Betty Lee Nix Butts

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BETTY LEE NIX BUTTS

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SPRINGHILL, LA—Mrs. Betty Lee Nix Butts, 69, of Springhill died on November 1, 2001, at Willis Knighton Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana, after a courageous battle with a multitude of health problems.

Services were held on Tuesday, November 6, 2001, at Central Baptist Church where she was a member.... Burial followed at Welcome Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Mortuary, Springhill.

Mrs. Butts, a retired Springhill High School business teacher, was preceded in death by her husband, Victor L. Butts, Jr. and her mother, Daisey Lee Nix.

Survivors are her father, Otis Nix; sister, Willie Nix; daughter, Karen Robinson, all of Bossier City, LA; son, James Kevin Butts of Lewisville, TX; mother-in-law, Mrs. Victor Lee (Ruby) Butts of Springhill; grandchildren, Sherri Lynn Robinson and Patrick Robinson; great-grandchildren, Kristen Michelle Butts and Michael Mann....

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My mother was an Reford and so far we heren't found out much about her dad, Will's mother is believed to have remarried after death of his father. The married a fawrence + had some children by him. Hey were also in

IX - De Witt & LAVACA Country.

If you know of anyone who has
information about this family I would
appreciate your passing my name on
to then. also Sam enclosing the

\$10 registration for and the \$8 annual dues Please put me on the mailing list for any information

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Betty Butts 4104 Bluefish Pascagoula, MS 39581-2100

Dear Betty,

We have a little information to report on your WILLIAM ALFORD. Maybe you already have it.

We have been working on the 1920 Alford Louisiana census in preparation for our meeting in St. Francisville, LA next month.

WILLIAM ALFORD and wife Lovie appear in that census in Caddo Parish as you would probably expect. He showed his age as 48 and she as 38. Children with ages and state born were- Gladys 12 LA, Lena M. 9 TX, Joe 6 TX, Daisy L. 4 TX and Rosy V. 1 TX. I know that contradicts what you show for Daisy's place of birth.

With that data I've tried to trace William back through the censuses of 1910, 1900 and 1880 of Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. I should hasten to say that our census for 1900 and 1910 has not been verified by our AAFA census team and is suspect and the 1880 is only for families with children age 10 and below and even that is not "complete" for Arkansas yet. If William's father died when he was young (before 1880) then it is unlikely we will find William in the 1880 soundex records regardless of other factors.

In 1900 I found a W. A. Alford in Williamson Co. TX who was born December 1871 in Arkansas. He was alone as an Alford boarding with some other family.

Do you have any idea where William and Lovie were married? Do you have an idea where he would have been at census time in 1880, 1900 and 1910 so that I might continue with a meaningful search?

I must go! It sure would be great if you could attend our meeting in St. Francisville next month. We'll probably never be that close with a meeting again.

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Gilbert K. Alford, Jr. 1403 Kingsford Drive Florissant, MO 63031-2422

Dear Gil,

Thank you very much for the information you sent me about William A. Alford.

My grandmother, Lovie Rose, lived in Lavaca and DeWitt County, TX. Her father's name was Samuel Rose. His family is listed in the 1880 TX Census of Lavaca Cty.

				POB	FPOB	MPOB
9/9	Rose,	Samuel	24	TN	TN	TN
		Laura	23	TX	TN	TN
		Eliza	4D	TX	TN	TX
		Lou A.	2D	TX	TN	TX

Lovie was born in 1882 so she did not show up on this census. We have not found Lovie on any census but we do not have access to any TX censuses. She was around 21 or 22 years old when she married so that would have been about 1904. I think this would have been in DeWitt or Lavaca Ciy, TX, unless she eloped with him.

The family story is told that Lovie was to marry William's half brother. William came for the wedding and she dumped his half brother and married William instead. It is very possible they eloped and we don't know where they married. Their first child, Gladys, was born in Lockport, LA, Lafourche Parish in 1907. Then Lena Mae was born in Beaumont, TX, in 1910. Daisy was born in Doddridge, Ark., Miller Cty. in 1915. We don't know where Joe and Rose V. were born. I think they moved around in Bossier Parish, LA, Caddo Parish, LA, Cass Cty., TX, and southern Arkansas. My Dad said that after William came to this area, he stayed put.

At one time, I ran up on a William Alford who was the correct age in south Ark. (I do not remember the Cty. It may have been Pike

Cty.) If I remember correctly the father's name was David. I cannot seem to put my hands on this information.

Lena Mae was married in Bossier Parish, LA, February 21, 1928. Her marriage license shows they lived in Plain Dealing, LA, which is in Bossier Parish. It shows her mother's name was Mollie Alford but this should be Lovie. William had a half sister named Mollie and for some reason must have been calling "Lovie" Mollie. Lena's father's name was William Alford.

Gladys married Press Nix June 3, 1932, in Bossier Parish. This was her second marriage. Her license showed her father was in Biloxi, MS. but I could not find him in MS.

Rose Vernon married December 3, 1993, and the marriage license showed William to be dead.

In trying to find out information from the two daughters who are still living, we discovered that William was sent to prison at Angola. I think he must have been in prison when Aunt Gladys married and said he was in Biloxi, MS. He is supposed to have died at the Charity Hospital in Shreveport, LA. I think he was sent there from prison. He was very cruel to his family and all his children hated him. They would never talk about him. Neither would Lovie who was my grandmother and lived with us. She would never look at another man. All the records of the Charity Hospital have been destroyed.

I think the W. A. Alford you found in Williamson Cty, TX, was our William. At least, this sounds like a good possibility. Williamson Cty is not too far from DeWitt and Lavaca Cty. I hope this information will help you in trying to discover more about this family of Alfords.

Very iruly yours,

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