

FAMILY GROUP SHEET

[1] **Thomas Alford**

- Son of Nancy (Hines/Hinds) 1780- & James Alford 1775?-1832? of Va.
b. 1811 or 1819, Monroe Co.? W.Va.?
d. 17 Apr 1890 Lexington, Mo.?
m. 9 Sep 1840, W.Va. to: **Malinda Miller Fife**
b. 3 Jan 1822, Union, Monroe Co. Va. (now W.Va.)
d. 16 Aug 1889, Lexington, Mo.
Dau. of ? _____ () & John Fife 1800- of Va.

Not much is certain of the Alford ancestry, and very little of the Fifes, so far. John Fife was living with Malinda & Thomas according to the 1850 & 1860 censuses for Lexington, Mo. Perhaps the Fifes and the Alfords knew each other back in Virginia. We presume (without definite proof) that Thomas (1811?-1890) and his brother, John, were the sons of James Alford (1775?-1832), & Nancy Hines/Hinds (1780- ?) and that he was the son of Jane ___ & John Alford (ca.1740-1810), of Monroe County, Va., (now W. Va.)

In 1840, Thomas and Malinda moved to Lexington, Mo.. where all their children were born. His parents apparently remained in Union, which became W.Va. in 1863. The obituary of Thomas suggests he was born in 1811, but two census records indicate 1819.

Malinda & Thomas were probably married in Va., and then moved west with brother John (1809?-1886) and his wife Mary C. (1819-1894). The two brothers, Thomas & John, set up a company in Lexington to make and lay bricks, and built the Court House. They may also have been in the mercantile business, although the census lists Thomas as a plasterer. About 1870 the family moved south to Papinville in Bates Co. where Thomas worked for a while, then set up a store in Walker, a nearby town. Sons Robert & Joseph also came to help run the store. They apparently came because of knowing Florence Barrows who was then attending the Aull school in Lexington.

We are curious why Florence chose to attend the Aull school where she roomed with the Haynes. Later Florence & Robert were married. With failing health, Thomas & Melinda returned to Lexington (35 mi. east of Kansas City), and a few years later Robert and Joseph joined them.

Malinda & Thomas are believed to have had 8 children, but only the 5 given below are known. They pronounce their name ALL-ford. Thomas & Malinda are buried in Lexington's Mechpelah Cemetery.

5 Children:

- 1 **James Alford** res. Lexington, Mo.
b. 1843, Lexington m. -
d. - to: -
- 2 **Sarah Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Alford** ^{14/3} res. Lexington
b. 1847, Lex m. ? 5 Sep 1867, Lexington
d. - to: **Joseph Oatman**
- 3 **Robert Morrow Alford** res. Lexington
b. 14 Jly 1848, Lexington, Mo. m. 9 Jan 1873, Papinville, Mo.
d. 7 Jly 1900, Lexington, Mo. to: **Florence Elizabeth Barrows**
- 4 **Mary Jane Alford** res. Lexington
b. 1854, Lexington m. -
d. 1876, Lexington to: -
- 5 **Joseph Alford** res. Lexington
b. 1858, Lexington m. unm.
d. 6 May 1920, Kansas City, Mo. to: --

NOTES: Data from Susan Laubengayer of Ore., census, newspapers, and family records.

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FAMILY DATA
FOR ANCESTOR CHART

Thomas Alford
subject

See Chart No. _____

Date: 19 July 1982

Name: Thomas Alford

b. 1811 ? W.Va.?

m. 9 Sep 1840, W.Va.

d. 17 Apr 1890, Lexington, Mo.

Father: ? Thomas Alford

b. 1768 ? Va.?

m.

d.

Mother: Elizabeth ?

b. 1793 ? Va.?

d.

Spouse: Malinda Miller Fife

b. 3 Jan 1822, Union, Monroe Co., W.Va.

d. 16 Aug 1889, Lexington, Mo.

Father: ? John Fife

1799 ?

b.

m.

d.

Mother:

b.

d.

8 Children:

1. James Alford

b. 1842, Lexington, Mo.

d.

m.

2. Susan Elizabeth Alford

b. 1844, Lexington, Mo.

d.

? 1867, Lexington, Mo.

m. Joseph Oatman

3. ? Lizzie

b. 1846, Lexington, Mo.

d.

m.

4. Robert Morrow Alford

b. 14 jly 1848, Lexington, mo.

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9 Jan 1873, Papinville, Mo.

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5. Mary Jane Alford

b. 1854 ? Lexington

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unm.

m.

7.

b.

d.

m.

8.

b.

d.

m.

"Aunt Polly"

Thomas had a brother, John (1809?-5 Dec 1886, Lex.) who m. Mary C. (1819?-27 Apr 1894, Moberly, Mo.) who lived in Lexington. He and Thomas had a brick making laying business. The family came to Lexington in 1840 from Va., and most remained in Lexington.

Ref.: Mostly Data gathered by Sue Laubengayer,
Some is guesswork, not verified.

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