

Eva Frances Alford

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AAFA #0085

Eva Frances Alford died December 2, 2004, in Atlanta.

She had a heart attack and was in her apartment alone with only her cats with her. She was found by a friend who had not been able to get in touch with her and went over to see about her.

Her funeral was on December 7, 2004, in Chipley , Fl. at the Presbyterian Church. She is buried in the Chipley Cementery with her mother and father Maurine and Frank Alford.

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Dear Gil:

Really enjoyed talking with you!!! You know, in our conversation about our siblings - and members of our Association, I think one thing that is really indicative of - especially immediate family relationships - is 'who joined the Association and who didn't'; and who calls even the most distant relative "cousin". Thinking back to our first meeting here in Atlanta I was most struck by how really comfortable I felt with everyone; from our very first meeting ... when I walked into the bar at Guest Quarters and stood there scanning the room trying to pick our 'my family' ... I was amazed at my feeling that I had known all of you all of my life! And when talking to you the other day (I don't think I have actually talked to you since that meeting - maybe a phone call or two - but no more) I wasn't talking to a very distant cousin whom I had not seen in years, or talked to ... I was talking with a cousin; somewhat the same way I talk to my cousin, Gus, in Chipley, Florida ... and with whom I talk at least once a week!

Ironically ... my sister and I agree on most things, especially politics and religion; Gus and I totally disagree on politics and religion, but I feel closer to Gus ... we have a certain bond - I wish I had with my sister!! I know Gus will always be there, and I don't think my sister will be - at least not as I define my needs ... she is there in her definition of my needs. Bottom line is she is right and I am right, but the two 'rights' will never come together!

I guess the purpose of all of this discussion, simply, is that the Association - it's members - mean alot; I guess it is a bonding with the past, the present, and the future! And this is the reason we exist!

Just a quick update: I told you of "suddenly finding" my great-great grandfather and my great-great-great grandfather Jones!! Well, now I have ole GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GrandPa! Jones! But I'm back to only 1750; I'm sure I told you, alot of my fun in all of this (other than finding cousins) is walking through cemeteries and digging through musty old basements in Courthouses, talking to the old guys and gals still around (not many anymore!)

About the enclosed: an old obituary, somewhere I know how they fit into our family ... its all packed up - again - and if I unpack it one more time I will delay my move to Florida another month! There is a 'half-tone' (by a printing shop) of Alexander Harllee "WalLie" McCormick (McCormac) and his wife, Mary Jane "Jimmie" McRae ... the author of the Harllee/Price letters; a photograph to go with the "old lady" I sent you before ... she was Charity (Elizabeth Charity Alford, daughter of Elias, and granddaughter of Jacob) who married Alexander L. McCormac ... This photograph is of Alexander L. McCormac. Both pictures were taken in front of the same house in Dillon County, South Carolina.

We mentioned "ole Lod's" will ... I did pull a copy out ... He leaves to his daughter, Suzanna Hobbs (wife of Wm. Hobbs), etc. - and to "said daughters oldest son WILLIE ALFORD"! So we have a second daughter with a son named Alford (Mary/Issac: Bailey). Birth without benefit of marriage was certainly not uncommon - even amongst immediate family; but, also was not widely accepted within 'church-goers'. Perhaps, the Willie who appears in Georgia was indeed "WILLIE" and not Wiley/William, etc. that we have tried to fit in there!

A few questions: Jim Alford made a few comments on "why should Jacob trust his son, Warren ... "we all know about Warren" I don't about Warren - my records show he was a rather involved guy. And ... "ole Lod" was a raving maniac" ... some Lodowick had a guardian, Hardy Hunt - how do we know it was "our ole Lod" - perhaps his son, his nephews, his many grandchildren???? named Lodowick??? Are we trying to base this on the dates of the Wills of the 'Lodowicks' ... or is there real evidence??

Gil, I don't expect an answer to all of my letters ... One day, maybe, I will have the computer, E-Mail, etc. and be able to communicate as most of you do. Truthfully, right now - I don't want it!; I still claim the right to write letters and make phone calls - to correspond as we used to!

Much love and

Respectfully,

Frances