

Known Descendants of Gabriel S. Alford b. 1821 NC

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1. **Gabriel S. Alford** #1 b. Mar 1821, North Carolina, ref: GAB821NC, occupation overseer & farmer, m. (1) Feb 6 1844, in Franklin Co., NC, **Martha Cooke** #2, b. 1822, North Carolina, (daughter of Vincent Cooke #51 and . #52) d. before 1860, North Carolina, m. (2) Jan 10 1860, in Nash Co., NC, **Mary Ann Cooke** #5, b. Nov 1836, North Carolina, d. After 1900, Nash Co., NC. Gabriel died after 1900, North Carolina.

Much of the data in this genealogy was taken from a July 16, 1980 paper "The Alford Family" with introduction as follows and signed by Seth Dean Martin.

"I, Seth Dean Martin, Grandson of the late James P. Alford and the son of Laura Lewis Alford Martin, have researched this information on my grandfather's family known as the "ALFORD FAMILY" on Nash County, North Carolina.

"I was born on January 21, 1953, in Columbus County, North Carolina, son of Van Buren and Laura Lewis Alford Martin. At this time I am the age of 27.

"During the first of 1980 I started this research into the history of my Grandfather's family. These few pages have only the names, dates of birth, and dates of death of my Grandfather's brothers and sisters. No other information could be found about his Mother and Father. I was taken to the place and shown where my Great Grandfather and Great Grandmother lived in Nash County, North Carolina and raised a family of 4 Daughters and 5 Sons.

Some information was furnished by Seth's mother Laura Lewis Martin via a Alford Family Worksheet which she submitted with her son's work.

Census:

1850, Franklin Co., NC, Perrys Mill District, page 360, house 661, family 661 (Alford) all born NC: Gabriel 29 farmer, Martha 28, Patty 6, Elizabeth 1.

1860, July 18, Nash Co., NC, Arrington, Battlesboro, page 630, house 1072, family 1019 (Alford) all born NC: Gabrel 39 Overseer (cannot read or write), \$500 real property, \$1800 personal property, Mary 23, Pattie 14 in school, Bettie 11, Thos. 9, Mary 6, Milly 5.

1870, June 23, Nash Co., NC Nashville PO, Washington Twp, page 139, house 331, family 346 (Alford) all bom NC: G. L. 49 farmer \$300; Mary 33 R, Thomas 18 R fam laborer, Mary 16 R, Mellie 14 R farm laborer, Jacob 9, John 6, Anna 5, Elizabeth 3, Lucy 1.

1880, Nash Co., NC, Griffin Twp, vol 15, ed 171, sheet 1 (Alford) all born NC: Gabriel S. 56, Mary A. 43, Emily P. 22, Jacob L. 19, John Henry 17, Anna 14, Lizzie 13, Lucy 11, Neverson C. 9, William E. 7, Josephine E. 3, James P. 1.

1900, Nash Co., NC Griffin Twp, sheet 18 (Alford) all born NC: Gabrel S. 79/ Mar 1821, Mary L. 63/ Nov 1836, Lucy M. 31/ May 1869, Josepheen 23/ Sep 1876, Samuel 19/ Apr 1881.

Gabriel was apparently in the Civil War as evidenced by a 1901 CSA pension application in Nash Co. Copy supposedly on file in the Archives in Raleigh but AAFA does not have a copy. "They Fought: The Story of Franklin County Men in the Years 1861 - 1865" by T. H. Pearce lists Gabriel as age 42, Co K 24th Regiment. He enlisted August 1863, was wounded in 1864, captured at Five Forks, imprisoned at Camp Lookout. **Martha**: When Martha and Gabriel were married the bondsman was Moses Alford and the witness was Y. Patterson. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr. FRANKLIN COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA MARRIAGE BONDS 1779-1868 (With Marriage Register 1851-1867) (South Boston, VA, 1989) **Mary**: Mary Ann and Gabriel were married by Laurence Battle. The bondsman was William P. Sledge and the witness was B. H. Sorsby. Ruth Smith Williams and Margaret Glenn Griffin EARLY MARRIAGES OF NASH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, (Rocky Mount, NC: Joseph W. Watson, 1968).

Children by Martha Cooke:

2. i **Patty Alford** #3 b. 1844, Franklin Co., NC.
3. ii **Elizabeth Alford** #4 b. 1849, Franklin Co., NC.
- + 4. iii **Thomas Alford** #6 b. 1851.
5. iv **Mary Alford** #7 b. 1854, North Carolina.
6. v **Milly Alford** #8 b. 1855, North Carolina.

Children by Mary Ann Cooke:)

- + 7. vi **Jacob Lewis Alford** #9 b. Aug 12 1862.
- + 8. vii **John Henry Alford** #10 b. Mar 2 1863.
9. viii **Anna Alford** #11 b. Aug 14 1865, Nash Co., NC, m. **Robert L. Avent** #22, b. Apr 24 1864, d. Jun 20 1932, Nash Co., NC, buried: Fishing Creek Bap. Ch. Cem. Nash Co., NC. Anna died Aug 19 1949, Nash Co., NC, buried: Fishing Creek Bap. Ch. Cem. Nash Co., NC.

Published NC Cemetery data has Lucy buried in two different places or the cemetery has two names and different tombstone inscription reports. The birth date in the genealogy is from the T. V. Avent Cemetery. The Fishing Creek Baptist Church Cemetery shows her birth as Aug 15. The LDS-IGI shows Aug 14.

10. ix **Elizabeth Alford** #12 b. Mar 14 1866, Nash Co., NC, m. _____ **Gaskin Smith** #21. Elizabeth died Feb 7 1951, buried: Gaskin Family Cemetery, Halifax Co., NC.
11. x **Lucy Moses Alford** #13 b. Aug 20 1869, Nash Co., NC, d. Oct 30 1961, buried: Fishing Creek Bap. Ch. Cem. Nash Co., NC.

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She is also listed as being buried in the T. V. Avent Cemetery in Griffins Township - perhaps the same cemetery know by different names.

12. xi **Neverson Cooper "Pete" Alford** #15 b. May 20 1871, Nash Co., NC, d. Nov 7 1946, buried: Gaskin Family Cemetery, Halifax Co., NC.
13. xii **William E. Alford** #16 b. 1873, Nash Co., NC. William died young.
14. xiii **Josephine Ada Alford** #17 b. Sep 8 1876, Nash Co., NC, d. Jun 5 1955, buried:

Fishing Creek Bap. Ch. Cem. Nash Co., NC.

- + 15. xiv **James P. Alford** #18 b. Nov 15 1879.
- 16. xv **Samuel Peter Alford** #20 b. Apr 18 1881, Nash Co., NC, d. May 11 1949, buried: Fairmont Cemetery, Robeson Co., NC.

Second Generation

- 4. **Thomas Alford** #6 (1.Gabriel¹) b. 1851, North Carolina, m. **Nannie** _____ #14, b. Dec 1859, North Carolina.

Children:

- + 17. i **Benjamin G. Alford** #25 b. Apr 1876.
 - 18. ii **Martha D. "Pattie" Alford** #26 b. Nov 1879, North Carolina.
 - 19. iii **Joseph T. Alford** #27 b. Jun 1884, North Carolina.
 - 20. iv **Mary Elisa Alford** #28 b. Oct 1887, North Carolina.
 - 21. v **Nanna Ollie Alford** #29 b. Aug 1890, North Carolina.
- 7. **Jacob Lewis Alford** #9 (1.Gabriel¹) b. Aug 12 1862, Nash Co., NC, m. **Mary** _____ #24, b. 1871, North Carolina. Jacob died Apr 2 1949, buried: Pineview Memorial Cem., Rocky Mount, NC.

Seth Martin shows born in 1862 but the LDS-IGI says 1861.

Census:

1900 Nash Co., Whitakers, NC (all born NC) Jacob 38 8/1862, Bettie 7 7/1892, Hattie 5 8/1894, Charlie C. 2 4/1898

1910 Nash Co., NC (all born NC) Jacob 50, Mary 39, Forst 21, Daisie 19, Lawrence 18, Mabel 15, Millard 13, Mamie 11, Hyman 7, Elma 5, Bettie 17, Hattie 15.

1920 Nash Co., NC (all born NC) Jake F. 58, Mary 48, Hiram 17, Lester 8 & Mammie Walker SD.

There is some inconsistent data on the children in this family. Note that in the census Jacob had no wife and only 3 children born 1892-1898. It looks like he married twice but were the children of the new wife born "Alford" or did he adopt them? There is no other family in 1900 with these Alford.

Children:

- 22. i **Forest Alford** #31 b. 1889, North Carolina.
- 23. ii **Daisie Alford** #32 b. 1891, North Carolina.
- 24. iii **Bettie Alford** #33 b. Jul 1892, North Carolina.
- 25. iv **Lawrence Alford** #34 b. Dec 12 1893, North Carolina, ref: 242-20-4412, d. Jul 1976, Rocky Mounty, Nash Co., NC.
- 26. v **Hattie Alford** #35 b. Aug 1894, North Carolina.
- 27. vi **Mabel Alford** #36 b. 1895/6, North Carolina.
- 28. vii **Millard Alford** #37 b. 1897, North Carolina.
- 29. viii **Charlie Cooper Alford** #38 b. Apr 11 1898, North Carolina, ref: 238-22-5347, d. Sep 1976, Rocky Mounty, Nash Co., NC.

His record combines census data and SSDI date based on assumption and ignores comment in 1920 census about relationship.

Birth day (month and year from census also) and death date from SSDI. Assuming Charlie C. and Cooper Alford are the same.

30. ix **Mamie Alford** #39 b. 1899, North Carolina.
 31. x **Hiram Alford** #40 b. 1903, North Carolina. He was listed as Hyman in 1910 census.
 32. xi **Elma Alford** #41 b. 1905, North Carolina.
 33. xii **Lester Alford** #50 b. Jun 26 1911, ref: 239-32-3579, d. Sep 1976. See 1920 census !!!!! Birth and death date from the SSDI with assumption that it applies to this Lester.
8. **John Henry Alford** #10 (1.Gabriel¹) b. Mar 2 1863, Nash Co., NC, m. **Maude Linwood Bobbitt** #23, b. Feb 3 1870, North Carolina. John died Aug 21 1930, buried: Fishing Creek Bap. Ch. Cem. Nash Co., NC. Census: 1910 Nash Co., NC (all born NC) John 47, Maud 39, Allma 15, Linward 13. **Maude**: In 1900 census the Maudes are listed as Maude L. Sr. and Maude L. Jr.
- Children:*
34. i **Alma E. Alford** #42 b. Mar 1895, North Carolina.
 35. ii **Maude Linward Alford** #43 b. Jul 1897, North Carolina.
15. **James P. Alford** #18 (1.Gabriel¹) b. Nov 15 1879, Nash Co., NC, m. Jun 16 1908, in Halifax Co., NC, **Eva Dahlia Lewis** #19, b. Aug 27 1882, Halifax Co., NC, d. Mar 22 1953, Columbus Co., NC. James died Sep 18 1962, Lumberton, Robeson Co., NC, buried: Whiteville Cemetery, Columbus Co, NC.
- Children:*
- + 36. i **Laura Lewis Alford** #44 b. May 20 1913.
 37. ii **Emma Elizabeth Alford** #45 b. Nov 26 1916, Robeson Co., NC, d. Sep 18 1924.

Third Generation

17. **Benjamin G. Alford** #25 (4.Thomas², 1.Gabriel¹) b. Apr 1876, North Carolina, m. **Magnolia Collins** #30, b. Oct 1875, North Carolina.
- Census: 1900 Nashville Township, Nash Co. NC Bennie G. 24 and Magnolia 24 are living with Martha E. Collins, Mother-in-law.
- Census: 1910 Nashville Township, Nash Co., NC Benjamin G. 34 NC, Magnolia 34 NC, Lillian 8 NC, Elsie 5 NC, Nanny 3 NC, and Patty 1 NC.
- Children:*
38. i **Lillian Alford** #53 b. about 1902, Nash Co., NC.
 39. ii **Elsie Alford** #54 b. about 1905, Nash Co., NC.
 40. iii **Nanny Alford** #55 b. about 1907, Nash Co., NC.
 41. iv **Patty Alford** #56 b. about 1909, Nash Co., NC.
36. **Laura Lewis Alford** #44 (15.James², 1.Gabriel¹) b. May 20 1913, Fairmont, Robeson Co., NC, m. Dec 28 1938, in Wilmington, New Hanover Co., NC, **Van Buren Martin** #46, b. Oct 26 1918, Columbus Co., NC, d. Apr 11 1966, Raleigh, Wake Co., NC.
- Children:*
42. i **Judy Vann Martin** #47 b. Nov 6 1939.

- 43. ii **James Byron Martin** #48 b. Sep 3 1942.
- 44. iii **Seth Dean Martin** #49 b. Jan 21 1953, Columbus Co., NC.

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