

Inquiries

There have been a number of inquiries submitted to AAFA Central from people searching for Alford ancestors. We have included one of them here. It is for information about Ailey Alford whose family was in Alabama, Texas and Arkansas. We also have two inquiries from AAFA looking for additional information about James P. Alford and Green Alford.

I am seeking the parentage of Ailey Alford, born about 1817 (1850 census). She married Alfred Perry, 18 Sep 1833, Wake Co., NC. They went to Sumter Co., AL, to Harrison Co., Texas, to Tarrant Co., Texas, back to Harrison, and then Little River Co., Arkansas, where Ailey died in 1855.

I found Alfred and Ailey listed in the 1850 Census for Harrison Co., Texas but could not locate them in the 1860 Census. They appear again in 1870 in Harrison Co. and then are listed in the 1880 Census for Red River, Little River, Arkansas.

Children include:

- Lucy Jane born 1834 Alabama
- Joshia born Abt 1836 Alabama
- Elizabeth born abt 1838 Alabama
- Rebecca born 1840 Alabama
- Green born 1841 Texas
- Hinton born 1843 Texas
- Anna Amelia Perry born 15 Apr 1848 Texas

Ailey may have been a nickname for Mahalie.

Thank you for your help.

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The following inquiries are what you might call system queries. They are being initiated by the AAFA based on information in the data base rather than from some member. It is hoped that one of you will be able to assist in further identification of these folks.

Please respond to AAFA, POB 1586, Florissant, MO 63031 or to aafa@alfordassociation.org.

James P. Alford, Physician 1815-1880

Who were the parents of this person? He first appears all alone in 1850 Calcasieu Parish, LA as James P. Alford, 35 year old merchant born in Virginia. He was enumerated Dec. 10, 1850 in house 211 and family 247 and listed

on page 379. There were no other Alford's in that parish which is probably better known by the county seat- Lake Charles, LA. We don't know when or where he was married, but it was about 1854 and most likely in Louisiana.

In 1860 he shows up as J. T. Alford, 43 year old physician born in Virginia. He has wife Margaret 23, LA, Elizabeth 5 LA, Mary 3 TX and Virginia 10 months TX. Living with them was 17 year old Nathaniel Keath born AL but there is nothing to suggest he was any kin.

In 1870 we found the family in Wallisville, Chambers Co., TX. He was listed as Jas. Alford 50 Physician but this time born in AL. This year the family consists of Margaret 30 AL (instead of LA), Lizzie 16 TX (instead of LA), Mary 13 TX, Virginia 10 TX and Maggie 8 TX. With this family were five black persons and one mulatto ranging in age from 50 to 20 and born in VA, AL, LA and TX. All were servants or laborers of some kind but there may have been some family relationship among the black members of the household. Lizzie or Elizabeth married Emory Reame May 10, 1875 in Chambers Co., TX. Maggie or Margaret married Barney Fuller Jan 8, 1880 in Chambers Co., TX.

In 1880 the family was still in Chambers Co., TX where our subject was listed as J. P. 67 farmer b. NC with both parents born in North Carolina. Margaret was 43 LA with both parents born LA. Manerva 17 was the only child still with the family and she was 17 b. TX. Three of the servants were still with the family.

By 1900 there were no white Alford's in Chambers Co.

Who knows something more about this James P. Alford? Who were his parents?

Green Alford, 1809-190_

What do you know about Green Alford of McMullen Co., Texas? According to the 1900 census he was born January 1809 in North Carolina. He first appears for certain in 1860 McMullen Co., TX when he and his family were enumerated in Oakville as Green 61 VA farm laborer, Adela 40 MS, Alia 14 TX, Calvin 7 TX and Sun 4 TX.

Based on the first child's age one would expect to find the family in 1860 Texas but that has not been the case. There was a G. V. Alford 39 NC, stage driver, enumerated with a family in 1860 in Jack County. If this is him we have not found his wife and child in 1860.

In 1880 Green and his family were in McMullen County when he was listed as 72 born in VA with both parents born in NC. Adelia was still living at the time and their household included a S. Alexander, a female boarder whose occupation was seamstress. Like Adelia she was born in MS and like Adelia both her parents were born in Virginia so there may have been a connection there. In the same precinct and enumeration district in 1880 McMullen Co. was the Jonas Musgrave family in which was enumerated a Lew Alford 15, born Texas, non-related laborer. One might conclude that he was the "Sun" listed in the 1870 census except for the fact that both his parents were listed as born in Texas. Considering the possible circumstances of the actual enumeration of the household that should not carry much weight.

In 1900 Adelia Alford 71, born Feb. 1829 in MS was enumerated with the family of Lewis W. Snowden. His wife Ada M. b. Nov. 1855 TX was obviously Adelia's daughter since Adelia was the mother-in-law. The Snowdens had several small children. Nearby was Green Alford born Jan. 1809 NC as the 91 year old grandfather of J. G. Snowden. The Snowden's had a five month old child. Looks like grandma and grandpa had been pressed into some baby sitting.

So who was Green Alford? Who were his parents? What ever happened to Calvin?
