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AAFA # 0555

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Walter Hoyle Alford is brother of Lodwick "Wick" Alford, AAFA #0011 and father of Carolyn Alford Chambliss, AAFA #0965 and Vesta Alford Beany, AAFA #1084

Submitted by "Wick" Alford:

Walter Hoyle Alford born in 1908 along with his twin brother Haskell were the first of the ten children born to their parents William Leorus Haywood and Lucy Mell Overby Alford. Born in rural Worth County in the southwestern part of Georgia, the boys grew up doing the usual chores around the farm and my father's turpentine stills and received their early education in the country schools of the time. Later, in the mid to late 1920's the boys started attending high school in Sylvester, the county seat. But by this time the great depression of the United States was already in full swing in Georgia. It came early to Georgia because of the cotton boll weevil and the bottom dropping out of the turpentine/naval stores industry. The latter was incident to the influx of German chemical patents after World War I. My father lost everything.

It was genteel poverty in the large but proud Alford family. There was good, wholesome food from the farm but cash income of my father as a real estate broker was quite inadequate. It

was sort of hand-to-mouth living on plenty of food and hand-me-down clothes from relatives. The twins Haskell and Hoyle volunteered to quit school, go off to Jacksonville, Florida to find work and send money home so we younger children could continue school. My mother was heart-broken-she wanted so hard to educate all her children. It was a tearful farewell when the twins were put on the train for Jacksonville. It was the only time I ever saw my father cry. Haskell and Hoyle lived with an older half-brother and his family in Jacksonville and did indeed send money home faithfully every month. They worked at several things-driving trucks, clerking in grocery stores, cutting meat in butcher shops and apprentice jobs for railroads. For awhile the twins lived with another half-brother in Lakeland, Florida. Later returning to Jacksonville, Hoyle made two more stabs at returning to Sylvester and attending high school where he was an outstanding guard on the football team. While he was not a small man, he was of medium stature compared to some of the burly football players. But he was a feisty, gutsy player who took no guff from any one. Alas, in the 11th grade and winter coming on, his hand-me-down shoes wore out and there was no money to buy new ones. He returned to Jacksonville without his diploma.

During the 1930's Hoyle Alford married Dorothy Horne of Jacksonville and settled on a career in railroad

dining car service. When war came he was drafted but his dining car service on troop trains was deemed essential war work. Hoyle and his wife Dorothy were the parents of two fine daughters who were educated into advanced degrees and useful careers in teaching. But Hoyle himself was a self-educated, self-made man of many talents-an avid flower and vegetable gardener, piano player, fisherman and philosopher. Quiet and softspoken he was a devoted husband and father- a true gentlemen of the old school. In my mind he was truly a magnificent Alford. There is no question in my mind that the sacrifice of the high school education of my twin brothers Haskell and Hoyle Alford made it possible for my education and successful career in the Navy. I will forever be indebted to them. Haskell died in 1967. Hoyle died in 1997 just a few months short of his 90th birthday. RIP!



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Funeral services for Walter Hoyle Alford will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, October 4, 1997 from the graveside at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Cemetery, 111 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL with Rev. George Lutz, Pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Mr. Alford was born on January 5, 1908 in Parkerville, GA and died on October 2, 1997 in Jacksonville, FL. Mr. Alford is survived by his wife of 64 years, Dorothy Home Alford; two daughters, Carolyn Chambliss and her husband, John, and Vesta Beany; two sisters, Beatrice Parramore and Louise Aiken [*sic*: should be Ekin]; brother, Lodwick Alford [AAFA #11]; four grandchildren, John Chambliss, Dale Chambliss Long, Kristen Beany Hogue and Karla Beany Venos; and many nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends Friday (today) from 6-8 PM at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association or the Alzheimers Association.

ANCESTORS

1. **Walter Hoyle Alford** born Jan 5 1908, Parkerville, Worth County, GA, occupation RR Dining Car Manager, married May 1 1933, in McClenny, Baker County, FL, **Dorothy Marie Horne**, born Jun 17 1911, Jacksonville, Duval County, FL. Walter died Oct 2 1997, Jacksonville, Duval County, FL.

Parents

2. **William Leorus Haywood Alford** born Oct 23 1863, Holly Springs, Wake County, NC, married (1) Nov 21 1885, in Holly Springs, Wake County, NC. **Eleanord Frances**

Norris, born 1868, Wake County, NC, died Jul 28 1906, Worth County, GA, married (2) Apr 11 1907, in Worth County, GA, **Lucy Melvina Overby**. **William** died Jun 16 1931, Shingler, Worth County, GA, buried: Hillcrest Cem., Sylvester, Worth Co, GA.

3. **Lucy Melvina Overby** born Jun 3 1881, Worth County, GA, died Apr 18 1953, Bleckley County, GA.

Alford Grandparents

4. **Green Haywood Alford** born Jun 7 1820, Wake County, NC, occupation Planter and Politics, married Jan 8 1844, in Cary, Wake County, NC, **Rebecca Jones**. **Green** died Dec 13 1877, Holly Springs, Wake County, NC, buried: Pleasant Grove, Fuquay-Varina, NC. Born near Wakefield.

5. **Rebecca Jones** born Mar 18 1820, Wake County, NC, died Aug 6 1890, Wake County, NC.

Alford Great-Grandparents

8. **Green Alford** born Abt 1787, Wakefield, Wake County, NC, married Jul 26 1813, in Wake County **Nancy Rose Liles**. **Green** died 1848, Carey, Wake County, buried: Family Plot, High House, Wake Co. Folks sometimes call him "Nathaniel Green" Alford but there is no evidence to support that first name.

9. **Nancy Rose Liles** born Abt 1794, Wake County, NC, died Abt 1851, Wake County, buried: Family Plot, High House, Wake Co.

Alford Great-Great-Grandparents

16. **James Lodwick Alford** born Feb 7 1749, Edgecombe County, NC, married **Susannah Ross**. **James** died 1820, Wake Co., NC.

17. **Susannah Ross** born 1752, NC, died 1838, Wake County, NC.

DESCENDANTS

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- +2. i Carolyn Elizabeth Alford born Feb 21 1935.
- +3. ii Vesta Dean Alford born Jun 19 1940.

Second Generation

2. **Carolyn Elizabeth Alford** born Feb 21 1935, Jacksonville, Duval Co., FL, occupation PhD, School Principal, married Sep 10 1954, in Kingsland, Camden Co., GA, **John Oliver Chambliss, III**, born Jan 22 1931, Jacksonville, Duval Co. (son of John Oliver Chambliss and Nancy Jane Evans), occupation Insurance Agent. Children, both born in Jacksonville, Duval Co., FL:

- 4. i John Oliver Chambliss, IV born Nov 2 1955.
- 5. ii Dorothy Dale Chambliss born Oct 1 1958.

3. **Vesta Dean Alford** born Jun 19 1940, Jacksonville, Duval County, FL, married Oct 25 1958, in Jacksonville, divorced 1970, **Charles Edwin Beany**, born Jul 31 1937, Columbus, Franklin County, OH, (son of Roger Adair Beany and Geraldine Edith Reed). Children:

- 6.i Kristen Elaine Beany born Apr 26 1961, Columbus, Franklin County, OH, occupation Teacher, married Mar 29 1986, in Jacksonville, Duval County, FL, **Robert Fettes Hogue**, born Aug 18 1959, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.
- 7.ii Karla Jane Beany born Jun 24 1966, Gretna, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. ♦

Dorothy Horne Alford

Wife of the late Walter Hoyle Alford, AAFA # 0555, and mother of Carolyn Alford Chambliss, AAFA # 0965 and Vesta Alford Beany, AAFA # 1084

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ALFORD - Funeral services for Dorothy Horne Alford will be held 10:00 AM Monday, January 26, 1998 from the graveside at JACKSONVILLE MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETERY, 111 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park, FL, with Rev. George Lutz, Pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Mrs. Alford was born on June 17, 1911 in Jacksonville, FL and died on January 24, 1998 in Jacksonville, FL. Mrs. Alford was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Walter Hoyle Alford. She is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Chambliss and her husband, John and Vesta Beany; brother, Howard Horne; four grandchildren, John Chambliss, Dale Chambliss Long, Kristen Beany Hogue, and Karla Beany Venos; and four great-grandchildren. Family will receive friends Sunday (TODAY) from 2-4 PM at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Methodist Hospice.

W. Hoyle Alford 0555
b. Jan 5 1908 & d. Oct 2 1997
Lived in Jacksonville, FL
Family GRE787NC/LOD749NC
Attended 0 meeting(s).



Dorothy and Hoyle with their first grandchild in 1958



Dorothy and Hoyle on a trip to Hawaii in 1983