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The association was established for the following purposes:

1. To collect, record, preserve, disseminate, and perpetuate biographical and historical information on Alford's (including 100+ spelling variations) and their ancestors.
2. To educate members, particularly those of the younger generations, on the Alford family history and how it relates to the history of our nation.
3. To further fellowship and camaraderie within the living Alford family.

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Editorial Comments

The previous issue that was on-line was something of an experiment wherein the traditional files which were created to be printed on paper and bound in a book were just saved to pdf format and placed on the web site. Some of you will be reading this issue from a pdf file and the source file was created with the web site in mind. We hope you enjoy it.

Adjustments were made in the formatting for printing. Send us an email and tell us what you would like to see changed. Send to alford_staff@www.alfordassociation.org.

One of the main changes will be the page numbering. In the previous issue you may have noticed in the on-line version that the page number appearing in the header at the top of the page did not agree with the page numbers used in the pdf reader. They do now.

Before, in the printed version, the document was formatted so that page headers for odd and even pages were slightly

different making page numbers appear on the outside edge of each page. Now the on-line version has all of the headers formatted in the same way and the page number is in the center of the page. Likewise for the printed version.

You must have noticed the all new and colorful cover for the web version. As we progress we will add more color on some pages of the on-line version.

The website updates are much smaller in this issue because of the short period between this issue and the previous one. And because most of the folks who do the website work are also the ones doing this interim quarterly.

Remember, the size of the quarterly, on-line as well as printed, is reducing with each issue. This is the last issue in which you will find a genealogy. You can always go to the link below and find

about 100 different Alford branch genealogies. The list at the link below does more than just name the branch. There is also information about the date of the file, the last time it was published in the quarterly, the AAFA Y-DNA group, etc.

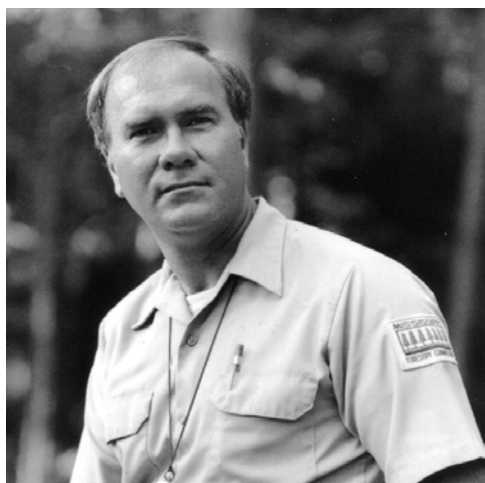
www.alfordassociation.org/gen.html

Apparently there was not too much interest in the On Line Quarterly for those who heard about it in the printed version. The link shown in the last issue was not correct and as far as we know there were no comments received to report it. What should have been www.alfordassociation.org/OLQ/90FILES/90.html was published as www.alfordassociation.org/OLQ/90.html

You can get to this issue via www.alfordassociation.org/OLQ/91FILES/91.html

The President's Corner

Emmette Earl Alford, President, AAFA #0439



In the last Quarterly, I encouraged our members to offer their services in some capacity such as volunteering to serve on the Board of Directors or as one of our Officers. This is not meant that we don't ever get help. Well, fortunately, that is not the case. I want to mention a few who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Hopefully, I won't forget someone as my memory is not like it once was. So, in case I forget someone, please accept my apology in advance. I will present them in no particular order.

Gil Alford, our AAFA Founder, spends most every day in his basement working on Alford data and trying to keep the rest of us in order. He is considered the world's authority on Alford's.

Longtime Treasurer, Doris Alford Vetri

held this position from 1991 to 2010. Robert Alford lives in Houston, Texas but is a Georgia native and is our present treasurer.

Lynn Shelley is considered our # 1 Researcher but has served in numerous capacities within the AAFA including Vice-President as well as serving on the Board of Directors No one has done as much research for the AAFA than Lynn. Lynn resides in Springfield, Missouri but hails from Louisiana, the state where the strawberries are oh-so-good this time of year.

Peggy Schuster, from Richardson, Texas, has done extensive work on her family in the south. Always willing to offer a helping hand and attends most all of our AAFA annual meetings.

From Monroeville, PA is Alicia Houston who is listed as 001 on our AAFA membership. She has long been our Census Project Manager and a member of our Board of Directors. I once assumed that she was one of our older members since she was listed in our membership rolls as # 1 but I was wrong.

Down around the West Bank area of New Orleans is Evelyn Mistich, our Secretary and Treasurer for Annual

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meetings, handling all the money, the meeting registrations, tour registrations, etc.

John and Janice Smith from Plano, Texas hold the keys to the Alford Archives that are in a vault in Fort Worth. Wills and estate records are also stored there. John is our computer expert at the AAFA Annual Meetings. He keeps our annual meetings moving along. Janice always has her camera ready for photos and they provide the photo albums. Walt Smith, son, serves as Vice President of our organization and is a vital cog to our organization. Walt often works in the background at our annual meetings but is much involved in the set up of all the exhibits, research tables, photo albums, etc.

Wayne Parrish from near Carthage, Mississippi, has been working close with Gil on Data Management and Genealogy. He has just recently completed a total listing of Alford Cemetery records for each of the Counties of Mississippi. He is the cemetery project manager, maintains the master database, and the cemetery web pages. He also serves on our Board of Directors.

Carolyn Alford Saunders from Georgetown, Texas has been working on the cemetery data for Texas for several years. One of my many Alford treasures is her published book "My Alford Heritage" printed in 2005. The book contains historical Alford information and personal stories, descriptions, photos and, documents all without the help of a computer program.

Pamela Thompson handles the posting of the obituaries for the AAFA from Granite Bay, California and serves on our Board of Directors. Pamela was also one of our early editors of the quarterly.

Anyone who has ever attended an AAFA meeting knows our Annual Meeting Chairperson, Ramona Alford Darden. She puts in a lot of time and hard work not only during the meetings but months before to make sure that everything runs smoothly once the meeting starts. Ramona resides in Houston, Texas.

Our past President Max Ray Alford of Mesquite, Texas continues working as our membership chairman and keeps all of our member records, manages the DNA project and works on our web site. He is also very knowledgeable of the AAFA and its many functions. We depend on Max when we have problems or need advice and answers. Earline is a strong help-mate and keeps the memorial albums for AAFA.

As you can see we have many cogs on the AAFA wheel. These are just a few of the people that work behind the scenes to keep your organization up and running. However, that doesn't mean that we have all the help we need. The association can always use your help. If you have a special talent or if there is something that you might enjoy doing give us a call.

In closing, I must say Alford's are really a fantastic and unique group of folks, don't you think.

Treasurer's Report

Robert D. Alford, AAFA #0197

Alford American Family Association

Income Statement for Year to Date Ending March 31, 2011

Receipts

Dues (7 New Members) -----	1,800.00	
Donations (Total) -----	170.00	
Unspecified	110.00	
DNA Test Fund	60.00	
Total Receipts		\$ 1,970.00

Disbursements

2010 Meeting -----	47.73	
AAFA Action (Total) -----	2,269.03	
Printing	1,347.00	
Postage	700.00	
Supplies	222.03	
Office Expenses (Total) -----	65.81	
Postage	45.56	
Printing	8.28	
Supplies	11.97	
Total Disbursements		\$ 2,382.57

Net Income <\$ 412.57>

Checking Account Reconciliation

Beginning Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 12,057.58
Net Income	< 412.57>
Ending Balance March 31, 2011	\$ 11,645.01