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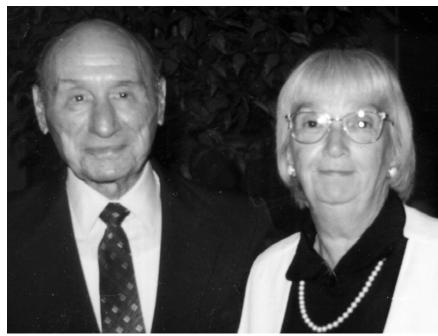
By Max Alford, AAFA Secretary, AAFA #0230 Photos by John & Janice Smith except as noted

This is the second article on the Texas meeting. The previous issue had some photographs and the list of those who were recognized as Distinguished Members for 1999. There will be more photographs in the next three issues.

he meeting this past year, as most of you are aware, was held at the Holiday Inn Select-Airport. There were tours scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, and Monday along with tours during the meeting for spouses who did not wish to attend all of the sessions of the meeting. My family and I did not arrive in time to take the Wednesday tour to Fredericksburg. All those who did attend said they had a most enjoyable time. The bus driver, Thomas Martinez of Greyline Tours, shared information with those on the tour concerning the history of the area in and around Fredericksburg. The Thursday tour consisted of visiting several of the missions in the San Antonio area. A specific request was made that Mr. Martinez also be the driver on that tour. We were fortunate enough to be able to go on that tour. Mr. Martinez was kind enough to show us some areas of interest that were not supposed to be on the mission tour. The tour ended at the Alamo.

The meeting officially got under way Friday morning with registration beginning at 8 o clock. It seems no matter how careful we are when preparing name tags, there is always at least one botched tag. One year, I had the wrong last name for a gentleman. Last year, I had Kat instead of Kate on a name tag. This year, I had the wrong family lineage on a name tag. What really made this so embarrassing was that the tag belonged to my cousin, your treasurer, Doris Vetri. One would think that I could have at least gotten that one correct.

Lynn Shelley along with help from other members conducted the Gene alogy Workshop on Friday. The event was well attended. Several complements were heard regarding the contents and the job done by all who contributed to the workshop. Those leading segments of the workshop were Pam Thompson, Lynn Shelley, Kim Savage, Doris Johnston, John Smith and Gil Alford



Sebastian "Buzz" and Doris Alford Vetri, Treasurer #0303

The reception held Friday night had the second largest number of people attending (the Saturday night buffet being first). We renewed acquaintances with several friends from past meetings and met quite a few members who were attending for the first time. The hors d'oeuvres were really delicious. We did get some negative comments about the amount of food and the lack of tables and chairs. Remember this is not intended for the evening meal or sit down dinner but rather the foods provided are snacks to nibble while moving about to renew those acquaintances and to meet new folks.

At the Saturd ay morning business meeting, a new Board of Directors was elected and the new Board then elected a new slate of officers for the coming year. Dick Alford, M.D. Mbr. #0633, Lewiston, Idaho, was elected President. Lynn Shelley, Mbr. #0484,



Robert Hollingsworth, M.D., #0772 was the high bidder for a set of Alford glasses. They are presented here by Earline (Mrs. Max) Alford #0230 who is in charge of all prizes, raffles, etc. at the AAFA meetings. The glasses were found by Carolyn Alford Saunders #0673 among her late father's belongings and she donated them to AAFA. They are beautiful stemmed pieces with a coat of arms and "Alford" etched into the glass. Bob had to pay well over \$100 for them but at that it was a bargain.

Dick Alford. Lodwick Alford, Lynn Shelley and Helen Steele.

At the Saturday night buffet, the food was very good and there seemed to be a lot of good conversation going on during the meal. Distinguished Members for 1999 were recognized (listed in the previous quarterly) There was a brief memorial service for our deceased members The editor of the AAFA quarterly, Pam Thompson, #0030, Mountain View, California, was honored with a plaque and named the AAFA Woman of the Decade for her many years of devoted service to the Association via her compiling and editing of the quarterly since the inception of the Association. (A photo of the presentation was in the previous quarterly.) Pam is taking a two year leave of absence from her position as editor of the quarterly to devote more time to some other projects that have been neglected somewhat because of the amount of time the editor s job consumed on a almost daily basis. Plus Pam and her husband plan on taking a long cruise along the eastern rivers of America on their boat. Everyone in the Association owes Pam a very special Thank you for the last 46 issues of the award winning AAFA Action quarterly.

This year, we were very fortunate to have entertainment from an individual as well as a group. James Posey Alford, Mbr. #0021, of Gonzales, Texas, gave a very humorous after-dinner talk that was the hit of the evening. This was a return engagement for Posey. Posey had everyone in

Springfield, Missouri, was re-elected Vice-President. Doris Alford Vetri, Mbr. #0303, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, was re-elected Treasurer. Max Alford, Mbr. #0230, Mesquite, Texas, was re-elected Secretary. Some of the reports given were by past president, Gil Alford, the treasurer, Doris Vetri, the meetings committee chairlady, Ramona Darden, Janice Smith, co-chairm an of the Photographic Committee and Wills Project Officer, Jimmie Alford chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, Lynn Shelley VP and research committee chair, Pam Thompson quarterly editor and Kim Savage the AAFA web master. A big outcome of each business meeting is our meeting place three years hence. The membership selected Arkansas as the place to meet in 2003. (Previously selected GA 2000, NC 2001, Salt Lake City 2002)

As is the case every year, the Saturday afternoon Alford Family Forum was well attended. Gil Alford led the forum ably assisted by Lee Ann Turner, Paul Davidson, Dodd Eastham, Peggy Alford Schuster,



Cousins, siblings and spouses. Evonne Alford Alford #0130, Posey Alford #0021, D.Mar Alford #1096, Jim Alford #0115 and Mary Justine Monroe #0232. Evonne and Jim are married to each other but also 4th cousins, once removed. Posey and D.Mar are brothers but 6th cousins of Evonne. Justine and Evonne are first cousins.

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stitches and some were close to rolling on the floor. We sincerely hope to have the privilege of hearing from Posey again at future meetings. The Caldwell High School Jazz Band also entertained us. They traveled all the way from Caldwell, Texas, to San Antonio just to entertain us. There was music for everyone from golden oldies to classical. Andrew "Drew" Alford, son of Mbr. #0058, James Alford, Caldwell, Texas, and grandson of D.L. Alford, Mbr. #0054, Caldwell, Texas, was a member of the band. The band did an outstanding job and all enjoyed the music.

Then before we knew it, we were packing up all the books in the research room, the photographs in the photography room, and the merchandise in the store as the meeting came to an end.

Sunday afternoon, many of us journeyed downtown to see the Alamo, the IMAX The ater that was showing a movie about the Alamo, or to just shop in the mall located next to the Alamo and the theater. Late in the afternoon, we all met at a restaurant on the River Walk to enjoy dinner at a Mexican restaurant. Afterwards, we all boarded one of the riverboats for a tour of San Antonio along the River Walk. Again, we were introduced to some more history of San Antonio by the boat driver and tour guide. The evening was one of the high lights of our trip. A fterwards, we had to catch taxis back to the hotel. Some of us almost didn t make it back to the hotel. After crossing a busy San Antonio one way street in mid-block for about the third time, a couple of San Antonio s finest (on bicycles) approached the group I was in and informed us if we did that one more time, they would provide transportation for us but it wouldn t be back to the hotel. The reason for the many trips across the street involved trying to hail a cab. The cab would be on the opposite side of the one way street from where we were, so we would cross over to the opposite side and the cab in turn



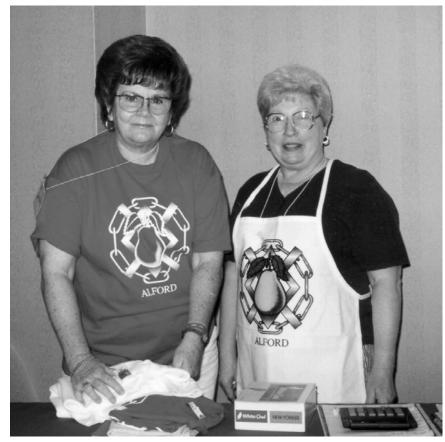


would make the block and come back on the side we were originally on. It proved to be one of the zanier moments of the meeting.

Ramona Darden, Chairlady of the Membership Committee, did an outstanding job of making arrangements for the meeting. She is to be congratulated and THANKED for all her efforts toward making this a meeting to remember for all who attended. There were a few things that did not go as they were planned and Ramona handled them all efficiently and quickly. One incident that could have put a damper on the Sunday afternoon trip to downtown San Antonio happened when the Holiday Inn had to withdraw their offer to shuttle our party downtown because one of their vans had broken down and the other vans were needed for airport transportation. Ramon a quickly rounded up rides for all via four or five taxis. This was not the only mishap that Ramona had to deal with during the meeting but is representative of how she handled each incident as it came up.

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I personally was pleased that for the first time my cousin, Peggy Schuster, was able to attend the meeting. In the past, she had been obligated to attend the annual Alford Family Reunion held each year in Pickton, Texas. This is a reunion of my particular line of Alford s. Peggy was very involved in making the arrangements for the meeting. Last year, Peggy turned those chores over to someone else, which enabled her

to attend the AAFA meeting. Peggy has been involved in researching our particular line of Alfords for many years. She has supplied much data to the AAFA and has been a tremendous help to me in maintaining our family line in a Brother s Keeper database.

There are many pleasant memories of this meeting that will linger for a long time with yours truly. Sally and Dick Stoewer (Mbrs. #0120, Baton Rouge, Louisiana) were unable to attend this meeting due to Sally s surgery. Sally s sister, Jeanne Singleton, Mbr. #0249, Greenwell Springs, Lousiana, who has assisted Sally in the store at past meetings, brought the merchand ise to the meeting and ably manned the store. Jeanne s friend, Pat Courtney, who had no Alford relatives (at least none she would admit to) attended the meeting to assist Jeanne. She quickly made friends of us Alfords and one would have thought that she had attended many of the previous meetings the way she conducted herself. I hope that Pat is able to attend future meetings with Jeanne. Who knows, we may even adopt her into the Alford family.

Those taking the tour on Mon day went to Austin and visited the state capitol, the governor's mansion, etc. When one enters the Texas State Capitol, before they even get to the rotunda, they pass a large painting on the left wall. It is the "The surrender of Santa Anna" to Sam Houston painted in 1886 by William H. Huddle (1847-1892) A photo of the painting along with a leaflet explaining all of the subjects depicted was given by D. L. Alford #0054 at the 1989 Texas meeting. The person standing in center foreground, just behind the seated man with white shirt slee ves is George G, Alford, Sam Houston's Quarterm aster Gene ral.

Someone else we always look forward to seeing at the meetings (even though she has

no Alford ancestors) is Ester Hutchins! What can I say about Ester? Ester is a long time friend of Jo Carrigan, Mbr. #0235, Pleasanton, California, and has attended many of the meetings with Jo. Ester could best be described as a real live cut-up and someone who never meets a stranger. Ester is full of life and seems to enjoy every minute of it. Ester and my son, Matt, had many smoke breaks together during the meeting



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and became good friends.

These are but a few of the many memories of the San Antonio meeting that we will carry for a long time. Two young ladies, Laura Tuffnell, granddaughter of Frieda Shepherd, Mbr. #0763, Sonoma, California, and T.T. Whitt, granddaughter of Betty Peveler, Mbr. #0947, Sebree, Kentucky, also livened up the meeting with their presence. Laura was quick to point out that I had the wrong city on her nametag. As it looks like this report is turning into a novel rather than short story, I will end this with apologies to all who I failed to mention but both time and space worked against me in doing this report. My old memory isn t quite what it use to be. Page 94 1999 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX

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| mother of David and Roy below |
| Alford, Beverly Grace #0916 TX JOH820SC/!!!!!SC |
| Alford, David #0615 TX JOH801NC/!!!!!NC |
| son of Arliene above. |
| Alford, David Gaston & Dorothy B. #0503 TX NEE789NC/JAM687VA |
| Alford, Delmar & Mary #1096 TX ISA782NC/JAM687VA |
| brother of James P. "Posey" below |
| Alford, Donald Ray & Joan Earline #0059 FL DAV785VA/ROB760EN |
| Alford, Dora Mae #0948 KY WIL804VA/WIL775VA |
| mother of Jimmie R. & Betty Peveler below |
| Alford, Elroy Raymond & Jan E. #0563 OK TOM8600K/INDIAN |
| Alford, Estelle "Dock" #0848 LA JOH807LA/JAM687VA |
| Alford, Gilbert K. & Mary Newkirk #0019 MO JOH807LA/JAM687VA |
| Alford, Harold Glen & Freda M. #0227 TX HAY780GA/!!!!!!GA |
| Alford, James J. & Kathryn L#0058 TX HAL788GA/JAM687VA and son Andrew "Drew" |
| Alford, James P. & Evonne #0115 TX LOD812GA/JAM687VA |
| husband of Evonne below |
| Alford, Evonne & James P. #0130 TX HAL788GA/JAM687VA |
| wife of James above |
| Alford, James P. "Posey" & Mary E. H. #0021 TX ISA782NC/JAM687VA |
| brother of Delmar above |
| Alford, Jim & Glenda B. #0202 TX BAI781NC/JAM687VA |
| brother of Marshall below |
| Alford, Jimmie R. & Maree #0500 IL WIL804VA/WIL775VA |
| son of Dora Mae Alford above |
| Alford, Joel Max & JoAnn #0876 TX JEP797NC/!!!!!NC |
| Alford, Julia Kathryn # 0543 TX GEO794VA/JOH696MD |
| mother of Mary Martin below |
| Alford, Lodwick H. & Frances #0011 GA GRE787NC/LOD749NC |
| Alford, Marshall E. & Sara Lind #0173 TX BAI781NC/JAM687VA |
| brother of Jim above |
| Alford, Max Ray & Earline #0230 TX JOH801NC/!!!!!NC |
| parents of William Matthew & Samantha below |
| Alford, Nolan David & Mary Morgan #0425 LA JOH807LA/JAM687VA |
| son of Betty Wall below |
| Alford, R. M. "Dick" & Connie #0633 ID ORI806NY/BEN619EN |
| Alford, Robert L. #0048 TX EDW792NC/JAM687VA |
| and sister Sharon and her husband Doug Winnek |
| Alford, Roy L. #0208 TX JOH801NC/!!!!!NC |
| and friend Linda Shantz |
| son of Arliene above. |
| Alford, Samantha Kay #0836 TX JOH801NC/!!!!!NC |
| daughter of Max and Earline above |
| Alford, Victor H. #0225 FL EDW792NC/JAM687VA |
| Alford, Virginia #0217 MO RAN818VT/BEN619EN |
| Alford, W. M. "Bill" & Lois A. #0198 TX HAL788GA/JAM687VA Alford, William Mathew #0835 TX JOH801NC/!!!!!!NC |
| son of Max and Earline above |
| Alford, Zeb Dickey & Joan Chasan #0295 TX SEA807LA/JAM687VA |
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Explanation of Families

We have this narrow space available and all of those family codes there at the left so it seems like a great opportunity to review this coding system with you.

The code is comprised of two "sub" codes which identify Alford ancestors. The part on the left of the slash is what we call the "AAFA branch" code or reference. To the extent possible this is the Alford ancestor born near 1800 usually within 25 years. The part on the right is the "ultimate ancestor" reference. This is the earliest or most distant known ancestor except we do not go deep into foreign families. The "!!!!" means "ATTENTION" we need help because we cannot get any further back.

All of those used at the left are consolidated and summarized below in alphabetical order, beginning with the ultimate ancestor or latter half, an explanation of each follows the list.

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Allison, Catherine & Paul L. #1051 MO eli764va/JOH696MD They both have Alford ancestry Allison, Paul L. & Catherine L. #1051 MO ETH800NY/BEN619EN Bateman, Hugh M. & Marie LA JOH807LA/JAM687VA brother of Jeanne Singleton below Beany, Vesta Alford #1084 FL GRE787NC/LOD749NC sister of Carolyn Chamblis below Bowden, Vesta G. #0537 TX JOH807LA/JAM687VA Carrigan, Josephine Alford #0235 CA JOH807LA/JAM687VA and friend Ester Hutchins grandmother of Seanne & Sharon below Carrigan, Seanne #0335 CA JOH807LA/JAM687VA granddaughter of Josephine above Carrigan, Shannon #0539 CA JOH807LA/JAM687VA granddaughter of Josephine above Chambliss, Carolyn Alford #0965 FLGRE787NC/LOD749NC sister of Veata Beany above Darden, Ramona Alford & Nick #0715 TX WIL787NC/JAM687VA parents of Jennifer Jackson below Davidson, Paul L. & Pat #0859 LA ann790ga/ISH755NC parents of Lynn Shelley below Eastham, Hardy Dodd & Glynace Anne #1079 TX ISA782NC/JAM687VA son of Lucy Eastham below Eastham, Lucy Dodd #1095 TX ISA782NC/JAM687VA mother of Dodd Easthamabove Ellard, Catherine A. & Bruce #0606 MS WIL804GA/JAM687VA sister of Nancy Herrington below Fite, Patricia #0070 TX SIP800NC/JAM687VA Folds, Roberta A. & Walter Milton #0049 GA WIL812GA/JAM687VA Giamona, Mary Anne & Paul #0897 TX DAV814VA/!!!!!!VA Harrings, Randie K. & Scott #1085 TX BAL784NC/ISH755NC Harry, Frances Williams & Jack #0839 LA JOH807LA/JAM687VA Harwood, Sandra Kay & Jerry #0989 FL WIL783GA/JAM687VA Heazel, Vincent M "Mike" & Elizabeth Jane #0664 MD JOH795VA/JOH696MD Hemby, Janet Alford #0832 TX DAV785VA/ROB760EN Herrington, Frances "Nancy" #0708 LA WIL804GA/JAM687VA sister of Catherine Ellard above Hollingsworth, Robert & Kate #0772 MS EDW792NC/JAM687VA Jackson, Jennifer Lynn & Paul D. #0806 TX WIL787NC/JAM687VA and children Christopher, Christine and Julia daughter of Ramona and Nick Darden above Johnston, Doris #1050 TX ISA782NC/JAM687VA Martin, Mary Ellen A. #1052 TX GEO794VA/JOH696MD daughter of Julia Kathryn Alford above McCray, Samuel E. #0665 TX JAM793VA/JOH735IR McDaniel, Lora S. #1053 LA WIL804GA/JAM687VA and parents Harold & Sue Alford McDaniel Harold is brother of Clive below McDaniel, Marjorie & Clive #0078 TX DAV785VA/ROB760EN Clive is brother of Harold above Mehrkam, Lucille #0032 TX WIL808SC/!!!!!!SC Mohle, Elizabeth T. #0424 TX NEE789NC/JAM687VA Monroe, Mary Justine #0232 TX HAL788GA/JAM687VA Moran, Ruth Eager #0622 OK lav806va/JOH696MD

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(females are lower case)

As indicated above those with the "!!!!!!" on the right mean we have not made a connection and have no early Alford ancestor. We expect further research to eventually move some of them into established branches. We usually list the state where we expect research should be concentrated as the last two characters. Of the 9 listed with "!!!" North Carolina seems to be the most needed. The top code is missing such an indicator. This is a family that came to the US from Sweden and might have gone to Sweden from England.

The first three characters are the first three letters of the ancestors name. The next three characters are the last three numbers of his/her year of birth or estimated year of birth. The last two characters are for the place of birth or suspected place of birth.

Skipping down to the next group that are part of the BEN619EN family. That is Benedict born about 1619 in England. The ancestors listed on the left are the AAFA branch

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and friend Margaret S. Henley Myers, G. Morris & Rebecca L. K. #1065 TX DAV785VA/ROB760EN and brother Bert, his daughter Melody and her guest Juan Carlos Arocha Peveler, Betty #0947 KY WIL804VA/WIL775VA and granddaughter T. T. Whitt daughter of Dora Mae Alford above Rehkop, Carol Alford #1036 NV SEA807LA/JAM687VA now deceased. Mother of Kate below Rehkop, Kathryn D. #1035 MO SEA807LA/JAM687VA daughter of the late Carol above Rockhold, Tom #0616 TX JAM847NC/!!!!!!NC Saunders, Carolyn Alford & William R. #0673 TX EDW792NC/JAM687VA Savage, Kim #0258 IL ISA782NC/JAM687VA Schaub, June Kay & John Donald #1083 AZ JAC781NC/JAM687VA Schuster, Peggy #0666 TX JOH801NC/!!!!!!NC Shelley, Lynn D. & James Mason #0484 MO ann790ga/ISH755NC daughter of Paul and Pat Davidson above Shepherd, Frieda Roberta #0763 CA JAM791VA/JOH696MD and granddaughter Laura Tuffnell Singleton, Jeanne B. #0249 LA JOH807LA/JAM687VA and friend Pat Courtney & great AAFA store helper sister of Hugh Bateman above Smith, Janice Stogsdill & John Charles #0152 TX BAL784NC/ISH755NC and son Walt Smith, Patricia B. #0064 MS JOH807LA/JAM687VA Steele, Helen Wilcox & Robert M. #0904 CO JOS816LA/JAM687VA and son Michael Hugh & his friend Wanda Hood Stratton, Patsy#0216 TX HAL788GA/JAM687VA and a granddaughter Teas, Bill & Oletia #1097 TX FRA820SW/!!!!!!!! Thompson, Pamela Alford #0030 CA PIE828GA/!!!!!!GA Turner, Lee Ann & Wallace Dean #0020 AR DAV785VA/ROB760EN Vetri, Doris O. & Sebastian "Buzz" A. #0303 NJ JOH801NC/!!!!!!NC Wall, Yvonne A."Betty" #0779 MS JOH807LA/JAM687VA mother of Nolan David above Wilson, Grady H. #0830 TX ZAD787GA/JAM687VA Wilson, Sam Walker & Nita #0855 TX TUR800NC/JAM687VA Wood, Peggy & Sam Madeley #0593 TX luc784nc/JAM687VA Zaldivar, Jennie Diane #0392 TX PAY785VA/JAM713VA

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The John 1696 MD code is really only a code. We know John died 1748 in VA but we don't know when or where he was born. He was a branch of the Shenandoah Valley and was joined by another John born 1735 in Ireland and the two branches intermarried.

Lodwick born 1749 in NC is thought by some to be the son of that James b. 1713 to James born 1687 but the court is still out on his ancestor. Robert born in England in 1760 came to Virginia, had David and moved to Alabama and Arkan sas. William born 1775 in VA is an other family that settled in Kentucky. progenitors and you can see they are about 100 years or three generations more recent than the immigrant and ultimate ancestor. In this case we could go deeper into English families.

We have one branch that we call our Indian branch. This is not a case of someone marrying a Native American but rather a Native American who was educated, married white or part Indian ladies. For a reason we don't yet know for sure he chose "Alford" for his surname.

The next group is the Isham b. 1755 NC family. He had at least three sons and a daughter and all have AAFA descendants.

The largest group by far in AAFA is that which descends from James Alford born by our estimate about 1687 probably in Virginia-JAM687VA, For all practical purposes he had two sons who account for most of the AAFA members. One was Lodwick born about 1710 and the other Julius born 1717. The AAFA branch codes on the left of all the JAM687VA's are not separated by Lodwick and Julius but rather are in alphabetical order. One needs a more complex list or table than that shown here to see that breakout.

The JAM713VA family is one that went to Kentucky. That ancestor may or may not be the same James born 1713 to the James Alford born 1687 above.

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