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President's Precept

ATTENTION ALL HANDS! NOW HEAR THIS!

The countdown is underway for the Second Annual Meeting of our Alford American Family Association to be held on October 14, 1989, in Houston, Texas. Start making your plans now to attend. More details appear elsewhere in this newsletter and more will be forthcoming. From all reports, D.L. Alford, Jr., Chairman of the Meeting Committee, assisted by his cousin Dovie Jean Alford and many others, are doing a magnificent job in making the arrangements. Let's show up in large numbers

and not disappoint them. You can be sure that as always there will be an effort to impress us with Texas hospitality. Let's see if we can impress Texas with us. Not the least of the reasons you should attend is to find out if other lines of Alford are as good-looking as your own! Now don't tell me that never crossed your mind. And don't forget, those who do not attend will be talked about behind their backs. To avoid that risk, you better not be a no-show.

WELCOME ABOARD! for all new members since our last newsletter. We are glad you've joined us. And I know you will not be disappointed because it is an exciting adventure ahead of us. Who can forget the thrill and excitement of finding the grave of a long lost ancestor or finding the missing piece that makes the connection to a long list of doubtful family relationships? I will never forget the sensations and thrill I experienced when I first visited the birthplace and boyhood home of my father in Wake County, NC. I had heard stories about the place from my father until his death and from others during my own boyhood in southwest Georgia. It was many



*Captain Lodwick H. Alford
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AAFA President*

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Treasurer's Report

	1988 ACTUAL	1989 BUDGET REVISED	1989 SECOND BUDGET REVISION	1989 ACTUAL TO DATE
REVENUE				
REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 700.00	\$1400.00	\$1140.00	\$ 570.00
INITIAL DUES	560.00	1120.00	912.00	456.00
RENEWAL DUES	320.00	896.00	816.00	408.00
DONATIONS	682.57	200.00	710.00	355.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2267.57	\$4616.00	\$3578.00	\$1789.00
EXPENSES				
POSTAGE & PO BOX	\$ 653.97	\$1500.00	\$1190.00	\$ 721.59
STATIONERY	817.01	400.00	400.00	197.45
PRINTING	337.84	1510.00	1488.00	493.55
RESEARCH	0.00	360.00	100.00	60.16
LIBRARY	0.00	340.00	100.00	13.21
FAMILY EMBLEM	200.00			
MISCELLANEOUS	241.37	516.00	300.00	143.81
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2250.19	\$4616.00	\$3578.00	\$1752.11
NET WORTH	\$1399.26			(\$36.89)

Members who desire complete financial records may obtain a copy by sending the treasurer \$2.00 to cover the cost of making copies and mailing.

Were you dismayed when you examined this quarter's Treasurer's Report? Yes, we are falling well below the budgeted receipts. Even with the good growth we have experienced, the budget is below the target—and donations are even further off target. Our intention was to keep dues at a minimum to encourage membership, believing that money should not be a deterrent to joining AAFA. We continue to hope that revenue from donations by some of those in a more comfortable position will allow us to keep the dues low.

The enclosed response form can be used by those of you who would like to donate to the Association now—because we sorely need financial support from each and every member who can afford to give any amount. And we do thank you very much if you've already been generous!

In the meantime, the budget has been revised again to preclude deficit spending. . .

Julius M. Alford
AAFA Treasurer

AAFA Members on the Move

Walter W. Alford, LTC USMC
Retired, moved from Laguna
Hills, CA, to:

404 Main Street
Franklinton, LA 70438
Phone number: (504) 839 2469

Dr. James M. Edwards, following
the recent death of his mother,
moved from Decatur, GA, to:

75 Oak View Road
Covington, GA 30209
New phone number unknown.

New Member Lineages

Listed below are the membership numbers, names, and as much as is known of the direct Alford lineages of the new members this quarter. Numbers printed before the names of the ancestors are the numbers on the members' pedigree charts.

- #139 **Oscar W. Alford and Dorothy M. Alford**
 (2) Christopher C. Alford, Jr. (4) Christopher C. Alford, Sr. (8) William Riley Alford (16) Julius C. Alford (32) Jacob Alford (64) Julius Alford (128) [James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]
- #140 **Margaret Joann Wertz Allen and Lloyd Edward Allen**
 (7) Alma Bessie Alford (14) Robert E. Alford (28) Meshack Tipton Alford (56) Charles Alford [born about 1789 in NC]
- #141 **Dr. Joan Marie Willson King, MD and Dr. Charles G. Willson King MD and children**
 (19) Mary Archer Alford (34) Landy Alford (68) John Alford (136) Thomas Alford (272) John Alford [born about 1700 in VA]
- #142 **Jean Hall Brown and Chester James Brown**
 (31) Chirena Isabell Alford (62) Bailey Alford (124) Isaac Alford (125) Mary Alford (248) Julius Alford (250) Lodwick Alford (496 & 500) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]
- #143 **Janice S. Bramwell and Melissa Ann**
 (2) Bertram Noah Alford (4) Robert Daniel Alford (8) William Alford (16) John M. Alford (32) John Alford [born 1787 in NC]
- #144 **William Joseph Alford, III**
 (2) William Joseph Alford, Jr. (4) William Joseph Alford (8) Alonza Alfred Alford (16) Jesse Alford [born May 1830 in NC]
- #145 **Oliver Simms Robinson III and Mary Marilyn Gray Robinson**
 (Uncertain as to who is #2 & #3. Will publish lineage when clarified)
- #146 **Elizabeth Ann Alford Sizemore and Rev. Dr. Larry W. Sizemore**
 (2) Paul Wilmer Alford (4) Alonza Alfred Alford (8) Jesse Alford [born May 1830 in NC]
- #147 **Martin George Alford and Delores Lee Alford**
 (2) George Town Alford (4) George Town Alford (8) George W. Alford [born about 1825 in GA]
- #148 **Robert A. Alford, Jr. and Marian Markham Alford**
 (2) Robert A. Alford, Sr. (4) Halcut Alford (8) Richard E. Alford (16) Halcut Alford (32) Julius C. Alford (64) Lodwick Alford (128) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]
- #149 **Barbara Ann Turner Boyle and Richard J. Boyle**
 (3) Lexie Alford (6) Jephtha Martin Alford (12) John Seaborn Alford (24) Jacob Alford (48) Julius Alford (96) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]

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years later before I got the opportunity to visit. As I approached the little town of Holly Springs and the plantation birthplace of my father in southwest Wake County, I felt my heart racing and pounding. I felt the same finding other ancestral places—those of you hooked on genealogy will know what I mean. Let's face it folks, genealogy is fun!

You will remember that we set as our goals in 1989 to build our membership base and pool our efforts in Alford research. I will leave to our capable Executive Assistant Gil Alford any comments about the growth of our membership. But I want to express my enthusiasm about the progress of research. After grousing for months about slow progress, I got my comeuppance in the last newsletter when I read in the book holdings section excerpts from the family Bible of my grandparents Green Haywood and Rebecca Jones Alford, whose biography was also in that issue. I have been looking for that family Bible for over 40 years! While I still don't have the Bible, I know now what was in it, including several items of new information. Folks, that is precisely what this Association is all about. It might have taken me many, many more years to uncover what was in that Bible. With many of us researching and sharing the information, we can multiply our research effectiveness many times over.

As for my griping about slow progress, never has retribution been so swift and deserved. My apologies to all who have sent in information from book holdings and other research. Keep it up. About Alford Fever! Catch it!

I will look forward to seeing you in Houston.

Lodwick H. Alford
 President, AAFA

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- #150 **Barney Millen Alford and Clara Jean Parker Alford**
(2) Barney Millen Alford (4) John McRae Alford (8) Paisley Alford (16) Sion Alford (32) Warren Alford (64) Jacob Alford (128) Lodwick Alford (256) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]
- #151 **Arba K. Alford, Jr.**
(Lineage is unknown. When received it will be published)
- #152 **Janice Marie Stogsdill Smith and John Charles Smith**
(7) Zulu Land Alford (14) Baldy A. Alford (28) Isham Alford (56) Thomas Alford [born, as estimated, about 1785]
- #153 **Philip Alford III and Vickie Ann Alexander Alford**
(2) Philip Alford, Jr. (4) Philip Alford (8) Halcut Alford (16) Richard E. Alford (32) Halcut Alford (64) Julius C. Alford (128) Lodwick Alford (256) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]
- #154 **Richard Allen Alford, Sr. and Dorothy Arlene Alford**
(2) William Hinton Alford, Sr. (4) William Peter Alford (8) Green C. Alford (16) William Alford (32) William Alford, Jr.? (64) William Alford, Sr.? [This line probably leads on to James Alford born about 1687 in VA].
- #155 **Jacquelyn Allen Estes and Larry Leon Estes**
(5) Celia Eda Alford (10) William Richard Alford [born 1832 in Louisiana]
- #156 **Karen Alford**
(2) Ruble Lee Alford (4) Osie Lee Alford (8) James Thomas Monroe Pinkney Alford (16) Monroe Alford (32) Little Berry Alford [born 1800-11 in NC]
- #157 **Lona Barker Contreras**
(51) Ann Alford (102) James Alford [of Chester PA ca 1750]
- #158 **Sarah Beatrice Alford Parramore**
(2) William L. H. Alford (4) Green Haywood Alford (8) Nathaniel Green Alford (16) James Lodwick Alford (32) James Alford ? (64) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]
- #159 **Susan Gail Alford Russell and Wayne Elmore Russell**
(2) Philip Alford, Jr. (4) Philip Alford, Sr. (8) Halcut Alford (16) Richard E. Alford (32) Halcut Alford (64) Julius C. Alford (128) Lodwick Alford (256) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]
- #160 **Nancy Elizabeth Alford and children**
(2) Robert A. Alford, Jr. (4) Robert A. Alford, Sr. (8) Halcut Alford (16) Richard E. Alford (32) Halcut Alford (64) Julius C. Alford (128) Lodwick Alford (256) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]
- #161 **Gladys Alford Rockhold**
(Lineage is unknown. When received it will be published)

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Attention: Sion Alford Descendants

The North Carolina Convention to ratify the U.S. Constitution was held in Fayetteville. There were 60 counties in NC in 1789, including seven which became a part of Tennessee in 1790. Each county was entitled to send five delegates. Sion Alford was one of the delegates from Robeson County.

AAFA has received a notice from Barbara Miller Gillis describing a project she is undertaking under the auspices of the North Carolina Genealogical Society [possibly incorrect society name]. The notice says:

I wonder how many descendants of the 1789 delegates can be identified in 1989. A search for these offspring would be an appropriate project for this Society. Our principal objectives are to encourage genealogical research by locating, preserving, indexing and publishing such records, thereby making them available to the general public.

If you can prove a blood relationship to one or more of the 1789 delegates, please send me your lineage with copies of documents which prove your kinship. . . [T]he aim is to publish the results of this project, whether it be one lineage chart or numerous family trees.

This endeavor has the potential to become a significant genealogical contribution to the 200th birthday celebration of North Carolina's ratification of . . . the U.S. Constitution. Fayetteville will celebrate the occasion in grand style and it may be possible for descendants of the 1789 delegates to be recognized in some way.

. . . For more complete information and forms, please send a SASE to Barbara Miller Gillis, Route 3, Box 478, Fayetteville, NC 28306.

Alford Reunions

There are at least three Alford branch family reunions scheduled during the remainder of this year. They are:

**Descendants of
Allen Stephen Alford
born 1898 in Georgia
July 22, 1989
Savannah, Georgia**

→ We are not sure who is in charge, but our Association secretary, Miss Nancy T. Alford, (404) 643-5837 is a member of this branch of the family and can provide additional information.

**Descendants of
Julius Caesar Alford
(1808-1899)
August 5, 1989
Gallman, Copiah County, Mississippi**

→ Members may contact the AAFA treasurer, Julius M. Alford, (601) 684-5911, who is part of this branch of the family.

**Descendants of
Willie Simeon Alford
born 1890 in Mississippi
August 28, 1989
Near Jackson, MS**

→ Mrs. Jenny Windham
2713 Old Country Club Road
Pearl, Rankin County, MS 39208

If you will be attending a family reunion in the near future, write to AAFA for materials that you can hand out to other Alfords who might be interested in joining our Association. Encourage them to support the only organization devoted to learning about and preserving Alford heritage!

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#162 Lt. Cdr. John Morris Alford III and Susan Tenbrock Alford
(2) Rear Admiral John Morris Alford (2) Dr. John Merlin Alford (3) Stephen Alford (6) Erwin or Irwin Alford ? (7) Anstrilla Alford (14) John Alford [born, by estimate about 1800]

#163 Royce William Alford and Wendy Nelms Alford
(2) Ira W. Alford (4) John N. Alford (8) Ira Payne Alford (16) Edwin Barksdale Alford (32) Jacob Alford (64) Julius Alford (128) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]

#164 Norman Jefferson McFaddin, Sr. and Berness Marie Mann
(7) Catherine Odolet Alford (14) John Witherspoon Alford (28) Sion M. Alford (56) Jacob Alford (112) Lodwick Alford (224) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]

#165 Edna Juanita Alford Cable
(2) Charley Earl Alford (4) Leonard Lafayette Alford (8) George W. Alford [born about 1825 in GA]

#166 Daniel Lee Alford, IV
(2) Daniel Lee Alford, III (4) Daniel Lee Alford, Jr. (8) Daniel Lee Alford (16) Halcut Alford (32) Richard E. Alford (64) Halcut Alford (128) Julius C. Alford (256) Lodwick Alford (512) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]

#167 Sophia Stone
Not sure of the specific pedigree chart numbers, but she is a descendant of Henry Alford born about 1540 in England thorough Henry Alford, Dean of Canterbury. [See article this issue, p. 8.]

#168 David Price Jr.
(3) Bertha Mae Alford (6) Francis Marion Alford (12) Artemus Salathiel Alford (24) Owen Alford (48) William Alford (96) Lodwick Alford (192) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]

#169 Harold Alford
(2) William Alford (4) Charles Montgomery Alford (8) Francis A. Alford (16) Halcut Alford (32) Julius C. Alford (64) Lodwick Alford (128) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]

#170 Daniel Lee Alford III
(2) Daniel Lee Alford Jr. (4) Danile Lee Alford (8) Halcut Alford (16) Richard E. Alford (32) Halcut Alford (64) Julius C. Alford (128) Lodwick Alford (256) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]

#171 Dr. Robert H. Alford, MD
Information on lineage is not available yet. Will be published later.

#172 Frances Anne Alford Spicer
(2) Joe Bengé Alford (4) Van Dorn Alford (8) John Rankin Alford (16) Alsey Alford (32) Bailey Alford (64) Isaac Alford (65) Mary Alford (128) Julius Alford (130) Lodwick Alford (256 & 260) James Alford [born about 1687 in VA]

What's in a Name? (Part One)

(The following article is an excerpt from an unpublished work copyright 1989 by James P. Alford, Houston, Texas.)

The answer is PLENTY if you're seeking more information about the Alford's of New Kent County, Virginia, and you've already read the meager number of sources that mention them!

Are you aware of the ABSOLUTELY UNUSUAL set of names that the Virginia Alford's had? Just because resources are meager doesn't stop us from delving deeper into our ancestors' pasts and filling in the gaps left by the lack of direct records! ALFORD itself is uncommon, but what about those ODD first names that they hung on their children and grandchildren?

The most important records we have today are found in C. G. Chamberlayne's *The Vestry Book and Register of St. Peter's Parish*, and to a lesser extent, Nell Marion Nugent's *Cavaliers and Pioneers*. The work *Bristol and America* by Bowman and Hargreaves-Mawdsley, as well as numerous other minor sources help to fill in the big picture.

If you suffer from Father-sided genealogy and never thought to study Mom's family, you're in for a surprise.

First, here are the unusual names of James' children: LODOWICK, GOODRICH, WARREN, and JULIUS. SION is thought to be a son in some circles so, we'll throw him in for research.

Now, here are the unusual names of James' grandchildren: ANSELM, BAYLEY, DRURY, CADE, and FARELL. There are names like BRITTON and KINCHEN that appear later in history, but we'll leave those for another time.

Just be glad that they mixed these in among the common English monikers of William, John, Mary, Elizabeth, James, Sarah, Susanna, and Joseph, or we'd never learn any more about them!

Only the unique names of James' grandchildren produced results on this side of the ocean, but that's letting the cat out of the bag about the second part of this series.

Okay, let's take it from the top:

Alford's didn't have all those babies by themselves! Neither did they pick all of the babies' names. Fact is, baby-naming was a politically charged event that honored the couple's relatives, basically in the order of their importance to the young family. The phrase "Honor thy Father and Mother" had considerable implication when you considered the in-laws and grandparents! Then there were the uncles, aunts, brothers and sisters who clamored for recognition! Why do you think it was sometimes months between births and christenings? Politics, pure and simple! Often it was safer to honor a deceased relative and avoid the hassle.

If you have studied hard, you must realize by now that we don't know much at all about the wives of New Kent County Alford's or the wives' families. It's convenient to say, "Oh, I only trace the Alford side because it's easier." No doubt it is easier—but you miss half the family and a lot of additional answers by not pursuing your grandmothers. Maybe this introduction to Mom-side research will prompt some fresh new input!

The Alford Family

Our Alford ancestor arrived in Virginia in the 1660's. He was probably named William, though others will declare

John to be the right one. Floating around even earlier in Virginia were Richard Alford and Thomas Alford; however, the St. Peter's Parish records showcase four generations of Alford's and not one of them is named Richard or Thomas.

When we first see them through the St. Peter's Parish records, there seem to be two patriarchs, John Sr. and William. The next generation is represented by John Jr. and James. The third generation contains James' children and John Jr.'s children. The fourth generation is their children's children.

The reasonably provable facts, through parish records, deeds, and a few other reputable sources are:

We don't know the wives of John Sr., William, or James.

We know John Jr. was married to Grace _____. Their children were Isaac, Elizabeth, Frances, Charity, and Unity.

We know that James had at least three sons, James, Julius, and Warren. Indirect records reasonably prove another two sons, Lodowick and Goodrich. Unproved tales indicate that William and Sion may have been sons. Some say William Sion.

We know that Lodowick was married first to Elizabeth _____ and second to Susanna _____. Unproved tales state that he married Rebecca Farell. Much later records show him married to Sarah _____.

The names of Lodowick's first five children were William, Elizabeth, Jacob, Julius, and James.

Goodrich married Sarah and had daughters named Sarah, Lucy, and

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Susanna.

Warren and Julius apparently were still unmarried by the time of the move to North Carolina.

The Other Families

The Bayleys:

ANSELL BAYLY and John BAYLY sailed from Bristol in 1662-63. They are listed 74 names apart in Port of Bristol records. They appear to have been brothers from Gloucestershire, no older than 21, and very likely met William Alford on the journey. Ansell settled in Surrey County on the south side of the James River while John Bayly and William Alford settled in New Kent County. They were indentured servants and are listed together on a New Kent County deed in 1666. This lag in time before the issuance of a deed was apparently normal according to history books.

Oddly, both of them appear less than a year later as transported persons on other deeds in New Kent County. Several history books tell of land acquisition scams in which the perpetrators reused the names of transported persons to acquire more land. Some names were resubmitted repeatedly and as much as ten years after actual transportation! This virtually ruins *Cavaliers and Pioneers* as a definitive genealogical tool.

John Bayley appears in a 1704 Tax Roll in St. Peter's and St. Paul's Parish, so he had remained a neighbor of William through the years. They both married and raised children, and their daughters had, no doubt, made eyes at the other's sons.

John Bayley and his unknown wife had a number of children including John Jr. and Edward. No other names are mentioned.

A grandson, ANSELM Bayley, son of John Bayley Jr. and Mary Jackson, was baptized 1711 in St. Peter's Parish. He was likely named for John's brother and possibly his father back in Gloucestershire.

Another grandson, DRURY Bailey, son of Edward Bailey, was born 1727 in St. Peter's Parish. He was named for a more obscure relative.

The Cades:

Robert and Susanna CADE had a number of children. Listed in the Parish records are Agnes born 1714, Stephen born 1715, ELIZABETH born 1717, SUSANNA born 1718, John born 1720, and Robert born 1723.

The Farells:

Daniel and Elizabeth FARELL had a son Joseph born 1725 and a son Richard born 1727. Unfortunately, no other children, especially daughters, are mentioned.

The Warrens:

Not much can be determined about them. A few Warrens were present in the Parish during the years the Alford were there, but they seemed to be preoccupied with having bastard children.

Others:

No families named HARTLEY are recorded in St. Peter's Parish or in the Counties of New Kent and James City during the time the Alford were there. No one else named LODOWICK, JULIUS, GOODRICH or SION lived in the Parish or the Counties. They will be pursued again in the second part of this series.

Okay, How Do They Fit Together?

Starting once again from the top, we

find the following relationships or lack of relationship:

John Alford Sr. had no known children named William or James.

William Alford had no known children.

James Alford had no known children named John. He did have a son named James and he might have had a son named William.

Lodowick Alford named his first son William and his third (?) son James. Following child-naming conventions, these first few names would have been expected to honor parents and grandparents. In itself, this is a convincing argument that Lodowick is descended from James and that James is descended from William and not John. James did not honor John by naming a child for him and neither did Lodowick so honor John.

Don't rush out convinced that William was the patriarch, though! Lodowick's brother Julius, a proven son of James, named one of his first children JOHN! This could have been to honor his wife Lucy's family. Julius and Lucy may have originated an odd name of their own—KIRBY. It's possible that Lucy's maiden name was KIRBY and her father was JOHN KIRBY. That shouldn't be too hard to check out.

Now, look at those two interesting names in the Bayley family—ANSELM and DRURY. A check of English records shows that these are indeed Bayley family names and not Alford names. These names first appear on the Alford side in Lodowick's children. Could he have married a Bayley? It's possible, but there is a more interesting possibility.

Bayley could well have been his mother's and/or grandmother's name. Strong proof of this would be if these

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H. Alford, Dean of Canterbury

Henry Alford was appointed Dean of Canterbury in 1857. All we know about him and his descendants is what is in Josiah Alford's *ALFORD FAMILY NOTES* published 1908 in London.

Henry married his cousin Frances Oke Alford, daughter of Rev. Samuel Alford. They had four children: Ambrose Alford born 1840 and died 1850, Clement born 1843 and died 1844, Alice who married Rev. William Thomas Bullock, and Frances Mary Alford who married Rev. Henry Edmund Tilsley Cruso.

AAFA member #167, Sophie Stone, is descended from Rev. Henry E.T. Cruso and Frances Mary Alford. She is interested in hearing from anyone else from this line. (Her address is printed in the new member listing on the last page of this issue.)

The earliest known Alford of this branch of the family is Henry Alford, who married Julian Woodroffe 24 October 1564. At the time of his marriage, his mother was still living but his father was deceased. Henry and Julian had at least three children, but only one son was known to have had children.

Matthew, the son of Henry and Julian Alford, was baptized in 1567. He married Mary Trevillian and they had 5 children, including two sons. Only one of the sons was known to have had children.

Thomas, the son of Matthew and Mary Alford, was baptized 12 September 1599. He married twice, and his second wife was Mary Somers. By the two wives he had six children, but we are able to trace the family of only one of the two sons.

Richard, the son of Thomas and Mary

Somers, was baptized 9 October 1641. He married Letitia or Lettice whose last name we do not know. They had three children including one son.

Thomas, the son of Richard and Letitia Alford, was baptized 27 December 1672. He married Frances Powell by whom he had five children, including 4 sons. Apparently only one son had children.

Thomas, the son of Thomas and Frances Alford, was baptized 15 June 1703. He married Mary Standfast, and they had five children including four sons, three of whom had children. No effort has been made by AAFA to trace the lines on two of the sons, but we know of no present day descendants of either of them.

Samuel, son of Thomas and Mary Alford, was baptized 2 January 1747. He married Mary Bush and they had three sons:

1. Lt. Thomas Alford died at age 22 in a gun explosion in the Royal Navy.
2. Samuel Alford, Jr. had 13 children including seven sons, and all seven sons survived. The Association has not made any effort to trace these lines yet, but we know of no present day descendants of any of them.
3. Henry, son of Samuel and Mary Alford, was born 3 December 1782. He married (1) Sarah Eliza Paget. They had one child, Henry Alford, who became the Dean of Canterbury.

Henry married a second time after the death of his first wife, and they had a son. However, this son's only children were two girls so there would be no male Alford's descending from this part of the family, other than the Dean himself.

St. Peter's Church

An article in Stephen Dorsey's *EARLY ENGLISH CHURCHES IN AMERICA*, published by Oxford University Press in 1952, page 58, describes St. Peter's Church, New Kent County, VA. A large picture of the church accompanies the article. Many of our Alford ancestors were in this parish 300 years ago, so we would like to get a good reproducible photograph of this church. The article describes the church as follows:

This unusual old building is a transitional type between the Gothic Old Brick Church and the later rectangular structures with tall arched windows, such as Ware Church. It was originally built as a plain rectangle and from existing indications, the gable ends are believed to have been finished with parapets. The tower was added at a later date, probably some time after the parapets had been removed and the roof extended over the gables. A door in the south wall originally opened into the chancel which was lighted by a great circular arched window, now bricked up. None of the original interior fittings remain. In an entry of 13 August 1700 in the vestry book, Will Hughes is mentioned as architect. The church is best known from the fact that its rector for forty years, the Reverend David Mossom, officiated at the marriage of George Washington and Mrs. Martha Custis.

Welcome to
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New Members
This Quarter!

(What's in a Name, cont. from p. 7)

names reappeared down the family branches started by Lodowick's brothers or if they appeared in unidentified Virginia branches that may have descended from William or James. It's definitely a topic for further research.

Now, let's turn to Lodowick's wives.

Almost every source agrees that the first wife, Elizabeth, was a Cade. This is supported by the presence of an Elizabeth Cade living in the Parish. She would have been sixteen when they married. The existence of a Cade wife is further supported by the reappearance of the name in later generations.

The second wife, Susanna, is more of a mystery. Some sources say she was a Hartley, but there were no Hartleys living anywhere near! A now departed cousin, Minnie Kate Hunsicker of Shreveport, wrote that Susanna was a Cade. This is readily supported by Parish records because Elizabeth had a sister a year younger named Susanna.

The third wife, Rebecca Farell, must have existed because, like Cade, later generations repeated the name. Cousin Minnie seemed to know more than most about Lodowick and wrote that Rebecca married him in 1738. Perhaps Cousin Minnie stumbled on a secret fountain of Alford knowledge. The marriage would have taken place in the Parish and indeed, a Farell family lived there!

Incidentally, the Bayleys and Cades intermarried. By the mid-eighteenth century, Drury Cades were appearing in Virginia.

While you're waiting for the second installment, how about getting out there and researching those maternal names? You're missing half the Alford family when you don't!

Ancestor Tables

On the following two pages is the ahnentafel or extended ancestor table of AAFA member #001, Alicia Roundy Houston. It is a very good example of how one can collect and display a wealth of ancestral data in relatively little space. As one studies the many entries on this chart, history just oozes out all over.

Most members have received the AAFA Member Pedigree Chart forms with instructions. They are the forms from which these are prepared. Of course you can use any similar form or table you have already prepared.

Many members have already returned their forms and have received an initial

or even revised printout. If yours is not back yet, don't give up—it is in process.

While this is a service provided to members and is not required for membership, we encourage you to participate as an aid to you and to provide a good record to pass on to those who follow.

At some future date, if there is sufficient member interest, we will publish a book of these with a master listing arranged by surname for all members.

We do need an AAFA Ahnentafel Coordinator to assist in this program. If you are willing, let us hear from you.

Marriage Licence and Certificate Available

Member Ruby Heard received from a lady in Jackson, MS, an original marriage license and certificate for the marriage of Mr. J. H. Alford and Miss Annie L. Flanagan who were married 1 September 1909 in Hinds County, MS. AAFA is holding the certificate and will be happy to give it to the first descendant of this family who claims it.

AAFA records reveal that J. H. was John Henderson Alford, son of William Henry and Alba (Lindsey) Alford. Their lineage can be traced back through Henderson, William, Jacob, Julius and James, born about 1687 in Virginia.

J. H. and Annie had children named Buford, Pearl, Joaquin, Carl, John David, and Alva. John David had Gloria, Jean, and Vickie.

Membership Grows

The Association is continuing to grow! The average over the last five quarters has been 25 per quarter or 100 per year. We are not sure when this will level off, but we see no reason for the growth to discontinue at this time.

You can help us grow by encouraging your friends and kin to join. Better yet, do as many members have done and give someone a gift membership. Use the enclosed response form to give a meaningful gift that will last all year!

A special thank you goes to Texas member D. L. Alford, Jr., who has been responsible, directly or indirectly, for a dozen members not counting himself! He recruited AAFA's oldest member, his aunt Inez Surovik, 96-year old member #107. Others in his branch who have joined are two first cousins, six first cousins once-removed, two sons, and a grandson. He has been in touch with more distant cousins whom he had never known, and we expect their applications momentarily. Thanks so much, D.L.!

Ancestor Table of Alicia Roundy Houston

Asc #	Gen #	Last Name	First, Middle, (Maiden) Name	Date of Birth	State, County & City of Birth	Date of Marriage	State, County & City of Marriage	Date of Death	State, County & City of Death
1	1	ROUNDY	ALICIA ANN	19570317	CA SANF SAN FRANCISCO				
2	2	ROUNDY	GORDON PAUL	19371210	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY	19560806	CA SANM BRISBANE		
3	2	TRIBBLE	EVA CAMILLE	19381106	OR MULT PORTLAND	19560806	CA SANM BRISBANE		
4	3	ROUNDY	SAMUEL ALONZO	19130220	ID BING GROVELAND	19300729		19530730	UT CARB SUNNYSIDE
5	3	GOULD	ELIZABETH PAULINE	19130517	UT SLAT SALT LAKE CITY	19300729			
6	3	TRIBBLE	CAMBELL EDGAR	19040116	OR LANE COLBURG	19310606	OR MULT PORTLAND	19530220	OR CLAC WEST LINN
7	3	QUINT	MILDRED EVAGELINE	19050904	OR MULT MONTA VILLA	19310606		19390509	OR MULT PORTLAND
8	4	ROUNDY	SAMUEL EDMUND	18890908	UT IRON KANARRA	19080826	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY	19181017	ID BING BLACKFOOT
9	4	FULLMER	CASSIE D. (CASSADA)	18900831	UT UTAH MAPLETON	19080826	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY	19390131	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY
10	4	GOULD	WILLIAM JOHN GILBERT	18881205	WALES, MERTHYR	19110710		19610923	UT UTAH PROVO
11	4	PASER	PAULINE EVA	18930720	UT JUAB EUREKA	19110710		19671219	UT UTAH PROVO
12	4	TRIBBLE	EDGAR EULESS	18771118	TN BEDF	19030412	OR LANE	19670930	OR MULT PORTLAND
13	4	WALKER	TEMPY ELIZABETH	18850415	OR WASC THE DALLAS	19030412	OR LANE	19660723	OR MULT PORTLAND
14	4	QUINT	ALBION LINCOLN	18601215	IL HANC NAUVOO	19020128	IA ADAI	19461207	OR CLAC WEST LINN
15	4	HITCHCOCK	FLORA ADELIA	18711226	IA GUTH MENLO	19020128	IA ADAI	19230817	OR MULT PORTLAND
16	5	ROUNDY	SAMUEL HARRISON	18621224	UT DAVI CENTERVILLE	18831003	UT WASH ST. GEORGE	19400522	UT CARB PRICE
17	5	TAYLOR	EUGENIA ELMIRA	18651001	UT WASH HARMONY	18831003	UT WASH ST. GEORGE	19260113	UT UTAH LEHI
18	5	FULLMER	ALONZO SMITH	18620317	UT UTAH PROVO	18840407	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY	19360304	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY
19	5	PERRY	LUELLA ESTELL	18660910	UT UTAH SPRINGVILLE	18840407	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY	19220510	ID BING GROVELAND
20	5	GOULD	RICHARD JOHN	18620623	ENGLAND TREDEGOR	18880122		19431214	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY
21	5	LEWIS	ELIZABETH	18671114	WALES, MERTHYR	18880122		19440929	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY
22	5	PASER	VALENTINE (PESER)	18651120	BAVARIA SULZWEIZEN	18900920		19460131	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY
23	5	SCHULER	EVA	18620101	GERMANY GERNACH	18900920		18931007	UT JUAB EUREKA
24	5	TRIBBLE	CAMPBELL RILEY	18480818	TN WEAKE	18740114	TN BEDF SHELBYVILLE	19330927	TN RUTH MURFRESBORO
25	5	HAYNES	RHODA ANN	18550520	TN	18740114	TN BEDF SHELBYVILLE	18820319	TN BEDF
26	5	WALKER	JAMES WASHINGTON	18490202	AR BENT BEATTIE TWP	18730324	OR LINN HARRISBURG	18900404	WA SPOK MEDICAL LAKE
27	5	ALFORD	DELLA	18570207	OR LINN HARRISBURG	18730324	OR LINN HARRISBURG	19331227	OR LANE MARCOLA
28	5	QUINT	JOTHAM SEWALL	18141203	ME FRAN FARMINGTON	18571029	IL HANC	18970821	OK KAY PONCA CITY
29	5	CORDRY	ELIZABETH JANE	1829	DE	18571029	IL HANC	1880	IA GUTH BEAVER TWP
30	5	HITCHCOCK	CHARLES MELBURN	18460403	IL PEOR	18481224	IL HENR	19211204	OR MULT PORTLAND
31	5	NYMAN	ELLA MARIAH (THROUP)	18490624	SWEDEN	18681224	IL HENR	19160407	OR POLK BROADMEAD
32	6	ROUNDY	LORENZO WESLEY	18190618	NY ONAN SPAFFORD	18570422	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY	18760524	AZ NAVA LEES FERRY
33	6	PARISH	PRISCILLA	18330320	CANADA ELIZABETH TOWN LEEDS	18570422	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY	19140810	UT SEVI VENICE
34	6	TAYLOR	WILLIAM WARREN	18281213	KY WARR, RICHARDSVILLE	1853CA	UT	18920220	UT WASH NEW HARMONY
35	6	CARRINE	JULIA ANER	18321123	NY GREE CAIRO	1853CA	UT	19141126	UT UTAH MAPLETON
36	6	FULLMER	JOHN SOLOMON	18070721	PA LUZE HUNTINGTON	18460121	IL HANC NAUVOO	18831008	UT UTAH SPRINGVILLE
37	6	SMITH	OLIVE AMANDA	18250918	NY ONAN WEST FABUS	18460121	IL HANC NAUVOO	18850517	UT EMER ORANGEVILLE
38	6	PERRY	STEPHEN CHADWICK	18181222	NY GENE MIDDLEBURY	18570323	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY	18881116	UT UTAH SPRINGVILLE
39	6	BOGGS	MARY	18430412	IL HANC NAUVOO	18570323	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY	19150311	UT UTAH SPRINGVILLE
40	6	GOULD	JOHN GULLIFORD	18350404	ENGLAND CLUTTON				
41	6	MEREDITH	ELIZABETH						
42	6	LEWIS	WILLIAM						
43	6	GRIFFITHS	MARY						
44	6	PESER	MICHAEL	18190124	BAVARIA ERBSHAUSEN	18490130		19020224	BAVARIA SULZWIESEN
45	6	GOBBEL	BARBARA	18290906	BAVARIA RIMPAR	18490130		18740407	BAVARIA SULZWIESEN
46	6	SCHULER	ANDREAS	17990224	BAVARIA OTTENHAUSEN	18601023		18821102	BAVARIA GERNACH
47	6	ZIGLER	MARGARETHA	18231227	BAVARIA DINGOLSHAUSEN	18601023		18910325	BAVARIA GERNACH
48	6	TRIBBLE	PATRICK HENRY	18250321	TN	18470912	TN BEDF	18631019	
49	6	BURROW	LOUISA CATHERINE	18290714	TN BEDF	18470912	TN BEDF	19140420	TN BEDF DEASON
50	6	HANES	ABRAHAM EMSON SMITH	18290308	TN SUMN	18540817	TN	18760805	TN BEDF
51	6	REED	MARGARET CATHERINE	18340409		18540817	TN	190005	TN BEDF
52	6	WALKER	JESSE FRANKLIN	1817	IL	1843CA	MO	1859CA	OR CLAC
53	6		ISAPHINE	1828	IL	1843CA	MO		OR
54	6	ALFORD	RUSSELL	18240616	TN CLAI	18480516	MO CHAR	18821016	OR LINN HARRISBURG
55	6	RODGERS	MARTHA JANE	18331103	MO CHAR	18480516	MO CHAR	19180626	OR LINN HARRISBURG
56	6	QUINT	BENJAMIN	1791CA	ME SANFORD	18140303		1816CA	ME FRAN FARMINGTON

Anc #	Gen #	Last Name	First, Middle, (Maiden) Name	Date of Birth	State, County & City of Birth	Date of Marriage	State, County & City of Marriage	Date of Death	State, County & City of Death
57	6	SMITH	LYDIA	17901207	ME FRAN FARMINGTON	18140303		1884CA	KS
60	6	HITCHCOCK	JAMES CASSETT	18230214	OH GEAU MENTOR	18441107	IL PEOR TRIVOLI	19070120	OR MULT PORTLAND
61	6	HUNT	EMILY LORAIN	18241214	NY GENE BETHANY	18441107	IL PEOR TRIVOLI	19181221	CA ORAN ORANGE
64	7	ROUNDY	SHADRACH	17890101	VT WINM ROCKINGHAM	18140622	VT WINM ROCKINGHAM	18720704	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY
65	7	QUIMBY	BETSY	17950629	VT ESSE LUNENBURG	18140622	VT WINM ROCKINGHAM	18800328	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY
66	7	PARISH	SAMUEL	17980930	CANADA ELIZABETHTOWN LEEDS	18200213	CANADA BROCKVILLE	18731012	UT DAVI CENTERVILLE
67	7	DACK	FRANCES	17951028	IRELAND WICKLOW	18200213	CANADA BROCKVILLE	18510929	UT DAVI CENTERVILLE
68	7	TAYLOR	WILLIAM	17870321	NC EDGE	18110322	KY WARR	18390909	IL HANC NEAR WARSAW
69	7	PATRICK	ELIZABETH	17931209	VA	18110322	KY WARR	18801025	UT WEBE HARRISVILLE
70	7	CARBINE	EDMUND ZEBULON	17980425	NY GREE CAIRO	18230215	NY HAMP ORANGE	18460830	MO ATCH
71	7	RIDER	ADELIA	18020210	NY GREE GREENVILLE	18230215	NY HAMP ORANGE	18991205	ID FREM PARKER
72	7	FULLMER	PETER	17740227	PA BERK READING	18020302	PA SCHU	18570106	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY
73	7	ZERFASS	SUSANNAH	17730917	PA NORT WHITEHALL	18020302	PA SCHU	18561111	UT SALT SALT LAKE CITY
74	7		HAWLEY DECKER						
75	7	ALLEN	MARTHA						
76	7	PERRY	ABIAL (ABIEL)	17531211	MA BRIS ATTLEBORO	1779CA		18340520	MA HAMP WILLIAMSBURG
77	7	WALCUTT	MERRIAM	17540323	CT TOLL MANSFIELD	1779CA			
78	7	BOGGS	FRANCIS	18070517	OH BELM ST. CLAIRSVILLE	1832		18890122	UT WASH WASHINGTON
79	7	MARTIN	EVELINA	18160300	VA TYLE	1832		18870903	UT WASH WASHINGTON
80	7	GOOLD	RICHARD						
81	7		HANNAH						
88	7	FESER	ANDREAS	17911206	BAVARIA ERBSHAUSEN	18180505		18630717	BAVARIA EBRSHAUSEN
89	7	STIER	KATHERINA	17911008	BAVARIA KUERNACH	18180505		18650305	BAVARIA EBRSHAUSEN
90	7	GOEBEL	MATHAEUS	17900121	BAVARIA RIMPAR	18281118		18501018	BAVARIA RIMPAR
91	7	REITZENSTEIN	BARBARA	17990729	BAVARIA RIMPAR	18281118		18290906	BAVARIA
92	7	SCHULER	JOHANN						
93	7	DUBERHECK	MARGARETHA						
94	7	ZIEGLER	MICHAEL	17900610	BAVARIA DINGOLSHAUSEN	18170322			
95	7	HAEPNER	EVA	17890325	BAVARIA EICHERSHEIM	18170322			
96	7	TREBLE	PETER	1772CA		1820CA		1831	
97	7	HURST	SARAH	1785	KY	1820CA		1859	
98	7	BURROW	NIMROD	17990904	NC	18280924	TN BEDF	18901007	TN BEDF
99	7	CLARDY	CATHERINE	18060305	SC ANDE	18280924	TN BEDF	18451022	TN BEDF
100	7	HANES	PETER	1790	NC				
101	7		NANCY	1794	NC				
102	7	REED	ANDREW	1794	KY				
103	7	COATS	BETSY	1797	TN				
104	7	WALKER	CHARLES						
105	7		ELIZABETH						
108	7	ALFORD	THOMAS	18020513	VA WYTH	1820CA	TN CLAI	18921129	OR LINN HARRISBURG
109	7	CUPP	KESIA	18021216	VA	1820CA	TN CLAI	18420810	MO CHAR
110	7	RODGERS	JESSE CORNELIUS	1798	VA GREE	18201211	KY ADAI	186410	MO CHAR
111	7	HURT	RUTH	1802CA	VA BEDF	18201211	KY ADAI	1842CA	MO CHAR
112	7	QUINT	DAVID	17540602	ME YORK BERWICK	17781105			
113	7	RYND	MARY	1755		17781105			
114	7	SMITH	ABRAHAM	17620412	MA ESSE LYNN			1850CA	
115	7	BROCK	SUSANA	17600623	MA ESSE LYNN			18530402	ME FRAN FARMINGTON
120	7	HITCHCOCK	JAMES	1784CA	CT				
122	7	HUNT	SIMON L.						
123	7	METCALF	LORETTA						
218	8	CUPP	JACOB	17707	PA LANC	1788	VA	1830>	TN ??
219	8	BREEDING	SABRINA	1770-80		1788	VA	1830>	TN ??
222	8	HURT	NATHAN	1757CA	VAWALE	1778		1840<	
223	8	ALLEN	FRANCES			1778			

NOTE: Due to space limitations, cemetery names and locations do not appear on this Ancestor Chart.

Jesse James Meets Conductor Alford

The Lifestyles section of the Poplar Bluff (MO) *Daily American Republic* on January 29, 1989, printed a front page, full page article under the heading, "The Great Gads Hill Train Robbery," written by Ron Beights of St. Louis.

There are pictures of Jesse James in 1874 and a present day sign in Piedmont, MO. The sign reads:

Gads Hill Train Robbery
JESSE JAMES
with four members of his band
carried out the first
Missouri Train robbery here
January 31, 1874

The very interesting, well researched and thorough article goes on to tell about the big event. Mr. Beights wrote:

At 4:45 p.m. the Little Rock Express approached the station for what everyone aboard assumed would be a routine stop. Conductor Alford, who was in charge of the train, tells what happened next: "... on approaching the station, the engineer signaled by whistling to 'brake,' as danger was ahead. ... looking forward over the side, I saw a red flag being violently waved by a masked man; I jumped off the car and ran ahead to inquire about the cause of such a demonstration."

The outlaws had switched the tracks and as the conductor jumped the slowing train swerved onto the sawmill siding. As it came to a stop four other masked men brandishing navy revolvers and shotguns emerged from hiding. One of them roughly seized the conductor and shoved a pistol in his face.

When later asked by a reporter if he had been frightened, Alford replied, "Well, I reckon I was somewhat frightened; but he put me right at my ease—he comforted me."

*What did he say?
"Stand still, or I'll blow the top of your d—d head off!"*

... Some of the highwaymen then stepped aboard and robbed the express safe, rifled the mailbags and proceeded to make paupers of the passengers and crew. ... In some instances money or items were taken and later returned. One man was given back \$15 when the outlaws learned that he was in poor circumstances and so far from his destination; another had \$5 returned. Conductor Alford was forced to surrender \$50 and a gold watch, but the watch was handed back when he proved it was a gift from friends.

... According to Conductor Alford the bandits netted \$2444 at Gads Hill, "exclusive of several revolvers and watches," but other sources estimated the loss as high as \$22,000.

We wrote to Mr. Beights to see if we could learn the first name of Conductor Alford and to see if he could tell us more about him. Ron replied that in all he had read on the subject he had always been referred to as "Alford," "Conductor Alford," or "Mr. Alford." He also was not able to give us his age. He did know that Mr. Alford lived in Carondelet, MO (now part of St. Louis), on Third street between Olive and Nebraska streets. He had a wife and a Newfoundland dog named Kate. His wife's name was not mentioned nor was there any mention of children. At the time of the Gads Hill robbery Mr. Alford had been a railroad conductor for nine years, three of which were spent on passenger trains.

When Alford returned to the St. Louis area, the day after the robbery, he found he had become something of a celebrity. A large crowd of citizens, railroad men and new reporters gathered to meet his train. Mrs. Alford was there also. She had come down

from St. Louis, "so anxious was she to learn whether he had been hurt."

That same afternoon a reporter from the St. Louis *Globe* rode out to the Alford home in Carondelet and interviewed him. The interview was informal and reveals much about the personality and character of the man. The story begins with the reporter riding up to his door and hollering, "Hallo! Alford. Where can a fellow hitch up his horse?"

The story ends with the reporter commenting:

Alford is a quiet man with a humorous style of describing what he sees, and told his story to the GLOBE in a quaint but straightforward manner. He is a man of nerve, and a man of strong common sense. ... In his narrative there was no bragging. He seemed to accept the inevitable situation and make the most of it.

The above newspaper interview was entitled, "Fishbacked" and was printed in the *St. Louis Globe*, 2 February 1874.

Another news story of interest was entitled, "The Plundered Train," *St. Louis Times*, 2 February 1874. In it, Alford gives a prepared statement regarding the details of the robbery.

Only one reference is made to Alford in the (*Sunday Globe*), 1 February 1874. It states: "Conductor Alfred [sic] was in charge of the train and is regarded as one of the safest men in the employ of the company."

At the time these newspapers were printed, no one knew yet who had committed the Gads Hill robbery! Ron advised that all the referenced newspapers are available in the microfilm room at the St. Louis Public Library.

Wedding Notices

Marriage records are one of the most common and useful sources of genealogical information. While most of these come from marriage books or compiled listings available in county and state offices, much can also be learned from wedding notices in newspapers. AAFA needs a person to organize and coordinate the collection of marriage records of all types. Would you be willing to take on this important task?

Ruby Heard sent the following two wedding notices:
Jackson MS Daily News
 18 September 1988

**DINA LEE PERKINS -
 THOMAS WAYNE ALFORD**

Dina Lee Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy H. Bullock of Jackson, became the bride of Thomas Wayne Alford, son of Mrs. Sarah Albritton of Raymond and Mr. Malcolm Alford Sr. of Terry, September 17, 1988, at Woodville Heights Baptist Church in Jackson. Alford served his son as best

man and groomsmen included Danny Alford, Malcolm Alford Jr., and Scotty Alford.

Source newspaper unknown

ALFORD-SHEPARD

Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Alford of Bolton announce the engagement of their daughter Naomi, to William Steve Shepard Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. William Steve Shepard Sr. of Starkville. Miss Alford attends Mississippi State University. The wedding will be at 1:30 p. m. July 9, 1988, at Bolton Baptist Church in Bolton.

Camille Crouse sent:
THE CHARLOTTE (NC) OBSERVER
 Wednesday, 1 February 1989

POWERS - ALFORD

Amelia Marie Alford and William James Powers were married November 12 at Myers Park Baptist Church. The bride is the daughter of Jean Clark and Gordon Alford, both of Charlotte. she

is a graduate of Myers Park High School and the Music Business Institute. She is a flight attendant with Trans World Airlines in St. Louis. The groom is the son of John and Ann Powers of Lansing, Mich. He earned a degree in aviation technology from Purdue University and is a regional sales engineer with Superform, USA in the Midwest. They live in Maryland Heights, MO.

Hazel Rea sent:
THE KANSAS CITY STAR
 Sunday, 5 March 1989

ALFORD-MCWHIRT

Married Jan. 27 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Lawrence were Shawn Leigh Alford of Lawrence and David Andrew McWhirt of Raytown. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Alford of Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. William J. McWhirt of Holden, MO. Honor attendants were Kelly D. Kultala of Lawrence, sister of the bride, and Mark Heiman of Wichita.

Introducing Genealogist Bill Mitchiner

After a quick mini-reorganization of the Association officers, we just had time to inform you about our AAFA Genealogist in the previous issue.

William A. (Bill) Mitchiner, AAFA member #010, is indeed a genealogist. As a certified genealogical records researcher, he is a professional and works as such. When the Wake County, North Carolina, Genealogical Society recently recognized and saluted the professional genealogists in their society, Bill was one of only ten persons so honored—and he was one of only two in the group to be a certified genealogist.

Bill is the second great grandson of Elizabeth Alford, who was born about 1780 and who married Willie Clifton in 1802 in Franklin County, North Carolina. Elizabeth was the daughter of Isaac Alford and Mary Alford. Some readers will remember the will of Lodwick Alford in which he mentioned his daughter Mary Alford and her son Bailey Alford. For years folks were puzzled and perplexed by the Mary Alford-Bailey Alford situation. Why did her son carry her maiden name? It was Bill who finally solved the mystery, making the discovery that Mary had married Isaac Alford, her cousin.

Knowing that Bill is a professional genealogist, living almost on the front steps of the North Carolina Archives, we might be inclined to take advantage of him. We must not do that. He has always taken the position that he will help his Alford kin as a non-professional, but it would not be fair for the Association, or its individual members, to ask him to do much research. While he has been generous in researching and submitting Alford material to AAFA, it is planned that his function will be primarily as an advisor—our research expert, so to speak. For whatever he is able to do and however he sees fit to do it, we welcome Bill as our new Genealogist.

Obituaries

Newspapers have been published in America almost from the time of the arrival of our earliest Alford ancestors. Most of these newspapers have published obituaries or death notices, and many of them have included Alfords. Many of these old newspapers are available in local libraries on microfilm. They represent an almost totally untapped source of reliable Alford genealogical information. AAFA sorely needs someone to volunteer to take the job of National Project Officer for Alford Death Notices and Obituaries to lead others in extracting this data so that it may be systematically added to the AAFA records. Won't you be the one to volunteer?

The following accounts have been abstracted from newspaper obituaries sent in my members; sometimes additional information from AAFA records has been added. In most cases the source newspaper and date are included because the member included it with the clipping! If you would like a copy of an obituary, which may contain more information than is printed here, please write to AAFA.

Roy Alford

THE SABINE INDEX, Many, LA
Thursday, 7 April 1988

William Roy Alford died April 4, 1988. He was the brother of Truman Alford, AAFA member 005 and uncle of Oscar W. Alford, AAFA member 139. When Gil Alford first began his work on the Alford family he wrote a letter to Roy Alford of Many, Louisiana. Roy, not being particularly interested in the family history passed the letter to his "kid" brother, Truman Alford. Truman, who used to be the coordinator of the Alford reunion in Sabine Parish, LA each year, has been active in Alford

work ever since. Truman moved from Louisiana and his gift membership to Oscar, who now coordinates the reunion in Sabine Parish, is responsible for Oscar's presence in the association. Though indirect, Roy has definitely had some influence on the Association.

William Roy Alford was born 25 October 1902 in the Middle Creek Community, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, to Christopher C. and Mollie (Smith) Alford. Christopher was the son of William R. and Isabella (Presley) Alford and the grandson of Julius C. and Elizabeth (Waddell) Alford. Julius C. moved to Louisiana with his parents and their family when they moved from Georgia. Julius was the son of Jacob and Frankie (Seaborn) Alford. Jacob and his family lived for a few years in Georgia after having moved there from North Carolina and before finally settling in what is today Washington Parish, Louisiana. Jacob was born in North Carolina, the son of Julius and Lucy Alford. Julius was born in New Kent County, Virginia, the son of James Alford born about 1687.



Roy Alford

Roy finished Middle Creek Elementary School and was graduated from Many High School in 1925. He was graduated from Louisiana State Normal College in Natchitoches in 1928 and received the MA degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in 1940.

From 1928-32 Roy served as mathematics and chemistry teacher at Loranger High School. He resigned that job to become principal at Oak Grove High School where he served from 1932-36. From 1936 until July 10 1940 when he became Parish Superintendent, he was principal at Florien High School. When he became superintendent the school board was one quarter million dollars in debt and had no credit. With his guidance the debt was paid off in three years without any increase in taxes. After that the various school districts of the parish were given over \$200,000 from the general fund. A new school board office was built and over \$100,000 taken from the general fund to pay teachers and employees of the school system. He retired with about \$85,000 available in the general fund.

Another major accomplishment while school superintendent was the consolidation of six white and one black school without the loss of any teacher from the school system.

From the time of its inception until he retired he served on the State Department Education Committee appointed to complete a study of the states school system.

Following his retirement he was active in the Sabine Parish Retired Teachers Association.

Roy was married twice, and both wives preceded him in death. His first wife was Carrie Thatch and after he died he married her sister Velma Thatch. He had no children. Also preceding him in death were brothers Floyd, Christopher C., Arthur and Oscar and sisters Isabell, Bertie, and Mollie. He was survived by brothers Bill and Truman.

Roy died at Sabine Medical Center

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after suffering a heart attack at his nearby home. He was buried in the Ft. Jesup Cemetery in Sabine Parish.

Herman W. Alford

AAFA Member #68

Source newspaper unknown

Herman W. Alford, 72, a lawyer, died of cancer on Saturday, 24 September 1988, in F. G. Riley Memorial Hospital in Meridian, Mississippi. In March 1983 Gil Alford received a letter from Mr. Herman Alford, Attorney at Law in Philadelphia, MS. The letter started as follows: "Your letter addressed to Pat Alford dated February 28, 1983, was opened by me, his father. I note that you had written him some previous letters to which he has not responded." There followed a warm five year association between Mr. Herman and Gil Alford with several exchanges of significant amounts of Alford information. Mr. Herman Alford made financial donations to both the association and before that to the work of Gil Alford. As member #68 he was one of the founding members of the association.

Herman W. Alford was born 26 September 1915 in Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi, the son of Benjamin Warren and Phronettie (Davidson) Alford. Benjamin's parents were John Madison Alford and his second wife Sarah Frances Cooper. John Madison was the son of John Alford born about 1800 in North Carolina. A complete chart on this branch of the Alford family was printed in Gil Alford's newsletter, *ABOUT ALFORDS*, issue #4, July 1983.

Herman married Gwendolyn P. Thomas 6 July 1942 and they had Herman Alford Jr., Patrick Alford and Janne Alford. Janne married Robert Thomas who was a law partner with

Mr. Alford.

Herman was a deacon at the First Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday school and held other church offices. He was a veteran of World War II and was retired from the Mississippi National Guard as a brigadier general. He was a member of the Philadelphia Masonic Lodge, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Philadelphia Exchange Club and the Neshoba County, the Mississippi and the American Bar Associations. He was a director of the Neshoba County Fair Association and the Citizens Bank and was on the county's Industrial Development Committee for several years.

He was preceded in death by siblings, Jewell, Clennie and Homer Lee Alford. His survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, brother Bennett Alford and sister Cleo McLemore.

Annie Lois Alford

TYLER (TX) MORNING TELEGRAPH
Thursday, 2 February 1989

Mrs. Annie Lois Alford, 77, Winnsboro, TX, died Wednesday, 1 February 1989, in a Winnsboro nursing home after a lengthy illness. She was born 16 July 1911, in Pickton, and was formerly of Dallas before moving to Winnsboro. She was a housewife and a member of Pickton First Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband J. J. Alford, Winnsboro; a son Paul E. Alford, Dallas; and a daughter, Annette Walters, Winnsboro. Burial in New Pickton Cemetery.

Avis Pearce Alford

WINSTON-SALEM (NC) JOURNAL
Tuesday, 29 November 1988

Mrs. Avis Pearce Alford, 81, formerly

of 2512 Marble Street, died Monday, 28 November 1988, at Winston-Salem Convalescent Center. She was the widow of Doss Alford, who had an identical twin named Ross. She was born 3 August 1907 in Darlington, SC, to Edward Pearce and Ella Louise Pearce. She spent most of her life in Winston-Salem, and was a life long member of Salem Baptist Church. Surviving are three sons, Edgar V. Alford, Ronald G. Alford and P. Burch Alford, all of Kernersville. [AAFA records do not show a Ross or Doss Alford in either NC or SC censuses of 1900 and 1910.]

Glen W. Alford

JACKSON (MS) DAILY NEWS
Wednesday, 17 May 1989

Glen W. Alford, 75, of 621 Hill Drive, a retired nursing assistant for Veterans Administration, died of respiratory arrest Sunday, 14 May 1989, at Veterans Administration Memorial Hospital. He had lived in the Jackson area most of his life. A U. S. Army veteran of Korean War, he served in the military for 21 years. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and West Jackson Baptist Church. Survivors include: wife, Carlene; son, Benjamin Glenn Alford of Jackson; daughters, Meloine Tomlinson of Clinton, Glenda Slough of New Haven, CT, Wanda Walters of Redfield, AR and Betty Fisher of Frankfurt, Germany; brothers Marshall Alford of Bradenton, Florida AAFA member #128, Elbert Alford and Sidney Alford, both of Jackson; sisters, Annette Ingram of Crystal Springs and Marguerite Bishop, Mary Edwards, Sweet Pea Dees and Susie Conley, all of Jackson. [Glen was the uncle of William M. Alford, Sr. AAFA member #135 AAFA records show that Glen was the son of Nathan Bell Alford and Susie Mae Overby. Nathan was the son of Warren

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Jefferson Alford Jr. and Eldora Noblin. The line continues: Warren Jefferson Alford & Sarah Elizabeth Garrett, Spier Washington Alford & Sarah Breuel, Brittain Washington Alford & Barsheba Brassell, Isham & Anna Alford, probably Lodwick Alford, and James Alford born about 1687 in Virginia.]

Jacquelyn S. Alford

Source newspaper unknown

Mrs. Jacquelyn S. Alford, 82, of 211 East Drive, Jackson, MS, a retired bookkeeper, died Thursday, 30 March 1989, of heart failure at Hinds General Hospital. A Ruleville native, she lived in Jackson for the past 12 years, moving from Jacksonville, FL. She was a retired bookkeeper for Beach Marine and was a member of Alta Woods United Methodist Church. She was a charter member of Alta Woods 60 Plus Group. Survivors include daughters Jacquelyn A. Cooke and Tommie Jean Alexander, both of Jackson.

James H. Alford

JACKSON (MS) DAILY NEWS
Tuesday, 9 May 1989

Mr. James H. Alford, 71, of Route 7, Box 20, Jackson, MS, a retired security guard for the city of Jackson, died of heart failure Monday, 8 May 1989, at Hinds General Hospital. A native of Jackson, he was a member of Forest Hill Masonic Lodge No. 613, the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include: wife, Grace; sons, James Ray Alford and Aubrey Lee Alford, both of Jackson; daughters, Lindaq Faye Alford and Sherry Anne Mahaffey, both of Raymond, and Nancy Grace Gordon and Patricia Jean Keith, both of

Jackson; brothers N. A. Alford, Hubert M. Alford and Carl Eugene Alford, all of Jackson; and sister, Evelyn A. Deomor of Pearl. Burial in Lakewood Memorial Park.

John Ray Alford

STATE TIMES, Baton Rouge, LA
Wednesday, 15 March 1989

John Ray Alford died 7:48 a.m. Tuesday, 14 March 1989, at his residence in Baton Rouge, LA. He was 55, and a native of Bogalusa. He was a Dow Chemical Company employee and a U. S. Air Force veteran. He is survived by his wife, Frances Sances Alford, Baton Rouge; mother, Revia Henley Alford, Bogalusa; a daughter Sandra A. Messina, Baton Rouge; a son Marc Alford, New Roads; a sister Barbara Ann Winburn, Ponchatoula. He was preceded in death by his father Audel Ray Alford. Burial in Greenoaks Memorial Park. [From AAFA records we know that his father Audel Ray Alford was born November 3, 1909, the son of Joseph Benjamin and Rosa (Burch) Alford. Joseph B. was the son of Seaborn Lochran and Laura Melissa (Ellzey) Alford. Seaborn L. was the son of John Seaborn and Margaret (Brumfield) Alford. John Seaborn was the son of Jacob and Frankie (Seaborn) Alford. See comments in Roy Alford obit for further lineage.]

Marie Talbot Alford

STATE TIMES, Baton Rouge, LA
Wednesday, 23 March 1989

Marie Talbot Alford died 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, 21 March 1989, at Our Lady of Lake Regional Medical Center. She was a resident of Bogalusa and widow of former Commissioner of Streets and Parks, the late Jimmy Talbot. She and Mr. Talbot owned and operated Talbot's Grocery on Superior Avenue

for 25 years. She was a member of Superior Avenue Baptist Church and the Washington Parish Republic Women. She was active in many community services and ran for public office on several occasions. Survived by her husband Willie J. Alford, Bogalusa. Burial in Ponemah Cemetery, Bogalusa.

Marian Alford

Source newspaper unknown

Marian Alford, 63 a resident of Pasadena, TX died Thursday, 6 April 1989. Member of Pasadena Blvd. United Methodist Church. Volunteer Harris County AFLCIO. Precinct Judge five years Precinct No. 277. Survived by husband W. R. Bill Alford; children, Bradley Alford, Kari Hlavinka and her husband, Joseph, Ross Alford. Cremated.

Ora Morris Alford

Source newspaper unknown

Mrs. Ora Morris Alford, 92, a homemaker, of 4740 Methodist Farm Road, died of cardiac arrest Friday, 3 March 1989, in Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. A Weir native, she was a member of Cherry Park Baptist Church. Survivors include her daughter, Onita Phillips of Jackson. Burial in Lakewood Memorial Park.

Quincy A. Alford

THE NEWS AND COURIER, Charleston, SC
Wednesday, 29 March 1989

Quincy A. Alford, 58, an employee of Hucks and Washington Furniture Company for 31 years, died Tuesday,

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28 March 1989, in Florence, SC.

Quincy was born in Horry County, a son of Allen Marvin Alford and Rosa Huggins. He was a veteran of the Korean War, where he received the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World and Conway Free Will Baptist Church, where he was a former deacon, Sunday school superintendent, Bible class teacher and former president of Men's Brotherhood. Surviving are his wife, Shirley M. Alford; a son, Carey Alford of Conway; a daughter, Lorie Earl of Conway; three brothers, Vernon L. Alford of Travelers Rest, Don A. Alford of Bonneau and Leroy E. Alford of Conway; a sister, Joyce Martin of Orangeburg. (From AAFA records we know his father Allen M. Alford was born about 1905 in SC, the son of John M. and Nettie L. Alford. John M. was born November 1859.)

Ralph D. Alford

SUNDAY ADVOCATE
Baton Rouge, LA
Sunday, 26 March 1989

Ralph D. Alford died 6:10 p.m. Friday, 24 March 1989, at Seventh Ward General Hospital, Hammond, LA. He was 80, a native of Sunny Hill and resident of Bolivar. Survived by wife, Margie B. Alford, Bolivar; two sons, Gaylon Ralph Alford, Bogalusa and Walton E. Alford, Bolivar; and a daughter, Marilyn A. Kelly, Slidell. Burial in Spring Creek Cemetery. [Ralph was the husband of one of Gil Alford's contacts, Margie Alford. Margie was a personal acquaintance and friend of Glenn A. Alford, AAFA member #38. Ralph was a descendant of James Alford born about 1687 in Virginia through Jacob and Frankie Alford, who have been mentioned elsewhere in this issue. A more complete death notice was published in Gil Alford's newsletter *ABOUT ALFORDS* #27, Spring 1989.]

See You in Houston!

It is time to register for the 1989 Annual Alford Reunion and Meeting. It will be held October 14, 1989, in the Juniper Room of the Houstonian Hotel in Houston. At 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 13, there will be an informal social gathering in the Juniper Room to get to know one another. The regular meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. The schedule calls for a business meeting followed by a talk by Miss Maxine Alcorn, Manager of Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research, Houston Public Library, and a forum on Alford family history and genealogy. Clayton Library is one of the leading research facilities in the nation, and Miss Alcorn is personally acquainted with the Alford family. Our hosts in Texas are working on the possibility of another noted guest speaker, but it has not been confirmed yet so we won't say any more about it. We do know that our hosts are concerned that all members attending the meeting receive a typical Texas welcome!

Registration Information

This year's registration fee of \$3 will help defray some of the expenses of the meeting and aid us in determining how many people will be attending. Registration by mail is \$3, but in Houston it will be \$5. Everyone interested in the Alford family is invited, but AAFA members are especially urged to attend. Your participation in the annual meeting will help determine the future success of your Association. Please use the enclosed response form to register for the meeting.

The Houstonian Hotel, which incidentally is the hotel where President George Bush stays when he is in Houston, is giving the Association very

good special rates for the evenings of Friday, Oct. 13, and Saturday, Oct. 14. You may make reservations by calling (713) 680-2626. Be sure to tell them you are coming to the Alford meeting. When the Association receives your registration fee, you will be sent more specific information about how to get to the hotel.

If you are interested in doing research at the outstanding Clayton Library, you might want to arrive early or extend your stay, but remember you will not get special rates for early or late nights at the Houstonian. If research is

planned it might be best to plan it after the meeting to take advantage of Miss Alcorn's address on Saturday, although the library is closed on Sundays. It is open 9am to 9pm Mon—Wed and 9am to 5pm Th—Sat.



Regardless of your plans about attending the meeting, we need to know if there is any subject you want discussed at the meeting or any action that you would like to see taken. Remember that this is your Association and this is the time of the year when you can be most influential in its workings.

Last year some of you said, Wow, if I had known about this earlier I would have been able to schedule it. This year we tried to improve—and gave you nine months' notice!

But we really deserve a pat on our collective backs for telling you now that the meeting in 1990 will be scheduled sometime from the middle to the end of October. Mark your calendars! The location for next year's meeting will be determined by the members at the Houston meeting, but it will probably be east of Texas and south of Maryland.

Some Texas Cemeteries

Thanks to AAFA member Lucille Mehrkam for sending nearly all of the Texas cemetery data for this issue of **AAFA ACTION**!

The sources listed after the cemetery names are lacking publication data; in some cases, the title of the source may be incomplete. If anyone is able to supply the title page and page numbers of these sources to Nancy Dietrich, AAFA Librarian, it would be helpful to other researchers. The majority of the data is in transcribed form, except for pages 120 and 130 of the Houston County records; copies of the other actual pages would also be welcome.

The gravestone data which has been included is that of people named Alford or variations (noted in bold print). Date format is year followed by month and date if available.

FIELDERS CEMETERY, ANGELINA COUNTY

Source: *Cemetery Records Angelina Co., Vol. II*

HERMAN LEE	1912 06 22	1976 03 24
SAMUEL DAVID, JR.	1973 08 21	1978 06 23

GANN CEMETERY, ANGELINA CO.

Source: *Cemetery Records Angelina Co., Vol. I, 1846-1968*

JULIUS D.	1867	1936
MARY M.	1871	1949
WILLIE C.	1910 09 29	1963 11 01

GARN [perhaps GANN] CEMETERY, ANGELINA CO.

Source: *Cemetery Records Angelina Co., Vol. II*

SEABORN EDWARD	1893 08 22	1972 12 08
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HILLCREST (LUFKIN) CEMETERY, ANGELINA CO.

Source: *Cemetery Records Angelina Co., Vol. II*

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN	1901 01 23	1969 12 29
GEORGE (BUDDY)	1923	1941
LAMAR	1921	1936
LOIS ALLENE	1902 11 25	1974 10 05
PAUL RAY	1940	1940

OLD UNION CEMETERY, ANGELINA CO.

Source: *Cemetery Records Angelina Co., Vol. I, 1846-1968*

JULIUS CAESER	circa 1854	1929
	died Brown County	

MALESSA/MELISSA ANDERSON ALLEN

PLEASANT VALLEY CEMETERY, BROWN CO.

Source: *Brown Co., TX, Cemeteries*

??	1889 02 22	1962 09 03
	"father" [?]	

ALLEN L.	1886 09 27	1919 01 25
	IOOF	
DORTHY OLENE	1922 11 28	1923 02 17
ETHEL LELIA		
(KENNEDY)	1892 03 03	195_ 06 22
HARRIET	1834 09 10	1885 03 10
	Wife of Jesse P.	
HATTIE ANN	—	—
	"mother DMW" [?]	
RUBY VIOLA	1918 03 02	1918 04 04
WM. B.	1860 02 12	1907 04 19
WM. J.	1883 07 18	1938 01 28
	"Fat dmw" [?]	

AVINGER CEMETERY, CASS CO.

Source: *Northeast TX Cemeteries, Vol. II*

BEATRICE	1883	1957
	Wife of Julius Howard	
BERTIE	1883	1957
GEORGE W.	1875	1942
	Husb and of Beatrice	
JOSEPH KEMP	1905 03 11	1984 02 16
	Husband of Ola	
JULIAN H.	1902	1916
JULIUS HOWARD	1902 01 30	1916 08 31
	Son of G.W. Alford	
OLA STAGGERS	1905 09 27	1980 02 17
	Wife of Joseph Kemp	

HUGHES SPRINGS CEMETERY, CASS CO.

Source: *Cass Co. Cemeteries*

FRANK M.	1859	1905
	Son of Artimus S.	
HENRETTA V.	1865	1922
Infant	1903	1903
MARY JO	1872 02 23	1873 01 16
	Daughter of A.S. & S.A. Alford	
RAYMOND	1901	1905

OLD GARY CEMETERY, CASS CO.

Source: *Cass Co. Cemeteries*

ANNIE OPHELIA	1835	1836
	Bear Creek Community [?]	
??	1885 02 18	1886 03 25

REEVES CEMETERY, CHAMBERS CO.

Source: *Chambers Co. Cemeteries*

J. P., DR.	—	1880 12 12
MARGARET	1837 12 02	1886 08 30

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TOM RICHARDSON CEMETERY, CHAMBERS CO.*Source: Chambers Co. Cemeteries*

MALINDA ALFRED	1831 09 08	1943 04 30
	[one of these years is wrong]	

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY, COLLINGSWORTH CO.*Source: Unknown*

WM L. ALLFORD	1856 05 20	1928 04 28
LOIS (JAMES)	—	—

NEW HOPE CEMETERY, COOKE CO.*Source: Cemetery Records of Cooke Co., TX*

EVART	1891 09 07	1893 10 15
	Son of S.B. & A.J.	

GREENBRIER CEMETERY, CORYELL CO.*Source: Coryell Cemeteries, Vol. I—p. 93*

CLAUD	1892 12 15	—
IVA ALVIS	1904 08 05	1934 05 07
MARY ADDIE	1861 06 09	1938 10 29
THURMAN SAMUEL	1901 05 09	1946 07 24

RESTLAND CEMETERY, CORYELL CO.*Source: Coryell Co., Tx. Cemetery Records*

C.B. BAKER	1832	1904
FANNIE	—	—
	Daughter of T.S. & C.B. Alford	
JEFF T.	1895	1954
MARY E.	1858	1858
	Daughter of T.S. & C.B. Alford	
PAUL W.	1900	1976
RUBY M.	1905	—
T. S.	1832	1868
VERA M.	1900	1977

SAGE CEMETERY, CORYELL CO.*Source: Coryell Cemeteries, Vol. I—p. 101*

ANCELA	1897 03 26	1897 05 05
	Daughter of T.A. & M.A. Alford	
ANNA	1870 01 24	1940 07 14
HESTER PEARL	1894 02 19	—
I. T. KDMONSON [?]	1859 02 14	1884 11 15
	"nee Alford"	
MARTHA ELIZ.	1842 01 18	1908 12 13
TOM J.	1867 04 12	1948 03 18
WM. A.	1870 02 19	1948 04 02

EASTLAND CEMETERY, EASTLAND CO.*Source: Eastland Cemeteries, Vol. I*

CORDELIA	1889 08 14	1957 04 09
JERRY FRANKLIN	1936 12 06	1937 02 04
	Son of Tommie & Lenorah Alford	
JAMES MONROE	1885 01 09	1953 08 16

MERRIMAN CEMETERY, EASTLAND CO.*Source: Eastland Cemeteries, Vol. I*

AUDREY	1906 05 17	1928 06 03
	Son of B.F. & L.M.	
BEN F.	1882 09 29	1968 01 18

OAKWOOD CEMETERY, EASTLAND CO.*Source: Eastland Cemeteries, Vol. III—p. 7*

DAVID GASTON II	1941 06 26	1960 09 09
Infant	1945 08 05	1945 08 06
	Son of Gaston & Zona Alford	

RISING STAR CEMETERY, EASTLAND CO.*Source: Eastland Cemeteries, Vol. III—pp. 119, 142*

[question as to whether p. 142 is Rising Star Cemetery]

CARRIE B. (JOYCE)	1871 12 28	1933 03 06
	Handwritten note: "w/o Jake L."	
JACOB L.	1864 07 19	1942 06 11
	Handwritten note:	
	"md. Brown Co., TX"	
JACOB N.	1891 09 25	1897 08 09
	Son of J.L. & T.C.	
RAYMOND H.	1902 10 01	1903 09 16
	Son of J.L. & T.C.	
TWILLIE C.	1867 10 01	1914 11 24
	Handwritten note: "nee Gibson"	

HILLCREST CEMETERY, ELLIS CO.*Source: Ellis Co., TX. Cemeteries, Vol. III—p. 91*

LELA LEWIS "Mother"	1892 01 07	1972 02 15
THOMAS G. "Father"	1889 07 16	1967 10 28
	Pvt. 165 Depot	
	Brigade TX WWII	

PALMER CEMETERY, ELLIS CO.*Source: Ellis Co., TX. Cemeteries, Vol. III—p. 111*

TERRY LEE	1939 06 21	1944 10 15
WANDA MAXINE	1935 09 19	1937 02 10

HUCKABY CEMETERY, ERATH CO.*Source: Erath Co. Cemeteries, Vol. 3—p. 167*

HENRY C.	1835 05	1914 09
MARY JANE	1852 12	1918 11

p. 232: Genealogical Notes—"Mollie Alford born 28 Dec. 1852 MS; died ov. 4 1918. Father D.P. Welch born MS; Mother Ann Carr born MS. Burial Huckaby Cemetery."

p. 237: Genealogical Notes—"Effie Violet Tomlinson born 11 Feb. 1882 Cairo, Ill; died 24 May 1937; w/o James B. Tomlinson. Father, James K. Alford born ILL; Mother, Mary Bethel born ILL. Burial Rising Starr, Tx."

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COLLINSVILLE CEMETERY, GRAYSON CO.*Source: Grayson Co., Tx. Cemeteries, Vol. I*

VIRGA 1898 01 02 1971 11 19
 Wife of Roberts Alford
 Daughter of Mr. & Mrs Beaver

TIOGA CEMETERY, GRAYSON CO.*Source: Grayson Co., Tx. Cemeteries, Vol. II*

S. A., MRS. 1837 02 19 1912 06 18

FORREST PARK CEMETERY, HARRIS CO.*Source: Unknown*

ALICE 1882 05 23 1964 08 21
 ALMA 1910 07 18 1979 01 31
 EDWARD E. 1916 10 26 1958 11 13
 GEORGE EMMITT 1889 10 10 1972 11 04

BAGGS CEMETERY, HOUSTON CO.*Source: Houston Co. Cemetery Records—p. 132*

ETHEL 1921 01 04 1932 01 24
 Infant 1933 1933
 Son of F.M.

CREEK CEMETERY, HOUSTON CO.*Source: Houston Co. Cemetery Records—p. 120*

ADELL ALFRED No marker
 BIRDIE
 CELIA 1901 12 24 1919 12 25
 CHARLES M. 1860 06 22 1935 03 24
 Handwritten note: "s/o Emma"

COURTNEY V.

ALFRED 1893 1925
 EDGAR 1878 1901
 EDGAR D. 1902 1935
 ELLA No marker
 EULIAN E. 1893 1896
 FRANK No marker
 GRACE HUKINS 1909 02 18 1927 11 19
 GUY H. 1888 01 07 1968 12 23
 Infant No marker
 Infant No marker
 JESSE L. ALFRED 1849 1929
 Handwritten note: "s/o David"
 LIZZIE 1899 1931
 LONNIE D. ALFRED 1878 1953
 Handwritten note: "s/o Jesse L."
 MOLLIE 1867 03 01 1915 12 03
 NELLIE No marker
 OPHELIA ALFRED 1857 1934
 Handwritten note: "wd Jesse L."
 REBBIE F. 1928 12 29 1929 01 16
 SALLIE GILBERT 1857 1947

VERNA J. 1934 01 20 1935 10 13
 WILLIE 1887 1920

EVERGREEN MEMORIAL CEMETERY, CROCKETT, HOUSTON CO.*Source: Houston Co. Cemetery Records—p. 24*

N. O., JR. 1923 03 10 1976 08 05
 PAULINE 1910 09 02 1975 11 09

OLD GLENWOOD CEMETERY, CROCKETT, HOUSTON CO.*Source: Houston Co. Cemetery Records—p. 3*

ANN BARFIELD 1807 05 1847 10
 GEORGE C., COL. 1893 06 19 1847 05 01
 [1893 should be 1793]

JIM ENGLISH CEMETERY, HOUSTON CO.*Source: Houston Co. Cemetery Records—p. 247*

D. R. ALFRED 1850 08 20 1902 03 06
 ELLZARO ALFRED 1889 03 10 ??
 FANNIE ALFRED 1875 1919
 L. E. ALFRED 1872 1893
 Wife of L.S.
 NEWTON ALFRED 1902 1918
 RICHARD H. ALFRED 1885 11 21 1950 08 09
 SCOTT ALFRED 1859 1937

OLD MISSISSIPPI CEMETERY, HOUSTON CO.*Source: Houston Co. Cemetery Records—p. 130*

WILLIAM B. 1874 1890
 Handwritten note: "s/o Emma"

UNION HILL CEMETERY, JOHNSON CO.*Source: Johnson Co., TX, Cemetery Inscriptions, Vol. III*

SUSAN E. 1847 05 05 1893 06 30

?? CEMETERY, JOHNSON CO.*Source: Johnson Co., TX, Cemetery Inscriptions, Vol. I*

EMMA C. 1873 07 09 1955 08 24

NEW PROSPECT CEMETERY, MARION CO.*Source: Unknown*

JACOB PERRY 1870 1941
 ROBERT PERRY 1901 02 24 1901 10 31
 Son of J.F. & Kate

OAKWOOD CEMETERY, MARION CO.*Source: Unknown*

J. C. 1876 06 15 1881 03 25
 WILLIAM B. 1881 03 26

Alford Family Notes: *Early Cheshire Alfords*

(The following is the third part of our continuing series from Josiah Alford's 1908 book, *Alford Family Notes*.)

The Alford of Alford bore as their arms Gules, fretty ermine. A grant of arms is also recorded as made to Laurence Alford in the reign of Richard III.

The Cheshire collection contains many deeds of Richard de Alford, who lived in the reign of King John. Among these documents occurs a fragment of his seal. This displays a man clad in armour with shield in his left hand and an uplifted sword in his right. He is seated upon a horse at full gallop. Round this remains part of the inscription "RIC D". The only remains of Alford Castle are the earthworks, which are extensive and interesting. They occupy an angle formed by the junction of a tributary stream with the River Dee, about four miles above Chester. An iron bridge has of late years replaced an old ferry across the Dee, which ferry had replaced the old ford (Alde-ford), from which the family name originated. When visiting the place some years ago, a man of 75 stated to the writer that as a boy he remembered this ferry, and that when the water was low the ferry-boat had to avoid a stone course crossing the bottom of the river, doubtless the remains of the ancient ford. The Roman road from Chester leads through the Eaton estate straight to the ford. The site of the Keep of the Castle is now locally called "Bobb Hill." The village of Alford lies just to the south of the Castle; and about three quarters of a mile still further south, near the road to Farndon and Hold, stands a new farmhouse, which replaced the old Alford Hall, which was pulled down in 1883.

The Harleian Society's volume for Cheshire records the marriage of "Robert (Richard) Alford, Knight, with

Mary, daughter of Richard Fitz-Eustace".

The pedigree of the family and descendant of Henry Alford, alias Fallows or Falwiz, who, about the year 1300, being a "younger son of the ancient family of the Alfords, assumed the name of his wife and property", will be found in Earwakers's "Cheshire."

Holt Castle came into the possession of Thomas Alford, second son of Robert de Alford, probably by his marriage, about the year 1500. An old oil painting still exists at Holt of the Castle as it stood in those days. The little town of Hold is less than three miles from Alford, but being on the opposite bank of the Dee is in Benbighshire. The position of the Castle of Hold is remarkable. It was perched upon a red rock, almost a pentagon in shape, surrounded by a moat tilled from the River Dee, which runs but a few yards distant and formed a natural defence upon the eastern side. The other sides of the Castle were protected by the sharp rise in the level of the ground in each direction, cut away artificially so as to form a perpendicular face of cliff. The picturesque ruin now belongs to Lord Kenyon.

Four generations of the Alford family held the Castle of Holt, the fourth, John Alford of Fawley Court, selling it shortly before his death in 1600.

The Holt Parish Registers only go back as far as 1662, and therefore contain no entries relating to the Alford family. It will be desirable to record here the following will:

Johanne Alford, widowe, late wyfe of Peter Alford, citizen of London, 1493. To be buried "in the parishe Church of St. George in Podyng Lane, otherwise called Rose Lane, where the bodie of my husband lyes". To the Church of St.

George "a goblett of syylver gylt". To Margaret my servant. Residue to my well-beloved Cosen Thomas Makworth.—29, Doggett, P.C.C.

Roger Alford of Chelmsford, Essex, 1517. "To Margaret my wyffe . . . to John my sonne my geldying that goeth in Stansted Park; my service of sylver and gylt;" etc. My cousin robert Alford of London, and Sir John Stafford, Executors.—5, Awoffe, P.C.C.

John Alford, citizen of London, 1535. "I bequith my soule unto Almightye God, and to his moste glorious Mother our Ladye, and my bodie to be buried in the parishe Church of St. Swithin in London, in the cloyster there." To my Cousin Johanne Alforde . . . residue unto Alice my wife. My right trustie friend robert Alforde and the said Alice, Executors. "To my Cousin Launcelott Alfrd a blak gowne".—20, Hogen, P.C.C.

The Chester wills begin only at 1545, previous to which year wills of that district were proved at Lichfield, out of which diocese that of Chester was formed. No Alford wills are to be found at either Registry.

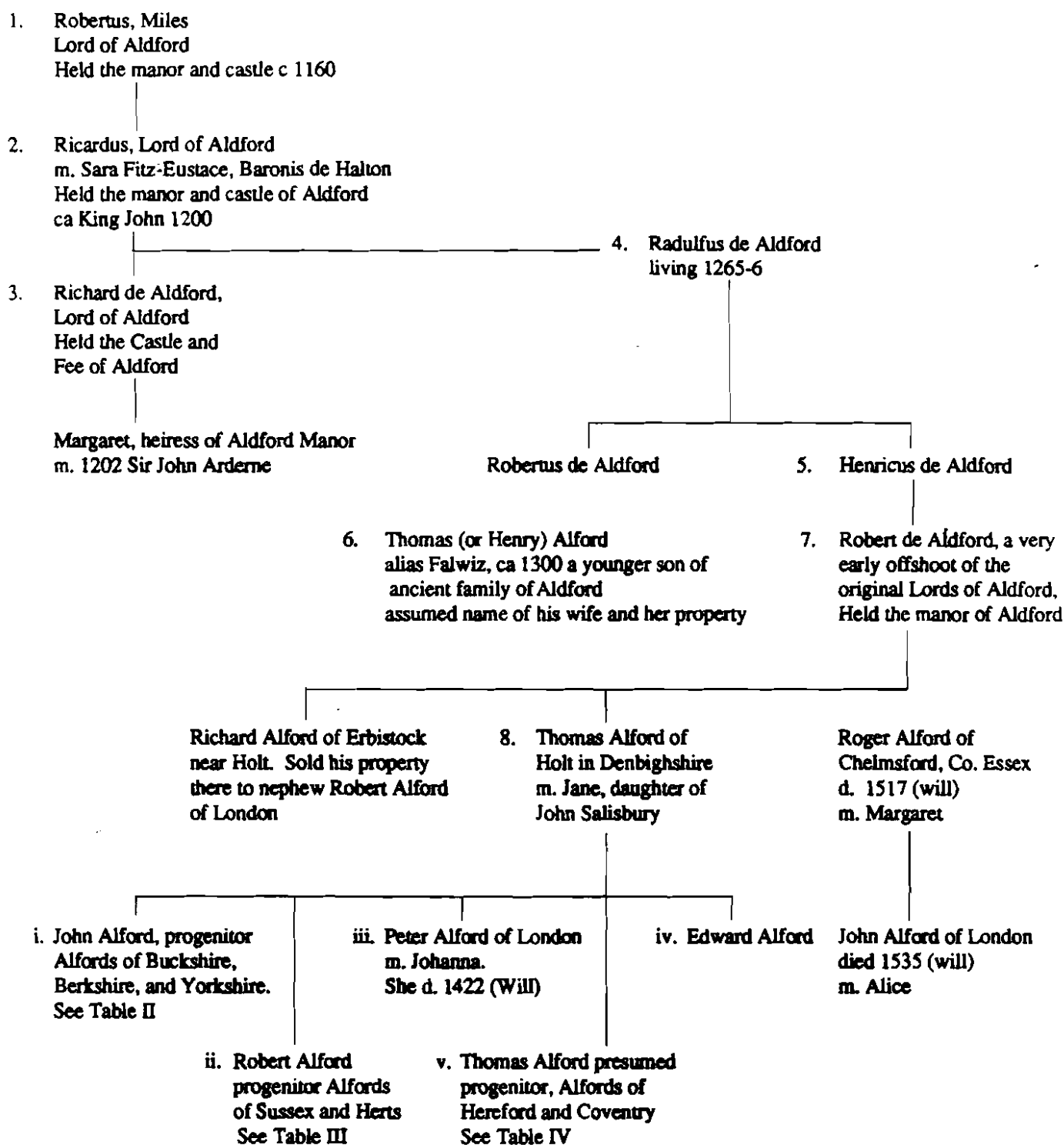
A mural tablet at the east end of the north aisle in Farndon Church, which is upon the Cheshire bank of the Dee, immediately opposite Holt, records a marriage of Puleston with Alford, and bears the arms of Alford of Hold: Six pears with a chief.

We now deal with the founders of the three branches of the Cheshire Alfords.

John Alford, the eldest son of Thomas Alford of Holt and Jane Salisbury his wife, in due course became the possessor of Holt Castle. He married and continued the senior line of the family through his eldest son, John Alford

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Table I



Some of the information in this table is discussed in the Introduction to *Alford Family Notes*, published in the March 1989 issue of AAFA ACTION. The connections between the various branches, represented by lines on the chart, are not entirely explained in the text.

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(junior), afterwards also of Holt Castle. The Bucks and Berks and Yorkshire at first in his sons Peter and Launcelot, but ultimately also through his son John mentioned above. See Table II and following notes. [next installment]

Robert Alford, the second son of Thomas of Holt and Jane his wife, was the founder of the Sussex and Hertfordshire branch. He married into the family of Brydges of Gloucestershire and of Somerset. Three of his sons entered into political life, causing the Alford name to be familiar in Parliamentary Reports and State Records. See Table III and following notes. [later installment]

Thomas Alford, the fifth and youngest son of Thomas and Jane of Holt, was apparently the founder of the Hereford and Coventry family. He is mentioned in an ancient deed in 1505, as "of the county of Hereford". In 1529 he was a Gentleman Usher in the Court of King Henry VIII, and was afterwards appointed "Signer or Sealer in Chancery," which office he held until his death in 1535. See Table IV and following notes. [later installment]

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Sent by Winona A. Sellard

PENNSYLVANIA EVENING POST
Thursday, 20 March 1770

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Deserted, 17 March, from the TORMENTOR armed boat, belonging to this state, WILLIAM ALFORD, who followed laboring down towards Chester and said his friends live near there. He is about 18 or 19 years of age, near 5'4" high. He has been seen within this day or two, skulking about this city.

Alfords from Scotland?

We continue to hear from folks who believe their Alford ancestors came from Scotland. There is no denying that there are Alfords in Scotland. There is a town named Alford in Aberdeen, and we have talked to folks who have visited with Alfords in Scotland. However, we are still lacking proof on a single connection between Alfords of this country and those of Scotland.

The following is an Alford lineage published in Frederick Adams Virkus' *THE COMPENDIUM OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY Vol. VI* in 1937 by The Institute of American Genealogy, Chicago. While we cannot PROVE it wrong, it certainly takes some liberties with what we think we know about our early Alford ancestry. The first part is as taken from the published account, and there follow a few observations based on AAFA records.

Olive Belle Alford^d (Robert^d, Kichen^d, Kinchen^d, James^d, James^d) was born 12 April 1875 in Morgan County, GA, the daughter of Robert Columbus Alford (1853-1921) and Elizabeth Cornelia Butler (1828-92) of Rutledge, Morgan Co., GA. Olive married Uly Samuel Gunn.

Robert^d was a builder and contractor. His other children were James Morgan, who died in infancy, Warren Hamilton (1880-1932), John Wade (1884-1928) and Katie, born 1890. He was the son of Kinchen Alford^d (1812-91) and Nancy Haines, who died in 1862. Kinchen^d was from NC but moved Sparta, Hancock County, GA. Nancy Haines, whom he married about 1840, was his second wife.

Kinchen^d was the son of Kinchen Alford^d and Linia Williams. He moved from GA to NC and married Linia Williams about 1789. His second wife was named Charlotte.

Kinchen^d was the son of James Alford^d (1741-1813) and Luranor. James was of NC and Washington and

Hancock Counties, GA. He served in the American Revolution and was given bounty land of 287.5 acres by the government of GA in 1786.

James^d was the son of James Alford^d of Scotland who came to NC, thence to Wilkes County, GA. He was a surveyor from 1784-87 and owned land grants totaling 3,700 acres in Wilkes County.

The following is based on information received over the years. It is not proven in most cases. Kinchen Alford^d, born 9 May 1812 and died 26 July 1891, was the son of Kinchen and Asenath Deany (Wooten) Alford. Kinchen^d married (1) Cynthia Alvera 28 July 1832 in Putnam County, GA and (2) Nancy Haynes [Haines] 20 June or January 1845 in Monroe County, GA. The Kinchen Alford who married Linia [Linda] Williams on 16 May 1789 in Franklin County, NC, is thought to be the uncle of Kinchen^d, not his father. "Our" Kinchen, Sr. was born 28 October 1779 in NC and died in January 1815 in GA. He married Asenath Wooten 18 January 1806 in Greene County, GA.

Our records suggest that James^d and James^d were the same person with land in the counties mentioned above. He also had extensive holdings in Greene Co. He married Luraner Boykin 14 Dec 1769. Luraner was the daughter of Thomas Boykin. James is thought to be the James, son of Lodwick Alford, who was proven by the will of Julius Alford, brother of Lodwick.

Lodwick was the son of James Alford born about 1687, probably in New Kent County, VA. In all our records we have found nothing to connect these families to Scotland.

If any reader has information to prove or refute any information in either of the above accounts, it would be greatly appreciated.

Research Progress and Plans

In the previous issue we gave you a very general overview of AAFA's research plans for both internal research and professional research. To save expenses on the latter, internal research is being given priority. The first phase of the internal research is to obtain information already in the hands of members. As evidenced by the content of this newsletter, a companion mailing, and material contained in Gil Alford's *ABOUT ALFORDS*, we continue to make headway in this effort.

The second phase of the internal research involves getting members to find "new" information. The Association has developed a research plan that uses a research organization within AAFA. The organization, working under the general supervision of the Association genealogist, will be many workers doing a little local research under the guidance of national project officers. Separate forms are being sent to each member family to solicit their help. The following paragraphs describe some of these projects.

NATIONAL PROJECT OFFICERS

Census Project

In Gil Alford's winter issue of *ABOUT ALFORDS*, he printed an index of all the Alfords enumerated in the 1790, 1800, and 1810 census of the United States. In the Spring issue there was a similar listing of all the Alfords enumerated in 1820, 1830, and 1840. In both issues, when available, the listings include the detailed numeric tabulations of the families. After seeing the listing for 1790-1810, Alicia Roundy Houston, AAFA Member #001, volunteered to be the National Project Officer for Alford Census Data. She already has in hand special listings of the above mentioned census years and copies of

all the census input furnished to Gil Alford by folks over the past five or six years.

Alicia has made her first report to the officers of the Association and is expected to have a report for each issue of the newsletter hereafter. In her report she identified in general the jobs she thought she would have to do. They were (1) collect, tabulate and evaluate data, (2) send data, reports or extractions to officers or members upon request, (3) make assignments to volunteers, (4) write reports for publication as needed or requested, (5) give update report at AAFA annual meeting, and (6) send data (computer disk or printed copies) to update the Alford Library each year.

She rolled these jobs up into a three-phase plan as follows: (1) Collect all available index pages for every census year, by state, for the surname Alford and variations; (2) using the above index pages, extract original entries from microfilm; (3) verify completeness and accuracy of extracted census data.

To accomplish the above, her plan of attack is:

- Assess and tabulate what has been collected and contributed to date
- Make tabulations available to membership, and solicit help in filling gaps
- Concentrate on data collection for priority states or years to systematically fill in gaps

This is a massive task, probably undertaken before for few, if any, surnames. The timing of Alicia's plan allows years 1-2 for index accumulation and processing, years 2-7 for extraction of all family data, and years 7-15 for verification.

Those interested in helping Alicia in this fascinating effort may write her or the Association. Her address is Alicia Roundy Houston, 739 5th Street - Rear, Oakmont, PA 15139. (412) 828-2384.

Alford Wills and Estate Records

One of the most important sources of genealogical information is wills and estate records, particularly for the period before 1850 and the detailed censuses. They are sometimes the only source of data for parent-child relationships. Franceine Rees, AAFA member #051, has agreed to be the Association's National Project Officer for Alford Wills and Estate Records. Not only does she have experience in working in this area, but she lives near the archives in North Carolina, a state which contains much Alford data.

The ultimate objective of this project will be to obtain copies of all extant Alford wills and estate records. The plans and milestones to reach that objective are yet to be worked out.

If you have Alford wills or information on wills, or if you desire to help Franceine on this important phase of our Alford work, please write the Association or Franceine. Franceine P. Rees, 116 S. Harding Street, Greenville, NC 27858. (919) 752-7390.

DAR Records

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), probably second only to the Mormon Church, has been the prime genealogical motivating organization in this country. DAR has collected, tabulated, indexed, etc., many conventional genealogical records. It has also created important genealogical records. Undoubtedly one of the most frequently quoted genea-

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logical sources is a DAR lineage. Some folks look at these as just as valid as primary sources such as birth records, death certificates, etc.

Lucy Shull Stevens, AAFA member #094, has agreed to be our DAR Project Officer. Some of you will know Lucy better as the daughter of Mrs. Lewis O. (Tressie) Bowman, who for years published the *ALFORD FAMILY BULLETIN*. Lucy is well qualified to serve in this capacity. She is a past regent of her DAR chapter as well as registrar for the chapter for seven years, genealogical research chairman and lineage research chairman. Her proximity to DAR Headquarters and Library in Washington D.C. is much to her and our advantage. Lucy has yet to work out the detailed plans of her project, but she acknowledges two main purposes: (1) Assist the Association in obtaining all Alford information available in the DAR records and (2) working with AAFA members who might have an interest in DAR and/or a desire to join DAR.

Members may contact Lucy at 803 Roxboro Road, Rockville, MD 20850. (301) 762-2446.

Cemetery Records

The plans to form a cemetery committee were announced in the two previous issues. The committee, working with Committee Chairman Julius M. Alford, has begun to formulate their plan of action. They are working on the information and form to be sent to all members soliciting their help in identifying cemeteries and Alford burial places and in transcribing data from cemetery stones or published cemetery sources. Added to the committee since the last announcement is Kimberly Beardsley, AAFA member #105. Kim, with her computer and computer operating ability, will prove to be a valuable asset to the committee.

Thanks to the several members who have already begun sending cemetery information. Other members are encouraged to join them. Information needed, as a minimum, is the inscription from the gravestones, the name and location of the cemetery, and something about the ownership and condition of the cemetery if known.

Send the information to the Association or direct to Julius M. Alford, P. O. Box 489, McComb, MS 39648. (601) 684-5911.

Other Project Officers Needed

While all member families will be receiving a special mailing requesting help, you need not wait for the form. If you want to lock up a good job before they're all gone, just write the Association or call President Lodwick H. Alford at (912) 638-9266 or Executive Assistant Gil Alford at (314) 831-8648. While most volunteers so far appear to be well qualified to do their jobs, you should not stand back because you're not experienced. The Association will work with you, and we will learn as we progress. Generally the project officers will be responsible for determining what Alford information is likely to be available nationwide on their subject, evaluate what has been done so far, and then develop and execute a plan, working with others in the Association, to obtain all the information. Some of the types of project officers needed are: Birth and Baptism Records, Death Records and Obituaries, Marriage Records, Deeds and Land Records, Tax Records, Military and Pension Records, Bible Records, Immigration & Naturalization Records, Passenger Lists, and Mormon Church (LDS) Records.

In addition there is a need for officers to coordinate the activity on several Association products such as ancestor charts or tables, lineages (will need one for each major branch and one for line-

ages in general), and family group records.

We're waiting to hear from YOU!

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

At the 1988 meeting in Atlanta there was a brief announcement about further organization of AAFA. As membership and activity in the Association grows, the need for leadership grows. It is expected that this leadership will be needed in two areas: by geographical area and family branch. Most significant at this time is the need for some geographical organization. That was evident in the planning for the 1988 meeting in Atlanta and has been even more apparent in Texas this last year.

Under the leadership of D. L. Alford, Jr., of Caldwell, Texas, there has been some informal organization working in Texas for almost a year. It is planned to formalize the Texas organization at the October meeting in Houston when we will establish a Vice President for Texas along with a state Secretary, state Genealogist and state Publicist.

The states to have such an organization will be determined by the membership in the state and the Alford "activity" of the state. Even when a full organization is not required, it is planned that one of our members will act as a state AAFA representative. In addition to D. L. Alford in Texas, we currently have two such representatives established. Mr. Willie M. Alford, AAFA member #128 of Bradenton, FL, is our Florida Representative; and Mrs. Richard (Euphamie) Stoewer, AAFA member #120 of Baton Rouge, is our Louisiana Representative.

Although the state organizations will not be specifically research oriented, they will have some interest in research in their particular states. The following

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are the general purposes of the state organization through their representatives.

1. Assist AAFA in serving state members.
2. Act as liaison between state workers and AAFA officers and national project officers.
3. Maintain general cognizance over state Alford resources.
4. Assist in the enlistment of state prospects.
5. Assist in involving members in state or national work.
6. If AAFA's annual meeting is held in the state, arrange and coordinate it.
7. Arrange for publicity for the Association within the state and provide the AAFA publications editor with state related information (not genealogical data) which has AAFA wide interest.

If you would like to represent your state or be part of a state organization, write to the Association.

After reading all the above, if you have the feeling that you would like to help your Association in some way—maybe by doing a little work at your local library or court house—but you don't want to take on any job as a leader, WE NEED YOU. The success of the chiefs described above is going to be determined greatly by the work done by many indians in the hinterlands. Don't be constrained by age or health. We have work that you can do at home if you can read and write. That is not to say that we expect all older members to stay home. Mr. Claude A. Alford, AAFA member #17 and a member of the cemetery committee, drives himself and gets around to the local cemeteries at age 91! Mrs. Jewell Gallagher, AAFA member #003, is 85 years old and she was one of the first to collect and send cemetery data. AAFA salutes these senior members and sincerely thanks them for their help.

Organization: Just What You Need

By James P. Alford

(This is the first of a series aimed at improving the quality of research in Alford genealogy and history. This and subsequent articles will present imaginative methods and examples to aid you in obtaining the most information from the sources available.)

After awhile, every genealogical researcher, amateur and professional alike, reaches a point where the sheer volume of data and conflicting "evidence" makes them want to seek simpler pursuits. Frustration mounts and suddenly, Couch Potato pastimes such as watching professional wrestling or soap operas seem attractive! Your first thought at those moments is, "What's wrong with me? Am I losing my grip?" Probably not. Most likely, you just need to organize your data a little better so that you can eliminate the truly bad stuff and begin putting together solid information!

Genealogy is more popular today than at any time in history, and editors and publishers everywhere have "blessed" us with a proliferation of new books. Unfortunately, many never heed the intellectual obligation to verify the information they print and end up repeating a lot of tired old junk.

When you're faced with conflicting data and need to determine the truth, a systematic grading system can quickly separate fact from fancy. Having a standard method of evaluating data and making judgments can save hours of time and aggravation, plus produce a higher quality finished product!

Before whipping yourself with a bundle of switches and vowing to never be confused and frustrated again, read the rest of this article. Then begin applying this common-sense approach to your research.

Remember how you lived with the A, B, C, D, F grading system in school? (Did you ever wonder why E wasn't a grade?) Well, this is also a great system for purposes of grading resources or relationships!

Try the following definitions and see how they fit your situation.

Resource Classes

- A. An original document or its reproduction ranging from government records and newspaper accounts to Bible records, family correspondence and tombstone inscriptions.
- B. An abstract or excerpt of original records, or a family story told by a person old enough to have been acquainted with the events and persons described.
- C. Hearsay. The account of a person who was not there or who repeated data previously published. A report that does not give the source of its information.
- D. Obviously flawed accounts. Usually old family stories that have been altered with the passage of time. Beware: Don't totally dismiss a story because parts of it are wrong!
- F. Absolute, unequivocal manure. This low level of documentation usually results from someone's desire to invent a famous ancestor or family history.

There! That takes care of a classification system for resources. Now, let's focus on evaluating the relationships that resources show existed between people in days gone by. This might seem strange if you already have class A documents that show a relationship, but often a stack of class A documents can't prove any better than a class C relationship!

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Since there are only four classes, we'll just use the first four letters of the A, B, C, D, F system.

Relationship Classes

- A. Proved Beyond a Doubt. Requires Class A or B records stating the exact relationship. All sources must be in agreement.
- B. Accepted as Correct. Requires Class A, B, or C records indicating that the relationship probably existed. The adjacency of tombstones qualifies for this class. All sources must be substantially in agreement.
- C. Possibly Correct. Vague or minimal references or a family tradition handed down from generation to generation. Most sources in agreement. Tombstones found in the same burial plot can be used to substantiate this class. Class D records with no conflicting evidence are sufficient.
- D. Not Accepted. Conflicts with evidence from higher classes.

An example of Resource and Relationship Classes will help to understand it: You travel 500 miles to visit your old Aunt Hattie and find out more about the family. Hattie pulls out a book by a local researcher and shows you that your ancestors are buried on Blueberry Hill and their names were John, Mary, and Charity. She also recalls that John and Mary had a son named Jonas who was her great-great-grandfather. On the way out of town you stop by the old family cemetery on Blueberry Hill and find three tombstones. Reading from left to right, the first is carved "John Smith, Husband of Mary, 1762-1833". The next is carved "Mary Smith, 1767-1830". The third is carved "Susan Smith, 1783-1795". You write this data in your notebook and photograph the tombstones. With all of this data in

hand you return home and consult the 1790 Census that shows a John Smith household with a grown man, a grown woman, 2 young men and 2 other free persons.

At this point, you're excited and ready to write them up and proudly publish your family history! But wait—let's evaluate your evidence! First, group your resources:

1. Your photographs of the tombstones are Class A.
2. Your transcription of the tombstone inscriptions is Class B.
3. Aunt Hattie's testimony about Jonas is Class C.
4. The book by the local researcher is only Class C.
5. The 1790 Census is Class A, but only for John Smith. Remember that no other names are mentioned.

Now, evaluate the relationships based on these resources:

1. That John was Mary's husband is Class A, based on his tombstone inscription. That John had a family is Class A based on the Census. The names of his family members are Class C based on the researcher's book.
2. That Mary was John's wife is only Class B. Although she is adjacent to him in the earth, her inscription does not mention him at all. She could have been his spinster sister or a cousin. More evidence is needed for positive identification.
3. That Susan is a daughter of John and Mary is strictly Class C. She could have been John's little sister or a niece.
4. That Jonas and Charity are children of John and Mary is Class C. Aunt Hattie never knew them and is only repeating family tales.

The strongest statements you could

make about this family are that Mary is thought to be John's wife and that Susan and possibly Jonas and Charity are thought to be John's children. This family history would not impress your friends and neighbors!

Are you still going to rush into writing it or are you going to wait and gather more information? Or are you ready to watch professional wrestling and soap operas with the Couch Potatoes?

Genealogy is a demanding discipline but, the rewards are great if the data collected is accurately recorded and portrayed. With this simple set of grading tools you should now be better equipped to evaluate and report the facts.

(Article Two will cover what to do with Old Family Tales and other highly inaccurate accounts.)

Editor Needs Help!

A big thank you to Jim Alford for the two articles he wrote for this issue, "What's in a Name" and "Organization: Just What You Need." Not only are these wonderful articles—informative, helpful, and even entertaining—but they arrived on a computer disk so I didn't have to retype them!

Getting AAFA ACTION out is a time-consuming job, so of course I appreciate all the help I can get. If you have a Macintosh or IBM-compatible computer and are willing to do straight copy typing or compose articles from source material, let me know. Gil Alford, our Executive Assistant, has so much good material that needs to be published that we can keep everyone who wants to help as busy as they want to be! If you have an article you'd like printed but don't have a computer, send it to Gil or me and we'll get it typed.

Pam Thompson
AAFA Publications Editor

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