

Our History, Part VIII
By Gil Alford, AAFA #0019

In the first five parts of our history we covered a period of three months during which time we exchanged information with 28 different persons interested in Alford. Fifteen of the 28 went on to become members of AAFA in 1987 or later. Sixteen more were to be heard from before the end of the month or year, and 11 of them joined AAFA when it was formed. Six of these were covered in part VI, and three of four of them turned out to be pretty heavy hitters. In part VII in the last issue we concentrated on the work of or correspondence of just one person, Dr. John A. Alford. Although he subscribed to "About Alford's" he was not an AAFA member. I was remiss in not reporting in the previous issue that it was probably Dr. Alford who as John A. Alford b. May 12, 1919, issued SSN 426-03-6375 in Mississippi, died Oct. 18, 1990 in Rosebug, Douglas Co. OR.

In this segment we will get back to the usual format. We heard from nine more folks before the end of 1982 and seven of them became members five or more years later. That was 44 folks we heard from about their Alford's from our beginning in August until the end of the year. I hope to get eight of the seven in this segment and then do the ninth, Mrs Tressie (Lewis O.) Boman by herself in the subsequent issue. As many of you know she was the leader of the Alford family history effort in the 1960s and 1970s. Most of the folks that I am covering in this issue had a substantial contribution of data to make to the Alford cause so this will be a bit on the long side.

Notice that in more than one case the correspondent is making it clear that my Jacob Alford was a son of Julius Alford, not the son of Lodwick Alford. The first information I received on my lineage was incorrect and I *broadcast* it as I wrote to folks asking for Alford data.

Comments in parenthesis () are from my correspondents. Those in square brackets [] are mine.

The late Hazel Rea, AAFA #0060, wrote a letter Nov. 15, 1982. Enclosed with her letter was a pedigree chart from which I summarized her Alford lineage following the letter.

Star Rt., Box 194
Buffalo, MO 65622
November 15, 1982

Mr. Gilbert K. Alford
1403 Kingsford Drive
Florissant, Mo 63031

Dear Mr. Alford:

I was delighted to hear from you and to learn that you are collecting material on the Alford family. My information is scant but I am glad to share what little I have.

My g-g-grandfather, John Alford, was born in N.C. about 1787. He married Jane MeElhatten (b. ca 1791 in NC) Jan 13, 1811, in Grainger Co., TN. He was a farmer and carried on milling. He is listed in the 1830 census of Knox Co., TN. In 1852 he, Jane and their son Thomas, moved to Carroll Co. Ark. (Crooked Creek Twp.) Known names of children are Malinda, Robert, John M., Orlando, Thomas,

Margaret, Rebecca & Mary. According to family tradition, Jane McElhattan was Indian. I have found no proof of this.

My g-grandfather, John M. Alford, was born Feb. 9, 1821, in Knox County, TN. The family appears in census & other records of Knox, Rhea, and Meigs counties. I have not examined land records but suspect that as new counties were formed, the area in which they lived may have become a part of the new county. John M. Alford first married, Mar. 4, 1840, in Meigs Co., Lucinda Cardell. They had two sons: Robert & William. He then married, 13 Apr. 1847, Hannah Hollomon. Children: Pleasant, Jeremiah, Sarah, Matthew, Charles, Thomas, Owen, Susan, Mary & John. In 1854 the family migrated to Dallas Co., MO. Also moving to Dallas Co. was brother Orlando "Dick" and wife Mary Jane "Polly" (Hollomon) Alford. Hannah and Polly were sisters. The two families lived the remainder of their lives in Dallas Co. and have many descendants.

If you learn of others who are researching my Alford line, I would appreciate having their names and addresses so that I may contact them.

Sincerely,

Hazel Rea

Her lineage: Hazel 1901 MO¹, Alma Alford 1882 MO², Matthew 1854 TN³, John M. 1821 TN⁴, John 1787 NC⁵.
Over the next 15 or 20 years we did come in contact with many more in this branch of the family.

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That same day Judi Hogan wrote to us. She did not join AAFA and efforts to find her or her family several years ago were not successful.

Nov. 15, 1982

Dear Gil Alford,

I am very happy to hear from you, as I am doing very poorly on my ALFORD line. As far as I know, I am not on your line, but you might have something on mine. As you can see from my chart, I have very little, and I just can't seem to find anything yet. I've only been doing genealogy for a year so I have a lot to learn, and do.

I have written to one Lewis E. Alford, 2536 West Curtis, Tampa, Fla. 33614. He seemed to have a lot of Alford information. If you haven't contacted him, you might do so. I haven't even been able to verify my mother-in-laws b-date and/or place yet. All I have is her father's death cert.

Thank you for your interest. Enclosed is SASE, and would you please send anything that might interest me, and if I find anything you might be interested in, I will do likewise.

Thank You,

(stamped)
Judi Hogan
Rt. 1 Box 22B
Brewster, WA 98812

I'm sending some of what L.E. ALFORD sent me, as it might be of interest to you, but I would appreciate it to be returned, as I might eventually link up to it.

(stamped)
Judi Hogan
Rt. 1 Box 22B
Brewster, WA 98812

She began her mother-in-laws Alford lineage with her: Frances Josephine 1904 AR¹, Thomas Andrew 1878 AR², Andrew J. 1851 GA³, Thomas J. 1811 GA⁴. Had she stuck with us we would have eventually traced her Alford's on back through Job Alford of Georgia to James b. 1687 in VA.

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Betty Alford Dietz, AAFA 0007, wrote a similar letter a couple days later - on Nov. 17, 1982. She too enclosed a pedigree form from which I also summarized the Alford line after her letter. She is close kin to Billy Gibson, AAFA 0199, and his family.

Decatur, Al.
17 Nov., 1982

Mr. Gilbert K. Alford, Jr.
1403 Kingsford Drive
Florissant, Missouri 63031

Dear Mr. Alford:

I am sorry I took so long to answer your letter and send you my pedigree chart. I have been working on my Alford family for a long time but have come to a standstill. I am enclosing my pedigree chart and have started with my father, Leldon F. Alford. As you can see from the chart Pleasant M. Alford is the earliest one I can prove. I haven't been able to find anyone who is working on this same line, so I was very happy to hear about your Alford News letter. I think it's a wonderful idea to put all our information together and perhaps we can all help each other. I hope my little bit of info will be helpful to someone. Thank you so much for working with all of us ALFS.

Sincerely,
Mrs. James Dietz
(Betty Alford)
2132 Old Moulton Rd. S.W.
Decatur, AL 35601

Her lineage: Betty Ruth 1932 AL¹, Leldon F. 1912 AL², Alton Calvin 1869 AL³, Ezekiel C. 1841 AL⁴, Pleasant M. about 1819 AL⁵. I regret to say that in the 24 years she has been with AAFA we have not been able to add to her ancestry. I think she has met some new cousins.

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Felma G. Headrick wrote on Nov 18, 1982. Felma died just the year after we organized AAFA.

Nov. 18, 1982

Dear Mary & Gil Alford, I received your letter this week. I am always glad to correspond with the Alfords as my Fathers mother was Amanda Eliza Alford. He father was Winfield Alford and Mother was Elisa Derring from (Tenn). Winfield's father was Isaac Alford who died near Bellville Texas. I don't have Isaacs wife name.

Isaac came from La to Texas. [I don't think so.]

A lot of Alfords live in La. Isaac had a brother Jacob is buried near Albany. I corresponded with a lady lived near Albany. Her name and address is:

Mrs. H.R. Reeves

P.O. Box 298, Albany, LA 70711 [see paragraphs below]

[This is all wrong. Mrs. Reeves was AAFA member and is hall of fame. She may have told Felma this but she knew better, at least after I knew her. I visited her in Albany and have been near where Jacob is supposed to be buried in Washington, Parish. Jacob of LA and Isaac of Texas both came from NC and were brothers.]

This was in 1970. She wrote me a lot of information about Alfords. Jacob Alford was father of her great grandfather. Her great grandfather was John Seaborn [mine too]. This man had a twin Seaborn John. She said her Jacobs father was Julius Alford [which is correct]. There was a Jacob Alford who married Frankie Seborn [same fellow]. This Jacob was the son of Julius & Lucy of Granville Co., NC. This Jacob came to LA so Mrs Reeves says.

I did not fill out the family chart for I want to keep your letter.

There is an Anne Alford, 700 W. Church St. Hammond, LA 70401 who is interested in Alfords. I wrote to her this week. I think her interest is in the Jacob Alford buried in La. Jacob was born 8/15/1761 and died 7/18/1824. Anne tells me. [see paragraphs below]

If you want to find Alfords - search in some good library for "Kinfolks" by Harlee No I, Harlee No II & Harlee No III. Harlee II has the most Alfords.

I have plenty of Alford data but as I am in very poor health I can't write so much off right now. But I would love to keep in touch. I can write short letters.

I have written to 3 people this week & told them what I could.

I have information on Alfords, Greens, Kimbro and Williams.

I have the names of several Books to look up Alford in.

Thanks for writing to me. If you ever get any info' on Eliza Derrington from Tenn. please make a note of it for me wife of Winfield Alford.

Sincerely from

Thelma G. Headrick

104 East Valley St. Gerogetown, Texas 78626

James Alford 1710 [we use 1687]

Children: Warren Alford b. Aug 18 1715 VA

Julius Alford b. 1717 died 1717 Bute Co. VA

Lodwick Alford

Goodrich Alford

Julius's Alfords Children

1. John Alford
2. Isaac Alford (my great great grand father)
3. Goodrich Alford
4. Jacob Alford
5. Job Alford
6. Patty Alford

7. Sarah Alford

Isaac Alford's Children

- 1. Wright Alford
- 2. Hatch Alford I think his name was A.J. Alford.
- 3. Winfield Alford (my great grand father)
- 4. Sallie Alford
- 5. Chole Alford

Winfield Alford children (Winfield's wife Eliza Derrington)

- 1. Leroy Alford
- 2. Julius Alford
- 3. Abraham J. Alford or A.J.A.
- 4. Eliza Amanda Alford - My grandmother, married William Green
- 5. Eboline Alford

Felma Green Headrick:
 Father: John Marion Green
 Mother: Rebecca Kimbro
 Husband: Wilburn Headrick

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Rose Alford Shelton who later become AAFA #0192 responded with handwritten note of the pedigree form which she returned and we received on Nov 19, 1982

Mary & Gil,

I am glad to see someone doing something with the Alford line. I've gotten into a rut with them. For the last 3 yrs. I haven't had the time to spend on genealogy that I would like. I have young children and I work, so my time is very limited.

I am stuck on Reddin Alford (John Reddin Alford), as I can't seem to locate him in the census of Alabama. I don't know what county he lived in, so I have checked several, with no luck. I wonder if I have overlooked him or what. I would love to find him there, since that has been my stumbling block on the Alford one.

My sister and I have been researching our family on and off for 10 years. She is looking on my mother's side and I took my Dad's side. Like I told her, I think I got the bad side. I love it tho and am hoping to get back into it and find my Reddin Alford. I know how much it means just to find a small amount of info.

Lots of Luck
Rose

Her lineage: Rose Marie 1949 TX¹, Clarence Ewin 1912 TX², Thomas Ewin 1887 TX³, Hurst Justice 1852 TX⁴, John Redden 1820 SC⁵ Although we have learned a lot about Alabama Alford's and the Alford's in the early 19th century in the Carolina's we have never found her John Reddin Alford's parents..

It was our pleasure to meet Rose and her husband at the 1989 meeting in Houston. She was on the AAFA Party Line recently indicating she is still out there trying.

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Eva Frances Alford who was to become AAFA #0085 wrote to us:

7513 Roswell Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30338
21 November 1982

Dear Gil:

Your letter was forwarded to me by Hayden Alford in Mississippi. Hayden is eighty-three years old, and practically bedridden. He is a dear man, with genuine interest in family history. I met Hayden, on paper, only a couple of months ago, but he has furnished me with valuable information that has filled a lot of gaps! I think . . . I am asking, if you do come up with a newsletter, or whatever, please share it with Hayden. [We did. In fact Hayden was introduced in Part VI, AAFA ACTION #70, Fall 2005, page 14.]

I have spent some twenty years gathering information on family, so it is difficult to condense it into a brief summary. I have tried to verify the relationship of every name I have run across, and have ended up with, in some instances, more detail in what you refer to as 'collateral ancestors' than on my direct lineage. Therefore, I think it would be easier for me to make copies of all I have and send them to you. It needs to be retyped . . . I have pen notations in margins that possibly only I can figure out. This will take some time; I am in the heat of my 'busy season' (I own an art gallery/frame shop), so probably after Christmas I will get to this. Today I will simply give you my direct lineage, starting with my father:

1. Frank Wilson Alford b. 2/29/1904 d. 6/20/1953 Chipley, Florida
m. Maurine Jones b. 2/11/1914 d. 3/4/1982
2. Sion Augustus Alford b. 6/16/1863 Caroline Church S.C. d. 2/24/1946 d. 2/24/1946 Chipley, Florida
m. Mary Henry
3. Paisley Alford b. 10/3/1825 d. 5/20/1896 Alfordsville, N.C.
m. 1. Margaret Ann McInnis m. 2. Martha Jane McRae
4. Sion Alford b. 9/12/1796 d. 3/6/1875 Robeson Co. N.C.
m. 1. Catherine McPhaul m. 2. Elizabeth Little
5. Warren Alford b. 3/15/1770 d. 9/15/1844 m. Jeanette Little
6. Jacob Alford b. 12/12/1738 d. after 1814. Moved to N.C. in 1764.
Began Alfordsville and Ashpole Presbyterian Church
m. Mary Pace
7. Lodwick Alford b. 1715 d. 1789 m. 1 Elizabeth m. 2 Rebecca Ferrell [WRONG]
m. 3 Suzanne Hartley, It is said that Lodwick had nineteen children, 17 of them were sons:
8. James Alford b. 1691 Boston (in business with his brother, John, until 1730, then he moved South)
[St. Peter's Parish Church records prove this is not quite correct. No Boston connection.]
9. Benjamin Alford b. 1650 d. 1698/99 Boston m. Mary Richards
10. James William Zion Alford b. 1608 London. Came to Salem, Mass. in 1634, then to Boston. d. 1677.
M. 1 Mary m. 2 Anne. [we have never been able to prove a person by that name ever existed.]

Now, Sion and Catherine (4) also had a son, Alexander Alford. Alexander Alford married Mary Caroline Bridges and moved to Mississippi. Alexander and Caroline had, among other children, sons Frank Bridges (b. 1866) and Richard Sion (b. 1869). Frank Bridges had son Hayden: Richard Sion had son Richard Earl, who married Dorothy: so Hayden and I share the same great-great grandfather.

Now, I don't know where to fit you in. I have a lot of names and dates, but not necessarily locale of settlement. I was totally unaware of any Alfords who settled in La.. but Washington Parish is, I believe just over the Mississippi line, separated by the Pearl River. Perhaps, if you could send me your lineage, we can take it from there. Hayden has for years, and I have just begun, to search for the Texas Alfords. We know that Henry Giles, son of Sion (4) and his second wife, Mary Jane Welch, moved from Mississippi to Texas, and are buried in Huckabay, Texas. I have a slim lead here for possible names and addresses of living descendants of Henry - a lady who grew up with them . . . but perhaps you already know.

Its really strange, Gil; I thought I was almost through with this. Now, I look at what I have, and what Hayden sent me, and its almost like the beginning again! And now you enter! But its fun.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,

s/Fran
Frances Alford

We had a lot of useful exchanges of information over the years and spent considerable time on the phone. Finally, when we went to Atlanta in 1988 for our first AAFA meeting we were able to meet Frances in person.

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I wrote to Anne Alford in September 1982 after Pat Brock Smith, a common cousin, told me about her Alford research. Anne responded with a letter written November 26. She would later become AAFA #0033.

Dear Cousin Gil,

I hope you will forgive me for being so slow to return your letter. I started working for a law firm in Jackson, Miss last August and in October my Daddy had to have by-pass surgery. He's fine now but still at home. It just takes quite a while to get your strength back and he probably won't go back to work until the first of the year. [Her father was the late Dr. C.D. "Bo" Alford AAFA #0072 who I had an opportunity to visit in person in Hammond.]

I have enjoyed tremendously going to Progress and meeting Pat and really appreciated all her help. One time she simply got in the car and rode all around with me looking for cemeteries. [Pat has done that for several of us.] In case she did not tell you, I'm a cemetery freak! I love to go tramping around looking for my ancestors graves. When courthouses have burned, where else could you find dates on someone? Of course, this does not always reward me, in fact, almost never, but it's still really neat to me to know where someone is buried, even if that is all you know. Very soon, I'm going to put on my hunting boots and go looking for Frankie and Jacob. So far, I've been frustrated by them, but now I have some hope of finding them.

In lieu of filling out your form, I'm sending you a copy of everything I have done (this DAR chart

is the best big from I've found [too big for here])- Many of these I have photographs of (graves). Im sure you won't be interested in my mothers's side or probably anyone but Alford's, but maybe someday some one will ask you something and this could help. Never know.

I got interested in all this about 1 ½ years ago and the bug really bit me! Daddy said he knew we had to be related to Jacob & Frankie, but we did not know how. He knew his grandfather and great-grandfather, but we were missing the link between Jacob and John M. Fortunately, John M. died late enough to have a death certificate and it showed his father was Jacob's son named William. I believe death certificates could be very valuable for you on some of your ancestors, looking at the chart you sent. Census records are also very helpful. Both of these are quite easy to obtain, also. I spent many hours in the Jackson Archives (a very good archives) going through census records and books, etc. If you are near an archives or even a library that has some genealogical material, they really usually have a wealth of information. Since I exhausted the records at the Archives and no longer have the free time to ride all around to cemeteries and courthouses and visit people, I have to count on writing and asking for information. Some people and places have been quite helpful and it's always a pleasant surprise, especially since some are totally uncooperative.

Well, let me get on with this. I have some differing information, also. I'll try to just list these, according to the information you already have.

(1) Don't believe anything that has Pearl Alford Duncan's name on it. I've spoken with 2 of her nieces who live here in Hammond and they said she paid someone to get information to get her in the DAR. I don't know who it was, but they were certainly all messed up with their records. The original documents in certain cases are still available, and the information collected by this person is totally wrong they evidently never consulted original records. (I'll include also a corrected copy - rather marked up copy - of Pearl's info, and a copy of the correct descent.) Anyway, everyone knows her chart is wrong, including Russ Williams, with whom Daddy spoke to several times on the phone and corresponded with. He did print it in his book, in spite of knowing he had misinformation, so he "wouldn't hurt anyone's feelings" to me, this is unforgivable - deliberate printing of things that are not true. And he's also a history professor! Can you beat that! [See AAFA NOTES at the end of this letter.]

(2) I have Hugh Edwin's pamphlet, also and because he was such a diligent researcher of official records, I place great stock in his material. Also, because he doesn't tell you how the line goes; he presents the available information from official records and, beyond that, what is known, however little, and let's you draw the most likely conclusion. In Daddy's and my opinion, it's really up in the air beyond a certain point. It is more likely it goes one way and not the other, but there is no actual proof. At any rate, Hugh Edwin has been a great source for me. I put all reliable information together from all places and what is most likely, when there is no proof, and come up with my chart.

(3) The Alford Family Bulletin I read these at the Archives in Jackson, Miss. They were medium, in my opinion. I did not get much out of them. No one seemed to be able to get anything straight. The Alford information, as to actual proof, is so sparse, that it's too hard to deal with confusion. [Watch for some of the Alford Family Bulletins in future AAFA ACTIONS]

Now, have you looked at the things I enclosed? What do you think?

Now, I want to tell you I think that Jacob's first three children, by Elizabeth Bryant, were Jacob, Needham and Sarah (Sally). Jacob was, of course, named after his father and since nothing is known about him, I think he died young. I think that 1790 Cumberland Co., N.C. Census was Jacob, Elizabeth, Jacob Jr., and Needham. Then Sarah (Sally) was born and Elizabeth either died in childbirth or shortly thereafter and Jacob immediately remarried Frankie (who wouldn't with three tiny children!) Anyway, Frankie's middle name was Barksdale and Edwin's middle name was Barksdale. That, to me proves he is her first child with Jacob.

(I keep looking over your things, and just realized you have Russ Williams revision of Luke Conerly, etc. let me comment instead of sending you a copy you don't need.) Lodwick was Julius' brother and not his father (as proved in Julius' will). Lodwick, according to Williams, sold land on both

sides of the Tarr River to Julius, so Williams says this must be his son. That certainly does not mean Lodwick had a son named Julius. It simply means he sold some land on the Tarr River to a Julius. It seems obvious to me (since Lodwick had no named son Julius [but he did]) that Julius was his brother (as shown by the will) and in Julius' will he left our Jacob, his son "land on both sides of Tarr River, where I now live." Obviously, I think, this land he left Jacob was the land he bought from Lodwick.

Williams says the Jacob listed on the 1790 census of Cumberland Co., N.C. does not fit our Jacob, but I definitely think he's wrong.

I've been going through all my Alford information, trying to be sure I didn't leave out anything. I have all those Alford bulletins, but I guess you do, too. I have a copy of Julius' original land grant, if you're interested. I did not get a copy of his will since Hugh Edwin has it pretty well laid out.

I think I'd better go and let you rest after all this. Hope I haven't rambled too much or been redundant. I think my point of all this is that there are facts and signs up to a certain point, but you really have to guess at whose father Richard was or the eldest William. Which one was the father of John and William? I think you should read Hugh Edwin again I read it over & over and it really helps get most things straight of course, he did not know about Elizabeth Bryant being Jacob's 1st wife, but I think that came out later when some of Needham's descendants said that Elizabeth Bryant was his mother, & not Frankie.

Well, again, let me run. I hope I've been just a tad of help in getting it a little clearer for you. I have quite a bit of information collected, if you're interested in collecting papers, also or if you only put things on computer.

I hope you and your wife are doing well. This is a very fun thing to be interested in, and I know you're both enjoying it.

Sincerely,

Anne Alford.

About my Family

Daddy is an OB-Gyn physician. Momma has a Masters in Spanish, but stopped teaching at the University here after my sister was born. I work for a law firm in Jackson, previously lived in Charleston, SC, after graduation from LSU for 8 yrs. I worked for a doctor and then as Business Mgr. for a college there. Left to be closer to home when my mother got sick 2 years ago. She's fine now and I'm still close to home, but miss old Charleston more than anything! My sister Suzie is a graduate of Duke University Law School - has been practicing at an international firm in Dallas for 4 ½ yrs. She has one more year to "slave" before she becomes a partner and is anxiously awaiting that day.

AAFA NOTES: Anne made several references to the work of Hugh Edwin Alford. It is available on the web site. From the HOME page click on DATABASES and from that page select BIOGRAPHIES and find his work listed near the bottom of the page. It was published in AAFA ACTION in installments in the September 1991 through September 1992 issues (#s14-18). Tressie Bowman also published it in two segments in her "Alford Family Bulletin." Anne was too hard on Pearl Alford Duncan and Russ Williams. It is probably true that Pearl paid someone to get her into the Colonial Dames and not DAR. What she undoubtedly did was to pay a professional researcher to find the information that would qualify her and that is common. AAFA has employed a professional researcher to find Virginia Alford information. There is nothing shady about genealogical researchers and it is quite an honorable profession. I doubt if Pearl ever had any idea that any of the information was incorrect, and I doubt if Russ Williams really knew what was wrong. He did cite his source for the sketch. I don't believe there was anything wrong with the "qualifying information." Any line taken would get one back to Colonial

Virginia. In fact I pointed out an error in it to Russ that I know he had no idea was not correct. Russ is a member of AAFA and he has published many scholarly works. Perhaps I'll do an annotated version of the controversial account and submit it for publication some day in the future. It does need some explaining in several areas. Though we don't do it knowingly I expect that we publish incorrect information in many issues of AAFA ACTION. We do try to include caveats and warn folks it may be incorrect or incomplete.

Anne provided many useful documents and some very valuable which we have never been able to find elsewhere. She married and had a son after which her genealogy deceased some. We had an opportunity to meet her and her son, Ford, at the meeting in Mississippi in 1991.

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This will be the last one in this issue. I don't remember if it was before or after this letter but when I first started asking questions about my Alford ancestry around my father he would usually say, "Why don't you go see that ole lady in Albany, she is always trying to sell me a book." The "ole lady" was our real cousin, Haidee Reeves. Mary and I did eventually go visit her and met her sister, the late Helen Bankston, an AAFA member, while we were there. Haidee first gave her son, the late Paul Reeves, a gift membership and then later joined herself, becoming AAFA #0210. Before her death she was inducted into the AAFA hall of fame. Most folks probably know her brother, the late Eulon Alford, also an AAFA member, better than Haidee. He made a couple of meetings. Anyway here is Haidee's first of very many letters.

Mrs. H. R. Reeves
Post Office Box 298
Albany, Louisiana 70711
December 5, 1982

Dear Mary and Gil,

I am sending you my DAR Chart which has the information you want, and more. You will note that the Jacob Alford on my chart was born about 1761 and was the son of Julius 1717-1771. I made a trip to North Carolina and convinced myself that our Jacob was the son of Lodwick's brother Julius. I have copies of the wills of both men. Each had a son Jacob. These wills are recorded in Butte County, Lodwick's Jacob did not come to Louisiana. He married Mary Pace and died in North Carolina. I learned the birth date of Julius from Episcopal Church records.

I knew Gussie Alford Fortenberry [my aunt].

Will you please return my chart as I may forget some of these dates if I don't have it.

Sincerely
Haidee Reeves - Mrs. H.R.

Written by
Helen Alford Bankston- Haidee has a broken right arm.

Her lineage: Haidee 1901 LA¹, Bailey Monroe 1875 LA², Marshall Thomas 1839 LA³, John Seaborn 1807 LA⁴, Jacob 1761 NC⁵, Julius 1717 VA⁶, James 1687 VA⁷.