

**Known Descendants of
James M. Alford
1807 PA - 1883 IL**

[This is a work in progress prepared and submitted by descendant, AAFA member Maureen Alford, AAFA #1196.]

1. **James M. Alford** #12768 b. Apr 24 1807?, Adamsville, Crawford Co., PA, m. **Rosanna Douthitt?** #12769, b. about 1817, Pennsylvania, d. 1875, Chicago, Cook Co. IL. James died Nov 4 1883, Chicago, Cook Co. IL.

CENSUS:

1860, Grant Co., WI Platteville, Roll 1409, page 561, June 15, House 251, family 240: James M. 51 PA millwright with total of \$1650 property, Rosena 43 PA, Joseph 27 PA printer, Mary 18 PA, Carrie 16 IA, William J. 9 MO, James 6 MO. The last three were in school. Joseph was shown as married within the census year. That tracks with other information but where was Elizabeth who he had married in March.

Children:

- + 2. i **Joseph D. Alford** #12770 b. May 1 1834.
3. ii **Mary Alford** #12771 b. about 1842, Pennsylvania.
4. iii **Carrie Alford** #12772 b. about 1844, Iowa.
5. iv **William J. Alford** #12773 b. about 1851, Missouri or Mississippi.
6. v **James Alford** #12774 b. about 1854, Missouri or Mississippi.

Second Generation

2. **Joseph D. Alford** #12770 (1.James¹) b. May 1 1834, Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co, PA, m. (1) Mar 26 1860, in Grant Co. WI, **Elizabeth Jane Verran** #12775, b. Apr 27 1836, Buckingham Co., VA, (daughter of William Verran #12795 and Catherine ____ #12796) d. Mar 20 1882, Grant Co. WI, m. (2) Sep 30 1882, in New Albin, Allamakee Co., IA, **Isabelle Logan** #12778. Joseph died Aug 12, 1922, Savannah, Chatham Co., GA.

CENSUS:

1870, Grant Co., WI Platteville, Roll 171, page 394, June 16, House 245, family 273: Joseph 36 PA carpenter, Elizabeth 34 VA, Kate 7 WI, Albert 1 WI.

1880, Grant Co., WI, Platteville, page 31-B: J.D. carpenter 46 PA, Elizabeth 44 VA, Kate 18 WI, Albert 10 WI and Catharine Verrene 84 mother (actually mother-in-law). Data on birth of J.D.'s parents was "blank."

Summary of uncertified marriage data.

Joseph D. Alford, carpenter, son of

James M. and Rosanna Alford

Born Pittsbugh, PA and residing Platteville WI

and Elizabeth Jane Verran

daughter of William & Catherine Verran

White, March 26, 1860, Platteville, WI

By James Evans, Minister

Certificate date March 16, 1860

Registered April 4, 1860.

No. 1. ORIGINAL (For a Board)

Claim No. 535702

Name of claimant, Joseph D. Alford

Private, Company E. 25th Wis

Post Office address, Andrew, IA

ADDRESS OF THE BOARD:

Maquoketa, Jackson Co. IA

Date of Examination, July 15th 1885

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who claims that while in the service of the United States at or near a place named Rosaca, Ga, [probably Resaca, Gordon Co.] and while in line of duty, on or about the 15th day of May 1864, he incurred neuralgia of head and face and that in consequence thereof he is 1/4 disabled for earning his subsistence by manual labor.

His pulse-rate is 80 per minute; his respiration 18, his temperature normal his height is 5 feet and 9 1/2 inches, he weights 125 pounds, and states the he is 52 years of age.

Touching the cause and degree of the disability for which he claims a pension, he makes the following statement: A day or two before the battle of Rosaca we lay overnight in a pine swamp. A few days later I was taken with severe pain in forehead, I have these severe pains on an average about once a month ever since. I have never been treated in the service for the attack.

The examination reveals the following objective facts in support of his statements: Claimant reveals no physical symptoms of disease claimed.

D. N. Loose, Secy Board

G. Truax, Treas Board

WAR DEPARTMENT

Adjutant General's Office

Washington, Aug 5, 1885

Respectfully returned to the Commisioner of Pensions.

Joseph D. Alford, a Sergt of Company E, 25th Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, was enrolled on the 9th day of Aug., 1862, at Platteville, 3 years; Roll from enrollment to Oct 31, 62, not on file. roll for Nov. and Dec. 62 reports him present. Same to Apr 30 64. Roll for May and June 64, reports him absent, sick at Div Hospital since June 27, 64. Roll for July and Aug 64, reports him sick at Rome, GA since June 27 64. Same to Oct. 31 64. Roll for Nov and Dec 64, reports him present. Same to Apr 30 65. Muster out roll of Co., dated June 7, 65, reports him present, and mustered out with Co. on that day at Washington, D.C. ----- [In different handwriting and with six sets of initials in left margin.] Regtl Hosptl Records on file from April 1/63 to April 4/65 show him admitted & treated as follows: Dec 24/63 for Bronchial ????. ??? June 29/64 with Int. Fever (quoted) & sent to Div Hosptl. Company Morning Reports furnish no information. Company returns are not on file. No evidence of disability as alleged.

Thomas Ward

Assist Adjutant General

???? not legible.

Original Pension claim No. 535,702
Joseph D. Alford, Private, Co. E. 25th Regt Wis

Sherman Heights, Tennessee
Chatta. 11-18-1891

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz: Neuralgia face and head. Impaired vision both eyes, and that he receives a pension of "Act June 27 1890" dollars per month.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for "Original" Has neuralgia through front part of the head, at times. No time entirely free from pain. Worse at times. This affects eyes so that he can scarcely see to read with glasses at times. Otherwise feels very well. Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate 74, respiration 18, temperature 98 ½, height 5 feet 7 inches, weight 130 pounds, age 57 years. Muscles and palms firm (is a carpenter) healthy skin, clean tongue, no appreciable signs of neuralgia of head. Man's general nutrition appears good. (Man is well known to one member of this Board, and his statement is reliable) Reads Snellen without glasses 20-40 (Man's glasses are "near" and are of no assistance to him except for close work) Vision of both eyes the same Considerable conjunctivitis lids both eyes. Except this man is in good condition all round so far as we can discover.

He is in our opinion, entitled to a 6-18 rating for disability caused by impaired vision (probable result of neuralgia as alleged) and 0-18 for that caused by otherwise. [3 illegible signatures of board members]

Act of June 17, 1890
Department of the Interior
Bureau of Pensions
Washington, D. C. January 15, 1898
Certificate No. 934554
Joseph D. Alford

Sir: In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below. Very respectfully, H. Clay Evans, Commissioner of Pensions

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer: Belle Logan Alford

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: Sept 30th, 1882; New Albin, Allamakee Co. Iowa; Rev A. M. Sanford, M.E. Church

Third. What record of marriage exists: Answer: Record in Register Office Allamakee Co., Iowa.

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce. Answer: Elizabeth Jane Alford died at Platteville, Wis. March 20th 1882.

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer: By first marriage- Kate Rosannah Alford (married Reney) July 20, 1862; By first marriage- Albert Cleveland Alford April 29th 1869. ?????? By second marriage- Edith Gertrude Alford Dec. 17, 1884, By second marriage Jeremiah Rusk Alford July 8, 1889.

Date of Reply, May 4th 1898
s/Joseph D. Alford

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Washington, D.C., January 2, 1915

Sir: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully

[Signature not legible]

Commissioner,

JOSEPH D. ALFORD,
Savannah, GA
934554 Act May
303 Hall St West

No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer: May 1st 1834 Pittsburgh Pennsylvania The name of organizations in which you served: Answer: 25th Wisconsin Vol. Infantry Company E.

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer: Platteville, Grant Co. Wisconsin

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer: Isabell Logan Alford

No. 4. When, where and by whom were you married? Answer: New Albin, Iowa, Rev A. M. Sanford

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? I don't know. If so, where? Answer:

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer: Miss Elizabeth Jane Verran March 25 1860, Platteville Grant Co. Wisconsin.

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer: XXX

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer: Am living with my wife.

No. 9. State the name and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer: Catherine Rosannah Alford, Platteville, Wis July 20, 1862; Albert Cleveland Alford July 8 1869, Jeremiah R. Alford, July 8. 1889, Percy Logan Alford June 27th 1883, Gertrude E. Alford, December 17, 1884, Carlton Len Alford dead .

Date: March 3, 1915

(Signature) Joseph D. Alford.

Georgia State Board of Health
Bureau of Vital Statistics

Standard Certificate of Death, #19768 - 1207
Chatham County
Joseph D. Alford, retired
303 West Hall Street, Savannah
White, male, married- born 1834, died August 12, 1922, 3:10 am

Husband of Isabell Alford
Born Pittsburgh, PA, son of James M. Alford b. Adamsville [Crawford Co.] PA
Name of mother unknown by Mrs. Ralph Hoyt, informant
Howard T. Exley, M.D. attended him Aug. 7 to Aug. 12th and last saw him Aug. 11.
Cause of death: Uremia contributed by Chronic Nephritis
Buried Hillcrest Cemetery, Aug. 12
Sipple Brothers, Savannah, Undertaker.

Howard T. Exley, M.D.
411 Savannah Bank & Trust Co. Building
Savannah, GA.,
Nov. 3, 1922

This is to certify that I attended Mr. Joseph D. Alford during his last illness from August 7, 1922 to August 12, 1922, and that he died at 3:10 A.M., August 12, 1922 from Uremia complicating Chronic Nephritis. I signed a death certificate for the City of Savannah, a duplicate of which I enclosed S/ Howard T. Exley, M.D.

411 Savannah Bank & Trust Company Building
Savannah, GA

Witnessed:

Madeleine McAuliffe
Notary Public, C.C. GA.

m: March 20 on one form and March 26 on another.

Summary of uncertified death data

Elizabeth J. Alford

White, Female, 45 years 10 -25

wife of J. D. Alford

died March 20, 1882

Platteville, WI

W.F. Grundell, Undertaker

Certificate date: Oct 31, 1896

Registration date: Nov 6, 1896

Robert L. Colding Attorney & Counsellor at Law Savannah, GA
Nov. 10, 1922.

Bureau of Pensions, Department of Interior, Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am herewith enclosing you claim for pension in behalf of Mrs. Isabelle L. Alford, of 303 Hall Street, West, Savannah, Ga., which papers I have superintended the preparation of without any

expense to the applicant, knowing her to be a very respectable lady, and being thoroughly satisfied that her claim is meritorious. Attached to the papers is Mrs. Alford's original marriage license and also some pages from the family bible, and when they have served their purpose, if not inconsistent with your regulations Mrs. Alford would appreciate your having same returned to her, as she values them very highly.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention to this matter, I beg to remain,

Yours truly, s/Robert L. Colding. [no enclosure with AAFA copy]

Children by Elizabeth Jane Verran:

7. i **Kathryn Rosannah Alford** #12776 b. Jul 20 1862, m. _____ **Remey** #12798.
- + 8. ii **Albert Cleveland Alford** #12777 b. Apr 29 1869.
Children by Isabelle Logan:)
9. iii **Edith Gertrude Alford** #12779 b. Dec 17 1884, m. **Ralph Hoyt** #12799.
10. iv **Major Jeremiah Rusk Alford** #12780 b. Jul 8 1889.
11. v **Carlton Alford** #12781. Died at 5 weeks.

Third Generation

8. **Albert Cleveland Alford** #12777 (2.Joseph², 1.James¹) b. Apr 29 1869, Platteville, Grant Co., WI, m. Dec 18 1893, in Huntington, Baker Co., OR, **Lettie Elvira Sheets** #12782, b. Feb 26 1876, LaCygne, Lynn Co. KS, (daughter of John William Sheets #12793 and Sarah Ann Goodman #12794) d. Mar 26 1958, Nyssa, Malheur Co., OR. Albert died Mar 8 1940, San Antonio, Bexar Co., TX.

Birth may have been April 25.

CENSUS:

1870 Grant Co., WI Plattesville (see father's record)

1880 Grant Co., WI Plattesville (see father's record)

1900 Elmore Co., ID, Glens Ferry Precinct, Vol 3, ED 44, Sheet 6: A. C. Alford Apr 1869 31 IA?, Lettie Feb 1876 24 KS, Bertha Nov 1894 5 OR, Malvin Aug 1897 3 ID, and a non relative.

State of Oregon

County of Baker

This is to certify that the undersigned Justice of the Peace, by authority of a License bearing date of 18th day of Dec A.D. 1893 and issued by the County Clerk of the County of Baker did, on the 18th day of Dec A. D. 1893 at the house of Arlington Hotel in the County and State aforesaid, join in lawful wedlock Albert Alford of the County of Baker and State of Oregon, and Lettie Sheets of the County of Baker and State of Oregon with their mutual assent, in the presence of Margaret Burus, Mrs. Nebergall and Carrie Smith, Phill V. Nebergall, John R Burns witnesses.

E. C. Steffeu, Justice of the Peace

Witness my hand,

Filed, Dec 20 1893

Joseph McKay, Clerk.

San Antonio Light March 10, 1940 and San Antonio Express March 10, 1940

ALFORD Died at 2304 Monterey street, Friday, March 8, 1940. Alfred C. Alford, 71 years.

Survived by his sisters, Mrs. Ralph Hoyt, Mrs Kate Reney. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 10, Tampico, Mexico. Funeral services at the chapel of the Riebe funeral home Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Walter Dibrell officiating. Interment in San Jose cemetery.

Children:

- + 12. i **Joseph Melvin Alford** #12783 b. Aug 17 1897.
- 13. ii **Bertha Mae Alford** #12784 b. Nov 20 1894, Huntington, Baker Co., OR, m. _____
Nevins #12785. Bertha died Oct 1967.

Fourth Generation

- 12. **Joseph Melvin Alford** #12783 (8.Albert³, 2.Joseph², 1.James¹) b. Aug 17 1897, Glenss Ferry, Elmore Co., ID, m. Feb 26 1916, in Huntington, Baker Co., OR, **Edna Harlene Rogers** #12786, b. Sep 1899, Cambridge, Washington Co., ID, (daughter of John Callahan Rogers #12791 and Ruby G. Laurie #12792) d. Jul 12 1943, San Francisco, San Francisco Co., CA. Joseph died Aug 5 1972, Klamath Falls, Klamath Co., OR.

CENSUS:

1900 Elmore Co., ID (see father's record)

1920 Baker Co., OR, Huntington, Jefferson Township, as Alfred: Melvin J. 22 ID, Edna H. 20 ID, Nellie L. d. 3 OR, Robert L. s. 2 OR.

STATE OF IDAHO

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
Center for Vital Statistics and Health Policy
Certificate of Live Birth

Date Filed: December 27, 1941 File Number: 1896 - 328072

Registrant: Joseph Melvin Alford

Date of Birth: August 17, 1896, hour unknown

Place of Birth: Glenss Ferry, Idaho Sex: Male

Mother's Maiden Name: Lettie Elvira Sheets

Mother's Age: 20

Mother's Birthplace: Kansas

Father's Name: Albert Cleveland Alford

Father's Age: 27

Father's Birthplace: Nebraska (Maureen has noted: NO)

Issued October 4, 1999

STATE OF OREGON

County of Baker

Jos. Melvin Alford and Edna H. Rogers

J. C. Rogers, Ruby Rogers & Lettie Alford who postoffice address is Huntington, Oreg., being duly sworn deposes and says they know Edna H. Rogers; that she is a resident of the County of Baker, State of Oregon; that she is over the age of ?? years, to-wit 16 years 4 mos; and that there is no legal impediment to the marriage of said Edna H. Rogers with Jos. Melvin Alford whose P.O. address is Huntington, Oregon, who is over the age of twenty-one years and s. John C. Rogers and Ruby Rogers, father and mother of Edna H. Rogers, do hereby give our consent to the marriage of out (sic) daughter to Jos. Melvin Alford. Lettie Alford, mother of Jos. Melvin Alford give my consent to the marriage of Jos. Melvin Alford to Edna H. Rogers.

John C. Rogers (seal)

Ruby Rogers (seal)

Lettie Alford (seal)

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 25th day of Feb. A.D. 1916.

W. J. Woods, J.P. (Signature in the space for County Clerk to sign.)

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

STATE OF OREGON

County of Baker

This is to certify, That the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace whose authority to perform marriage ceremony is duly registered in the office of the County Clerk of said County, by authority of a License bearing date, the 26th day of February A.D. 1916, and issued by the County Clerk of the County of Baker, did on the 26th day of February A. D. 1916, at the house of J. C. Rogers in the County and State aforesaid, join in lawful wedlock Joseph Melvin Alford of the County of Baker and State of Oregon, and Edna H. Rogers of the County of Baker and State of Oregon, with their mutual assent, in the presence of John C. Rogers Ruby G Rogers. witnesses.

Witness my hand:

W. J. Woods

Justice of the Peace

Filed this 28th day of February 1916

A. B. Couch, Jr. County Clerk.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Oregon Health Division

Center For Health Statistics

Joseph Melvin Alford

Aug. 17, 1896 - Aug. 5, 1972

White male age 75 700-12-1408

Washburn Manor, Klamath Falls, Klamath Co., OR

Born Idaho, married Blanche Alford

Retired Railroad conductor

Resided 211 Spring Street, Apt 8, Klamath Falls, OR

Son of Albert C. Alford and Lettie Elvira Sheets

Immediate cause of death: pneumonia- two days, and CVA (illegible) 19 months

John D. Merryman, M.D. attended him Feb 24, 1970- Aug. 5, 1972 and last saw him on Aug. 5 did not view the body.

John D. Merryman, M.D., 303 Pine Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Buried Eternal Hills, Klamath Falls, OR on Aug 9, 1972

Ward's Klamath Funeral Home, Box 217, Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Registered Aug. 8, 1972 by Winifred Murphy, registered by state, Aug. 21, 1972

Edna May have been born October 1900

Children:

- 14. i **Nell Laurie Alford** #12788 b. Apr 13 1916.
- 15. ii **Robert Leland/Lawrence Alford** #12789 b. Mar 29 1918.

+ 16. iii **William John Alford** #12787 b. Jul 15 1920.

Fifth Generation

16. **William John Alford** #12787 (12.Joseph⁴, 8.Albert³, 2.Joseph², 1.James¹) b. Jul 15 1920, Huntington, Baker Co., OR, m. Aug 16 1947, in San Francisco, San Francisco Co., CA, **Norah Carr** #12790, b. Apr 6 1925, Birkenhead, England. William died Aug 3 1997, San Rafael, Marin Co., CA.

OREGON HEALTH DIVISION

Center For Health Statistics

Oregon State Board of Health

Division of Vital Statistics

Certificate of Birth

Huntington, Baker Co., OR

William Alford

Male, legitimate, July 15, 1920

Son of James M. Alford 23 (should have been Joseph Melvin) and Edna Harlian Rogers 20 (should have been Edna Harbne Rogers)

Both Caucasian residing Huntington, OR; he a switchman and she a housewife.

Mother had three prior children- all living.

Born alive 7:10 pm.

Signature of Dr. not legible. Filed July 17, 1920.

Certificate of Death

William John Alford

July 15 1920 - Aug. 3, 1997, 2045 hours

541-12-2862

Born Oregon, no military service, divorced, 12 years education

Caucasian, employed as Seaman, merchant marine, for Standard Oil California.

Resided: 104 Surrey Lane, San Rafael, Marin Co., CA 94903; 43 years in county.

Informant: Maureen Alford, daughter, 304 Little Creek, Novato, CA 94945

Son of Joseph Melvin Alford born Idaho and Edna Rogers born Idaho.

Cremated by Neptune Society of No. CA with ashes scattered at see off Marin Co. coast.

Died at residence, 104 Surrey Lane, cause of death: "pending."

S/ Pam Carter, Deputy Corner.

Children:

17. i **Maureen Alford** #12797 b. private, Marin Co., CA.