



Alford American Family Association, Inc.

WE ARE FAMILY!

AAFA OnLine Newsletter

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Editor Comments

I'll not repeat here the introductory comments from the May issue. If you have not read them, or don't remember them it might help your orientation as you read this issue if you refresh your memory.

In case you have not noticed: One of the things we are trying to do with the Newsletter is to show you all of the activity that is going on in the association in spite of the fact that most members are doing absolutely nothing. There is some hope that helping the association is contagious and that some of those who have not contributed time and effort will follow the example.

Another objective of the Newsletter is to engage more members in the practice of communication. If we are not careful the association is going to be smothered to death by a silent majority. So please “speak-up” and let the AAFA hear from you via response to this.

We are doing everything possible for you to quickly, conveniently, and easily jump or go from this newsletter document to a page or pages on our website or to other www destinations. You can find a copy of the previous issue (May) via the link below.



Gil Alford, AAFA #0019 Executive Director, from Missouri; AAFA “store roots,” shirt produced by the late Julius “Pooley” Alford, AAFA #0013 & the late “Liz” Alford Williams, AAFA #0040; 1989 TX
_ photo by unknown

www.alfordassociation.org/OLNL/may13r.pdf

– Gil Alford, Interim Editor

CORRECTION!!

Everything in the notice below that was included in the May issue was correct except for the dates. The meeting will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday **October 11, 12, & 13**. NOT 13, 14 & 15 as shown last month. There has been a little editing here to what was published in the last issue—mostly deletions, but note the bold or otherwise emphasized text.

2013 AAFA Meeting

The 2013 AAFA Annual Meeting and National Alford Reunion is all set to go in Raleigh, NC, Oct ~~13, 14~~ **& 15** (2^d week-end just before Columbus Day).

It will be at the **Holiday Inn North Raleigh**, 2805 Highwoods Boulevard, Raleigh, NC 27604. This is the same hotel used in 1990 for the 3rd AAFA meeting. Telephone 1-800-315-2621 or 1 919-872-3500. The latter, a local direct number, will probably be best for making reservations. Don't forget to tell them you are with the (AAFA) Alford American Family Association. Room rates are \$85.00 per night plus tax. This rate includes their full hot buffet breakfasts, and all rooms have refrigerators, complimentary wi-fi through-out the hotel, a 24 hour business center with complimentary printing, and access to their pool and fitness center.

Reservations must be made by 27 September to get these rates. Make them now and you need not worry about it later. Later if you need to cancel for some regretful reason you can do so. Cancellation for individual room reservations are required by 6 PM on check in day.

The registration material has been completed and copies emailed to the subscribers of the Newsletter and to About_Alfords.

Copies are available via the link below where they may be read, printed or saved:

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/meet2013.html>

To see a copy of the report of the 1990 meeting (with photos) at this hotel please go to:

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/ACTION/aact1103r.pdf>

To see a copy of the report of the 2001 meeting (with photos) please go to:

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/ACTION/aact5380.pdf>

If you are unable to obtain the registration forms send us an email requesting we email you a registration packet.

As usual there will be a drawing of names of the first 25 members to register for a free room night. Get your registration in early.

Thanks to **Tom H. Alford**, AAFA 1386 for making the hotel arrangements and signing the contract and to **Bobbbie Alford Stuck** AAFA #1331 for setting up the interesting tours. Details of these are in the registration packet.

It is a pet friendly hotel for those who have asked. Research trips will be arranged to go to the state library/archives (which is closed on Mondays).

MORE about 2013 AAFA Meeting

As indicated above President Max Alford emailed registration material to all subscribers of the Newsletter and About_Alfords on June 21.

First Response

I just called to make my reservation at hotel and apparently was the first. A few glitches---they had the name spelled wrong---Adlford or something---she fixed that. The \$85 group rate was good only for 10 - 13. I wanted to check in late Tuesday night Oct. 8 and go to the Archives Wednesday & Thursday and would have to pay regular price, but she said she would override that. She started to spout off breakfast prices, but I said breakfast had been included in our rate. After checking, she said breakfast is included. I gave her Thomas Alford's email address. There was a pause while she checked something and then came back and everything was fine. My confirmation number is 949-578. I will be checking out Sunday morning.

I will be checking for our John (called Jack) Alford born between 1790 and 1800 and for his marriage around 1815-1818 because of their first son's birth in 1818 in North Carolina. And anything else I can find during that time frame. But first I'll look at AAFA Databases. If Lynn thinks of anything in particular for me to look up, just let me know.

My daughter Sarah lives in Kilgore and while I was down there for high school graduation, I located one of my Alford descendants buried in the city cemetery. I also had an hour or two at their public library and discovered a bunch of old old genealogy books concerning the state of Virginia. Another Alford was buried in the MIMS CEMETERY north of Kilgore, but I have no idea which branch they are connected to. That Holly Springs, NC tour mentions the Leslie-Alford-MIMS house. I'm tempted to follow that possible connection unless AAFA already knows about them.

See ya in October, the good Lord willin and the Creek don't rise. Peggy Alford Schuster [AAFA #0666]

Tom H. Alford, AAFA #1386, who made hotel arrangements wrote Friday, Jun 21, 3:39 pm:

Peggy,

I will address these issues with the sales manager. Pricing is supposed to be for Tuesday-Sunday w/breakfast included. That's written in our agreement. Thanks for pointing this issue out.

Tom

Gil response to Peggy's above:

Re checking Mims Cemetery. I did not find the one you mentioned in Texas but at Find_A_Grave.com I did learn that there are 26 Mims cemeteries listed in the US.

The following was received from Alicia Houston, AAFA #0001, June 1, 5:36pm

Hello Gil,
I'll be at the Raleigh meeting for sure. Got my plane tickets and everything! Camden just got an MBA and accepted a new job at Charlotte with Wells Fargo. Dan is scheduled for a knee replacement on Monday. The family memorial/reunion will be in Portland over Fourth of July weekend. After that, things should settle down here (Hah!)

Does life ever settle down?

Anyway, I think the dining room table is finally cleared of all the estate stuff.
What a job!

Hope to see you in October!

Alicia

For those who did not get the word— Alicia lost her parents in hurricane Sandy and has been busy as executor of the estate.



The late Eva Camille Stapleford, AAFA #0370 from New York; mother of Alicia Roundy Houston, AAFA #0001 from Pennsylvania 1994 VA
— photo by Janice & John Smith



Joan and Don Alford, AAFA #0059 from Florida 1994 VA — photo by Janice & John Smith

Gil,

Thanks for the heads up on our meeting dates in 2013.

WELCOME back to the fray.

Joan and I expect to join you in Raleigh.

Don and Joan.

See in the next response piece that Kathy & John Schultz are planning on being at the meeting.

Where Should AAFA Meet?

This is part of a subject dealing with future AAFA meetings that was introduced in May. There has been some informal and unofficial talk about **where** we ought to meet each year and what, if any, pattern should be used over the years

What do you Think?

Designation of the meeting state has an influence on considerable work each year. Even if you don't attend_ "where we meet" drives work or information about which you might be interested. **We need your position or ideas** on where, when, and what on meetings. I will make a recommendation to the board of directors that they accept the choice of the majority of the membership; and as soon as practical; announce the results in the newsletter.

Should we alternate meeting states or not? In 2014 should we meet in Texas or Georgia? Does that mean meet in the other state in 2015?

RESPONSE

Some of you must have read this response from Kathy Schultz which she posted to About_Alfords, Wednesday, June 12 at 12:20 AM.



John & Kathy Schultz, AAFA # 0568 from Tennessee. 2011 MO

— photo by Janice & John Smith

Gil, I apologize for not replying sooner, but I do want to let you know that I have read all of your recent communications, though I never did locate the attachment you mentioned.

I have been trying to think of suggestions for the online newsletter and meetings, but I have always thought that both are exceptional and any improvements would only be tweaks to already excellent programs.

John and I both agree that alternating meeting locations between states with early Alford settlements and those with larger AAFA membership would be better than choosing one state for all future meetings. This is despite the fact that Texas and Houston were suggested, and most of John's family now lives in Houston.

I have always thought that tours to the lands where the early Alfords resided would be as interesting as the tours to local attractions. They would be more interesting to me, but I do realize that they are often not near the larger cities where hotels suitable for meetings are located. One exception to that was Nashville, but no tours to Alford lands and cemeteries in the area were planned

even then.

Any way you can work out technologically for you to participate in the meetings would be great. We are **definitely planning to make it to Raleigh** and very much appreciate the choice of a pet-friendly hotel.

Kathy Schultz [AAFA #0568]

We need more input from members on how they think we should be arranging meeting places.

Alford Genealogies

From January 13 web site updates

We are beginning to systematically update our very large collection of online genealogies. The first two are below. In the first phase of each update, we will post all the information that has been added to the file since the last posting. Instead of truncating the most recent generations to protect the privacy of the living, we will include all persons in the file. For persons under age 100 who have no death date entered and are presumed living, all of the data (birth, marriage, etc.) will be replaced with "data excluded."

In the next phase, still some time in the future, we will include links to applicable documents, photographs, obituaries, etc. Most importantly, we will add corrections and changes that you send us.

KINCHEN ALFORD b. 1812 NC

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/GENEALOGY/kin812nc.pdf>

This 102 kb file dated (and prepared) Jan 17 2013 replaces a 25 kb file dated Sep 26 2009. It has 11 pages compared with 6 in the old; and includes 6 generations with 126 descendants vs 3 generations with 50 descendants before.

THOMAS ALFORD b. 1795 NC

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/GENEALOGY/tho795nc.pdf>

Comparing new vs old data: generations 7 - 3, descendants 327 - 50, pages 21 - 6.

From January 20

Please see the note about the updated genealogies that were shown last week.

BYTHON B. ALFORD b. 1817 NC

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/GENEALOGY/byt817nc.pdf>

This file dated (and prepared) Jan 25 2013 replaces a file dated 2009. It has 9 pages compared with 4 in the old; and includes 6 generations with 106 descendants vs 3 generations with 38 descendants before.

From February 10

Please see the note about the updated genealogies that were shown last week.

JOHN F. ALFORD b. 1818 NC

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/GENEALOGY/joh818nc.pdf>

This file dated (and prepared) Feb 14 2013 replaces a file dated 2009. It has 7 pages compared with 4 in the old; and includes 97 descendants vs 54 descendants before.

From February 24

Please see the note about the updated genealogies that were shown January 13.

LOCKHARD ALFORD b. 1790 NC

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/GENEALOGY/loc790nc.pdf>

From March 17

Please see the note about the updated genealogies that were shown January 13.

PIERCE LEWIS ALFORD b. 1829 GA

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/GENEALOGY/pie829ga.pdf>

This is the first time we have displayed this genealogy in quite some time. Pamela Alford Thompson our Obits Editor and first editor of the AAFA quarterly belongs to this branch and manages it.

Member Memorials

In the last issue we commented on "Member Memorials" but did not list or otherwise show the activity on them. These are more products of Pamela Alford Thompson, AAFA #0030 who is also the Obituaries Project Officer. Listed below are the memorials posted to the website thus far this year. We will try to keep you up to date hereafter.

Posted January 13:

AAFA #0738 Roy Wade Adams

AAFA #0961s Edith Elizabeth "Betty" Humann Alford, wife of Jack Leland Alford

AAFA #0042s Pauline "Pat" Leger Alford, wife of Orville Felton Alford
AAFA #0134 Jerry Woodard Black AAFA #0134s Katherine Sophie Yantz Black, wife of Jerry Woodard Black. We first posted Katherine's In Remembrance here in November 2011. This is an update, with photos and additional information. Don't miss Katherine's Alford "crochets"! AAFA #0188 Winston Bryan Murray

AAFA #0491 Albert Alford Payne

February:

AAFA #0503s Dorothy Jean Burkett Plyler Alford, wife of David Gaston Alford
AAFA #0904S Robert Steele, husband of Helen Wilcox Steele

April:



Pamela Alford Thompson, AAFA #0030, Director & Obits Editor from California, 2012 __ photo from Pam.

AAFA #0374 Travis Arnold Alford
AAFA #1031 Edward Doyle Alford

May:

These In Remembrances have been updated to include photos and additional information:

AAFA #0042 Orville Felton Alford
AAFA #0042s Pauline "Pat" Leger Alford, wife of Orville Felton Alford
AAFA #0147 Martin George Alford
AAFA #0147s Delores Lee Kerr Alford, wife of Martin George Alford
AAFA #0407 Mary Edna Alford Helms
AAFA #0867 Cal Dee Alford
AAFA #1157 Elizabeth Patience Alford McCutcheon

June:

These In Remembrances have been updated to include photos and additional information:

AAFA #0072 Charles Dalma Alford, Jr.
AAFA #0072s Margaret Waldrep Alford, wife of Charles Dalma Alford, Jr.
AAFA #0820s Margaret Love Simons Alford, wife of Henry Cecil Alford
AAFA #1065 George Morris Myers, Jr.
AAFA #1104 Bessie Mae Alford Lewis

These In Remembrances are new:

AAFA #0176 Betty Jeane Alford McGugan
AAFA #0976 Frances Louise Alford Masaitis Cordine
AAFA #1065s Rebecca Louise Key Myers, wife of George Morris Myers, Jr.

To access all member memorials please go to:

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/mem.html>

“Alford” Obituaries

Although Kansas is not a major "Alford" state, we have 2 obituaries for AAFA members and 16 obituaries for close relatives of AAFA members. Descendants of John 1696 and Mary Alford of Frederick County, VA, are well represented, as are members of the northern Alford and Alvords. Several prominent Kansans were Alford, including Lionel Devon Alford, Boeing executive, and his wife, Julia Bryan Alford; and Daniel Stillman Alford, prominent lawyer, and his son Alfred Cecil Alford, who was killed in the Spanish American War. Kansas Obituaries also includes about 10 Halfords. – Pam Thompson AAFA #0030

To access all state obituary compilations please go to:

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/obit.html>

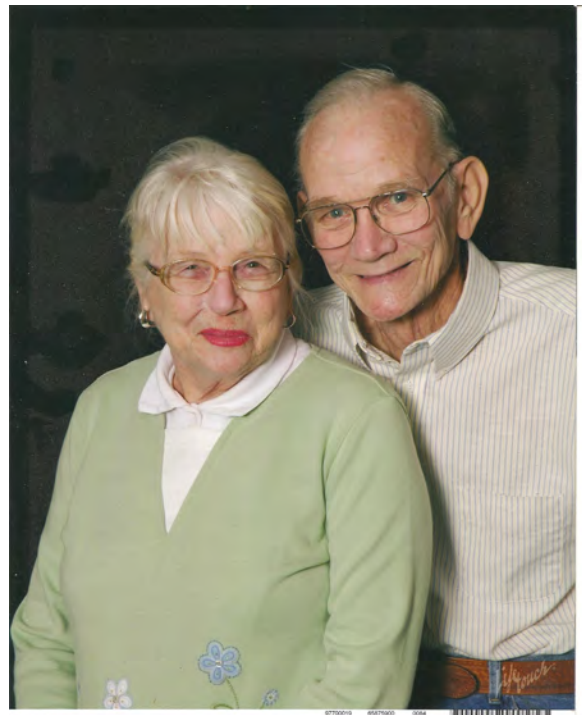
Military Memoirs & Official Military Records

In the May issue we reminded members of our need to document the military records and memories of those of us who have served in the military.

Peggy Schuster <peggyschuster@att.net> responded:

For the veteran's recall, I took an atlas of the world and photocopied the places Walter had been stationed: Hawaii, Kwajaline, and Eniwetok Atoll. Then with the printer enlarged each copy so that he could see better and could show us where he had lived and worked. I took notes as he would remember, typed them up, and let him proof that I had the facts straight. As he looked and read, he would recall other incidents. This went on, off and on, for several months.

Walter was in the Air Force, but he shipped out from San Francisco to Honolulu on a ship that had the civilian families in front half while the troops were crowded into the back. He escaped the seasickness down below by going on deck and seeing how the other half lived. His barracks was up on a mountain and the antennas were down lower anchored in the middle of pineapple fields. The farmers sometimes accidentally cut the guy wires,



Peggy Alford & the late Walter Schuster, AAFA #0666 from Texas. JOH801NC Branch Manager __ Photo supplied by Peggy

and the Air Force would repair them. As compensation, the Air Force could eat all the pineapples they wanted. With the blown up copy of Oahu, he was able to see the road from his barrack down to the radio station.

Before he got to see the volcano erupting up close and personal, he was sent on to Kwajaline by plane and then another plane to Eniwetok. He and two buddies lived in the only building on the atoll away from the landing field, keeping the radio network up to snuff. All the other troops lived in tents along the atoll. One of his buddies was a Hawaiian native who occasionally cooked up an octopus treat that smelled to high heaven.

These are just a few of his memories, but I've been able to make copies for our children and his sisters. They're even more precious now that he is gone. Peggy Schuster [AAFA #0666]

Gil Response: Thanks. This is great. Reminds me of the Cary Grant movie where he had a similar job and was known as "Father Goose."

I assume that since you sent it as a "hint" you have no objection to it being shared via "About_Alfords" & the newsletter. I'm proceeding under that assumption.

In what form or format is the final product of your and Walt's effort? It would be great if we could capture most of it, digitize it for sharing and saving for posterity.

Do you have copies of Walter's official records from the National Military Records Center - part of the National Archives?

Gil

Peggy Schuster <peggyschuster@att.net> wrote:

As long as I'm not saying something awful about someone, whatever I send is fair game. **We have all his original records that he received, I'm pretty sure.** I'll add that to the list to do. Right now my granddaughter is moving in here to attend the Art Institute in Dallas. We've already had to call in Rosemary for her expertise from working with Walter to solve one problem, and two other granddaughters were helping. **WOMAN POWER WORKS AGAIN!** Peggy

More from Gil Alford:

Notice that Peggy thinks she has all of Walt's "original records" that he received. It was my experience that none of us were ever given "all" records, and that is particularly true for our Service Record. At the end of our enlistment or tour it was customary to receive a discharge certificate and a report of separation; the latter being a very brief extract or summary of the experience. I have linked copies of two of my

documents here as an example.

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/MEMBERS/GIL926SC/docs/disch46-2.pdf>

I say again that I think it is very important that we as individuals and families do all we can to retrieve copies of our official records from the government. I requested a copy of mine back in 2005 when the National Military Personnel Records Center was located in St. Louis proper. The center had sustained a major fire in 1973 and lost millions of records and millions more had been damaged by water. I received 177 pages which cost over \$5 to mail to me but I was not charged one cent. The center has moved to a new location in St. Louis County and has salvaged some of the original loss. While I had to process my request by mail the National Archives, parent of the Military Personnel Records Center now does much business online and those of us who want our records find it much simpler to request them.

If you continue with this you will find that there is a big difference in archival and non-archival records, which is based on the date of the records. After 62 years non-archival records become archived records. With this being 2013 then 1951 is the “magic” year; and records of those of us from WWII have been archived. I continued to serve in Korea and on into 1956 so I just squeeze by the 1951 cut-off. When they are active or non-archived there are restrictions on who (next of kin which is parents, spouse and children) may obtain records and their cost is free. If the records have been moved to archival status then they are open to one and all, regardless of kin, and one has to pay a fee for the search, recovery and copy of the documents. No matter which category they are in family should have a copy of the record. I suggest that you begin at the link below:

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

To give you some idea as to what may be found in the service record I’ll share some of my data with you. I began setting this up years ago but have been reluctant to be the first to share as I do not want to come across as an exhibitionist or something. In fact after one of my sons in law reviewed my records collection (military and civil service as an Army employee) said that he thought it might look a bit braggadocio.

In the next issue I will share some of the records. By the way—the website is set up to accommodate a member page for each and every member similar to the way mine is being set up. All we need to proceed with yours is some input from you.

Welcome to New Member

#1422 (1) Dr. John Gordon Alford, IV & Deborah A. McKeown, Montgomery, TX.

(2) John Gordon Alford, III 1914 & (3) Kathlyn W. _____ 1917.

(4) John Gordon Alford, Sr. 1886 GA & (5) Florence C. Kelly.

(8) Allen Stephens Alford 1848 GA & (9) Julia Ann Avery 1852 GA.

(16) John Allen Alford 1815 GA & (17) Jerusha Paschall 1825 GA.

(32) William Alford ca 1794 NC & (33) Mary Ann Mason Gay.

(64) Kinchen Alford 1768 NC & (65) Linda Williams.

(128) Lodwick Alford ca 1710 VA & (129) Sarah Smith.

(256) James Alford ca 1687 VA?.

(512) John Alford ca 1645.

Alford Cemetery Information

Updates were posted as follows:

30 May 2013 for Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Mississippi cemeteries.

15 Jun 2013 for Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Texas cemeteries.

Links directly to states mentioned above:

Georgia http://www.alfordassociation.org/CEMETERY/ga_cem.html

Iowa http://www.alfordassociation.org/CEMETERY/ia_cem.html

Kentucky http://www.alfordassociation.org/CEMETERY/ky_cem.html

Louisiana http://www.alfordassociation.org/CEMETERY/la_cem.html

Mississippi http://www.alfordassociation.org/CEMETERY/ms_cem.html

Texas http://www.alfordassociation.org/CEMETERY/tx_cem.html

To access all state cemetery records please go to: <http://www.alfordassociation.org/ceme.html>

Each of us probably has dozens of Alford interment records in our genealogy research that have not been entered in the cemetery data. It only takes a few minutes to submit a cemetery record to the data manager using the forms that are generated from each state cemetery listing (just click on the Add Grave button for a county or a cemetery). If each member could find time to enter just one or two graves a month from their own records, it would greatly enhance our collection efforts. Won't you please look at your family data and submit a few records of Alfords (including related spellings), Alford spouses, or children of an Alford parent to us today. - Wayne Parrish, AAFA #1254 AAFA Cemetery Project Officer & AAFA Data Manager

Alford Y-DNA



Max Ray & Earline Alford, AAFA #0230 of Texas. 1995 AL. AAFA secretary & membership chair.

— photo by Janice & John Smith

Max Ray & Earline Alford, AAFA #0230. Max is, in addition to, board member, president, past secretary, and membership chair, the AAFA DNA project officer. He has reviewed most of what is written here about DNA.

Earline, in addition to being the First Lady, is also the person who maintains the AAFA Member Memorial Albums, which she and Max recently scanned to digital records and are in the process of linking on the members memorial list. She is also the one who is usually looking for you to buy a raffle ticket at meetings. Capt'n. Wick used to hide from her.

AAFA needs Y-DNA from every U.S. male Alford

who is not currently in the FTDNA & WorldFamilies Alford surname group. It is recommended that folks begin with a 37 marker test as it is likely to give valid matches while the 12 and 25 marker tests do not. The cost, when bought through our project, is \$149. If the subject cannot afford that perhaps other kin will pitch in and share the cost because if they are true kin then the test results will pertain generally to their family also. If kin cannot cover the cost— maybe, **in some cases**, AAFA can help— so please refer such situations to AAFA DNA Project Officer Max Alford:

mralford@swbell.net

Breaking News

FamilyTreeDNA.com just announced Thursday June 27 that through 11:56 pm July 26, the price for the 37 marker Y-DNA test kit has been reduced by \$20 to a cost of \$129.

Now is **THE TIME TO BUY.**

To join the Alford surname project and order a test kit please click the link below:

<http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/alford/order>

Your donation to the AAFA Y-DNA Project will be a great help.

Please send check to the address below marked for Y-DNA tests.

Robert D. Alford, AAFA Treasurer; 11115 Fall Breeze Drive; Houston, TX 77064-4817

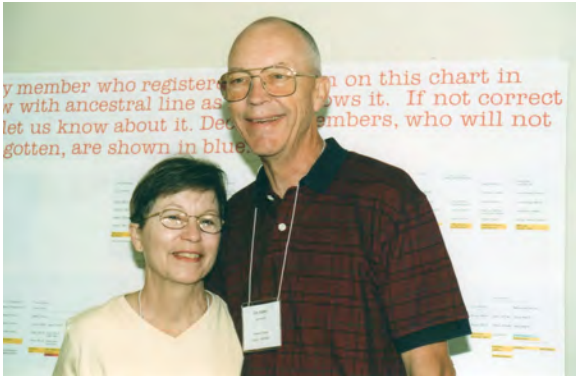
Generic Y-DNA - A Layman's Explanation

(Continued from May)

In our Alford DNA project we have several male participants who are not named Alford. That is OK with me and AAFA as long as they are not participating thinking they will find an Alford ancestor. They may find an ancestor that is common to some Alford and other surnames, but that will be back about the year 900 or earlier before surnames were used.

For example— John the butcher, as he would have been called, may have had sons who had several male grandchildren, all who had his Y-DNA. When surnames evolved these descending males of John took the name of Brown or Green for one reason or another, or perhaps the names of North, West or even Alford. Descendants of all these guys will have matching Y-DNA, but with only the surname Alford will folks learn about Alford ancestry. If you are named Brown, then your paternal Brown line will take you back to more Brown's but it is absolutely impossible to trace back to an Alford - UNLESS!!

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Jim & Sue Adams, AAFA #1129, THO598 EN
Branch Manager, Past Editor AAFA ACTION, from
Georgia, 2000 GA
— photo by Janice & John Smith

Jim Adams, AAFA #1129, who with his wife Sue edited the AAFA quarterly for ten years, is the great grandson of George Washington Alford who died 1863 in Battle of Port Hudson, Louisiana. He is buried in the Baton Rouge National Cemetery. His son, George Washington Alford, Jr, was adopted by Harry Alford Adams, Sr. See his ahnentafel via the link below:

http://www.alfordassociation.org/tafels/tafel_1129.pdf

James William Johnson “J.J”
AAFA#1189, has written two related articles. See them via links below:

The Johnson Alford Connection

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/ACTION/aact5510.pdf>

GETTING TO KNOW OUR ANCESTORS. Robert F. Alford

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/ACTION/aact5836.pdf>

See J.J.’s ahnentafel via the link below:

http://www.alfordassociation.org/tafels/tafel_1189.pdf

In both situations the **male blood line continued** even though there was a change in the surname.

Our AAFA Families

WE ARE FAMILY!!

SEABORN ALFORD CEMETERY

Mount Hermon, Washington Parish, LA

By Pam Thompson, AAFA #0030

At my request, in March 2013 Find A Grave contributor and photographer took photos of the gravestones of Seaborn Lochran Alford (1844-1919) and his parents, Margaret Brumfield Alford (1819-1885) and John Seaborn Alford (1807-1897) in the Seaborn Alford Cemetery.

Christopher wrote this: " had been looking for this cemetery for some time. I finally met the man whose property the cemetery is on. It is located far out in a field and cannot be seen from the road. This family is descended also from my great great grandparents, John & Margaret Kelly Brumfield. John Seaborn Alford married their daughter, Margaret. I had wanted to get more photos but by the time we got to the cemetery that day, I was already late for a meeting I had to get to. I will try to return one day soon and get more pics. Sadly, the majority of the graves are only marked with sandstones, with no identifying info."



Noland David & Mary Alford, AAFA #0425;
from Louisiana 2003 AR

— photo by Janice & John Smith

Here is the paragraph we have about John Seaborn Alford's burial in our published online genealogy [www.alfordassociation.org/GENEALOGY/joh8071a.pdf]:

"John Seaborn Alford is buried on property that was his farm. It was later known as the Iddo Alford farm and in the 1990's was owned by Nolan David Alford, AAFA Member #0425."

Christopher posted the photos at Find A Grave—the cemetery's URL is

www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&GRid=36419614&CRid=2303302&.

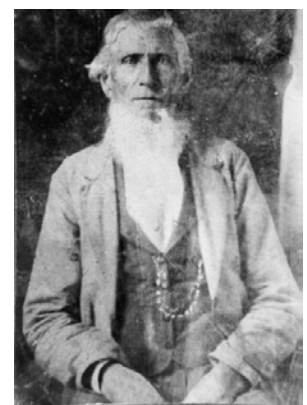
If you would like to use these photos in your own records, you may, but if you want to post them anywhere, please email Christopher for permission: mudbug210@hotmail.com. And thank him for his efforts!

More on Seaborn Alford

Gil Alford AAFA #0019

For starters we need to be more specific with "Seaborn" as it was a family name and much used with other combinations.

When I first began to dabble in my family history I had never given a thought to my great grandfather so I asked my dad one day if he knew who his grandfather was. He proudly replied that he did and he told me his name was John Seaborn Alford and that he and his twin brother Seaborn John Alford were born at sea on the way over from Ireland. It sounded great to me and gave evidence that I had some Irish blood. It did not take long for me to learn better—even before I published the first issue of *About Alford's* in November 1982. The boys were named "Seaborn" because their mother, born in Virginia, was Frankie Seaborn.



John Seaborn Alford
1807 LA -1891* LA

They were born in Spanish West Florida* which was soon to become part of the United States. In fact they probably were the first Alford₁s born in Louisiana or what soon became Louisiana.

I should have kept my mouth shut, but the next time I went home I told my father what I had learned. He looked hurt but did not say anything. Thereafter any information I needed from home had to come from my mother. Several years later after we started the AAFA I gave my father a gift membership, #0047. A couple years later I went home and saw a large stack of packages of some kind on the end-table by his recliner. Curiosity compelled me to look. It was all of the quarterlies that he had received, unopened and unread, but neatly stacked in one pile.

North Carolina Alford Outreach.

During the last month we mailed about 730 postcards to *new* North Carolina Alford families or households. The purpose was to invite them to the October meeting, to offer free help in learning more about their Alford ancestry, and to give them an opportunity to join the association. Last Saturday we received a phone call from an excited lady who said she had the card and that she was an interested Alford. She wanted to know in which Holiday Inn we were meeting, and after I told her she said she was about to go to our website and check it out and she thanked us for letting her know.

The cards were designed such that they are not specific as to state other than as the place of the meeting. Facsimiles of the cards are reproduced below (next page). If you know of folks interested in Alford and would like to have copies of the cards to mail to them please let us know and we will send them. Do note that you will have to affix a \$0.33 postage stamp and an address.

In an email addressed to alford_staff@alfordassociation.org tell us how many cards to send and to what address.

Going Home

After Jim Shelley did a career as a doctor in the Air Force at various points around the world and then another civilian career as a doctor in West Virginia and Southwest Missouri he and Lynn are finally retiring from Springfield MO and going home to Baton Rouge.

Lynn sent Thursday, Jun 27

Although all the final details are not ironed out, we believe this sale of the house is going to be finalized with closing on July 31. If we don't have an address to give the movers, we will have to pay for a month's storage even if we only need a week, so we are leaving tomorrow for Baton Rouge in hopes of finding a house within the next week. I will have my laptop with me but may be out of touch some of the time. If I need to be reached in case of any emergency, call my cell at 417-818-6143. _Lynn Shelley

¹ John was not born in Florida per se, but in Spanish West Florida part of which became part of Louisiana about 1810. There is also conflicting information on the year of John's death- 1891 or 1897. There is an effort under way to attempt to resolve this.

You Are Invited
2013 Alford National Family Reunion
and Alford American Family Association Meeting

Anyone and everyone is welcome - especially
Alfords, Halfords, Alvords, Alfreds, etc. and their kin.

For more info. go to www address below or check box and send card to our POB.

1. Get 2013 Reunion/Meeting information

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/meet2013.html>

Mail meeting registration information to (give address)

2. Learn more about my Alford ancestry -FREE!

Download (save) form, "complete" & send to address at bottom of form:

www.alfordassociation.org/ADMIN/work_sheet.pdf

Mail work_sheet to (give address)

3. Join the Alford Association - only \$5 for life!

Download (save) form, "complete" & send to address at bottom of form:

http://www.alfordassociation.org/aafa_mbr-app.pdf

Mail application form to (give address)

Alford American Family Association, Inc
Post Office Box 1297
Florissant, MO 63031-1297

[Affix 33 cents postage]



Serving The Alford Community Over 25 Years

[Card size is not to scale]

314-831-8648

www.alfordassociation.org

alford_staff@alfordassociation.org

[Enter address or affix label]

Alford American Family Association

Account
Number

Income Statement for Year to Date, June 30, 2013

1.0.00	Receipts:		
1.1.00	Memberships (10) (1414-1423)		50.00
1.2.00	Donations:		
1.2.01	General	25.00	
1.2.99	Total Donations	<u>25.00</u>	25.00
	Total Receipts		\$75.00
2.0.00	Disbursements:		
2.2.00	AAFA Action (Quarterly)¹:		
2.2.01	Printing	241.00	
2.2.02	Postage	109.56	
2.2.99	Total AAFA Action	<u>350.56</u>	350.56
2.3.00	Office Expenses:		
2.3.01	Computer Software	124.00	
2.3.04	Equipment	145.72	
2.3.06	Legal Fees ²	29.94	
2.3.08	PO Box Rental	124.00	
2.3.09	Postage	10.12	
2.3.99	Total Office Expenses	<u>433.78</u>	433.78
	Total Disbursements		\$784.34
	Net Income		<u><u>-\$709.34</u></u>

Checking Account Reconciliation

Beginning Balance	January 1, 2013	\$7,337.22
Net Income		<u>(709.34)</u>
Ending Balance	June 30, 2013	<u><u>\$6,627.88</u></u>

Notes:

¹ Final Issue

² Includes 2yr MO Corporation Registration Fee of \$20