

**2008
SOUTH CAROLINA
ANNUAL MEETING**

**21st REUNION of the
ALFORD AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.**



**OCTOBER 10 - 12
RAMADA COLUMBIA NE
7510 TWO NOTCH ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29223
LOCAL (803) 736-3000
FAX (803) 788-2467**

Call the hotel direct to make your hotel reservations. Be sure and mention the Alford American Family Association or Alford Reunion to receive the group room rate of \$69.00 (Single/Double) + tax per night (Rates are good October 7th through October 12th). Also, return the attached Meeting Registration Form to the Meeting Treasurer Evelyn Mistich as soon as possible, so food arrangements can be made for our group.

DON'T DELAY!

Reservations must be made by Friday September 5th at 5:00 pm for our group rate!
DON'T FORGET PRE & POST MEETING TOURS!!
SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TODAY!!

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND FEES

Friday, October 10, 2008:

8:00 AM -9:00 AM Registration Desk will be open prior to the beginning of the first official function. You may pick up your name badges, buffet tickets, etc. Please do not wait until you arrive to make up your mind on whether to attend the buffet or not. A head count must be given to the hotel prior to the meeting. These may or may not be a place for you at the Saturday buffet if you do not make reservations in advance.

9:00 AM – 4:15 PM (\$16.00 ea.) About Alford Genealogy – AAFA officers and workers will present a series of general genealogical subjects with emphasis on “How, Why, and Where.” There should be something of interest for everyone.

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Registration Desk will be open.

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM (\$35.00) Mix, Mingle & Meal – Dress for the Reception will be informal and no formal activities are planned. It will be a time for renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. Plated Dinner will be served with Non-alcoholic drinks.

Saturday, October 11, 2008:

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Registration Desk will once again be open for any who have not picked up their name badges and meal tickets;

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (\$8.00) AAFA & Alford’s Today – A meeting opened to all members will be conducted during this time. Any official business will be covered. The Officers will present reports and the floor will be open for any new business. New Board Members will be elected.

If the Alford’s Today Meeting should be completed early, then the Alford Family Forum will begin as soon as the Business Meeting had concluded.

1:30PM – 4:15 PM (\$9:00) Alford Family Forum will be a discussion of our Alford ancestry using prepared charts, overhead slides, and photographs pertaining to those who are pre-registered. In the past this session has been the most heavily attended. It will mean much more to you if you pre-register early so your line of Alford’s will be included in this session’s lively discussion.

6:30 PM – 10:00 PM (\$39.00) Alford Awards Banquet – those receiving honors and recognition in 2007 will be announced and presentations made after the dinner. *Dinner must be arranged and paid for in advance.* Announce intentions as early as possible. If you wait until you arrive at the meeting, there may not be spots available, as we have to make arrangements with the hotel on the number of people who will be at the buffet well in advance of the actual buffet.

Sunday, October 12, 2008:

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM (\$5.00) Exploring Alford Data – Workspace, resources materials, and some help will be available to do extensive Alford research. There will be lots of opportunity for serious or casual conversation about whatever. No refreshments provided during this session. Doors will close at 11:30 AM so those who will be joining tours can attend.

There will be light refreshments served at the morning and afternoon breaks on Friday and Saturday. You will be on your own for lunch. The hotel does have a restaurant open for lunch, or you will have 1 ½ hours to go out of the hotel if you prefer something else.

Prices for each session includes cost of handouts, meeting room cost, publishing & postage, copy of pictures & refreshments which also includes hotel service charge and tax..



2008 REGISTRATION FORM
ALFORD AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING AND FAMILY REUNION

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 MEMBERSHIP NO _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Mail form with check
 or money order to:
 Evelyn Mistich
 AAFA Reunion Treasurer
 509 Moncla Avenue
 Bella Chasse, LA. 70037

Individual names as you wish them to appear on the name tags:

Will you be staying at the RAMADA HOTEL NE in Columbia? Yes _____ No _____

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	FEE EACH	NO. ATTENDING	FEE TOTALS
Friday Oct 10	9:00 AM 4:15 PM	About Alford Genealogy	\$16.00		
Friday Oct 10	6:30 PM 9:00 PM	Dinner Social	\$35.00		
Saturday Oct 11	9:00 AM 12 Noon	AAFA & Alford's Today	\$8.00		
Saturday Oct 11	1:30 PM 4:15 PM	Alford Family Forum	\$9.00		
Saturday Oct 11	6:30 PM 9:30 PM	Alford Awards Banquet	\$39.00		
Sunday Oct 12	9:00 AM 12 Noon	Exploring Alford Data	\$5.00		

Total Amount of Enclosed Check _____

The majority of the above fees go to pay the hotel for the meeting rooms, refreshments, the reception and the banquet. Some fees have an additional small fee added to them to help the association cover the cost of printing and mailing various materials in connection with the meeting. Any left over goes into the Association's treasury. None of the money is paid to any officer, worker or member in any way, shape, form, or fashion.

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Name _____ If you are one of the first 25 who register, your name will be entered in a drawing for one free room night to be awarded to some lucky person during the Saturday's Banquet. You must be registered with both the hotel and AAFA to be eligible.



2008 TOURS SOUTH CAROLINA

TOUR #1 OCT. 8th Wed, SEE COLUMBIA: CAPITOL, GOVERNOR'S MANSION & MUSEUM – cost \$39.00 Tour leaves lobby at 8:30 am

South Carolina State House – Guided tour of State House

The 18-acre capitol complex encompasses land-scaped grounds appointed with 25 monuments, including statues of George Washington, Civil War general Wade Hampton, and Sen. Strom Thurmond; a replica of the Liberty Bell, and a memorial to African-American history.

Was constructed 1855-1907 and features a copper dome, original marble floors, cast iron stairs and balcony supports, stained glass windows and portraits of notable statesman. Six bronze stars on the exterior marks the impact of shells from Union cannons.

Governor's Mansion – guided tour

Built in 1855 as a residence for the officers of the Arsenal Military Academy, the Governor's Mansion has served as home of the governor since 1868.

Governors Green Mansion Garden is home to some of the largest trees in the state-magnolia and crepe myrtle. The garden is true to history, complete with paths of unique crushed stone, also is home to a few impressive fountains. This nine acre complex consisting of the South Carolina Governor's Mansion, built in 1855, the Lace House, built in 1854 and the Baldwin-Boyleston House, built in 1830.

Break for Lunch

South Carolina State Museum

SC State Museum is the former Columbia Mills building. Built in 1894, the Columbia Mills building was one of the first totally electric textile mills in the world. Today this facility has four floors of exhibits and items chronicling state history, industry and transportation as well as science and technology and natural history. A laser light show is presented regularly. The museum includes hands-on exhibits. The Lipscomb Art Gallery offers changing exhibits.

South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Museum in the former Columbia Mills building, contains a collection of military relic's reflection state military history, particularly the Civil War period. Guide tour

TOUR #2 OCT. 9TH THURS. HISTORIC COLUMBIA - Cost \$49.00 Tour leaves lobby at 8:15 am guided tour begins at 9am

Experience Columbia's past by touring the capital city's historic house museums as follows: 1 hour per house guided

- a. **Robert Mills House and Park**, this restored mansion was built in 1823 and designed by South Carolina's most famous architect, Robert Mills.
- b. Hampton-Preston Mansion and Gardens was built in 1818, this restored antebellum mansion is furnished with Hampton and Preston family pieces.
- c. **Mann-Simons Cottage** Formerly owned by Celia Mann in 1850, this house marked by beginning of her life after she bought her freedom in Charleston and walked to Sovereignty.

****Elmwood Cemetery & Gardens guided** Founded in 1854, Elmwood Cemetery features a confederate cemetery within its boundaries attracting hundreds of history buffs yearly. You will also find two veterans gardens, two additional bronze marker sections, and numerous family monument sections.

TOUR #3 OCT. 12TH Sun. MUSEUM of ART, RIVERBANKS PARK and BOTANICAL GARDENS cost \$46.00

Tour will leave the hotel lobby promptly at 12:30 pm tour will begin at 1 pm.

The Columbia Museum of Art - The Museum of Art, South Carolina's international art museum, has an extraordinary collection of European and American fine and decorative art that spans centuries. From ancient Rome and Greece, to Renaissance Italy, to the Seine of Giverny, and modern-day America-the Columbia Museum of Art is your window to the world.

Riverbanks Zoological Park and Botanical Gardens – is a sanctuary for more than 2,000 animals, including such endangered species as the Siberian tiger and black rhinoceros. Highlights include the African Plains, home to giraffes, zebras and ostriches; Ndoki forest, a gorilla sanctuary; and a farm with domestic animals.

The Aquarium/Reptile complex encompasses four display areas ranging from the South Carolina Gallery, with a spectrum of native amphibians and fish, to the exotic Tropic Gallery. Other park features include daily penguin and sea lion feedings, elephant shows and bird flight demonstrations.

The 70 acre botanical garden, across the Lower Saluda River and reached from within the park, via tram or a woodlands walkway, is planted for year interest

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Register me/us for the following tours:

Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____

TOUR #1 CAPITOL, GOVERNORS MANSION & MUSEUM	cost \$39.00 each X _____ = \$ _____
TOUR #2 HISTORIC COLUMBIA	cost \$ 49.00 each X _____ = \$ _____
TOUR #3 MUSEUM OF ART & BOTANICAL GARDENS	cost \$46.00 each X _____ = \$ _____
Total amount enclosed for tours \$ _____	

Always check in the AAFA room registration book for any tour time changes each day!

Make Check or money order payable to AAFA and Mail to :

Evelyn Mistich
 AAFA Meetings Treasurer
 409 Moncla Ave.
 Belle Chasse, LA 70037