

Just a few comments to help put this next letter from Pat in perspective.

But first. As I look at this evidence of her enthusiastic participation in this early effort on my part I think it would be safe to say that she played a major role in bringing about what later became "About Alford's" and later the Alford association. Had she not helped get me started in such a positive way I expect I would have found something else more interesting to do.

The Brumfield book that Pat talks about is "Fields of Broom" by Dell Clawson. We have corresponded and she is now a member of AAFA. It was Pat who introduced me to this whole area of information.

"Kinsman All" that she mentions is another work of now AAFA member E. Russ Williams who in those days was a history professor at NE Louisiana University in Monroe. Because my grandmother was a Warner, and this is a Warner book, I purchased a copy as I did several other fine works of Russ Williams.

The Pike Co. History she mentions is the book in which he had the wrong info about Julius Alford that was mentioned in an earlier exchange with Pat.

The "A" in uncle Alonzo's name was silent and he was called just Lonzo. He even got to signing his name like that and used L as his initial instead of A.

Wasn't Pat a virtual fountain of information. Maybe more like a waterfall than fountain. This was coming back when I did not know squat about my kin or other Alford's.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Alford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Dec. 23, 1982

Dege H.K. & Mary

I'm sorry that I did not keep my word, and send the Bramfield information on John and Margrett, three weeks ago. At that time I only had the part on Margrett that married John Seahorn Alford. (page 14 thru 18-) I kept looking over it and realized that we needed to know what was before. ^{that} It has taken me this long to get back over to Tylectown and copy the first part of book. I would like to run a copy of entire book but did not have the time today to do it. I've been reading it, and find it very interesting. The part I'm sending you is yours to keep.

On first page is the writer's name and address. As far as I know she is still living, and could be reached at that address. Someone told me today that she has another book on Bramfield out now. or has brought this one up to date. I copied to page 25 and then shipped over

to page 110 to 120. This information in back of book was interesting to me.

notice on page 18. I corrected Fannie's last name. My Grand mother always said she was a Purvis. It seems she was only child by that name ~~since she~~ ^{but} she had half brothers and sisters that were Bankston.

I have not tried to trace her yet, I did meet one of my Grand mother's (deed) first cousin, who told me her mother was a Hinson, and where they were buried.

The copy of Edwin Alford Cemetery am sending it, you might like to check dates of birth, His wife Martha is my great-great aunt.

I hope the copy of "Kinemen All" will be of interest to you, I just happened to pick it up, when I read Warner on cover. Notice it is written by same man that added on to Pike Co History. This is a large book, so only copied part with your family. If you want me to copy more, let me know.

The information on Holmes came out of a family book on Holmes.

when ever I get time, will go back over to Tylecton and get more of this one.

Now back to Alford's dis been to Bogue Chitto Cemetery and get information from tombstone. also have uncle Lanzo's, I always spelled his name with a A in front. But tombstone has Lanzo Seahorn Alford
July 10, 1891, May 16. 1964
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Florence Morris Alford
Sept. 4, 1891, Mar. 8. 1956.

I have not got all the Jap + Jamie children in order yet. want to put what I have straight and run a copy, will send it to, you, when ever I do. Since you have all the other marriages, but Grandma (Leoda) date was - Sept. 2. 1906.

This is order of birth + death

1. Wiley Banton - B. 7-10-1886 - D 2-23-1976
2. Frankie Leoda - B 3-9-1888 - D 11-1-1971
3. Nolie B 10-2-1889 - D 3-10-1952
4. Lanzo Seahorn B. 7-10-1891 - D 5-16-1964
5. Infant Son B + D 8-14-1893
6. Iddo B. 8-25-1895 - D 5-9-1960

wishing you a merry Christmas
and a very good new year.

Cousin
Pat Smith