

Yesterday I read some Texas County Tax list microfilm from the Texas State Archives.

Incidentally, did you know the Texas State Library is shut down for two years, while they renovate and expand the building?

Oddly enough, the Legislature allocated the funds for the construction, but not for furnishings, shelving, etc.

Anyway, the obituary of Leroy R. Alford said he came with his parents to Bowie Co., TX, in 1832.

At that time, the area was an Old Mexican municipality. Red River Co. was created 7 Mar 1836 after Texas declared independence. Red River Co. tax lists begin in 1838. No Alford's were on the lists of 1838 or 1839.

1840, the first Alford's appeared on the list:

Alford, Brittain, with one white poll and one male 15-25.

Alford, Allen, assignee of Johnson & Bland on their survey (so he bought their grant certificate), 767 ac.

1841 Allen Alford had 750 ac

1842 Allen Alford had 750 ac

1843 Allen Alford 647 ac

1844, 1845 same, but Allen not on 1846 list

1846, Bowie Co. s 1st list:

B. D. Alford 320 ac of B. D. Alford survey (so there should be a grant in the Texas General Land Office), 1 Boston town lot, 3 negroes, 4 horses, 2 cows.

James P. Alford had 363 ac of C. M. Atkins survey, 1 Boston town lot, 1 negro and 3 horse

1847, both the same.

1848 James P. Alford had 363 ac, 1280 ac, 340 ac, 1 Boston town lot. 5 negroes, 7 horses.

B. D. Alford 320 ac, 1 Boston lot, 3 negroes, 2 horses

Leroy Alford, with no land, 1 horse, 2 cows.

1849 James P. Alford,

B. D. Alford,

Leroy Alford, 4 cattle

1850 James P. Alford, B. D. Alford

Leroy Alford had 320 ac

1851 same

1852 James P. had 4 tracts

B. D. Alford

1853 James P. Alford had 6 tracts

B. D. Alford

Lee Alford

1854 same

1855 James P. Alford

Leroy Alford

1856 James P. Alford

Edward Alford

Leroy Alford

That s where I stopped reading.

The fact that Leroy s obit said they came to TX in 1832, that was the year Needham Judge Alford was a minister in Sabine Co., TX. Coincidence?

I have three Allen Alford's in my data, but all I know about two of them is their approximate birth date in NC. Do you know who the tax payer above could belong to? He seems to have disappeared from the rolls about the right time (1845-6) to be father of Leroy P.?

I have some document copies in my files where James P. Alford was a county official in south Texas counties in 1830s including a bond signed by Sam Houston as president of the Republic. Then he just disappeared! So apparently he went to Bowie Co. abt 1845, to get on the 1846 tax list.

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