

## **Known Descendants of Andrew West Alford & Melissa A. Gillespie**

*This a draft version of a work in progress. It is obviously not complete and it is probable that it contains some error. Use it accordingly. The fourth and fifth generations were truncated in an attempt to protect the privacy of most of the living. This branch of the Alford family is managed by descendant Bonniejean Alford, AAFA #1375. If you have additions or changes please contact her: [bonniejean@alfordenterprise.net](mailto:bonniejean@alfordenterprise.net).*

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1. **Andrew West Alford** #1 b. Sep 16 1841, Mississippi, m. Dec 17 1865, in Pope Co., IL, **Melissa Gillespie** #2, b. Feb 13 1849, Pope Co., IL, (daughter of James Gillespie #4 and Euphemia Barbara Lewis #3) d. Dec 26 1918, Johnson Co., IL. Andrew died Feb 10 1874, Kentucky.

### **Melissa:**

Her name also shown as Malisa Algline Gillespi and listed otherwise in censuses. The Illinois marriage index has her as Lissie A. Gillespie.

The following, with some paragraphing added, was extracted from pages 141 and 142, "The Biographical Review of Johnson, Massac, Pope and Hardin Counties, Illinois" published 1893 in Chicago by Biographical Publishing Co. It was reprinted 1975 by the Genealogical Society of Southern Illinois.

MRS, LISA HOUSE, widow of Tennessee House, who is successfully managing her farm on section 13, Vienna Township, is surely entitled to an honorable place among the farmers of Johnson County, as she is doing, her full share in advancing the agricultural interests of this region, She is a native of Illinois, and was born in Pope County February 13, 1849. Her father was James Gillespie, who was born and brought up on a Kentucky farm, whereon both his parents lived and died. After he attained to manhood, he set out from his old home with a team, to seek fortune's favors in the wilds of southern Illinois. He selected Pope County as the scene of the pioneer labors whereby he hoped to win an independence, He was so fortunate as to secure a meet (sic) companion and faithful wife to share his toils in the person of Euphemia Barbara Lewis, and they began life together on land that he bought. They worked hard in the improvement of a farm, and in spite of hardships encountered and privations endured as pioneers, made a home in which they lived in comfort until they closed their eyes in death, the mother dying September, 1864. The old place has now passed out of the family and is occupied by strangers.

The following were the children born to the worthy parents of our subject: Julia, who died in Pope County; Mary Ann, who married Jacob House, and with her husband died in Pope County; Jane Ann, Mrs. Jesse Hodges, of Vienna Township; Henry, who died in Pope County; Letha, who died in Johnson County; William Theodore, a resident. of Johnson County; Lisa; Lewis Fillmore and Louisa, both of whom died in Pope County; and a child that died in infancy.

The subject of this biographical review is the seventh of the family in order of birth. She grew to a useful womanhood, well versed in all that pertains to the care of a household, and was well fitted to take charge of a home when she gave her heart and hand in marriage to Andrew W. Alford. Mr. Alford was a native of Mississippi, and was engaged at his occupation as a farmer when the war broke out. February 9, 1862, he laid aside his work to enter the service, and was appointed ship's cook on board the United States gunboat "Tyler." He was afterward transferred to the United States ship "Mound City," and from there was sent to do duty on board of the ship "Great Western." He was honorably discharged February 18, 1865, with his health greatly impaired, and subsequently died in Kentucky. By that union our subject had five children, all but two of whom died in infancy. The survivors are, Louisa, wife of W. M. Smith, of Vienna Township and Harmon, who lives with his mother.

[For more on these fascinating gunboats and their service Google or go to Wikipedia and search for USS Tyler, USS Mound City and USS Great Western.]

Our subject was married to Tennessee House March 24, 1881. A native of Tennessee, the latter grew up to the life of a farmer, obtaining a limited education in the common schools, but his natural shrewdness and industrious habits compensated him for the lack of book-learning. He remained at home and hard at work until he enlisted in the army in February, 1864, becoming a member of the Seventh Tennessee Cavalry. He remained in the service until after the war closed, and was at length honorably discharged, August 7, 1865, with a well-earned record for fidelity and good soldiership. The terrible strain of a soldier's life had told upon his health, and he never regained his former vigor, his death ultimately resulting from the effects of his army career.

After Mr. House's marriage with our subject, he commenced farming in Johnson County, renting a farm three miles from Belknap. He carried on that place a year, although laboring with difficulty on account of ill-health, and the next year rented a farm a mile from that one, upon which he remained a year. After that, he spent the ensuing year on still another farm, and then removed to a place in the same neighborhood, and there his life was brought to a close January 4, 1884. A good and honest-minded citizen was thus lost to this community, one who had suffered for his patriotism, and in all things had shown himself worthy of the respect accorded him.

By her husband's death, our subject was left without means, his sickness taking all their ready money, but her dower of strength, energy, thrift and ability to do well whatsoever she attempted, stood her in good stead, and she bravely faced the situation. So well did she manage, that in a few short years she was enabled to buy the farm on which she is living in Vienna Township, and which she carries on with marked skill, with the advice and active assistance of her son. It comprises one hundred and nine acres of land, and is exceedingly productive, yielding a good income to the careful cultivation to which it is subjected, and Mrs. House is constantly making valuable improvements. She is now in comfortable circumstances, and enjoys, as she deserves, the high regard of the people among whom she has cast her lot, who find her neighborly, hospitable and obliging. By her second marriage, our subject had two children, Essie Lee, who still brightens her home, and Oscar C., who died.

*Children:*

- + 2. i **Louisa Barbara Alford** #5 b. Sep 29 1867.
- + 3. ii **Harmon Andrew Alford** #6 b. Aug 9 1873.

Second Generation

- 2. **Louisa Barbara Alford** #5 (1.Andrew<sup>1</sup>) b. Sep 29 1867, Illinois, m. Dec 15 1889, in Johnson Co., IL, **William Miles Smith** #20, b. Mar 1861, d. after 1930, St. Louis, MO. Louisa died Jan 8 1943, Effingham Co., IL. Death date and place are from IL State Death Index and may not apply to this Louisa Smith.

*Children:*

- + 4. i **Bertha Mae Smith** #38 b. Sep 6 1892.
- 5. ii **Bessie Smith** #39 b. Oct 1891, Illinois.
- 6. iii **Henry Andrew Smith** #40 b. Nov 17 1893, Johnson Co., IL, m. **Lillian Dawson** #46, b. Aug 4 1904, Bernice, Union Parish, LA, (daughter of Robert Toombs Dawson #47 and Louella Estelle Bailey #48) d. Mar 7 1996, Homer, Claiborne Parish, LA. Henry died Sep 12 1996, Homer, Claiborne Parish, LA.
- 7. iv **Cora Smith** #41 b. Aug 1895, Illinois.
- 8. v **Homer A. Smith** #42 b. about 1898, Illinois.
- 9. vi **Jesse J. Smith** #43 b. about 1904, Illinois.
- 10. vii **Gladys M. Smith** #44 b. about 1906, Illinois.

11. viii **Doris M. Smith** #45 b. 1908, Illinois.
3. **Harmon Andrew Alford** #6 (1.Andrew<sup>1</sup>) b. Aug 9 1873, Smithland, Livingston Co., KY, m. Oct 31 1900, **Lois Agnes Ridenhower** #7, b. Oct 31 1882, Vienna, Johnson Co. IL, (daughter of William Wesley Ridenhower #26 and Mary Ann Sutliff #27) d. Mar 7 1957, Vienna, Johnson Co. IL, buried: Vienna Fraternal Cemetery, Johnson Co.,. Harmon died Jul 19 1947, Vienna, Johnson Co. IL, buried: Vienna Fraternal Cemetery, Johnson Co.,. Census, 1920 & 1930, Johnson County, IL  
**Lois**: Census, 1920, Johnson County, IL  
*Children:*
- + 12. i **Oscar Alford** #8 b. Aug 15 1901.
  - 13. ii **William Andrew Alford** #9 b. Aug 28 1902, Ballowe, Johnson Co., IL, m. 1928, **Frances L. \_\_\_\_\_** #110, b. about 1911, Illinois. William died Sep 2 1981, Vienna, Johnson Co. IL. Census, 1920 & 1930, Johnson County, IL
  - + 14. iii **Joseph Theador Alford** #10 b. Mar 9 1904.
  - + 15. iv **Harry Alford** #11 b. Nov 29 1905.
  - + 16. v **Neil R. Alford** #12 b. Jan 8 1908.
  - 17. vi **Carrie L. Alford** #15 b. Dec 8 1909, Illinois, m. Feb 6 1937, **Edgar Theodore Davis** #37, b. Oct 5 1906, Golconda, Pope Co., IL, d. Aug 29 1980. Carrie died Mar 22 2004, Golconda, Pope Co., IL. Census, 1920, Johnson County, IL
  - 18. vii **Robert L. Alford** #16 b. Jun 13 1912, Illinois, d. Jan 26 1981, Elgin, Kane Co., IL. Census, 1920, Johnson County, IL
  - 19. viii **Daisy L. Alford** #17 b. about 1915, Illinois, d. Jul 5 1987, Bloomington, McLean Co., IL. Census, 1920, Johnson County, IL
  - + 20. ix **Mary M. Alford** #19 b. about 1917.
  - 21. x **Henry H. Alford** #18 b. about 1919, Johnson Co., IL, d. Sep 22 1957, Marion, Williamson Co., IL. Census, 1920, Johnson County, IL

#### Third Generation

4. **Bertha Mae Smith** #38 (2.Louisa<sup>2</sup>, 1.Andrew<sup>1</sup>) b. Sep 6 1892, Illinois, m. **Charles Leonard Kinkade** #49, b. May 23 1885, White Co., IL, (son of William McDonald Kinkade #50 and Mary Ellen Prior #51) d. Dec 1948, Benton, Franklin Co., IL. Bertha died Jul 1984, Benton, Franklin Co., IL.  
*Children:*
- 22. i **Dorothy Ellen Kinkade** #111 b. Nov 25 1911, Illinois, m. **John Sertl** #120, b. 1912, d. 1989.
  - 23. ii **Charles Leland Kinkade** #112 b. Apr 28 1914, Illinois, m. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hayse** #121. Charles died Jan 1992, Franklin Co., IL.
  - 24. iii **Sylvia Madeline Kinkade** #52 b. Nov 4 1915, Kankakee, Kankakee Co., IL, d. 1917, Benton, Franklin Co., IL.
  - 25. iv **Daisy Beatrice Kinkade** #113 b. Aug 30 1917, Illinois, m. **Howard B. Simpson** #122. Daisy died May 1999, Morgan Co., IN.
  - 26. v **Gilbert W. Kinkade** #53 b. Feb 7 1919, Illinois, d. Mar 2 2001, Malta, Phillips Co., MT.
  - 27. vi **Eloise Mary Kinkade** #114 b. 1920, Illinois, m. **Henry Martin Stob** #123, b. 1919, d. 2001, Michigan.
  - 28. vii **Virginia Kinkade** #115 b. 1922, Illinois.
  - 29. viii **Benjamin Kinkade** #116 b. Apr 12 1924, Illinois, d. Sep 28 1999, San Joaquin Co., CA.
  - 30. ix **Noah Kinkade** #117 b. 1926, Illinois. Twin
  - 31. x **Nolan Kinkade** #118 b. 1926, Illinois. Twin
  - 32. xi **Vivian Kinkade** #119 b. 1928, Illinois.
12. **Oscar Alford** #8 (3.Harmon<sup>2</sup>, 1.Andrew<sup>1</sup>) b. Aug 15 1901, Illinois, m. (1) Feb 12 1926, in Kankakee,

Kankakee Co., IL, **Ruth Provert** #28, b. Sep 30 1908, (daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Provert #124 and Frances Ponder #125) d. Jul 2 1991, m. (2) **Evelyn Brunswiler** #126, d. Mar 22 1991, Kankakee, Kankakee Co., IL. Oscar died Dec 28 1982, Kankakee, Kankakee Co., IL.

**Evelyn:** She had a son whose name is unknown.

*Children by Ruth Provert:*

- 33. i \_\_\_\_\_ #127 m. \_\_\_\_\_ **Richtel** #129.
- 34. ii **Louis Adah Alford** #128 b. Jan 19 1933, d. Mar 10 1934, buried: Vienna Fraternal Cemetery, Johnson Co.,

14. **Joseph Theador Alford** #10 (3.Harmon<sup>2</sup>, 1.Andrew<sup>1</sup>) b. Mar 9 1904, Ballowe, Johnson Co., IL, m. (1) Jun 6 1925, **Emma Harrington** #29, b. about 1900, Kentucky, m. (2) Nov 8 1936, in Mattoon, Coles Co., IL, **Mabel Adeline Rich** #30, b. Dec 27 1911, Deer Creek, Mercer Co., PA, (daughter of Joseph William Rich #31 and Sarah Evaline Boley #32) d. Jul 25 1999, El Paso, Woodford Co., IL, buried: East Lawn Mem. Gar., McLean Co., IL. Joseph died Mar 3 1982, El Paso, Woodford Co., IL, buried: East Lawn Mem. Gar., McLean Co., IL. Census, 1920, Johnson County, IL

*Children by Emma Harrington:*

- 35. i **Ruth Alford** #54 b. before 1935, d. before 1935.

*Children by Mabel Adeline Rich:)*

- + 36. ii **Joseph Robert Alford** #55 b. Jul 15 1937.
- + 37. iii **Harold Dean Alford** #56 b. Mar 28 1939.
- + 38. iv **Mabel Mignonette Alford** #57 b. Feb 3 1942.

15. **Harry Alford** #11 (3.Harmon<sup>2</sup>, 1.Andrew<sup>1</sup>) b. Nov 29 1905, Illinois, m. Dec 25 1926, in Massac Co., IL, **Aline Ryon** #33, b. Jul 18 1907, Johnson Co., IL, (daughter of Garner Ryon #130 and Myrtle \_\_\_\_\_ #131) d. Jan 25 1989, Kankakee, Kankakee Co., IL, buried: Kankakee Mem. Gar., & Mausoleum. Harry died Dec 17 1982, Chebanse, Iroquois Co., IL. Census, 1920 & 1930, Johnson County, IL

*Children:*

- 39. i **Dorothy L. Alford** #58 b. about 1927.
- 40. ii **Dariel H. Alford** #59 b. about 1928.
- 41. iii **Hellen G. Alford** #60 b. about 1929.

16. **Neil R. Alford** #12 (3.Harmon<sup>2</sup>, 1.Andrew<sup>1</sup>) b. Jan 8 1908, Ballowe, Johnson Co., IL, m. (1) 1930, **Wilma Mae Golden** #13, b. Feb 17 1903, d. May 14 1959, buried: Shiloh Cem., Hopedale, Tazewell Co. IL, m. (2) Sep 9 1960, in Vienna, Johnson Co. IL, **Willodean House** #34, b. Feb 24 1934, Marshall, Searcy Co., AR, (daughter of Columbus Newton House #35 and Florence Beatrice Horton #36) d. Oct 1 2006, Hopedale, Tazewell Co., IL, buried: Shiloh Cem., Hopedale, Tazewell Co. IL. Neil died Jul 24 1997, Hopdale, Tazewell Co., IL, buried: Shiloh Cem., Hopedale, Tazewell Co. IL. Census, 1920 & 1930, Johnson County, IL & data submitted by his son John Andrew Alford.

**Willodean:** Her obituary is on FindAGrave.com

*Children by Wilma Mae Golden:*

- + 42. i **Neil R. Alford, Jr.** #62 b. Jul 6 1933.

*Children by Willodean House:)*

- + 43. ii **John Andrew Alford** #14.
- 44. iii **Harold Alford** #61.

20. **Mary M. Alford** #19 (3.Harmon<sup>2</sup>, 1.Andrew<sup>1</sup>) b. about 1917, Illinois. Data submitted by son grandson of Harmon Andrew Alford, John Andrew Alford.

*Children:*

- + 45. i **Sharon** \_\_\_\_\_ #63.

_____	4
_____, Frances L.	3
_____, Myrtle	4
_____, Sharon	4
Alford, Andrew West	1
Alford, Carrie L.	3
Alford, Daisy L.	3
Alford, Dariel H.	4
Alford, Dorothy L.	4
Alford, Harmon Andrew	2, 3
Alford, Harold	4
Alford, Harold Dean	4
Alford, Harry	3, 4
Alford, Hellen G.	4
Alford, Henry H.	3
Alford, John Andrew	4
Alford, Joseph Robert	4
Alford, Joseph Theador	3, 4
Alford, Louis Adah	4
Alford, Louisa Barbara	2
Alford, Mabel Mignonette	4
Alford, Mary M.	3, 4
Alford, Neil R.	3, 4
Alford, Neil R., Jr.	4
Alford, Oscar	3
Alford, Robert L.	3
Alford, Ruth	4
Alford, William Andrew	3
Bailey, Louella Estelle	2
Boley, Sarah Evaline	4
Brunswiler, Evelyn	4
Davis, Edgar Theodore	3
Dawson, Lillian	2
Dawson, Robert Toombs	2
Gillespie, James	1
Gillespie, Melissa	1
Golden, Wilma Mae	4
Harrington, Emma	4
Hayse, _____	3
Horton, Florence Beatrice	4
House, Columbus Newton	4

House, Willodean	4
Kinkade, Benjamin	3
Kinkade, Charles Leland	3
Kinkade, Charles Leonard	3
Kinkade, Daisy Beatrice	3
Kinkade, Dorothy Ellen	3
Kinkade, Eloise Mary	3
Kinkade, Gilbert W.	3
Kinkade, Noah	3
Kinkade, Nolan	3
Kinkade, Sylvia Madeline	3
Kinkade, Virginia	3
Kinkade, Vivian	3
Kinkade, William McDonald	3
Lewis, Euphemia Barbara	1
Ponder, Frances	4
Prior, Mary Ellen	3
Provert, _____	4
Provert, Ruth	4
Rich, Joseph William	4
Rich, Mabel Adeline	4
Richtel, _____	4
Ridenhower, Lois Agnes	3
Ridenhower, William Wesley	3
Ryon, Aline	4
Ryon, Garner	4
Sertl, John	3
Simpson, Howard B.	3
Smith, Bertha Mae	2, 3
Smith, Bessie	2
Smith, Cora	2
Smith, Doris M.	3
Smith, Gladys M.	2
Smith, Henry Andrew	2
Smith, Homer A.	2
Smith, Jesse J.	2
Smith, William Miles	2
Stob, Henry Martin	3
Sutliff, Mary Ann	3