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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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We should have mentioned before that the compressing of the time of release of the recent quarterlies could lead to questions or even problems with the renewal process.

Newer members may not be aware of the fact that their dues pay for four issues of the quarterly and is not on a regular annual basis. We don't worry about the membership or annual thing because once a member always a member. We don't keep up with how many years you have been in AAFA. We do keep up with how many issues you should receive and the membership file contains information that tells the membership chair when you have two more coming and when you have one more coming. As these indicators come up we send out renewal notices. If you don't send a timely response our compression could cause you to miss an issue. Let us know if that happens.

Since we have more or less condensed nine months of quarterlies into one quarter, you may have been confused. This will be the last compressed issue with #94 planned for the end of October, hopefully with a meeting report and meeting photographs.

All of you should have by now received the proposed amended bylaws which will be voted on at the meeting in St. Louis. Unfortunately some of you got

what you might call premature copies that got out by mistake with some errors in paragraphing, spelling and punctuation. The intent of the content was the same. If you received one of the not quite final copies and would like to have the real final copy please let us know and we will send you one.

Treasurer Robert D. Alford has an interesting piece in this issue. It shows some things we don't usually see in the regular financial reports. Like the need to keep in reserve almost \$5,000 to print and mail the quarterly which members have already paid for.

We announced earlier that we wanted to make the quarterly a more member oriented publication and without the data listings of Alford data that is somewhat boring reading and better suited for the web site. To do that we must have your help with some input that is more of a member nature. We have introduced some ideas in this issue but to succeed in the future we will need your help.

Some folks have commented about the paragraph and line spacing as well as the font size. These vary throughout the quarterly as they are features used in an effort to do a better job of pagination. Consistent would be better but it is a trade off.

It is hoped that you won't overlook the need for your help in this issue. Starting on page 8 we list the names and previously know address of about 215 members. The addresses shown are apparently not good because the last time it was used for mailing to that member it was returned by the Postal Service.

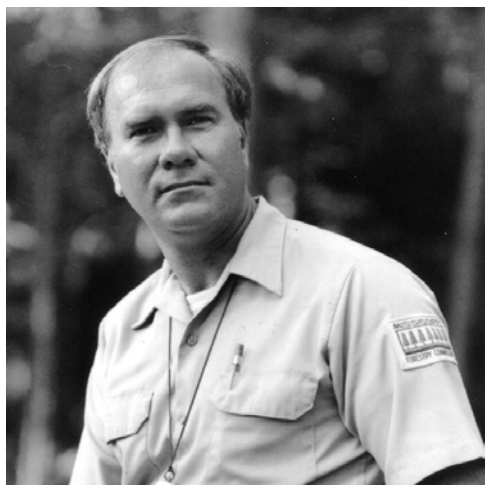
You probably know one or more of these folks and can get in touch with them and get us a good address. If you don't know the person listed some of you will know someone who does know them and you can get us the address that way.

For most of them though we are just going to have to pretend that we are private - eyes and dig for the answer. We have a three step process to follow which first uses the phone number given to see if maybe that is still good. If it is then the other two steps won't be needed. When the phone bombs out then we will go to the Internet and using services like www.switchboard.com search for the person and their current address. If that fails we will consider that the person may be deceased, and in that case we will search the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) to see if we can find them there.

As you should remember once you are a member of AAFA you are always a member, and if we can't keep up with you we may miss your obituary and fail to get you into the memorial program.

The President's Corner

Emmette Earl Alford, President, AAFA #0439



The countdown is under way for the 24th Annual meeting of our Alford American Family Association to be held October 7-9 in St. Louis, Missouri. Hopefully, attending the meeting is in your plans. And if you've ever wondered if other lines of Alford's are as talkative as your own, here is your chance to find out. Somehow I think you know the answer.

Our Association needs your support, your cooperation and, yes, your enthusiasm. We need that so we can get on with the business of the main purpose of our Association—digging up new information on Alford families and sharing it through our superb quarterly AAFA Action and our ever-growing website. Gil Alford, our founding father, has been filling in for the last several quarterlies and has the publication back on schedule; however, we are still in dire need of an editor for the quarterly. If you know of any prospects or would like to volunteer for the editor position, please contact Gil or any member of our board. We

may need to get political if we know a member that qualifies and nominate them for this volunteer position. We need to add a push to the potential.

Ernest Herndon, writer for the Enterprise Journal, ended an article he wrote in the Sunday, August 7, 2011 edition with the following words. "Years pass. Boys become men, men go to the grave, trees fall to the saw, briars claim cemeteries. But every now and then you come across an old tree that has survived it all, a tombstone still declaring its mute testimony, and a crape myrtle blooming joyfully amid the weeds of time." I sincerely hope our AAFA is not in the time of briars but is in the time of testimony to the great work of keeping the record of time going. Some of you remember when H. Harold Alford served as President following Wick Alford. There were a couple of races on. One was to increase the

Association's membership to 500, and another was a race amongst the states for increasing the membership from their state. We could revive the competition again. With over 1300 members in 2011 (295 active dues paying members) and a new race to document DNA, I hope we are not bogged down. The only indication is sluggish enrollment for our 2011 St. Louis Association Meeting coming up in October. Some are suggesting we just limit our meetings to business. How boring can we get. Family time is the best investment anyone can make.

Hope to see you in St. Louis

[Earl asked that we add a note saying that he has advised the board of directors that he will not stand for re-election this year. He has appointed a nominations committee._Editor]

Treasurer's Report

Robert D. Alford, AAFA #0197

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Post issue #92, AAFA has received renewal dues requiring the mailing of 787 future copies of the quarterly. At a \$ 6.25/copy cost (printing + postage), a total of \$ 4,918.75 of AAFA funds is reserved for our quarterly. Additionally, there are 17 members who are receiving the quarterly online. If you wish to be included on our online list and haven't indicated such on your renewal notice, please e-mail me at AlfordRobertD@msn.com indicating you wish to receive the quarterly online.

2010 Membership Meeting

The 2010 Annual Membership Meeting and Reunion was held October 8-10, 2010, in New Orleans. Total Meeting income was \$ 8,899.40 (\$ 8,835.40 reported in 2010 + \$ 64.00 reported in 2011). Total Meeting expenses were \$ 8,619.71 (\$ 8,571.98 reported in 2010 + \$ 47.73 reported in 2011). A net \$ 279.69 (income over expenses) was added to the general AAFA funds.



DNA Test Fund

AAFA has received \$ 804.50 in contributions designated for DNA testing. We have spent \$ 273.00 of the DNA Funds, leaving a balance of \$ 528.50 reserved for future DNA testing.

Memorial Contributions

AAFA has received about \$ 1,200.00 since 2001. Among the honorees are Stan Alford Saunders, Pat Smith and Jessie Pearl Alford Roach Corwin.