

Phil Alford is a member of AAFA.

Gil Alford has asked Daniel to share data with us that we may include it in our genealogy database.

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### **Scholarship Fund**

For those of you who were not able to attend the annual AAFA Reunion in Raleigh, North Carolina, last October you need to know the Board of Directors established a scholarship fund for children and grandchildren of AAFA Members. The objective of the fund is to have young people who are descendants of the Alford lineage take an active interest in the family name and their heritage. It is hoped this will cause them to be attentive to the objectives of the Association and want to continue with the work the membership has begun.

The details of the program are outlined in a letter to the membership on pages following the index. There is also a copy of the form required for applicants to complete.