



Ahnentafel for Bryant J. Alford, AAFA #0124

1. **Bryant John Alford** born Nov. 18, 1908, Texarkana, Bowie Co., TX, married (1) **Edith Marie Garrett**, died Nov. 18, 1979, Houston, Harris Co., TX, married (2) **Mary Louise** __, born Mar. 30, 1920. Bryant died Mar __ 2004. Charter Member #124, ALFORD AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

Parents

2. **Robert Henry C. Alford** born 1858, Union Co., AR, married 1885, 3. **Helen Tidy Magliana Harms**, born Jan. 1868, Texas. Robert died Oct. 20, 1924, Texarkana, Bowie Co., TX.

Grand Parents

4. **John H. Alford** born about 1818, Burke Co., GA. According to "Marriage Records, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, Volume A," page 167, married Mar. 27, 1839, in Forksville, Ouachita Parish, LA, 5. **Martha A. Davis**, born about 1825, Maryland. John died Chickamauga, Walker Co., GA. John H. Alford was elected to constable of Jackson Twp. in Arkansas on Aug. 15, 1848. (Source: Union County Probate: Bonds, etc. Book "A" 1845 - 1855, pg. 120)

Great Grand Parents

8. **Haywood I. Alford** born about 1780, Georgia (?), occupation minister, farmer, married about 1805, in Georgia, 9. **Elizabeth Marshall(?)**, born about 1780, Georgia, died Union Co., AR, buried: Union Co., AR. Elizabeth's maiden name has not been positively established. The fact that the names of Lamb and Marshall were incorporated in the children's names may be a hint (Harold Glen Alford, 1999). Haywood died Mar. 24, 1845, El Dorado, Union Co., AR, buried: Union Co., AR. The first public record of Haywood Alford was found in the 1805 Burke Co., GA Land Lottery. Haywood was listed as Justice of the Peace in Burke County in 1811. He and wife Elizabeth were members of the Bark Camp Baptist Church (dismissed in 1821), located about five miles north of Midville, also in Burke County. They apparently moved to Amite Co., MS where they became members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Apparently Haywood decided to move on in 1823, and in December they were dismissed by letter from the Ebenezer Baptist Church which became effective on July 30, 1824.

From the book A HISTORY OF THE BAPTISTS OF LOUISIANA FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO THE PRESENT by Rev. Wm. Edward Paxton, 1888, pg. 151 the following comment was recorded: "In 1825 Haywood Alford appears as a preacher in the region between the Ouachita and Red Rivers." He received his Certificate of Ordination as Preacher of the Gospel in 1829, in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana (Dan Perkins, letter, September 9, 1991). He is believed to have owned approximately 550 acres located two miles north of present day Calhoun, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. (Harold Glen Alford, 1999) "On October 7, 1841 he sold approximately 600 acres of land just north of Calhoun,

Louisiana to Sarah Milling." (Taken from an unpublished manuscript written by Harold Glen Alford in 1986.)

"On June 5, 1843 Cyrus F. Sargent and James D. Hill of El Dorado, Arkansas sold two lots on the main road to the courthouse to Haywood Alford and William F., his son, for \$5000. History records 1843 as the year that the city of El Dorado was established." This transaction is recorded in Deeds of Union County, Arkansas, Book "A". Haywood died intestate in El Dorado on March 24, 1845 at an estimated age of 65. His son William F. was named Administrator of the Estate. Court proceedings were not finalized until July 1849. . . . The Probate proceedings can be found in "Probate Record Book A B C 1839 - 1872." (Copied from an unpublished manuscript written by Harold Glen Alford in July, 1986.)

"Although Haywood I. Alford moved from Louisiana to Arkansas in 1843 and died in 1845, I have not found his grave or any member of his family's graves. He seems to have had finances and therefore a tombstone should be somewhere in Union County, Arkansas." (Copied from an unpublished manuscript written by Harold Glen Alford in July, 1986.)