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Although Jack Kinabrew and I were third cousins once removed, it was not my pleasure to know him until he wrote in September 1988 to join the association. By then we were both tired, retired old men but we became close friends and Jack did much to help AAFA become what it is today. He began by sending about forty 11x12 sheets, forms of his own design, providing information on his ancestry. He talked a lot about his Uncle Emmet Alford and the Alford farm. He wrote about the good days there, and it was published in three parts as "The Alford Farm and I," AAFA ACTION Summer 1994, p. 44; Fall 1994, p. 49; and Winter 1995, p. 46.

In AAFA's early days, we had an effort underway to locate and "inventory" Alford cemetery data. This was before the availability of the high tech positioning equipment available today.

Jack developed a system of locating and recording cemetery information using Geological Survey quadrangles, and made a presentation on the subject at one of our annual meetings.

Jack was one of the first members-still one of the few-who worked with other members and helped them with their Alford ancestry even when they were not from his branch of Alford. AAFA files have copies of many letters he sent to others in his effort to help. To ensure that word of our Alford work got around, Jack gave gifts memberships to libraries (so they would receive the quarterly)-one of only a couple of members to ever do so. When he visited libraries, he sent AAFA reports on the Alford information he found. Jack was also one of the many members who helped with the AAFA census project.

AAFA wasn't the only organization that benefited from having Jack as a member. His obituary mentions his membership in the Yacht Club but does not show that he was very active and wrote a regular article for their

publication. He was also very active in his church, even producing some of their plays. He was an avid woodworker, and through his wife Eileen, he became very interested in antique clocks, becoming something of an authority on some aspects of the subject-like the tower clocks of New Orleans. He was treasurer of their local clock organization and made several presentations to groups on the subject.

As busy as he was elsewhere, Jack never said he did not have time for AAFA. It was Jack who conceived the idea of AAFA collecting old photographs and establishing an Alford photo archive. He did all the work involved is setting the program up, collecting the photos, filing them, and displaying them at annual meetings to stimulate interest in the subject. He retired from the job and passed it on to John and Janice Smith after the 1996 meeting in Springfield, MO. He continued to serve on the AAFA photo committee until his death. Jack frequently emphasized-and I know he would want to pass it on to you now-

pictures of today will be "old photographs" in the days ahead.

Jack was an early fan of computers and their genealogical use. On many occasions we discussed the pros and cons of his Commodore 64 in the age of PCs and Windows. He was convinced that his old Commodore could serve him for his lifetime and it did.

Jack was inducted into the AAFA Hall of Fame at the meeting in California in 1997. I'll miss Jack as a close friend and cousin, and AAFA will miss him as a significant active participant.

-Gil Alford, AAFA President

OBITUARY

Eileen Kinabrew, Jack's wife, sent a copy of his obituary but did not include the newspaper name or date, so we do not know the date of death. In her note, she said, "I just want to say that of all the organizations Jack belonged to, he was proudest to belong to the Alford family group. He talked about you all and what it meant to belong to such a great group."

John M. Kinabrew Jr., retired president of Standard Supply and Hardware Co., died Saturday at his home. He was 84. Mr. Kinabrew was a lifelong

resident of New Orleans. He graduated from Rugby Academy and Tulane University School of Business. He was a member of the Southern Yacht Club and TallyHo Club and a former member of the Rex organization the Stratford Club and the Bienville. Club. He also was a member of the Parish Council of St. Patrick Catholic Church and a former board member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and the Lakeview Shepherd Center.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen O'Brien Kemp Kinabrew; a son, John M. Kinabrew III; a daughter, Carol Kinabrew; two stepsons, John R. and Frederick Kemp; a step-daughter, Susan Wilkinson Prince; a brother, Elmer Kinabrew; a sister, Alice Jamieson; three grandchildren; and great-grandchild.

A funeral will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 5875 Canal Blvd. Burial will be private. Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ALFORD ANCESTORS

John Monroe Kinabrew, Jr. was born Aug 3 1914 in New Orleans, LA, the son of John Monroe Powell Kinabrew and Clara Mae Wood. Jack married his first wife, Bessie June Cooney, on Jun 19 1936 in Johnson Station, Pike Co., MS. Bessie was born Jun 30 1915,

Covington, St. Tammany Parish, LA. She died Jan 13 1986 in New Orleans, and Jack married his second wife, Eileen O'Brien Kemp. John died Sep __ 1998, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA.

Jack's father John's jaw was broken as a child. He lived with Amanda and James Kinabrew while undergoing treatment, and he later changed his name to Kinabrew.

Grandparents

5. Sarah Virginia Alford born Nov 13 1866, Mississippi, married Dec 20 1882 Thomas Jefferson Powell born Dec 5 1861. Sarah died Sep 5 1931. Thomas died Apr 13 1899.

Great Grandparents

10. Leander Raiford Alford born Dec 17 1832, Pike Co., MS, married Dec 19 1854, Sophronia Curtis Strickland, born Oct 24 1833, died 1910, buried: Hollywood Cemetery, McComb, Pike Co., MS. Leander died 1911, buried: Hollywood Cemetery, McComb, Pike Co., MS.

Great Great Grandparents

20. Seaborn John Alford (Jacob761NC4, Julius717VA3, James687VA2, John645VA1) born Oct 11 1807, Washington Parish, LA, occupation Farmer & Minister,2 married (1) Dec 29

1831, in Probably in Pike Co., MS, [21] Mary Catherine Felder, born Sep 23 1813, Pike Co., MS,3 died Nov 23 1860, Pike Co., MS. He married (2) Dec 8 1864, in Amite Co., MS,4 Mary Sessions Kirk, born Jan 29 1836, Tennessee,3 died Sep 1 1887, Pike Co., MS. Seaborn died Feb 7 1884, Pike Co., MS. Seaborn and his two wives are buried: John Felders Cemetery, Pike Co., MS.

For more on Seaborn John Alford and his ancestors see AAFA ACTION Summer 1999, p. 7. For information on Jacob4 and Julius3, see AAFA ACTION Spring 1999, pp. 21-22; and that same issue, pp. 16-17, for James2 and John1.

ENDNOTES

1 Cemetery record says he died 1911, another source reported 1916.

2 JAC761NC/SEA807LA

3 Cemetery records for birth and death dates.

4 Hunting for Bears, Inc. Marriage Listing

Label It!

By Jack Kinabrew, AAFA #87 and Photo Archivist

Before I became so involved with genealogy (in all its ramifications), I was working on certain phases of philatelic research.

One of the real students of postal stationery had published many articles and some books. In the process he had accumulated several file cabinets of research material, some of it unpublished.

In time he became ill and finally passed away. His philatelic friends waited a decent interval and then asked his son what disposition was going to be made of all that material. To their horror, the reply was, "You mean all those old papers? We threw them out when we straightened up Dad's apartment."

The moral of this story is: Don't depend on your family to see that all your genealogical information, so painstakingly researched and riled, is taken care of. Dispose of it while you can or label it so that it will be given to AAFA, your local genealogical society, the genealogical collection of your local library or museum, or some interested family member or friend.

If you are an officer of AAFA, be sure to label all your files and records so that if anything happens to you, these papers will be held intact until your replacement can get them.

Sort of an unpleasant subject?

Perhaps, but at eighty you begin to think along these lines.

So-label it!