

In Remembrance, Members

By Pamela Alford Thompson, AAFA #0030

VIOLET LUCILLE CLEPPER MEHRKAM
AAFA #0032
1923 TX –2011 TX



From Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Houston, Harris Co., TX—Tuesday, 1 November 2011

Lucille Mehrkam, was born October 31, 1923 in Houston, TX and passed away Saturday, October 29, 2011.

She is survived by son, Thomas Owen Mehrkam and his wife Patricia; daughter, Sandy Andrew and her husband Marvin Rincker; grandson, Loren C. Andrew; granddaughter, Celine-Marie Webb; great grandchildren, Ryan Calvin and McKenzie Lynn Andrew; and her brother, Jim Clepper and wife Marilyn.

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Visitation and funeral services will be held at Garden Oaks Baptist Church, 3206 N Shepherd Dr. Houston, TX 77018; visitation will be Tuesday, November 1, 2011 from 12:00 pm- 1:00 pm.; funeral services to follow at 1:00 pm. Internment to follow at Brookside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Alzheimer's Associations, American Hospice or Interfaith Care Partners.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Lucille C. Mehrkam (SS# issued in TX), last residence not listed.

Lucille's first name was Violet, but she never used it.

From Gil Alford, AAFA #0019:

Lucille Mehrkam was the second person I heard from after I began my Alford adventure in 1982, and she remained with us to the end. For years she was my closest associate, and later one of my closest associates. Within a month of having made contact she mailed more Alford data, and the names and addresses of more folks with an Alford interest for me to contact, than any other person over the last thirty years. I can honestly say, and have pretty good proof to back it up, that were it not for her early contribution of data and information I probably would never have begun to publish *About Alford*s. Consequently it is probable that the AAFA would never have been created. We communicated by phone, letters, and email and she continued to write even after her macular degeneration made it next to impossible to read or write. The Alford community will miss Lucille, but thanks to her kind and generous nature, her Alford information will live on.

Some of the early letters that Gil and Lucille exchanged are posted under Lucille's AAFA "[home page](#)."

Her Alford lineage, from her grandmother: Margaret Grace 1877 TX³, John Peachman 1841 AL⁴, William B. 1808 SC⁵.

HAROLD ALFORD

AAFA #0169

1914 TX –1998 TX

HOUSTON COUNTY COURIER

Crockett, Houston Co., TX—26 March 1998

Harold Alford, a member of a pioneer Houston County family, was born Jan. 5, 1914 near Austonio. He passed away on March 12, 1998 at the East Texas Medical Center Crockett.

Mr. Alford was the second of four sons born to Willie Owen Alford and Emily Ann Hiroms Alford. He was baptized at the Methodist Church in the Creek Community where he developed a lifelong love for southern traditional church singing. He graduated from Austonio High School where

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some of his basketball records were never broken. He went on to play basketball for Sam Houston State Teacher's College in Huntsville. Mr. Alford was a World War II veteran of the United States Navy, having served on the USS Alcor in the Pacific Ocean [*sic*—actually Atlantic Ocean]. After the war, he began a long and successful career in the oilfield supply business, eventually forming the Alford Supply Company.

Mr. Alford was a true southern gentleman, a friend to all, and a benefactor to animals. He never said an unkind word about his fellow man; and he upheld the strictest code of ethics and moral character. He was a 50-year member of the Gray Masonic Lodge in Houston, and an original member of the Big Red Roundtable at the University of Houston which paved the way for the first Alumni Booster Club to be formed.

Mr. Alford was preceded in death by his older brother, Charles M. Alford of Austonio.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 57 years, Juanita Johnson Alford, whom he met while she was teaching school in Austonio; only child, Jann Alford Harper [AAFA #0195] and husband, Kermit L. [Harper] of Houston; granddaughters, Claudette Harper Brown and Angeline Lee Harper of Houston; brothers W.M. Alford and Dorman Alford of Austonio.

Funeral services for Mr. Alford were held Saturday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel.... Interment followed in the Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wendell Alford, Bill Alford, W. D. Alford, Kenneth Alford, Steven West, and Kermit L. Harper....



Photo from Creek Cemetery, Lovelady, Houston Co., TX—www.findagrave.com
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AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Harold Alford (SS# issued in TX), last residence Houston, Harris Co., TX.

We included the obituaries of his wife, Juanita Johnson Alford; brothers Charles Milton Alford, Dorman Alford, and William Malcolm Alford (AAFA #0198) in Texas Obituaries.

Detailed information on Harold's Alford ancestry was included with his "In Remembrance" article in [AAFA ACTION, Winter 1999](#).

His lineage: Harold 1914 TX¹, William Owen 1886 TX², Charles Montgomery 1860 MS³, Francis A. 1829 MS⁴, Halcut 1789 GA⁵, Julius 1750 NC⁶, Lodwick 1710 VA⁷, James 1687 VA⁸, John 1645 VA⁹.

PHYLLIS HUGHES ALFORD ALFORD

Wife of William Cornelius "Bill" Alford, AAFA #0631

1919 LA – 2011 LA



Photo from [McKneely Funeral Home](#)

DAILY STAR

Hammond, Washington Parish, LA—22 February 2011

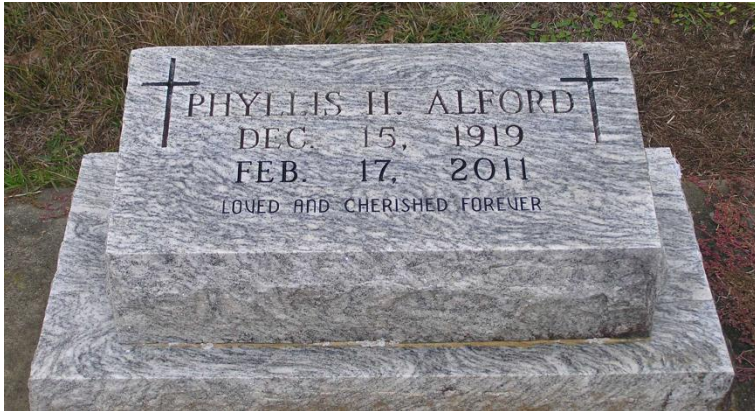
Phyllis Hughes Alford—A native and long time resident of Roseland, she entered into eternal rest surrounded by her daughter and son-in-law at North Oaks Medical Center on February 17, 2011 at the age of 91.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Staff Sergeant Hollis M. Alford who was killed in World War II; her second husband, William "Bill" Alford; her mother, Julia S. Hughes; father, Thomas Gordon Hughes; brother, John "Jack" Hughes.

She is survived and will be greatly missed by her only daughter, Mary Lou Alford Caceres and son-in-law, Isidro Pierre Caceres, Terrytown; grandchildren, Simone Caceres Ponish, Roseland, Kirk Caceres, Mobile, AL and Keith Caceres, Terrytown. She leaves behind two beautiful great-granddaughters, Coral-Lyn Ponish, Los Angeles, CA and Gabrielle Caceres, Harahan.

Visitation at McKneely Funeral Home, 110 E. Factory St., Amite, from 9 a.m. until religious services at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 26, 2011. Services conducted by Rev. Gaylord Dodgen and Pastor Jeff McKneely. Interment Arcola-Roseland Cemetery, Arcola.

For an online guestbook, visit <http://www.mckneelys.com>.



*Photos from Arcola-Roseland Cemetery, Arcola, Tangipahoa Parish, LA—www.findagrave.com
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AAFA NOTES: SSDI records show that Phyllis H. Alford (SS# issued in LA) was born 15 Dec 1919, last residence Roseland, Tangipahoa Parish, LA.

We included the obituary of her second husband, William Cornelius “Bill” Alford, in Louisiana Obituaries.

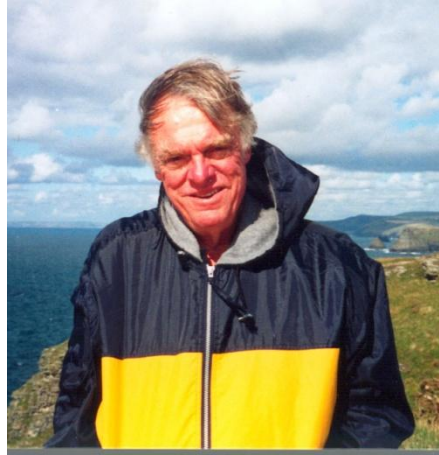
Phyllis was the daughter of T. Gordon Hughes and Julia Mae Street.

Phyllis and Bill were married on 1 Jan 1985.

“Alfords at D-Day,” [AAFA ACTION, Summer 1994](#), pp. 52–53, is an article about her first husband, Hollis Maury Alford, killed in the 1944 invasion of France.

ROBERT ROSS ALFORD

AAFA #0736
1928 CA – 2003 NY



City University of New York Graduate Center
News, Events, & Public Programs
New York, NY—14 February 2003

[Press Release: Political Sociologist Robert Alford Dies](#)

Was Developing New Theory of "Misinformation" Rooted in Corporate Scandals

Robert Alford, an esteemed political sociologist, died Friday, February 14, in New York of pancreatic cancer. He lived in Manhattan, and also maintained a second home in Avery [Calaveras Co.], California. Although 74 years old, the cancer caught him suddenly and unawares in the midst of his very active work as Distinguished Professor of Sociology at the CUNY Graduate Center.

Professor Alford was at the time of his death working along with his former student and Canadian scholar Dr. David Peerla on developing a new theory of misinformation, using Enron, other corporate scandals, and contemporary politics to examine what he considered an emerging phenomenon in our society. “On the one hand, more information is now produced and consumed than in any previous era. On the other hand, much of that information is fictitious and fraudulent,” he stated in *Ideology and the Politics of Information: The Case of Enron*, a paper jointly authored with Peerla. “The case of Enron, and subsequent corporate bankruptcies and scandals, is an example of the systematic falsification of information, or (to reverse it) the production of misinformation. What is striking is how little this phenomenon is recognized, let alone explained or theorized, in all of the theories of information that we have examined.” He went on to analyze the way in which the crisis in Iraq diverted media attention from the administration’s circumstantial connection to the corporate scandals.

A dedicated and involved teacher and researcher, Professor Alford was renowned in his field, respected by his colleagues, and deeply appreciated by his students. In 1997, he was awarded the Distinguished Contribution to Teaching Award from the American Sociological Association, and he was particularly known for his understanding, insights, and explanations of how sociologists go about doing their work.

His landmark 1985 book *Powers of Theory: Capitalism, the State and Democracy* (Cambridge University Press), written with a former student, Roger Friedland, was an extremely influential analysis of theories of state action, democratic participation, and class politics. Published in 1975, his book *Health Care Politics: Ideological and Interest Group Barriers to Reform* (University Chicago Press) presaged the politics of health care that emerged more than a decade later. The book won the C. Wright Mills Award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems for the best book published in the United States during 1975 in the area of social problems. He also made a pioneering contribution to the study of social class and voting in his book *Party and Society* (1963), which examined the relation between class and political parties in the U.S., Canada, Britain, and Australia. In all, he wrote, edited or contributed to dozens of books and articles.

Until he recently turned deaf, he was an accomplished pianist and played with a professional quality string quartet. He also enjoyed working with his hands and even once built a harpsichord. He just recently built a second home for himself and his partner, Noll Anne Richardson, on a family ranch in Avery.

The idea of craftsmanship extended from his personal life into his professional work. “He frequently drew the analogy between intellectual life and craftsman’s discipline and urged students to approach research with a craftsman’s marriage of inspiration and technique,” said Philip Kasinitz, Executive Officer of The Graduate Center’s Ph.D. Program in Sociology.

At the time of his death, he was also collaborating with another former student, McMaster university professor Neil McLaughlin, building on Professor Alford’s book *The Craft of Inquiry: Theories, Methods, Evidence* (Oxford University Press, 1998) to write an expanded version of his theoretical argument for a multi-method approach to social sciences. This work would, according to Dr. McLaughlin, “summarize his very original and important perspective on the relationship between theory and research in the social sciences.” Another project he was working on was *A Handbook of Political Sociology*, to be published by Cambridge University Press and co-edited by himself along with Thomas Janoski, Alexander M. Hicks, and Mildred A. Schwartz. The book features over 30 original chapters assessing the field of political sociology.

He spent his early career at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he rose to the rank of full professor, from 1961 to 1974, then joined the faculty at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He was also a Visiting Professor at the University of Essex, England; Columbia University; and New York University. He came to The Graduate Center of the City University of New York in 1988 as a Distinguished Professor in the Ph.D. Program in Sociology and also served as Executive Officer of the program from 1988 to 1992.

“Bob Alford was an astonishingly original and independent-minded sociologist whose work will continue to influence the field. To those who knew him, he was also a loving and honorable man, an attentive teacher and mentor, and an irreplaceable friend,” said Distinguished Professor Frances Fox Piven, who is on The Graduate Center’s doctoral faculty in political science, as well as sociology.

In addition to Richardson, he is survived by his first wife, Gloria Alford; second wife, Nayra Atiya; step-daughter, Katie Walker (Atiya’s daughter); three children by his first marriage, Heidi Alford (of Portland, Oregon), Jonathan Alford (of Oakland, CA), and Elissa Alford (of Northampton, MA); siblings Dorothy Walker, sister, and David Alford, brother; two grandchildren and seven nieces and nephews.

In another article:

UNION DEMOCRAT

Sonora, Tuolumne Co., CA—Sunday, 6 March 2003

Robert “Bob” Alford, 74, a former resident of Angels Camp [Calaveras Co.], died on February 14, 2003, in New York. A celebration of his life was held at the family ranch in Avery on the weekend following July Fourth. Gramercy Park Memorial Chapel in New York handled arrangements.

Mr. Alford was born in Stockton on April 18, 1928, and grew up in Angels Camp. He earned a doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley. After graduation, he took a job at the University of Wisconsin. He became the director of the sociology program at the University of California, Santa Cruz in 1974. After doing research in New York, he moved to Manhattan in 1988 and became a professor of sociology at City University of New York graduate center. He published many papers and books during his career and won awards for his efforts. A gifted teenaged pianist, he hitchhiked from Angels Camp to San Francisco just to hear Vladimir Horowitz play.

Surviving are his partner, Noll Anne Richardson of New York; three children, Heidi Alford of Portland, Oregon, Jonathan Alford of Oakland, and Elissa Alford of North Hampton, Massachusetts; two grandchildren, Kelsey Alford-Jones and Eli Alford of Portland, Oregon; his former wife, Gloria Alford of Santa Cruz; a brother, David Alford of Avery; and a sister, Dorothy Alford Walker of Berkley.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth date of Robert R. Alford (SS# issued in CA) but his death date is listed as 15 February 2003, last residence New York City, NY.

See [Some of the Known Descendants of John Alford who died 1748 VA](#) for more information about Robert’s ancestors. His online [In Remembrance](#) includes an additional obituary and more data on his family.

His lineage: Robert Ross 1928 CA¹, Ellsworth 1894 CA², William Sherman 1867 IN³, James 1824 IN⁴, James 1791 VA⁵, John 1768 VA⁶, Thomas 1736 VA⁷, John 1696 ??⁸.

CAL DEE ALFORD

AAFA #0867

1918 OK – 2000 CA

MERCURY NEWS

San Jose, Santa Clara Co., CA—Friday, 11 August 2000

Cal D. Alford, born February 20, 1918, at Latham [LeFlore Co.], Oklahoma, died August 9, 2000, at Campbell [Santa Clara Co.], California. A resident of Campbell since 1937, he had been a volunteer with both the Fire Department and Campbell Police Auxiliary, served in the Merchant Marines during World War II, and was a dedicated member of the Odd Fellows Morning Light Lodge

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#42 for 53 years. He retired from the Campbell Lumber Company after 33 years. He was an avid outdoorsman, who loved fishing, hunting, and spending time at his cabin in Twain Harte.

Cal's greatest source of pride and happiness was his family. He was a devoted husband to his beautiful wife, Sibyl, whom he adored for 61 years. He was the loving father of Bud Alford of Campbell and the late Harvey Alford, loving grandfather to Deidra Redford, Carrie Pesavento, Chris Craviotto, Peggy Austin, and Mary Voron, great-grandfather to Thomas Redford, Tyler Pesavento, Mathew and Justin Craviotto, Jordyn and Wyatt Austin.

Funeral services [will be] held on Monday, August 14, 2000, at Darling and Fischer Campbell Memorial Chapel, Campbell, California. Burial followed at Oak Hill Memorial Park, San Jose, California.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Cal D. Alford (SS# issued in CA), last residence Campbell, Santa Clara Co., CA.

We included the obituary of his sister-in-law, wife of brother James Dalton Alford, in Oklahoma Obituaries.

Cal did not submit his lineage information when he joined AAFA.

CA Births list Harvey Dennis Alford, born 15 Aug 1940 in Santa Clara Co., and Robert Duane Alford, born 12 March 1943 in Alameda Co., both mother's maiden names Bowden.

Several family trees on Ancestry.com list him as Cal Dee Alford, son of Harvey Lee Alford and Docia Trahern. The Sonksen/Workman Family Tree includes this photo of the family of Cal's parents and first 4 children, Vera/Vere, James Dalton, Ophelia, and Horace:



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The family is listed on the 1910 census in DeQueen, Sevier Co., AR: Harvey L. Alford, 28 AR, married 6 years; wife Docia 28 OK, 4 children, 4 living; and children, all born OK, Vere 5, Ophelia 4, James D. 2, and Horace 6/12.

Cal's mother, Docia Trahern, was one-quarter Choctaw, as listed on the U.S. Native American Enrollment Cards for the Five Civilized Tribes, 1898-1914 (Ancestry.com). She died 23 June 1919 in OK.

On Harvey L. Alford's 1942 WWII Draft Card (Ancestry.com), he is age 59, born 13 May 1882 in Nashville [Howard Co.], AR. He is living in Oakland, Alameda Co., CA, and lists his nearest relative as Zura Alford of the same address, "Government Island, United States Reversation [sic], Alameda, CA."

CA Deaths list Harvey L. Alford, born 13 May 1882 in AR, died 21 Nov 1956 in Santa Clara Co.

For more information on this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, [Descendants of Robert & Susanna Alford](#).

His lineage: Cal Dee 1918 OK¹, Harvey Lee 1882 AR², James C. 1844 AL³, Calvin H. 1813 NC⁴, David 1785 VA⁵, Robert 1760 England⁶.

KENNETH LEE ALFORD

AAFA #0934

1921 CA –1999 HI



Photo from Honolulu Star-Bulletin

HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN

Honolulu, Honolulu Co., HI—Saturday, 4 December 1999

Kenneth L. Alford, 78, of Honolulu, band leader for the Dixie-Cats, will be remembered in a Mass 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at Star of the Sea Church. Call after 11:30 a.m. Inurnment: National

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Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl. Aloha attire. No flowers. He died Thursday in Straub Hospital.

He was born in Watsonville [Santa Cruz Co.], Calif.

He is survived by wife Donna; sons Ken, Tom and John; daughter Nancy; sisters Dorothy Smith and Myra McWhinney; and a grandson.

In another article:

HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN

Honolulu, Honolulu Co., HI—Friday, 3 December 1999

Ken Alford, 79, tuned isles into Dixieland

By Harold Morse

Ken Alford—Honolulu band leader, musician and television personality—died yesterday in Straub Hospital. He was 79.

After his 1949 Hawaii arrival, he became an announcer-writer with radio station KULA from 1949 to 1951 and with KGU from 1951 to 1953.

He made daily TV appearances on KGMB-TV as Sheriff Ken in “Sheriff Ken’s Posse” from 1953 to 1958 and from 1958 to 1965 on KONA-TV.

Musically a trumpet player, he and his Dixie Cats band performed at a number of Hawaii hotels. During World War II Army service, Alford played with jazz bands and was an entertainment director for USO camp shows.

He organized his own Dixieland group here in 1950 and enjoyed a record-breaking 16-year Sunday evening run at the Moana Hotel Banyan Court.

He performed at Hawaii arrivals of four presidents—Truman, Eisenhower, Johnson and Nixon.

Louis “Satchmo” Armstrong not only attended the wedding of Alford and Donna Nance, Satchmo also made a rare sit-in appearance with Alford’s band. Another highlight was Benny Goodman’s sitting in with the group to play his big hits of the 1930s.

Alford’s band performed for the 1959 Hawaii Statehood celebration in Waikiki, also for the 125th anniversary of Parker Ranch; and he played for a three-day grand opening of Lawrence Rockefeller’s Mauna Kea Beach Hotel in 1965.

Another highlight was a 1977 Dixie Cats gig at Hawaii Theater downtown for the 80th anniversary of the first Consolidated movie showing here.

Tony Todaro, chronicler of Hawaiian musical entertainment, summed up Alford’s contribution: “Ken Alford gave Hawaii a Dixieland beat to its favorite Island melodies.”

He was named entertainment “Father of the Year” in 1960 by the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce.

Born in Santa Cruz, Calif., he attended San Jose State. He joined New York Life Insurance Co. in 1965 and later became a member of its “Million Dollar Round Table.”

He is survived by wife Donna; sons Ken Jr., Thomas and John; daughter Nancy Alford; sisters Dorothy Smith [AAFA #0918] and Myra McWhinney [AAFA #0930]; and one grandchild.

Services are pending.

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AAFA NOTES: SSDI records show that Kenneth L. Alford (SS# issued in CA) was born 11 April 1921 and died 2 December 1999, last residence Honolulu, HI.

We included the obituaries of his wife, Donna Dale Alford, and son Kenneth Dale Alford in Hawaii Obituaries; and of his brother Warren Newton Alford in California Obituaries.

Kenneth has two sisters who are also members of AAFA: Dorothy Alford Smith, AAFA #0918, and Elmyra Elizabeth Alford McWhinney, AAFA #0930.

Kenneth Lee Alford is buried at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, HI. His gravestone says “S SGT, US ARMY.”

See [Known Descendants of Charles Alford \(1790 NC–1858 IL\) & Mary Elizabeth Tipton](#) for more information about Kenneth’s ancestors. His online [In Remembrance](#) also includes additional information about his family.

His lineage: Kenneth Lee 1921 CA¹, Harry Newton 1885 CA², John Wesley 1853 IL³, Matthew Nelson 1819 AL⁴, Charles 1790 NC⁵.

DORA MAE RAGER ALFORD

AAFA #0948

1919 KY – 2008 KY



Source unknown, but probably:

LEADER NEWS

Central City, Muhlenberg Co., KY—_____ November 2008

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Dora Mae Rager Alford, 89, of Central City, went to heaven to join the Lord Jesus Christ and her husband of almost 50 years, whom she loved dearly, the late Loren Alford, Friday, Nov. 14, 2008 at Red Bank Nursing Home in Henderson.

Born in Muhlenberg County Sept. 26, 1919, she was the daughter of the late Andrew Rager and Nancy Jane Stobaugh. She was a devout member of New Harmony Baptist Church in Bremen since 1936. She was a 26-year member of Easter Star Bremen Chapter 95. After retiring from Advance Transformers in Chicago, Ill., as staff supervisor, she as a volunteer at McLean County VIP and was active in Livermore Senior Citizens. She enjoyed spending time with family, worshipping God, country music and dancing.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Sherman Rager and Henry Rager.

Survivors include her loving daughter, Betty (Edsel) Peveler of White Plains [AAFA #0947]; two sons, Jimmie Ray (Maree) Alford of Chicago, Ill. [AAFA #0500], and Larry Glenden (Marianne) Alford of Jackson, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Wayne Whitt, Nancy (B-Bob) Fields, Vicki Lon, Michelle (Chris) Goad, Ann (Sean) Bullock, Alan Bullock, Paul Alford and Catherine (John) Anderson; 15 great-grandchildren, Jonathan France, Isabelle Whitt, Amanda Rose, Sandra Hicks, Bobby Fields, Robert Fields Sr., Jasmine Sorrels, Danielle Lott, Anthony Ford Jr., Paris Alford, Chastity Alford, Isaac Anderson, Rayann Anderson, Kristen Goad and Tyler Goad; six great-great-grandchildren, Brianna Rose, Byron Rose, Nathan Hicks, Natalie Hicks, Landon Fields and Robert Fields Jr.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Nov. 16 at New Harmony Baptist Church.... Burial followed in New Harmony Cemetery in Bremen. Tucker Funeral Home in Central City was in charge of arrangements.

She was loved and cherished by many and will be missed by all. The family never wants her to forget, “Nanny, we love you!”

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records do not list her death. Dora’s son Jimmie reported that she died Thursday, 13 Nov 2008.

Jimmie also corrected some of the incorrect spellings for the descendants.

Dora’s husband, Loren G. Alford, died 13 Feb 1988. Dora was the active AAFA member.

Her husband’s lineage: Loren G. 1915 KY¹, Harlan 1894 KY², Delaney 1871 KY³, Wilson L. 1840 KY⁴, William 1804 VA⁵, William 1775 ??⁶.

JEWELL CHRISTINE ALFORD SCHNITZLER

AAFA #1048

1923 KY – 2007 KY



INTERIOR JOURNAL

Stanford, Lincoln Co., KY—5 April 2007

Christine Schnitzler, 83, of Ottenheim [Lincoln Co.], died Tuesday, March 27 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

A native of Highland in Lincoln County, she was born Aug. 4, 1923 to the late Elza and Virgie Payne Alford. She was a homemaker, a member of Fairview Baptist Church and Waynesburg Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the widow of Charles Schnitzler.

She was also preceded in death by several cousins.

Survivors include one daughter, Sue Ann (Tim) French of Elizabethtown.

Funeral services were March 31 at the Fairview Baptist Church with Revs. Mike Bell and Johnny Baker officiating. Burial was in Buffalo Springs Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Larry Brown, Noah Kirkpatrick, Gene Manning, Max Miracle, Willie Petrey, and Jim Doss.

[Spurlin Funeral Home](#) of Stanford was in charge of arrangements.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Christine Schnitzler (SS# issued in KY), last residence Waynesburg, Lincoln Co., KY.

Christine married 15 Nov 1957 in Waynesburg, Lincoln Co., KY, to Charles Hugo Schnitzler (1926–1991).

Her lineage: Jewell Christine 1923 KY¹, Elza J. 1894 KY², Struther Cook 1860 KY³, David about 1816 KY⁴, Charles 1779 VA⁵, Jacob about 1757 VA⁶, James about 1715 VA⁷.

PAUL LEONARD ALLISON

AAFA #1051

1935 MO –2006 MO



SOUTHEAST MISSOURIAN

Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau Co., MO—Sunday, 1 October 2006

Paul Leonard Allison, 71, of Cape Girardeau died Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born June 27, 1935, in Cape Girardeau, the son of Robert William and Christine Glueck Allison. He and Catherine Gaither Allison were married on Sept. 5, 1961, in Cape Girardeau.

Allison served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1975 in Korea and Vietnam. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal while in Vietnam; he was also stationed in Kotzuba, Alaska, and Germany in the records analysis department, retiring in 1975 as a staff sergeant. Allison was a postman with the post office from 1978 to 2000. He was a member of the Harold O. Grauel Masonic Lodge 609 AF&AM, the Capaha Scottish Rites, Valley of St. Louis Scottish Rites, Cape Shriners, KIM Shrine Club, Eastern Star No. 60 Cape Rock Chapter, TPA, Eagles, Air Force Sergeants Association, Capaha Antique Club, charter member of the Alfred Family Association, Tackett Family Association Committee member, the National Guard No. 140 from 1952 to 1955, a 1953 graduate of Central High School, Central High School '50s graduating class reunion committee. Allison was a member of Maple United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of Cape Girardeau; two sons, Terry Allison, Greg Allison, both of Cape Girardeau; a daughter, Charla Bueckers of Melrose, Minn.; a brother, Harold Allison of Huntsville, Ala.; four sisters, Mildred Clay of Cape Girardeau, Dorothy Bridwell of Hiber Springs, Ark., Monica Cobb of Belton, Mo., Ruth Ann Wilson of Spokane, Wash.; three grandsons, Christopher Allison, Jonathan Allison, Benjamin Allison, all of Cape Girardeau; three granddaughters, Amanda Bueckers, Jennifer Bueckers, Elizabeth Bueckers, all of Melrose.

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He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Robert Allison and Junior Allison; and two sisters, Camille Brooks and Edna Schaefer.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home. Masonic rites will be conducted at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home....

Burial will be at Lorimier Cemetery with military rites by the Cape Girardeau VFW Post 3838 and the Missouri Military Honor Guard....

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Paul L. Allison (SS# issued in MO), last residence Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau Co., MO.

Paul's wife, Catherine Louise Gaither Allison, is also an Alford descendant, but her Alfords begin with her 4th great-grandparents.

We published fairly extensive lineage notes for Paul's family in New Member Lineages, [Summer 1999](#). Amanda Alford, Paul's most recent Alford ancestor, was the daughter of Ethan Allen Alford and Victoria Godane. Her family is fairly complicated. See [Paul's In Remembrance](#) for notes and comments.

Paul Allison's **Alford** lineage, beginning with his father's maternal grandmother: Amanda 1834 MO⁴, Ethan Allen 1800 NY⁵, George 1764 CT⁶, Benedict 1716 CT⁷, Benedict 1688 CT⁸, Jeremiah 1655 CT⁹, Benedict 1619 England¹⁰, Thomas 1585 England¹¹, William 1547 England¹², Alexander 1520 England¹³, John 1475 England¹⁴.

BILLY JOE DEAL

AAFA #1075

1925 TX – 2007 TX

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

San Antonio, Bexar Co., TX—Tuesday, 23 October 2007

Dr. B.J. Deal, age 82, died October 20, 2007. He was born in Cisco, TX, March 6, 1925. He served in the Military during World War II and the Korean War. He lived in San Antonio from 1947 until the time of his death. He practiced Chiropractic from 1956 until his retirement in 1990.

He was preceded in death by his wife Polly of 45 years, parents, two sisters and two brothers.

He is survived by loving Friend, Virginia Eardley, several cousins and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held Thursday, October 25, 2007 at 9:00 am in Sunset Funeral Chapel with interment to follow in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Sunset Funeral Home.

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AAFA NOTES: SSDI records show that Billy Joe Deal (SS# issued in TX) was born 6 March 1925, last residence San Antonio, Bexar Co., TX.

Billy and his brother James Alford Deal (AAFA #1074) are first cousins of Janet Moore Alford Hemby (AAFA #0832), who gave them both gift memberships to AAFA.

For more information on this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, [Descendants of Robert Alford b. 1760 England](#).

His lineage, from his mother: Minnie Lee 1894 AR¹, William Madison 1855 AR², David Winston 1823 AL³, David 1785 VA⁴, Robert 1760 England⁵.

LUCY JANE DODD EASTHAM

AAFA #1095

1922 TX –2009 TX



BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE

Beaumont, Jefferson Co., TX—Friday, 15 May 2009

Lucy Jane Dodd Eastham , 86, of Houston, died Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at Methodist Hospital in Houston.

A native of Beaumont, Lucy was born on November 26, 1922 to Flora and Hardy Dodd. She worked as a reporter for the *Beaumont Enterprise* in the 1950's and the *Baton Rouge Morning Advocate* in the 1960's. Lucy later moved to Houston in 1970. She was a lifelong member of the Junior League and Pi Beta Phi.

Her parents, Flora and Hardy Dodd; husband, John Moise Eastham , Jr.; and brother, Hardy A. Dodd, Jr., preceded her in death.

Survivors include her son, H. Dodd Eastham [AAFA #1079] and his wife Glyance of Houston; grandchildren, Emily Lewin and her husband Dr. Marc Lewin of Dallas, Jenny Eastham of Houston and Hardy D. Eastham , Jr. of Baton Rouge; and great-grandchild, Addison Reece Lewin.

A graveside service will be 2:00 p. m. Friday, May 15, 2009 at Magnolia Cemetery under the direction of Broussard's, 2000 McFaddin, Beaumont.

Complete and updated information may be viewed at broussardsmortuary.com.

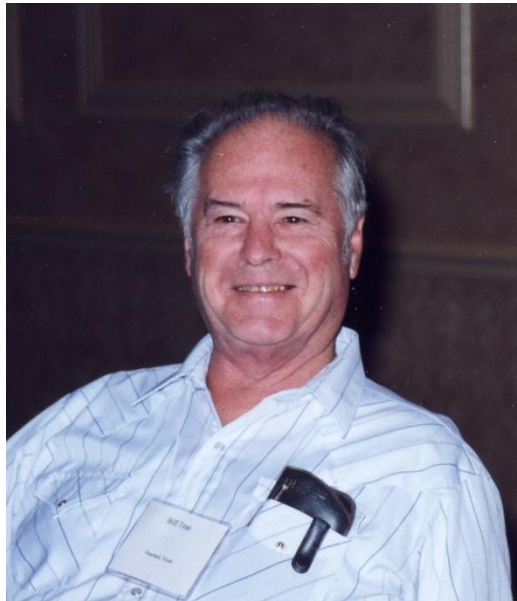
AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Lucy Jane Eastham (SS# issued in TX), last residence not listed.

Her Alford lineage, from her maternal great-grandmother: Eboline 1833 TX⁴, Winfield 1804 NC⁵, Isaac 1782 NC⁶, John 1747 NC⁷, Julius 1717 VA⁸, James 1687 VA⁹, John 1645 VA¹⁰.

WILLIAM EDWARD “BILL” TEAS

AAFA #1097

1932 TX –2009 TX



*Bill and Oletia at the 2009 HATDS Holiday Ball
December 12, 2009*

From [Houston Area Traditional Dance Society](#)

JOURNAL OF PEARLAND

Pearland, Brazoria Co, TX—23 December 2009

William E. “Bill” Teas, a native of Bellaire, Texas was born February 3, 1932 to Paul P. and Annie-Jo Teas and passed away December 19, 2009 at his home in Pearland, Texas. He was a member of the Teas Nursery family.

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Bill graduated from Lamar High School in 1950, the University of Houston in 1954 - the class that put KHUF channel 8 on the air. He married Oletia Booker on April 17, 1954.

Bill served as a 1st Lt. in the Quartermaster Core at Ft. Lee, Va. He and Oletia moved to Galveston where he was a cameraman for KGUL TV, channel 11. When KGUL moved to Allen Parkway, he became the film editor at the same time he returned to U of H. In 1962 he went to work for AMF Tuboscope in the research and development department. He was the first operator of the Line-O-Log (smart pig) and traveled from Canada to Venezuela, England to Okinawa and Alaska and many back road places in the U.S.

After 25 years he retired and went to work for Oletia's Ceramic 'N Art Company where he developed C 'N A Slip and Dinnerstone Slip. They retired in 1997. In 1999 they moved from Alvin to Country Place in Pearland. They traveled to England for genealogical research and a country dance tour. He was a charter member of Bay Area Genealogy Soc., Houston Genealogy Forum, and Friends of Clayton Research Library.

He was the historian and a charter member of Houston Area Traditional Dance Society, Oxford Hall's English dancers, Swinging Seniors Square Dancers, and Alvin Country Squares. Bill was the eternal joke teller and never so happy as when he could bring a smile to some one's face and better yet make them laugh. He was an amateur clown.

He is survived by his wife, Oletia B. Teas of 55 years and dancing partner of 61 years; son, Wayne and JoNell Teas; daughter, Adana and Gary Mutchler; granddaughters, Cassandra Teas and Amanda and Drake Smith; and brother, Joe and Wanda Teas.

Memorial Services will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, December 26, 2009 in The Carriage House at Country Place at 2620 McHard Rd East of HWY. 288. Dress is casual. Please send no flowers. In Lieu of flowers please make donations to Friends of Clayton Library 5300 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004. Please note that any checks must be made out specifically to "Friends of Clayton Library" to be sure donations go to the correct destination.

Condolences can be sent to the Teas Family in care of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at www.jeterfuneralhome.com.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of William Edward Teas (SS# issued in TX), last residence Pearland, Brazoria Co., TX.

Folks who attended the 1999 meeting in San Antonio, TX, will remember Bill with his early version digital camera taking photos everywhere.

His Alford lineage, from his great-grandmother: Christina Josephina "Jossie" 1860 Sweden⁴, Frank 1820 Sweden⁵.

BESSIE MAE ALFORD LEWIS

AAFA #1104

1905 NC – 2009 NC



NEWS & OBSERVER

Raleigh, Wake Co., NC—Sunday, 25 January 2009

July 25, 1905 - January 23, 2009

Bessie Mae Alford Lewis, age 103, of 4200 Old Lewis Farm Road, died Friday, January 23, 2009. Mrs. Lewis was a retired school teacher, a farmer's wife and homemaker.

Funeral service, 3:00 p.m. Monday, January 26, 2009 at Knightdale Baptist Church. Burial, New Knightdale Baptist Church Cemetery, Mailman Road, Knightdale.

Surviving are her children, Frances Cooke, William and Mary Frances Lewis [AAFA #1179], Doris and Dwight Poole, Curtis and Sue Lewis, Stanley and Marilyn Lewis, all of Raleigh, Janet and Henry Hardee of Shallotte, Evelyn Godley of Roanoke, VA, Robert Lewis of Goldston [AAFA #0789], Faye and Julian Hurst, and Lyn Troxler, all of Cary; 100 grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren [see note below]. Mrs. Lewis was predeceased by her parents, the Reverend John and Lucy Alford, and her husband, Vasco Earl Lewis, a granddaughter, and a great-grandson.

She was the oldest and the last living of seven children.

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The family will receive relatives and friends from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 25, 2009 at L. Harold Poole Funeral Service and Crematory, 944 Old Knight Road, Knightdale, NC 27545, and other times at the Lewis home.

Flowers are appreciated, but at the request of Mrs. Lewis, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Knightdale Baptist Church, for the Lewis Mission Trust, P.O. Box 21, Knightdale, NC 27545.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.poolefuneral.com under Obituaries.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records do not yet list her death.

We included the obituaries of her sisters Gay Alford Sargent and Ruth Alford Read in North Carolina Obituaries.

She was present at AAFA's meeting in NC in 2001.

Note from Bessie's son Rob Lewis: Bessie had 10 children, 26 grandchildren, 45 great-great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-great-grandchildren. The "100" stated in the obituary represents all of her descendants, including step-grandchildren, etc.

Her lineage: Bessie Mae 1905 NC¹, John William 1881 NC², Benjamin Joseph 1854 NC³, Henry Hardy 1826 NC⁴, Exum 1788 NC⁵.

JAMES A. HAZELTON

AAFA #1147

1911 GA – 2001 GA

THE JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

Atlanta, Fulton Co., GA—27 May 2001

Mr. James A. Hazelton, Pine Mountain, GA, passed away Friday, May 25, 2001. He would have been 90 years old on May 26. Mr. Hazelton was a long-time resident of Fayetteville, GA, before moving to Pine Mountain. He was active in numerous community and church organizations. As a member of the Fayetteville United Methodist Church from 1939-1997, he served in many leadership positions. Since 1997, he has been a member of the Pine Mountain United Methodist Church. For 35 years, Jim was employed by the Department of the Army at Fort McPherson, where he served as Publication Officer.

Upon his retirement, he was awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the second highest award offered to civilian workers. After his career with the Army, he had a second career as a real estate broker in Fayetteville. In 1991, he was named Outstanding NARFE Member in Georgia and in 1976 was named Fayette County Citizen of the Year. Jim was instrumental in organizing the Senior Citizens Center in Fayetteville and it remained among his proudest accomplishments.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Opal Holt Hazelton; a son, James Kenneth (Harriet) Hazelton, Fayetteville, GA; a daughter, Nancy (Robert) Epstein, Pine Pountain, GA; sisters, Charlotte Buckley, Rome, GA and Marion Hazelton, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; grandchildren, Bryan (Jennifer) Hazelton, Fayetteville, GA, Michael (Michelle) Hazelton, Hartwell, GA, Susan Hazelton, Fayetteville,

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GA, Steven (Sheryl) Hazelton, Wake Forest, NC, Alicia (Kevin) Madden, British Columbia, Canada, Al Anderson, Fayetteville, GA, Jennifer Epstein, Charlotte, SC and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m., May 28, at Pine Mountain United Methodist Church, with Rev. Steve Moore and Rev. Carol Scroggs officiating. At 3 p.m. a graveside burial service will be held in Fayetteville at Camp Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Cox Funeral Home in Hamilton, GA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Pine Mountain United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 246, Pine Mountain, GA 31822.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of James A. Hazelton Alford (SS# issued in GA), last residence Pine Mountain, Harris Co., GA.

James was the son of James Frank Hazelton and Charlotte Dorcas Alford.

His lineage, from his mother: Charlotte Dorcas 1881 GA², Joseph Sidney 1842 GA³, James 1804 GA⁴, Cullen 1775 NC⁵, James 1740 VA/NC⁶, Lodwick 1710 VA⁷, James 1687 VA⁸.

MAYME CAROLYN MAGEE LEWIS HONEYCUTT

AAFA #1225

1934 LA – 2011 LA



Photo from Greenoaks Funeral Home

THE ADVOCATE

Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA—Friday, 16 December 2011

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Known to most people as Carolyn, she was born Mayme Carolyn Magee on Nov. 21, 1934, in Franklinton, Washington Parish, to Myrtha Alford Magee and Tate Marvin Magee. She grew up there and graduated from Franklinton High School in 1953. After attending Northwestern Louisiana College, she enrolled in a nursing course in Baton Rouge and became a licensed practical nurse.

She married Wilbur Cushman Lewis to whom she bore four children, Wilbur C. Lewis Jr., Lynet M. Lewis Guthrie and twins Charles E. and Carolyn E. Lewis Caron. After a divorce, she worked as a nurse at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital.

She later met and married Julian B. Honeycutt Jr. on June 1, 1988. They resided in Baton Rouge and became active members of Broadmoor United Methodist Church and the Lamplighters Sunday School Class of the church.

Survived by her second husband, Julian Honeycutt; three children, Lynet and husband Marc A. Guthrie, Charles Lewis, and Carolyn and Kirk Caron; and granddaughter, Brittany Nicole Metrejon.

Preceded in death by her parents; and son, Wilbur Lewis Jr.

Visiting at Broadmoor United Methodist Church on Monday, Dec. 19, from 9:30 a.m. until funeral service at 11 a.m. Please visit www.greenoaksfunerals.com to leave condolences for the family. The family would like to thank St. Joseph's Hospice for their dedicated work. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Carolyn's memory.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth date of Mayme C. Honeycutt (SS# issued in LA) and died 15 Dec 2011, last residence not listed.

The funeral home memorial includes many photos.

Carolyn and Julian were present at the 2004 meeting in Baton Rouge.

Her Alford lineage, from her mother: Myrtha Ohlen 1903 LA¹, Joseph Benjamin 1876 LA², Seaborn Lochran 1844 LA³, John Seaborn 1807 LA⁴, Jacob 1761 NC⁵, Julius 1717 VA⁶, James 1687 VA⁷, John 1645 VA⁸.

MILDRED LOWERY ALFORD

AAFA #1349

1920 MS –2009 MS

ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL

McComb, Pike Co., MS—Thursday, 17 December 2009

Mildred Alford, 89, of Tylertown died Dec. 16, 2009, at Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center. Visitation is 5 to 9 tonight at Hartman-Hughes Funeral Home in Tylertown. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home chapel, with the Rev. Mike Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Elliott Cemetery.

Mrs. Alford was born Sept. 10, 1920, in Walthall County, to John Albert and Emily Elizabeth Stogner Lowery.

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She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, **Farral Alford**.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Farral and Sue Alford of Talladega, Ala., Jack and Mary Alford of Springfield, La., and Billy Alford of Tylertown; two daughters and one son-in-law, Nell and Alton Ryan of Brookhaven and Christel Van Dan of Tylertown; 10 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Greg Ryan, Jack Alford Jr., Duane Alford, Raymond Van Dan, Billy Alford Jr. and Benji Alford. Honorary pallbearers are Vernon Alford, Grady Alexander, Earl Alford, Jimmy Lowery and Ben Whitten.



Photo from Elliott Cemetery, Walthall Co., MS—www.findagrave.com

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AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Mildred Alford (SS# issued in MS), last residence Tylertown, Walthall Co., MS.

We included the obituary of her husband, Farrol Jasper “Preacher” Alford, in Mississippi Obituaries.

Mildred joined AAFA after her husband’s death. AAFA records list him as Farrol Jasper Alford; his obituary and his gravestone spell his name Farrol.

For more information about Farrol’s family, see AAFA’s published genealogies, [Descendants of Jacob Alford, b. 1761 NC](#) and [Known Descendants of William Alford 1804 GA – after 1860 MS](#).

Her husband’s lineage: Farrol Jasper 1916 MS¹, Samuel Nathaniel 1885 MS², Needham Jasper 1862 MS³, Henderson 1829 MS⁴, William 1804 GA⁵, Jacob 1761 NC⁶, Julius 1717 VA⁷, James 1687 VA⁸, John 1645 VA⁹.