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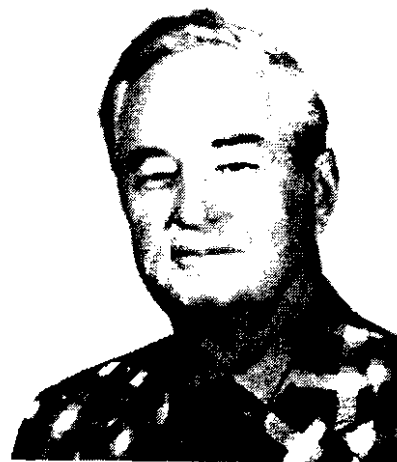
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President's Precept

HELLO KINFOLKS! THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING!

WELCOME ABOARD! for all new members since our June newsletter. You're just in time to make your plans, make your reservations, and pack your bags for Houston. The countdown continues to the Second Annual Meeting of our Alford American Family Association to be held on October 14, 1989, in that fabulous Texas city. But come early—our Texas spies led by D.L. Alford, Jr., have planned a bodacious "get-acquainted" soiree for 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13. There will be light finger-food and a cash bar. If you've ever wondered whether other lines of Alfords were as peculiar and cantankerous as your own line, here is your chance to find out. Elsewhere in this newsletter is additional information about the meeting.



Captain Lodwick H. Alford
U.S. Navy, Retired
AAFA President

Seriously now folks, HELP! Our superb Executive Assistant Gil Alford tells me the response to our recent questionnaires was very disappointing. Only a small percentage of the forms was returned. Cousins, that just won't cut it. We've got to have help if we expect to carry out the purposes of the Association, which are primarily to find answers to the questions and mysteries about our ancestors. I know you aren't afraid of work, but perhaps you don't want to get overloaded. I can understand that—let me assure you that we will not do that. Trust me! You set your own pace in work for AAFA. Perhaps you're afraid of exposing your ignorance and lack of expertise in research. Well, join the club—you're in good company. None of us (well, very few of us) are experts in genealogy. But are you willing to learn as we go along? So get those forms in, folks. Take a

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Treasurer's Report

	1988 ACTUAL	1989 BUDGET ORIGINAL	1989 BUDGET REVISION (8/30/89)	1989 ACTUAL TO DATE (8/30/89)
REVENUE				
REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 700.00	\$1200.00	\$1380.00	\$ 930.00
INITIAL DUES	560.00	750.00	1104.00	744.00
RENEWAL DUES	320.00	784.00	800.00	576.00
DONATIONS (General)	682.57	1000.00	1326.00	1011.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2267.57	\$3734.00	\$4610.00	\$3261.00
EXPENSES				
POSTAGE & PO BOX	\$ 653.97	\$1439.00	\$1900.00	\$ 1321.19
STATIONERY	817.01	0.00	250.00	197.45
PRINTING	337.84	1510.00	1660.00	863.26
RESEARCH	0.00	340.00	200.00	139.81
FAMILY EMBLEM	200.00			
MISCELLANEOUS	241.37	445.00	600.00	413.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2250.19	\$3734.00	\$4610.00	\$2934.91
NET WORTH	\$1399.26			\$326.09

In addition, \$779 has been donated to help cover the costs of the 1989 Meeting Reception. These funds are being kept separate from the general funds of the Association. Members may be assured that their dues, fees, and general donations will not be used for the enjoyment of those actually attending the meeting.

Members are encouraged to make donations to the general fund and/or to the Meeting Reception. The donations so far have been generously made primarily by the Texans planning and hosting the meeting.

Please note that in the June issue of *AAFA ACTION*, the Net Worth of the Association was indicated as a negative number. This was incorrect; our net worth as of June 30, 1989, was \$36.89. This quarter shows a big improvement!

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.

Julius M. Alford
AAFA Treasurer

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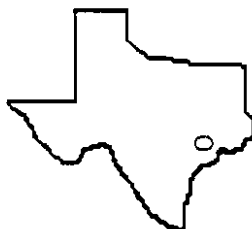
Head for Houston!

If you're not already planning on heading for the Houstonian Hotel in Houston for AAFA's Annual Meeting next month, and you can possibly get there, you should. By the end of August, over 70 folks had already registered, and it is expected there will be well over 100 there! They are coming from California, Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri, Texas and probably other states.

Our Texas hosts have been doing some very elaborate planning, and several of them have reached deep into their cowboy pants to donate money to provide snacks—they said Texas Munchies was a better description—for the members on Friday evening. An informal get-acquainted reception will begin at 6:00 Friday evening. Registration will start at 5:00. A cash bar will be available for those with that kind of

thirst, and the Texas Munchies sound great!

The meeting on Saturday will begin at 9:00 a.m. with registration starting at 8:00. President Lodwick Alford will conduct the business session, and if it



goes like the one in Atlanta last year, he really moves things along. A most interesting part of the program will be a presentation by Miss Maxine Alcorn, the manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research [see related article on p. 15]. The library, part of the Houston Public Library

System, is considered the fourth best genealogical library in the nation. The other part of the Saturday program is the Alford Family Forum, which means members are going to talk about their Alford kin. There are plans for a handout containing charts showing how members fit together and what our kinship is.

To make it possible to prepare the charts just mentioned and so that name tags can be prepared in advance, it is important that all planning to attend register in advance. The cost is \$3 and the names of all folks planning to attend should be listed.

One important subject to be discussed is where we will meet next year, and in 1991 and 1992. If you want to influence that, be there. If you can't be there, be sure and write to the AAFA and state your position on the subject.

AAFA Needs You

The present AAFA officers have served for two years, and they deserve a big round of applause for doing such a terrific job during these early growth years. However, of our seven officers, only four are able to continue for a third year.

Unfortunately, no other AAFA members have volunteered to serve as officers during the coming year. Two hundred member families were mailed the Election of Officers form asking for volunteers for national, state, and research project officers. Out of 200 families, 30 returned the forms. We appreciate very much these generous offers to serve as officers—each job is very important in furthering our research efforts.

However, we still need a few good men and women to serve as national officers. The available positions are not

time-consuming or difficult. If you can spare a few hours a month, why not spend them helping your Association?!

The president directed that another form be sent to all members, giving them another chance to volunteer so that some planning can be done before and at the meeting in Houston. Most members will have received this form by the time this newsletter is received. If you said no again on that form, and have now had a change of heart seeing that the "other" members are not going to do it all, it's not too late. Just drop a note to the Association saying what type of work you'd like to do.

The Research Resource Questionnaire sent in a second mailing was initiated by Nancy Alford Dietrich when she was the Genealogist-Librarian. As it was staffed through the organization, there was some reorganization and Bill

Mitchiner became the Genealogist. So Nancy designed the form, President Lodwick Alford modified it a bit, Bill Mitchiner approved (complimented) it, Pam Thompson made it pretty, and Gil Alford mailed it out. All these folks support the concept behind the form. It has been proven more than once that research done by the members is more effective than that done by a professional researcher.

However, of the 200 that were mailed out, only 15 were returned with offers to help. If you still have your form, won't you complete it and send it in? We need a wider geographical distribution of researchers, and we'd like more of you to participate. Remember, we'll help you if you feel that your inexperience in genealogical research is a detriment. It's fun, easy, and rewarding—the ancestor you find may be your own!

New Member Lineages

This quarter we are instituting a new format for publishing the lineages of new members. We hope this format will be more valuable to you—it includes much more data on the ancestors, so it should be easier to determine if you share an ancestor with the listed member.

If you can add information or make corrections, please do so. You can submit the information on plain paper or you can request a blank Alford Family Worksheet from AAFA. All additions and corrections will be published in this newsletter.

The numbers preceding the names of the new members listed below (in **bold print**) are their AAFA Member #'s. Numbers printed before the names of the ancestors are the numbers on the members' pedigree charts.

NOTE: Lodwick Alford, born about 1710 in Virginia, is included in many of the lines that follow. Much is still to be learned about Lodwick. The family tradition that he died 1789 in Georgia is becoming weaker all the time, and so far not a shread of evidence has been found to support it. The Lodwick who wrote his will in 1792 did die about 1800, but it is not known if this was the same one who was born in 1710. Exactly which Lodwick was the father of several of those listed in the lineages is still not known.

Wives Susanna Hartley and Rebecca Ferrell have been listed. It is proven that Lodwick married a Susanna, but the Hartley has not been proven. Strong family tradition says he married a Rebecca Ferrell, but no proof to this claim has been found.

# / PED. #	MEMBER / ALFORD ANCESTOR	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	DEATH DATE	DEATH PLACE	SPOUSE
#173 MARSHALL E. ALFORD						
1	MARSHALL EDWARD	19300125				BRANTLEY, SARA LIND
2	CLARIS MARSHALL	19030802	TX BELL			WETZEL, DAISY MAY
4	MARSHALL	1872	TX HAMI	1933		PETTUJOHN, BERTIE
8	JOHN RANKIN	18340118	TN LAWR			MALONE, MARTHA (1)
16	ALSEY	18020920	TN / NC	1854		WILLIAMS, CELIA
32	BAILEY	17810715	NC	1836-40		WILLIAMS, NANCY
64	ISAAC	1740E	NC		NC	ALFORD, MARY
65	MARY	1740E	NC		NC	ALFORD, ISAAC
128	JULIUS	171709	VA	177111	NC BUTE	____, LUCY
130	LODWICK	1710CA	VA	1800CA	NC	
256	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	
260	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	
#174 LEE T. ALFORD						
1	LEE THOMAS	19471008	VA			ANDERSON, SHERRIE L.
2	ELMER LEE	19050107	TX JONE			LOWERY, MARY GERTRUDE
4	WALTER LEE	18790309	TX MCLE	19550425	TX JONE	FRY, MAGGIE
8	ZACHARY TAYLOR	18500825	AL	18861008	TX ????	THORNTON, ELVIRA J.
#175 GRETTA M. ALLEN						
48	MAREY	1779	NC			ASHLEY, JOHN WILEY
96	WILLIAM	1750E	NC ??			
#176 BETTY ALFORD MCGUGAN						
1	BETTY	19330630				MCGUGAN, ROBERT VERNON
2	MORRIS ROBERT	19041020	TX BOWI			KILLINGSWORTH, RUBY
4	ROBERT HENRY	18560401	AR UNIO			HARMS, HELEN MAGLEANA

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# / PED. #	MEMBER / ALFORD ANCESTOR	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	DEATH DATE	DEATH PLACE	SPOUSE
#177 LOUISE ALFORD EKIN						
1	LOUISE GRACE	19240719	GA WORT			EKIN, C. WILLIAM
2	WILLIAM LEORUS H.	18631023	NC WAKE	19310616	GA WORT	OVERBY, LUCY MELVINA (2)
4	GREEN HAYWOOD	18200607	NC WAKE	18771213	NC WAKE	JONES, REBECCA
8	NATHANIEL GREEN	1787	NC WAKE	1848	NC WAKE	LILES, NANCY ROSE
16	JAMES LODWICK	17490707	NC BUTE	1820	NC WAKE	ROSS, SUSANNAH
32	JAMES	17130207	VA NEWK	1782CA	NC FRAN	
64	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	
#178 ROBERT S. BARROWS						
A UNC	ROBERT MORROW	18480714	MO LAFA			BARROWS, FLORENCE
B UNC	THOMAS	1811??	VA (WV)			
#179 JOE D. ALFORD						
1	JOE D.	19520604				GARNER, JOYCE G.
2	JOE BENGE	19180623	TX KNOX			SWARTHOUT, GEORGE MARIE
4	VAN DORN	1885		1925		BENGE, MYRA ANN
8	JOHN RANKIN	18340118	TN LAWR			KING, LERONA (2)
16	ALSEY	18020920	NC	1854		WILLIAMS, CELIA
32	BAILEY	17810715	NC	1836-40		WILLIAMS, NANCY
64	ISAAC	1740E	NC		NC	ALFORD, MARY
65	MARY	1740E	NC		NC	ALFORD, ISAAC
128	JULIUS	171709	VA	177111	NC BUTE	____, LUCY
130	LODWICK	1710CA	VA	1800CA	NC	
256	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	
260	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	
#180 SARAH MAY ALFORD						
1	CECIL	19100823	TX TAYL	19800506	TX EAST	____, SARAH MAY
2	BENJAMIN FRANKLIN	18820923		19680118	TX	MCCOWAN, LULA
4	THOMAS JEFFERSON	1853CA	AL	19270910	TX TAYL	SMITH, FRANCES VIRGINIA
8	JACKSON	1830CA	AL	1900	TX ROBN	____, MARY
#181 DR. DAVID ALAN SCHULTZ						
11	MARTHA J.	1842CA	MS			BULLOCK, JESSE A.
22	WARREN JACKSON	18190913	MS PIKE	18991122	MS ????	LEWIS, CELIA ANN
44	EDWIN BARKSDALE	17921112	NC CUM?	18780310	MS PIKE	SMITH, MARTHA
88	JACOB	17610815	NC BUTE	18240718	LA WASH	BRYANT, ELIZABETH (1)
176	JULIUS	171709	VA NEWK	177111	NC BUTE	____, LUCY
352	JAMES	1687CA	VA	VA		
#182 PIKE AMITE WALTHALL LIBRARY						
An institution for which there is no lineage						
#183 ROBERT PERRY COYNER, JR.						
5	MARY ADELINE	18830828	TX HARN	19271203	TX HARN	COYNER, HEBER WRIGHT
10	JOSIAH PERRY	18431026	TX HARN	18971007	TX HARN	BADGETT, MARY ADELINE (2)

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20	LODWICK PIERCE	18120112	GA GREE	18960607	TX HARN	SHERRILL, MARTHA ANN E.
40	LODWICK	17750202	NC	18570722	GA TROU	JACKSON, JUDITH
80	JULIUS CAESAR	1747CA	NC	18200825	GA GREE	JACKSON, REBECCA
160	LODWICK	1710CA	VA	1800CA	NC	FERRELL, REBECCA
320	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	

#184 BESSIE RENEE HUBBARD

23	SARAH JANE	18110206	NC	18530517		TOWNSEND, ELIAS PHILIP
46	ELIAS	17791021	NC ROBN	18580728	SC DILL	HEDGEPEETH, CHARITY
92	JACOB	17381212	VA NEWK	182607	NC ROBE	PACE, MARY
184	LODWICK	1710CA	VA	1800CA	NC	HARTLEY, SUSANNAH
368	JAMES	1687CA	VA	VA		

#185 MARY ALFORD

Information on her family and Alford ancestors has not been received.

#186 NADINE STEVENSON

21	LEVISA	1807-8	AL	1881CA	AR HOTS	HENDERSON, ABNER
42	DAVID	1785CA	VA			_____, POLLY
84	ROBERT	1760CA	ENGLAND?			_____, SUSANNA

#187 REV. CHARLES H. ALFORD

1	CHARLES H.	19250529				SALTZMANN, ALOMA RUTH
2	CLARENCE V.	18881115	TX	19301012	TX SABI	CARTER, LAURA LEE
4	THOMAS REDDEN	18550318	AL / TX	18981227	TX SABI	COLLIER, SALLIE M. (2)
8	ISHAM	1815CA	AL ??	18880607	TX SABI	HODGES, SYLVIA ANN
16	THOMAS	1770E	VA / TN			

#188 WINSTON B. MURRAY

3	ETHEL MAY	18890521	TX FANN	19630719	TX BROW	MURRAY, GEORGE EMORY
6	JAMES K.	18451128	IL JERS	1919	TX SANS	BETHEL, MARY DEAN
12	HARVEY	1815E		18800520		_____, MARY

#189 ELIZABETH LYNETTE JESTER

A UNC BURGESS

Additional information is need on exactly which Alfords were her aunts and uncles.

#190 JUDGE STEVE A. ALFORD, JR.

1	STEVE A.	19200812	LA			PEATROSS, KATE P.
2	STEVE A.	18921218	LA TANG			POWELL, JOYCE
4	ARTHUR COLLEY	18691023	LA TANG	19371209		HAYDEN, MARY
8	MARSHALL THOMAS	18390927	LA WASH	19040524	LA TANG	SELF, CHARITY ANN
16	JOHN SEABORN	18071011	LA WASH	18911115	LA WASH	BRUMFIELD, MARGARET
32	JACOB	17610815	NC BUTE	18240718	LA WASH	SEABORN, FRANCES (2)
64	JULIUS	171709	VA NEWK	177111	NC BUTE	_____, LUCY
128	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	

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#191 EVELYN ALFORD COOK						
1	EVELYN	19271213				COOK, FLOYD L.
2	GEORGE A.	18940901	TX LAMA			MARKLEY, ONA M.
4	ROBERT HENRY	18560401	AR UNIO			HARMS, HELEN MAGLEANA
#192 ROSE MARIE ALFORD SHELTON						
1	ROSE MARIE	19491118	TX MILA			SHELTON, RAYMOND STEVEN
2	CLARENCE EWIN	19120425	TX MILA			NICKELS, CARRIE ALICE
4	THOMAS EWIN	18871223	TX MILA	19640123	TX HARR	ROSE, CAROLINA
8	HURST JUSTICE	18520623	TX MILA	19021011	TX MILA	EADS, MARY LUVENIA
16	JOHN REDDEN	1820	SC	1891	TX MILA	HARRISON, NANCY
#193 CHARLES LEE ALFORD						
1	CHARLES LEE	193706	NC ??			
2	CHARLES BERRY	18820724	NC	19581128	NC FRAN	STRICKLAND, LALA (2)
4	PATRICK H.	18560608	NC	19160326		PEARCE, MARY A.
8	HINES BERRY	182701	NC	1905		WADFORD, LUANSA ELLEN
#194 JOHN WARREN ALFORD						
1	JOHN WARREN					
Clarification on which John Warren this is, and data on his family and ancestors is needed.						
#195 JANN HARPER						
1	JUANITA ANN	19430222				
2	HAROLD	19140105				_____, JUANITA
4	WILLIAM	18860731	TX HOUS	19200101	TX HOUS	HIROMS, EMILY ANN
8	CHARLES					
	MONTGOMERY	18600622	MS	19350324	TX HOUS	TONEY, MARY A.
16	FRANCIS A.	1828	MS	1879	TX HOUS	WILLIAMS, AMARINTHIA
32	HALCUT	17880505	GA GREE	18580313	MS MADI	_____, HARRIETT C.
64	JULIUS CAESAR	1747CA	NC	18200825	GA GREE	JACKSON, REBECCA
128	LODWICK	1710CA	VA	1800CA	NC	
256	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	
#196 HOLLIS W. ALFORD						
1	HOLLIS W.	19211224	TX ANGE			FERGUSON, ARLIENE
2	ELTON CLYDE	18941027	TX ANGE	19670228	TX BROW	SAWYER, VIOLA
4	JULIUS CAESAR	18570710	TX RUSK	19281231	TX BROW	ANDERSON, MELISSA
8	MARMADUKE	1833	AL			MCGRAW, ANNIE BELL
16	JOHN	1800CA	NC			
#197 ROBERT DOUGLAS ALFORD						
1	ROBERT DOUGLAS					
Information was not received on his family and Alford ancestors.						

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#198 W. M. ALFORD						
1	WILLIAM MALCOLM	19200224	TX HOUS			ALLEE, LOIS
2	WILLIAM	18860731	TX HOUS	19200101	TX HOUS	HIROMS, EMILY ANN
4	CHARLES M.	18600622	MS	19350324	TX HOUS	TONEY, MARY A.
8	FRANCIS A.	1828	MS	1879	TX HOUS	WILLIAMS, AMARINTHIA
16	HALCUT	17880505	GA GREE	18580313	MS MADI	_____, HARRIETT C.
32	JULIUS CAESAR	1747CA	NC	18200825	GA GREE	JACKSON, REBECCA
64	LODWICK	1710CA	VA	1800CA	NC	
128	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	
#199 BILLY RAY GIBSON						
3	SALLY LOUISE	19070615	AL MORG			GIBSON, ALBERT HANSFORD
6	ALTON CHARLES	18691123	AL MORG			DRAKE, MARY EMMA
12	EZEKIEL C.	18410424	AL WALK			STOVALL, MARY S.
24	PLEASANT M.	1801CA	AL			SANDLIN, LAVINA
Changes were made in the information submitted based on earlier data furnished by another member descendant.						
#200 JOHN ROGERS ALFORD, JR.						
1	JOHN ROGERS	19280801	TX			
2	JOHN ROGERS	18850201	TX	19600308	TX	LANDON, SUSAN
4	EGBERT BENSON	18580414	AL CHAM	19330826	TX RUSK	OVERTON, ELLA A.
8	JOHN ROGERS	18100804	GA	18811110	AL CHAM	BEALL, AMELIA SAFRONIA
16	KINCHIN	17791028	NC	181501	AL CHAM	WOOTEN, ASENATH DEANY
32	JAMES	17400520	VA / NC	18121112	GA HANC	BOYKIN, WINIFRED LURANER
64	LODWICK	1710CA	VA	1800CA	NC	HARTLEY, SUSANNAH
128	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	
#201 GERALD BUCHANAN						
19	MARTHA	1830E	AL ??			
38	OWEN ????	1800E	AL ??			
#202 JIM ALFORD						
1	JIMMIE J.	19331004				BRACKIN, GLENDA
2	CLARIS MARSHALL	19030802	TX BELL			WETZEL, DAISY
4	MARSHALL	1872	TX HAMI	1933		PETTUJOHN, BERTIE
8	JOHN RANKIN	18340118	TN LAWR			MALONE, MARTHA (1)
16	ALSEY	18020920	TN / NC	1854		WILLIAMS, CELIA
32	BAILEY	17810715	NC	1836-40		WILLIAMS, NANCY
64	ISAAC	1740E	NC		NC	ALFORD, MARY
65	MARY	1740E	NC		NC	ALFORD, ISAAC
128	JULIUS	171709	VA	177111	NC BUTE	_____, LUCY
130	LODWICK	1710CA	VA	1800CA	NC	
#203 PATRICIA ALFORD DEGROFFT						
1	PATRICIA ANN	19520911	CA TEHA			DEGROFFT, DUEANE HOLLIS
2	JACK VERNON	19250105	CA TEHA	19890711	CA TEHA	STONE, BETTY LOUISE
4	ROY VERNON	19041214	CA BUTT	19760527	CA TEHA	DAYTON, BERNICE F.
8	JOHN EMMETT	18710407	CA BUTT	19340221	CA TEHA	RAYMOND, CAROLYN E.

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16	JULIUS MARION	18420712	AR PULA	19330426	CA TEHA	PRINE, SARAH MELVINA
32	ROBERT TEMPLE	18140428	LA	18900317	CA TEHA	WILLIAMS, AMERICA (2)
#204 REV. DOUGLAS LEE ALFORD						
1	DOUGLAS LEE	19381027	TX			EARLY, SHIRLEY
2	ELTON CLYDE	18941027	TX ANGE	19670228	TX BROW	SAWYER, VIOLA
4	JULIUS CAESAR	18570710	TX RUSK	19281231	TX BROW	ANDERSON, MELISSA
8	MARMADUKE	1833	AL			MCGRAW, ANNIE BELL
16	JOHN	1800CA	NC			
#205 HERBERT H. ALFORD						
1	HERBERT	19281121	TX			_____, MARY E.
2	ROBERT ATTICUS	18900505	TX BURL	19790807		STUBBS, MAE (1)
4	HALCUT	18541127	TX BURL	19280622	TX BURL	SCOTT, MARY JANE
8	RICHARD E.	18180715	GA	18870126		LEE, FRANCES ELIZABETH (2)
16	HALCUT	17880505	GA GREE	18580315	MS MADI	_____, HARRIETT C.
32	JULIUS CAESAR	1747CA	NC	18200825	GA GREE	JACKSON, REBECCA
64	LODWICK	1710CA	VA	1800CA	NC	
128	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	
#206 GEORGE F. WATFORD						
7	MARGARET T.	18520109	TX BURL	18920122		WATFORD, GEORGE
14	RICHARD E.	18180715	GA	18870126		LEE, FRANCES ELIZABETH (2)
28	HALCUT	17880505	GA GREE	18580315	MS MADI	_____, HARRIETT C.
56	JULIUS CAESAR	1747CA	NC			JACKSON, REBECCA
112	LODWICK	1710CA	VA	1800CA	NC	
224	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	
#207 ROBERT B. ALFORD						
1	ROBERT B.	19220316	TX			_____, MAXINE H.
2	JAMES BURNS	18900128	TN	19370504	TX PALO	KNOWLES, HATTIE GLADYS
4	CHARLES A.	18671018	TN	19420810	TX PALO	BURNS, SARAH A.
8	JAMES MADDEN	1832	TN			CHILDRRESS, MARTHA F. (1)
16	ISAAC W.	18051114	NC	18591123		EDMISTON, MARY P.
32	BAILEY	17810715	NC	1836-40		WILLIAMS, NANCY
64	ISAAC	1740E	NC		NC	ALFORD, MARY
65	MARY	1740E	NC		NC	ALFORD, ISAAC
128	JULIUS	171709	VA	177111	NC BUTE	_____, LUCY
130	LODWICK	1710CA	VA	1800CA	NC	
256	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	
260	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA	
#208 ROY L. ALFORD						
1	ROY L.	19440922	TX ANGE			YELDELL, SUSAN E.
2	HOLLIS W.	19211224	TX ANGE			FERGUSON, ARLIENE
4	ELTON CLYDE	18941027	TX ANGE	19670228	TX BROW	SAWYER, VIOLA
8	JULIUS CAESAR	18570710	TX RUSK	19281231	TX BROW	ANDERSON, MELISSA
16	MARMADUKE	1833	AL			MCGRAW, ANNIE BELL
32	JOHN	1800CA	NC			

What's in a Name? (Part Two)

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

JAMES ALFORD of New Kent County, Virginia, born in the 1680's or possibly before, is the earliest accepted ancestor of probably 50% of today's American Alford's. It's 80% certain that he was a descendant of either WILLIAM and DOROTHY ALFORD as the Colonial Dames allude or of JOHN ALFORD SR. as others believe. In the previous article, tracing the origins of the Southern Alford's ended in New Kent County. This time, we will leap further back in time and cross the Atlantic for a look at family origins in Great Britain.

The Colonial Dames officially recognize that WILLIAM and DOROTHY were here by 1700 (actually well before). JOHN SR. probably arrived in 1662. Sadly, not one source known today can pinpoint their origins. It's a certainty though, that they were subjects of the Crown and probable that they sailed from Bristol, since the majority of New World-bound ships originated there.

A series of social upheavals in Seventeenth Century England inspired many citizens to seek the New World, either on their own or as an alternative to the King's gallows. Genealogical Wisdom says that Early Virginians are easily back-tracked by their geographical name patterns. Peter Wilson Coldham in the preface to his compendium, *The Complete Book Of Emigrants 1607 - 1660*, refers to the land bonus system that prompted the recruitment of Indentured Servants. He says, "This pattern of recruitment, reflected in the passenger lists which have survived, means that groups going to Virginia tended to have a common geographical origin, and to repeat an English pattern

of surname distribution in the area in which they settled."

Where Do We Start?

Since we are primarily interested in only one surname, a "surname distribution pattern" initially seemed useless. Indeed, a FIRST name search seemed the shorter path to the goal. Distinct first names existed among those earliest ALFORDS of New Kent County. Why not look for those names across the ocean? When found, they would reveal where our ancestors came from!

One work, *The Vestry Book And Register Of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent and James City Counties, Virginia*, transcribed and edited by C. G. Chamberlayne, exists that provides names of the families of JOHN SR., JOHN JR., WILLIAM and JAMES. The ones of interest, because of their uniqueness and proximity to the line of descent, are those of James' known sons: LODOWICK, JULIUS, GOODRICH, WARREN and as tradition tells it, SION. At least three of these brothers moved south to North Carolina about 1740 and raised children, providing us with a secondary set of names to scrutinize. Unique among these were BAILEY, ANSELL, DRURY, KINCHEN and BRITTAIN. If you read the first article in the June, 1989 issue of AAFA ACTION, you are already familiar with initial efforts to connect these to related families.

The Old World

Research began with a search of the 1900 or so volumes of English, Scots, Welsh and Irish genealogy at Clayton Library in Houston, Texas. The goal was to find the locale of any Sixteenth or Seventeenth century ALFORD with the same unique first names as the New Kent County crowd. Hours of sneezing and wheezing through musty volumes,

however, failed to produce a significant discovery!

In Scotland, hopes soared briefly when a Polish Marquis named EARLE LODOVICK was found to have lived in Aberdeenshire near a village named ALFORD! What more conclusive a connection could a researcher want? All of the ideal ingredients were there—ALFORD, LODOVICK, NOBILITY. . . . Being Polish probably isn't what we had in mind, but that could be overlooked in our quest for the TRUTH.

There was only one problem: No provable ALFORDs appeared in Scotland until the early Nineteenth Century! (This seems to refute claims of Scottish origin expressed in several Alford biographies including those of Olive Belle Alford [GA] and George Alford [NY].) Where did the village name come from then?

A side-trip into Scottish geographical and historical references failed to produce an answer. One geographical dictionary states that it is "of local origin", which is an author's way of saying that he doesn't know and didn't have much time to dig into it.

Oh, Well!

The entire project was faltering when a terrific source, *The 1988 Edition of the International Genealogical Index*, published by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, (hereafter called the LDS IGI) arrived at Clayton Library. It is a huge microfiche collection that provides the most complete set of birth, christening and marriage records for Great Britain and numerous other countries that can be found.

The microfiche investigation was

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basically the same as the earlier book search: a county by county review of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, seeking ALFORDs with the same FIRST names as our New Kent County family. Life was not meant to be easy and only one good discovery was made: JULIUS ALVORD married MARGARET BAYLIE at Culmstock in Devon in 1620! (Make note of Margaret's maiden name, please.) Less certain finds were SIMON ALFORD/AUFOORDE of Hatherleigh in Devon (1568), SIMON ALFORD of Great Torrington in Devon (1676) and SIMON ALFORD of London (1627). Read the note on SION/SIMON further down.

Several other counties in England contained a number of ALFORDs possessing the more common New Kent County names but none of those possessed any of the unique first names sought.

Scotland, Wales and Ireland were devoid of any significant New Kent County names and were removed from the search list after the first round.

Based on unique first names, the possible origins of the New Kent County Alford were quickly narrowed to Devon and the city of London, though the proof for either was very weak.

Josiah George Alford in his work, *Alford Family Notes*, dwelled heavily on Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Yorkshire where relatively few ALFORDs lived. In the West, he mentioned the ALFORDs of Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset. Incredibly, he did not dwell on Devon to the south of Somerset and that's where the largest ALFORD population seems to have existed! Perhaps our Torie cousin was an elitist and chose only to recognize those families who were Knights, Members of Parliament, Canons or possessed castles and pedigrees. Devon AL-

FORDs were probably a poor dissident lot and well suited for removal to the Colonies.

Several interesting facts emerged from first-round efforts:

- a. The LDS IGI groups ALFORD as a subset of the presumably older and/or more common family name of ALVORD. (There is a history book that tells of a Sir ALVORD who came with William the Conqueror in 1066.)
- b. Not one SION was encountered anywhere! Only one name was even close—SIMON. Was SION really SIMON? Given the writing and spelling abilities of the day, this is very likely.
- c. Some ALFORDs living in England in the 1500's alternately spelled their name ALVORD. (This practice seems to have carried over to New England in the 1600's.)

Round Two

A wide-ranging second trip through the microfiche searching for variant spellings of ALFORD was fruitless. Names such as OLFORD, ELFORD, ILFORD and HALFORD were searched. Then a chilling thought occurred. . . .

Since the desired first names weren't appearing as ALFORDs, perhaps these were MATERNAL first names. Maybe WARREN, LODOWICK, GOODRICH and JULIUS had been the brides' father's first name. If this was the case, discovery would be nearly impossible! Without a clue to the bride's last name, how could we discover her father's first name?

Is This A Dead End?

Or. . . , maybe they had been the bride's LAST name! Maternal last names have been reused as first names

since man has been faced with the task of naming a dozen or more children! Once JOHN, JAMES, WILLIAM, MARY and ELIZABETH have been used, then some imagination is required. If you married into a family with a nifty last name, you would certainly use it somewhere!

JULIUS didn't seem a likely last name. However, LODOWICK, GOODRICH and WARREN were begging for more investigation. A third trip through the microfiche was initiated. This time, treasure was uncovered!

In Plymouth, Devon, a JOHN LODOWICK appeared in 1612 and nearby in Exeter, Devon, a LAWRENCE LUDWICK appeared in 1629! In London a whole mess of LODOWICKs appeared, including a SIMON LODWICK in 1695! Now the trail was hot!

Focusing on Devon microfiche, a large number of GOODRICH and GOODRIDGE families were found. A large number of WARRENS appeared, too! Maybe we should have tried geographical surname distribution in the first place!

Holy Moley, What Now?

Data on the sons of JAMES were largely exhausted, but the picture still seemed far from complete. (This is a masochist's way of saying he hasn't gotten his fill of musty old books and microfiche viewers yet!)

Maybe some of the grandsons' or even great-grandsons' names might appear and further strengthen the picture that was developing. This is a less certain venture because each new generation added a new set of mothers with possibly new sets of family names.

So, a fourth trip into the microfiche was made looking for names like ANSELL.

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BAILEY, BRITTAIN, BURTIS, COLLEN, DRURY, HAYWOOD, HALCUT, KINCHEN and WILEY.

Baileys Everywhere!

Remember the BAILEYS from New Kent County? They're uniformly distributed throughout England, but the ones of interest to us were quickly narrowed to two areas. Remember that MARGARET BAYLIE married JULIUS ALVORD in Devon. Of further interest in Devon, several BAILEY lasses named JULIAN or JULIANA appeared in the 1600's. This may have been the feminine form of JULIUS. However, these are NOT the BAILEYs who settled in New Kent County!

Over in Gloucester, a short distance to the northeast of Bristol, appeared no less than five ANSELM BAILEYS! One of these was mentioned in the first article: ANSELME BAILIE, son of WILLIAM BAILIE, was christened in 1642 at Elmore in Gloucester. His brother, JOHN, was christened in 1643. These are VERY likely the ones who sailed from Bristol at the time WILLIAM ALFORD departed.

A second trip to the musty old books (groan!) produced additional data on Gloucester BAILEYs. A book, *English Wills of Colonial Families*, by Noel Currer-Briggs, mentions three or four ANSELM BAYLIE/BAYLYs, and the entire premise of the book is that the children (though not all) mentioned in the wills had immigrated to Virginia. The Preface to the book makes the eye-opening statement that "These families include: BAILEY and BRITTEN of Gloucestershire, Somerset and Northumberland County, Virginia."

A DRURY BAILY was christened in 1715 at Tathwell in Lincolnshire on the northeast shore of England. However, no other significant names were found there.

In Wiltshire, to the east of Bristol, FRANCES ALFORD married JOHN BAYLEY in 1613.

Other Than Bailey

Time constraints by now were limiting research to Devon and Gloucester. However, fresh evidence was still turning up!

HAYWOODS were plentiful in Devon, even more so than BAILEYS!. There were such interesting ones as SIMON HAYWOOD (Exeter 1637, 1643), ISAT HAYWOOD (Berry Pomeroy 1612), and ISOT HAYWOOD (South Tauton 1542). There was a marriage at Exeter between ROBERT ALFORD and ELIZABETH HAYWOOD in 1722 (It's a little late for our research but indicates that the families were social peers.).

How about HALCUTs? There was a WILLIAM HALCOT (1587) and an ANSTICE HOLCOTT (1602). Both were from Exeter in Devon and appear to have been related. None appeared in Gloucester.

A BURTIS family was found in Devon but not in Gloucester. They and the HALCOTs turned out to have the most unique names of all.

COLLENs, BRITTAINs, KINCHENs and WILEYs were plentiful in both Devon and Gloucester.

Conclusions

1. The New Kent County ALFORDs either intermarried with GOODRICH, WARREN, LODOWICK, BURTIS, HAYWOOD and HALCUT families while in Devon, most likely in and around Exeter, and/or married them shortly after arrival in the New World.
2. The New Kent County BAILEYs either intermarried with BRITTAINs and possibly COLLENs, KINCH-

ENs, and WILEYs while in Gloucester and/or married them shortly after arrival in the New World. They then married ALFORDs and transferred these names to them.

That's it! Now, get out there and dig up some more. The game's afield, Watson!

Booklist News

Hopefully you're so busy pouring over the Master Booklist that accompanied the last newsletter that you won't miss seeing an update to the Booklist in this issue. The Publications Editor had a busy summer and was unable to prepare the planned Additions to the Booklist column that will be a regular feature in future editions of *AAFA ACTION*.

Some members may have misunderstood a comment in the letter that was sent out with the Master Booklist in the previous issue.

The letter mentioned an article in the March 1989 issue of *AAFA ACTION* that instructed members to send \$1.00 for a complete booklist.

Few members responded, but the data seemed important enough to put in all members' hands. Therefore, a copy was prepared and mailed with the newsletter, getting some economy of volume in both printing and mailing. The cost was taken from the general funds, to which all members contribute with fees/ dues.

It was not intended that members send a dollar to pay for that booklist, and there is no other booklist (at this time) to order for \$1.00.

Several members sent \$1.00 "for booklist," and since it was not clear what was meant, that \$1.00 went into the treasury.

AAFA Members on the Move

Please note corrections as follows:

#110 Dovie Jean Alford
2534 Yorktown #125
Houston, TX 77056

(Be sure the address includes #125, which was not shown in the March 1989 new member listing)

#85 Eva Frances Alford
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Atlanta, GA 30328

(Be sure the address includes #C8, which was not shown in the December 1988 new member listing)

#41 Robbie Alford
302 Rock Spring Road
Wake Forest, NC 27587

#63 Margie H. Brown
4360 Jonesboro Road
West Monroe, LA 71292

(They didn't move—the post office changed the zip code)

#34 Wiley and Camille Crouse
733 Plantation Estates Drive, B-302,
Mathews, NC 28105
New Phone is (704) 847 8462

#122 Glen A. Holmes
1625 N. Murray Blvd #110
Colorado Springs, CO 80915
New Phone is (719) 596 8730

#158 Beatrice Alford Parramore should have been shown for the name in the last issue - not Sarah Alford Parramore. There was no address change or move.

#159 Susan A. Russell
410 Columbia #405
Magnolia, AR 71753

Please notify the AAFA if you have an address change. It is extra work and expense to send the newsletter twice.

State Research Projects

Texas

With the meeting in Texas in October the effort in Texas has dominated the Association work this past quarter. The chart showing membership by state is some evidence of this work. The task has been led by D. L. Alford, Jr. and his wife Catherine. D. L. is the AAFA State Representative for Texas. Not far behind them, doing an assortment of jobs, were Dovie Jean Alford, Jim and Nina Alford, Landon Alford, Posie Alford, Robert A. Alford, Kathrine Black, Pat Fite, and Lucille Mehrkam.

Louisiana

The AAFA representative in Louisiana, E. Sally Stoewer of Baton Rouge, lost her mother, Audelle Alford Boyd, this last quarter. Between her death and an earlier serious illness, Sally has not been able to do all she wanted to do. She and her husband Dick will be joining members at the meeting in Houston. Very new members Eulon A. Alford and his wife Yvonne (Felder) Alford will also be meeting with us in Houston.

J. M. (Jack) Kinabrew, Jr. of New Orleans is moving out to collect data on Alford in Louisiana cemeteries. He is taking advantage of work that has already been done by contacting the various genealogical and historical organizations in the state which may have such data. One interesting, sizeable document he has uncovered is a list of "all" the cemeteries in the state. He is now in the process of locating these on large geological survey maps. Readers will be hearing more about that in the future. Jack and Eileen will not be with the members in Houston as they had a prior commitment in Ireland!

Louisiana members they need their help. Volunteer by contacting one of

them or writing to the AAFA.

Florida

Recognizing that Florida is the state with the third largest Alford population in the country, Willie M. Alford of Bradenton, the AAFA Florida State Representative, is working frantically to try to reach many of them. He has undertaken a direct mail campaign which is suffering from the usual postal returns and poor response. But he is making some headway, and Florida membership is growing.

Arlene (Mrs. Robert Allen) Alford was kind enough to send an assortment of Alford information during this quarter. Willie needs the help of other Florida members. If you can't reach him just drop a note to the AAFA.

Arizona

One outstanding response to the "talent search" was Jean H. Brown's offer to be the AAFA State Representative in Arizona. Jean, who lives in Tucson, said she would take it at least on a temporary basis after studying carefully what was involved.

She has already addressed letters to all the Alford in the Tucson area and is spreading out from there. Jean and her husband Chester will be joining the folks for the meeting in Houston.

Colorado

Although he has not agreed to take on the job as the AAFA State Representative for Colorado (yet), Joe B. Alford has contacted all the Alford in the Colorado Springs area. Originally from Texas, Joe has also recruited several of the new Texas members. Joe, his wife, daughter, and some cousins will be at the meeting in Houston.

Membership Growth Continues

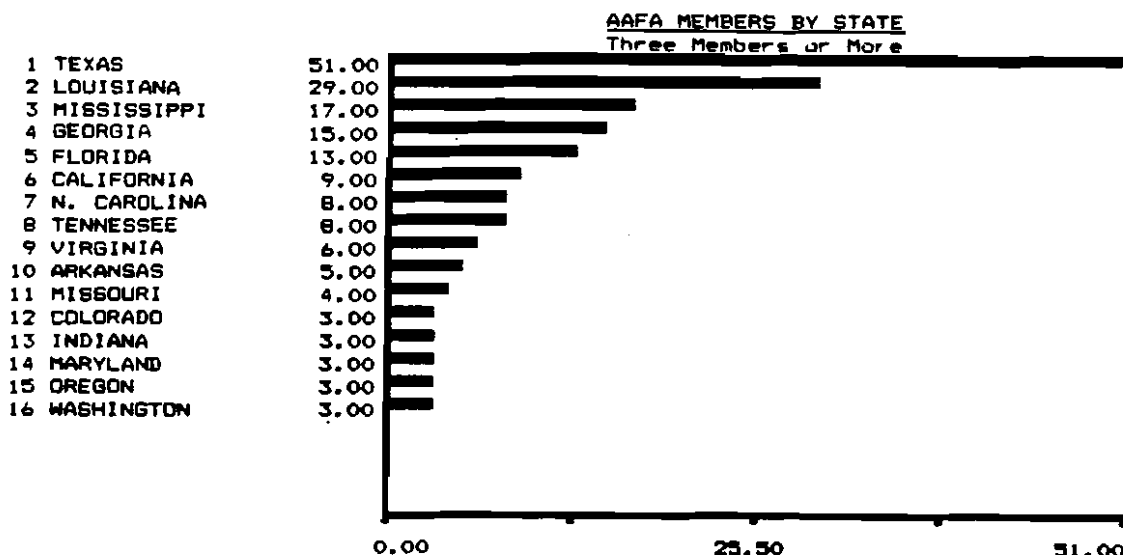
The Association continued to grow during the last quarter, adding 36 new members! This growth would not be possible were it not for members seeking out kin, neighbors, and other acquaintances and asking them to join. At the risk of missing folks who have helped in this regard, we'll mention D. L. Alford, Landon Alford, Lucille Mehrkam, Harold Alford, B. J. Alford, Hollis W. Alford, James P. Alford, Joe

B. Alford, Lodwick H. Alford, Willie M. Alford, Walter W. Alford, Katherine Black, Jean H. Brown, Pat Fite, and Paul Reeves.

The graph below shows state membership in all states with three members or more. We'll print a chart like this in each issue, perhaps alternating it with a graph of membership by Alford family branches.

If you haven't enlisted someone, why don't you accept the challenge of the members named above and see who you can sign up this quarter—or give a gift membership. Help move your state onto the chart—or help move it up!

If you enlisted someone and your name was overlooked, let us know and we'll recognize you next quarter.



Alfords in the News

[When Alfords make the news in your hometown, send a clipping, including the name and date of the newspaper, to AAFA. We'll give it a second printing, edited as necessary for space.]

Sent by Gale J. Belser
THE NEWS AND COURIER
Charleston, SC—Mon., 20 March 1989

HANAHAN MAN INJURED IN FALL FROM PICKUP

Kenneth Jerry Alford, a 32-year old Hanahan man, was in critical condition after falling out of a pickup truck that was hauling furniture in a strong wind.

Authorities said he was attempting to keep some of the furniture from blowing from the truck. He was evacuated by Medicare helicopter to Medical University Hospital.

Sent by Andy Leath
TYLER MORNING TELEGRAPH
Tyler, TX—Wed., 9 Nov. 1988

'SLICK' ALFRED ELECTED SHERIFF IN HENDERSON CO. RACE

Former Texas Ranger H. B. 'Slick' Alfred was elected Henderson County Sheriff by almost a two to one margin.

The 54-year-old Democrat has 30 years experience with the Texas Department of Public Safety, with 17 years as a Texas Ranger. He is a former president of the Henderson County Peace Officer Association and was its "Man of the Year" in 1977 and 1985.

A second article ran on Tuesday, 15 November 1989: 'SLICK' ALFRED TAKES SHERIFF'S OATH

This article stated that his wife, Mary Alice, his mother and father, sister, children and grandchildren attended the swearing-in ceremony.

Don't Miss Clayton Library!

An absolute must during your trip to the Second Annual Meeting of AAFA is a trip to Clayton Genealogical Library located on the near south side of Houston at 5300 Caroline. Clayton has grown from a tiny book collection in 1921 to the nation's fourth largest genealogical research center in 1989.

Their facilities cover a two block area near Rice University, the Texas Medical Center, and Houston's zoo and museums. The new 23,000 square foot two-story building at the south end of the property was opened in the Fall of 1988. It is a "neo-Georgian" red brick structure designed to complement the old Will Clayton home next door where the library was formerly housed.

The first floor is the "paper department." It contains all of the books, periodicals, maps and bulletins. A break room and a copier room with bargain 10 cent copying machines are also on this floor. If you're a "copy-everything type," the savings could pay for your trip to the library!

The second floor is the "plastic department." It's the microfilm and micro-

fiche area. There are literally hundreds of drawers of film in the central part of the floor surrounded by about 90 viewers of all types. The design is excellent, and so far patrons have not had to wait for a viewer!

The library's open stacks and drawers presently hold about 40,000 books, 25,000 rolls of microfilm and 25,000 microfiche. The floor plan will allow for a nearly 50% growth in books and over 200% growth in microfilm and microfiche.

Wide aisles on the first floor literally beg for a day's browsing—although standing really isn't necessary since there are about 25 large reading tables along the windows on either side of the stacks.

Clayton has a full-time staff of twelve professional librarians who have proved to be especially courteous and patient. They are well acquainted with the materials in the library and wear their tongues out daily answering questions.

Maxine Alcorn, Clayton Library

Manager, will be our featured speaker Saturday, October 14. She grew up with Alford's in Burleson County, Texas, so we won't come as a shock to her!

The library hours on Friday and Saturday during the meeting will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. If you arrive earlier in the week or stay over, they're open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, and closed Sunday.

There's lots of free parking around the building. The parking lot on the property has room for about fifty cars, plus the adjacent street can handle another fifty. The lot generally has sufficient space, but on busy days you may have to settle for the street.

Maps of the library area are included with registration materials. Local assistance in finding the library will be available at the Friday night reception.

By James P. Alford
AAFA Member #115

Non-Alford Surname Exchange

J. M. (Jack) Kinabrew, Jr., of New Orleans, has suggested that AAFA maintain and publish in the newsletter a list of the non-Alford surnames that members are actively researching.

That is an outstanding idea. It is particularly significant for the Association because many of the members have the same related surnames in their ancestral hierarchies.

This effort is bound to excite Jim Alford of Houston, who is encouraging us to trace some of these lines in his

article "What's in a Name?" in this and the previous issue of *AAFA ACTION*.

If you are seriously researching another surname line, send AAFA a list of the surname/s you are researching. If your effort is restricted to particular states or a particular period, specify which ones. If your search involves only one person with that surname, then provide all the biographical data you have.

This is a genealogical service being provided members to enhance data interchange between members. The

Association is not going to get involved with these surnames beyond recording them and publishing a list periodically so the members may contact each other to exchange research information and efforts.

[Editor's Note: This list could easily become massive. Since the surnames most likely to be researched in common by members are on their Alford side, let's start with surnames being researched on the Alford half of their pedigree forms only. We can expand later if it seems valuable.]

Obituary: Jack V. Alford

Patricia Alford DeGrofft, new Member #203, sent the following (slightly edited) obituary of her father. It was printed in the *Red Bluff* [CA] *Daily* on July 12, 1989, the *Cascade Cattleman* on August 14, and in an Associated Press Report.

Red Bluff, California — An afternoon grass fire on Reeds Creek Road west of Red Bluff sparked a chain of events that led to the death July 11th of prominent Red Bluff cattleman Jack Alford.

Alford, a fifth-generation native of Tehama Co., died at the Alford Home Ranch as he worked to save the ranch house and his wife, Betty, from a wind-driven range fire that scorched 522 acres of rangeland and burned to within 100 feet of the residence.

The 64-year old rancher—who only 30 minutes earlier had walked away from the wreckage of his pick-up when it had plunged 75 feet into a creek bed—collapsed and died after wetting his home's wood-shake roof in order to keep it from catching fire.

"He was trying to save his home and our mom," said Alford's 38-year-old son and ranch partner, Jim Alford, who had arrived at the family's Alford Home Ranch while a fire crew from the California Department of Forestry struggled to revive his father.

The fire fighters, who relieved Alford's wife and a local ranch hand after they had begun CPR on Alford, continued resuscitation efforts until paramedics from St. Elizabeth Hospital arrived.

Alford was reportedly on his way to a neighboring ranch when he blacked out. He had gone there earlier where he helped direct firefighters to the blaze and save the home there. The fire was started by the carelessness of a 12-year-

old boy riding an all-terrain vehicle in which the heat of the engine and exhaust caused extremely dry rangeland to burst into flames.

The pickup was totaled when it plunged 75 feet and landed on its roof at the bottom of Eliza Creek. Alford, who suffered a four inch gash in his scalp and numerous broken ribs, crawled out of the pick-up and through thick vines 1/4 mile down the creekbed and back up the embankment towards his home when a passing ranch hand stopped and gave him a ride.

After returning home Alford saw the approaching fire and climbed on to his roof with a hose. He worked for some 30 minutes to wet it down before he climbed back down and collapsed without a word, Jim Alford said.

Alford was born January 5, 1925, at the Los Molinos Colony ranch home of his maternal grandparents, John Henry and Magdalena (Heine) Dayton. Born to Roy V. and Bernice Florence Alford, California cattle ranchers, he received his early schooling in a one room schoolhouse in the Hunter district west of Red Bluff. He graduated from Red Bluff High School, where he received honors as a State Farmer in FFA and for his athletic ability in football. He served in the U. S. Army Medical Corps in World War II before he returned to the county and in 1948 married Betty Louise Stone of El Camino, at Carmel, CA, September 12.

The couple has two children, Jim and Patti Ann, and continue the Alford family's tradition of cattle ranching that first began when Alford's great-great grandfather, Robert Temple Alford, walked across the plains from Arkansas and settled in Tehama County in 1856.

Alford, whose family has been raising cattle in the Hunter District since the

turn of the century, ran a commercial stocker-steer operation that supplied cattle for feedlots in Coalinga, CA, and Pasco, WA.

Alford was president of the Tehama County Cattleman's Assoc. in 1964-65 and was named Cattleman of the Year by the group in 1987. He was chairman of the Red Bluff Sale Committee and was a director of the Red Bluff Round-Up for 35 years. He also volunteered his efforts for the past 40 years as a member of the Elks Lodge "Kitchen Krew" that prepared meals at the Cattlemans and Woolgrowers Field Days and other events.

Alford had been a member of the Junior Livestock Auction Committee since 1959. He was honored by the group in 1980 for his contribution toward making the program a success for youths involved in agriculture.

He was recognized by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in 1959, when he was awarded California Rangeman of the Year. He also served as a member of the local ASCS Range Improvement Committee.

But mostly Alford spent his time working on his ranch and helping neighboring ranchers at springtime brandings working in a way son Jim Alford said came most naturally to him.

Alford is survived by his wife Betty Alford; his son Jim Alford, and his wife, Vicki, and their children, Quinn Roy and Abigail Paige, all of Red Bluff; his daughter Patti Ann Alford-Degrofft of Pendleton, Oregon, her husband Duane, and their children, Ryan and Tiah Jill. Also of Red Bluff, a sister (Mrs. Jack) Elaine Owens and an aunt, Ethel Alford Peterson.

Alford was buried in the Alford Family Plot at Oak Hill Cemetery in Red Bluff.

Julius C. Alford Reunion

[From the *Copiah County [MS]*
Courier No publication date.]

The second triennial Alford reunion for the descendants of Julius Caesar Alford and Mary Jane "Jency" Cammack Alford was held on Saturday, Aug. 5 [1989], at Camp Wesley Pines near Gallman.

Assisting at the registration table were June Long and Joyce Long of Gallman and Will Mary Cooley and daughter Mary Louise Cooley of Hazlehurst. . . . The noon meeting began with Dr. William A. Long of Gallman acting as master of ceremonies.

The invocation was by James Louis Alford Jr. of McComb. Elizabeth Alford Williams of Greenville [AAFA Member #40] followed with a biographical sketch of Julius Caesar and Mary Jane Cammack Alford.

Alford Miller Cooley of Hazlehurst read a list of seven family members deceased since the last reunion in 1986 and a moment of silent prayer followed.

Julius Mosby Alford of McComb [AAFA Treasurer and Member #13] then gave a report of the Alford Cemetery Association and a brief summary of the Alford American Family Association which is holding its second annual meeting Oct. 13-14 in Houston, Texas.

Richard B. Roper of Jackson presented gifts and recognized the following: Mrs. Hester Slyhart Alford of Clarksdale, the oldest in attendance; the youngest, 4-month-old Jennie Hope Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Alford Thomas of Crystal Springs; the ones traveling the longest distance, Dr. Marian Alford Mixon Houk [AAFA Member #43] and her daughter, Jan Houk Ridgely, of Falls Church, Va.

Dr. Houk provided background information on the four houses open during the afternoon. These were the residences of Dr. and Mrs. William Long, Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Long and Dr. William S. Cook Jr., all in Gallman, and the home of the late Dr. and Mrs. James Thomas Alford in Rockport.

The home of Dr. Cook in Gallman and the Alford home in Rockport are both on the National Register of Historic Places.

The restored residence of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Long was the home of his great-great grandfather, William Warren Alford of Gallman.

All of the homes in Gallman are located in the Gallman Historic District. . . . After lunch the group toured the four houses and visited the Alford Cemetery on Experiment Station Road. On Sunday some attended the First Presbyterian Church of Crystal Springs where J.C. Alford was a charter member and first ruling elder.

Approximately 105 attended this second triennial Alford reunion. The committee for the 1992 reunion will consist of Dick and Will Mary Cooley and Ann Roper of Hazlehurst; Richard and Patty Roper of Jackson; Don and Marilyn Driskell of Brookhaven; and Jim and Libba Alford and Duke and Emily Carlisle of McComb.

We know of no more reunions scheduled for the balance of this year other than our AAFA reunion and meeting in Houston. If you know of Alford reunions that are scheduled this year or next year, please inform the Association. Part of our purpose is to encourage and promote Alford family reunions. Announcing them and reporting on them is a way AAFA can help satisfy that purpose.

Ancestor Tables

On pages 18-19 is the ancestor table or ahnentafel of AAFA members Lydia, William, Walter & Linda Turner, children of Wallace and Lee Ann Turner, AAFA Member #20. Members are encouraged to prepare their pedigree charts starting with a child, or an assumed child, so that both branches (husband & wife) are shown on the same set of charts. That is how Lee Ann prepared her charts.

Most of the help and the computer has been busy with work preparing for the Houston meeting and keeping up with rapid growth and membership activity, so work on the ancestor tables has been postponed until next quarter.

If you have not sent your family pedigree charts to the Association, and you would like to participate in this program, then you should be sure to send them as soon as you can. If you need blank pedigree forms, you may request them from the Association. The AAFA forms provide for more information than most pedigree forms.

It would be nice if some member, especially one with a MS-DOS or CPM computer, system would agree to take over this part of the program from Gil Alford and run it. A computer is not essential, though, so don't let that hold you back!

**Welcome to
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New Members
This Quarter!**

Ancestor Table of the Children of Wallace & Lee Ann Turner

Anc #	Gen #	Last Name	First, Middle, (Maiden) Name	Date of Birth	State, County & of Birth	Date of Marriage	State, County & City of Marriage	Date of Death	State, County & City of Death
1	1	TURNER	LYDIA DEANN	19690616	AR PULA LITTLE ROCK				
2	2	TURNER	WALLACE DEAN	19361005	AR _____ FORESTER	19610625	AR HOWA DIERKS		
3	2	EVANS	LEE ANN	19430729	AR SEVI DE QUEEN	19610625	AR HOWA DIERKS		
4	3	TURNER	VIRGIL BASS	19080123	AR PIKE KIRBY	19290120		19800927	AR PIKE MURFREESBORO
5	3	O'NEAL	BERTHA MAE	19121102	OK CHOC SAWYER	19290120			
6	3	EVANS	CHEATHAM E.	19160203	AR MONT CADDO GAP	19410308			
7	3	JOHNSON	WILLIE MAXINE	19200502	AR HOWA DIERKS	19410308			
8	4	TURNER	LEWIS OTHA	18740808	AL STCL	18961208		19640707	AR PIKE KIRBY
9	4	WARD	NORA DELLA	18820226		18961208		19380420	AR _____ FORESTER
10	4	O'NEAL	ELIJAH	18850315		19080321	AR PIKE	19600905	AR PIKE
11	4	ALFORD	DONA	18930319		19080321	AR PIKE	19690308	AR PIKE
12	4	EVANS	CHARLES E.	18610612	AL JEFF BIRMINGHAM	19060915		19390219	AR _____ FELLOWSHIP
13	4	COLLINS	MARGARET ELLEN	18780313	TN DAVI NASHVILLE	19060915		19390129	AR _____ FELLOWSHIP
14	4	JOHNSON	WILLIAM M.	18870310	TX TARR FORT WORTH	19160626		19450913	AR HOWA DIERKS
15	4	KENNEDY	LULA BELL	18870509	TX NAVA CORSICANA	19160626		19750309	AR SEVU DE QUEEN
16	5	TURNER	LEWIS WALKER	1844CA	AL STCL				AR _____ UMPIRE
17	5	WADSWORTH	MARY VICTORIA	18461225	AL			19181029	
18	5	WARD	SAMUEL JACK	18550516	AR SEVI			19360331	
19	5	YEARGAN	LOUCINDIA JANE	18590322	AR SEVI			19450621	
20	5	O'NEAL	GORDON						
21	5	HOLCOMB	TEXENNA						
22	5	ALFORD	JOSEPH DAVID	18420506	AR			19100408	OK CHOC SAWYER
23	5	ANTHONY	MARTHA	18670717	AR			19180306	OK CHOC SAWYER
26	5	COLLINS	SAMUEL	1852	TN				
27	5	_____	SARAH	1854	KY				
28	5	JOHNSON	JOHN EDWARD	18520415		18850925		19320411	AR _____ MUDDY FORK
29	5	GREGORY	LEVINA H.	18670325	TX TARR FORT WORTH	18850925		19400102	AR _____ MUDDY FORK
30	5	KENNEDY	THOMAS EDMOND	18590218	AL	18810214		19310310	TX _____ LAZARE
31	5	MCKINNEY	THEODOCIA E.	18600911	GA FLOY ROME	18810214		19550822	AR HOWA DIERKS
32	6	TURNER	LEWIS	18000124				1867	AL STCL
33	6	GOSS	CATHERINE						
34	6	WADSWORTH	WILLIAM						
36	6	WARD	WILLIAM H.	1830CA	GA				
37	6	CAGLE	NANCY	1832CA	GA				
38	6	YEARGAN	WILLIAM	18290509	GA CHAG			19050226	AR PIKE
39	6	HERNDON	MARY ELIZABETH	18380701	GA			19230220	AR PIKE
44	6	ALFORD	DAVID WINSTON	1824	AL			1860-70	
45	6	MC MENAS	MARY ANN	1825CA	TN				

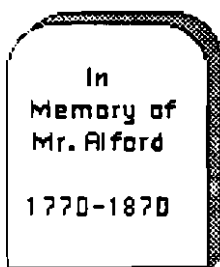
Anc #	Gen #	Last Name	First, Middle, (Maiden) Name	Date of Birth	State, County & of Birth	Date of Marriage	State, County & City of Marriage	Date of Death	State, County & City Death
46	6	ANTHONY	HENRY						
47	6		TENNESSEE	1848	AR				
60	6	KENNEDY	WILLIAM R.	18170916					
61	6	THIGPEN	CLARY S.	18280501				18800917	
62	6	MCKINNEY	WILLIAM PENN	1825	GA			18950812	
63	6	DAVIS	E. JANE	18310812	VA			19150724	TX NAVA CORSICANA
64	7	TURNER	LEWIS	176202CA	VA FRED			18341010	AL SHEL
65	7		NANCY					18470211	AL STCL
72	7	WARD	SAMUEL	1802CA	GA				
73	7	LONGINO	MARY ANN	1805CA	GA				
74	7	CAGLE	JOSEPH	1807CA	NC LINC			1873	AR POLK
75	7	JUNKS	ELIZABETH	1809CA	NC				
76	7	YEARGAN	COLEMAN	1802CA	SC				
77	7		DORCAS	1802CA	SC				
78	7	HERNDON	JAMES	18090205	SC YORK			1898	GA CHAG
79	7	BRYANT	NEOMA SUSAN	1817CA	NC				
88	7	ALFORD	DAVID	1785CA	VA		AL MORG	1860	
89	7		POLLY	1790CA	SC		AL MORG	1860	AR PIKE
122	7	THIGPEN	JOSEPH	17991226	NC DUPL			18561022	AL
123	7	EASON	CLARY	1795-6				18800917	LA CLAI
146	8	LONGINO	HUGH	1783CA	NC SURR				
148	8	CAGLE	LEONARD	1780CA	NC				
156	8	HERNDON	GEORGE	17790326	NC				
157	8	WELLS	PRISCILLA						
176	8	ALFORD	ROBERT	1760CA	ENGLAND				
177	8		SUSANNA						
244	8	THIGPEN	JOHN	1756					
245	8	DORCASTTOWELL	SARAH						
246	8	EASON	MAJOR STEPHEN						
247	8	DUPREE	REBECCA						
292	9	LONGINO	JOHN THOMAS						
293	9		ELIZABETH						
312	9	HERNDON	DAVID		VA				
313	9	PIERCE	FRANCE						
492	9	EASON	ISAAC	1731	NC				
493	9		MARY						
494	9	DUPREE	MAJOR STERLING	1740	VA				
495	10	DUPREE	JAMES						
989	10	DONALDSON	MARY						
990	10	HINES	DAVID						
991	10	EDMONDS	CHRISTIAN						

More Texas Cemeteries

Thanks to Kim Beardsley, AAFA Member #105, for typing the cemetery data which follows, and thanks once again to Member #32 Lucille Mehrkam for sending us the material!

You might notice that some of the cemetery entries from Houston County are repeated from the last issue. Kim retyped them because after examining copies of the actual pages, she found that there were some errors, plus she included women whose maiden names (or possibly middle names) were Alford. In addition she was able to add bibliographic information.

Because the listings for Hamilton, Hardin, and Houston Counties are from the actual pages and not from our Alford database, they are listed in the order they appear in the books, which is probably the order they appear in the cemetery. This sometimes indicates family groups. If you are searching for collateral lines, you should check the source for gravestones of related people with names other than Alford. The source pages as listed are in our AAFA Library, but keep in mind that for some large cemeteries only the pages that contain Alford's were copied.



The listings for the remaining counties are from transcriptions from the original books. Because we don't have the title pages, some of the bibliographic information is missing.

All last names are Alford unless the name is printed in capital letters.

Hamilton County, Texas Cemetery Records, compiled by Mrs. Brent Witte (no other publication data)

Hico Cemetery (pp. 136, 141, 142, 165, 181)

Laura Alford COX		21 Mar 1964
Rufus L.	18 May 1832	5 Jul 1897
Mary Jane	1845	1961
Toody	2 Mar 1868	15 Oct 1894
Son of R.L. & M.J. Alford		
Bennie	26 Dec 1874	25 Jan 1928
J.R., Rices Co.,	18 Jan 1834	1 Apr 1928
Texas Rangers C.S.A.		
Lerona E. King	7 Sep 1859	25 Apr 1940
Wife of Dr. John R. Alford		
Etta Alford NANCE	4 Nov 1880	15 Feb 1960
Rufus	5 May 1862	22 Jan 1895

Alsey	27 Jul 1878	2 Oct 1961
John A.	11 Oct 1879	10 Apr 1952
Van D.	14 May 1885	10 Nov 1918
Alsey	24 Jan 1860	Jan 1942
Mary Virginia	1 Mar 1866	13 Jul 1961
Kathryn Ruth	10 Sep 1907	4 Oct 1956
Infant	born & died 3 Nov 1898	
Junie Bell	24 Jan 1891	2 Feb 1893
Lena L. Washam	1887	1960
wife of John Alford		

Howard Cemetery (p. 195)

Berry no dates

"Killed By A Negro"

Old Hico Cemetery on Honey Creek (p. 279)

M.A.	14 Sep 1841	20 Dec 1876
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wife of J.R. Alford

Bryan	9 Aug 18??	7 Feb 1875
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son of M.R. & M.A. Alford

Hardin County Texas Cemeteries, compiled by Mildred S. Wright (Beaumont, Texas: Southeast Texas Genealogical & Hist. Society, no date)

Gedry Cemetery, Batson (pp. 47, 51)

Tiney C.	3 Apr 1904	19 Feb 1964
Bernice Watson	8 Oct 1907	1 Mar 1969

Old Hardin Cemetery (p. 143)

Lois Ester	4 Jul 1917	12 Jun 1973
R.C.	4 May 1905	13 June 1972
Lucile	9 Aug 1908	no date

R.C. and Lucile on same headstone

Felps Cemetery (p. 9)

James T.	1902	1959
Dora	1903	no date

James and Dora on same headstone

Houston County, Texas Cemeteries (3rd Edition), compiled by Houston County Historical Commission (Crockett, TX: By the compilers, no date)

Official Texas Historical Grave Markers

Placed from 1972-1986 (p. 15)

George G., located in South Sector/Glenwood Cemetery, 1981; sponsor, Alford descendants of first wife Christine

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LeSieur, through daughter Jeanette Hulbert Alford. [See listing below]

Boggs Cemetery (p. 94)

Ethel	4 Jan 1921	24 Jan 1932
Frank	17 Feb 1898	27 Aug 1980
Infant		1933
son of F.M.		

Creek Cemetery (pp. 172-73)

Grace Hukins	18 Feb 1909	19 Nov 1927
Birdie	no dates	
Nellie	no dates	
Celia	24 Dec 1901	25 Dec 1919
2 infants	no dates	
Ella	no dates	
Frank	no dates	
Eulian E.	1893	1896
Mollie	3 Mar 1867	3 Dec 1915
Charles M.	22 Jun 1860	24 Mar 1935
Lizzie	1899	1931
Edgar D.	1902	1935
Willie	1887	1920
Edgar	1878	1901
Robboe F.	29 Dec 1928	16 Jan 1929
Verna J.	20 Jan 1934	13 Oct 1935
Sallie Gilbert	1857	1947
Guy H.	7 Jan 1888	23 Dec 1968
Lawrence ALFRED	1900	1978
Maggie ALFRED	1904	1982
Ophelia A. ALFRED	1857	1934
Jesse L. ALFRED	1849	1929
Lonnie D. ALFRED	1878	1953
Courtney V. ALFRED	1893	1925
Adell ALFRED	no dates	

Jim English Cemetery (p. 213)

Scott ALFRED	1859	1937
Fannie ALFRED	1875	1917
Lucetta Julian ALFRED	11 Aug 1872	24 June 1893
1st wife of Scott		
Newton ALFRED	1902	1918
Richard H. ALFRED	21 Nov 1885	9 Aug 1950
Ellzora ALFRED	10 Mar 1889	17 Sep 1980
wife of Richard		
D.R. ALFRED	28 Aug 1850	6 Mar 1902

Evergreen Memorial Park of Crockett (p. 231)

Amos Ponder	7 Mar 1919	5 Jul 1985
husband of Carey Ann; WWII US Army		
Pauline	2 Sep 1910	9 Nov 1975
N.O., Jr.	10 Mar 1923	8 Aug 1976

Glenwood Cemetery, Crockett (p. 325)

Ann Barfield	5 ___ 1807	10 Feb 1847
Col. George C.	19 Jun 1797	1 May 1847
Texas Historical Grave Marker		

Hagan Cemetery (p. 407)

Carol Ann	12 Sep 1946	21 Feb 1959
daughter of Luther & Myrtle		
William Luther	9 Jul 1940	10 Jul 1040
son of Luther & Myrtle		

Parker Cemetery (Grapeland) (p. 624)

Louise M.	28 Aug 1916	7 Apr 1973
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Shady Grove Cemetery (p. 746)

Sarah Ann ALFRED	1861	30 Oct 1888
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Old Mississippi Cemetery (Austonio Area) (p. 917)

Note: This cemetery was used from 1865-90 by a community of people, including some Alfords, who came from Mississippi.

William	1874	1890
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Identified Veterans as Listed in Houston County Cemetery Surveys (p. 935)

A.P., WWII (Evergreen Cemetery, Crockett)
George G., War of 1812/Battle of San Jacinto (Glenwood, So. Sector, Crockett)

Miscellaneous Texas county cemeteries:

Johnson Co., TX, Cemeteries, Vol. 1, by G. Miltenberger (1971) [No other publication data]

Caddo Cemetery

Emma C.	9 Jul 1873	24 Aug 1955
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Johnson Co., TX, Cemeteries, Vol. 3, by G. Miltenberger (1971) [No other publication data]

Union Hill Cemetery

Susan E.	5 May 1847	30 Jun 1893
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Jefferson Co., TX, Cemeteries, Vol. 1, by Wright (1979) [No other publication data]

Oak Bluff Memorial Park, Port Neches (pp. 43, 85)

Henry A.	1893	1968
Flora B.	1897	no date
Henry and Flora on same headstone		
E. LeRoy	1903	1957
Callie V. Jordan	11 Jan 1977	no date
E. LeRoy and Callie on same headstone		

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(Texas Cemeteries, cont. from p. 21)

Jefferson Co., TX, Cemeteries, Vol. 2, by Wright (1979) [No other publication data]

Live Oak Cemetery (pp. 104, 112, 137, 147)

Gustavia ALFRED	19 Jun 1923	25 Jul 1971
Clarence	14 Jan 1914	27 Jul 1976
Alfred Eddie Sr.	1901	1976
Syble	24 Sep 1915	8 Aug 1965

Jefferson Co., TX, Cemeteries, Vol. 3, by Wright (1979) [No other publication data]

Knights of Pythias Cemetery (p. 71)

J.T.	16 Apr 1868	28 May 1927
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Hunt Co., TX, Cemeteries, Vol. 4, by Ingmire (1980). [No other publication data]

Rose Mound Cemetery, Commerce (pp. 123, 204)

Fannin Gaylor ALFRED	14 Sep 1891	15 Jan 1975
Alfred George W. ALFRED	2 Apr 1886	22 Apr 1930
G.W.	2 Apr 1885	26 Apr 1940
G.W.	no dates	

Jasper Co., TX, Cemeteries, by Wright (1976) [No other publication data]

Memorial Park Cemetery (p. 29)

Arthur T.	10 Feb 1905	3 Dec 1967
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Bean Cemetery (p. 103)

Jessie C.	1876	1954
Nancy	1877	1957
Jessie and Nancy on same headstone		
Marvin E.	23 Jul 1892	25 May 1970
V.E. "Punch"	1910	1975
Hilma Ruth	1920	no date
V.E. and Hilma on same headstone		

Davis Cemetery (p. 246)

Wiley C.	1909	1974
Memorial "Uncle Wiley", Kountze Youth Riders		
Maxine J.	1915	
Wiley and Maxine on same headstone		

Antioch Cemetery (p. 310)

Lynn Thomas	born and died 1947
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Liberty Co. Cemetery, Vol. 1 [No other publication data]

Lenney Cemetery (pp. 127, 128)

J.C.	no date
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Sgt. Co. H 1 TX Inf. CSA

Maud T.	1866	1949
(Maud H. Trotter 2/w of Julius Caesar Jr.) [This note appears on the transcription in parentheses—not certain if it actually appears on the headstone.]		

Lenna Emma	10 Jan 1893	9 May 1952
James Wallace	12 Nov 1888	23 Jun 1942

Wood County Cemetery, Vol. 3 [No other publication data]

Hattie M.	no date	1 May 1964
age 59 yrs 1 mo 12 days		

Success Story

[As many of you know, our Executive Assistant, Gil Alford, spends much of his time helping Alford's connect to an established line and/or connect to other living relatives from the same line. Anyone who needs Alford-related help can get it from Gil. This is one of the services that makes AAFA so special, so we'd like to share one or two of these success stories in each issue of the newsletter. If you have found a missing link through the help you've received from the Association, write your story and send it in for publication.]

Information was sent to many Texas papers and genealogical columnists about AAFA and the meeting in Houston. As a result an article was published in the Dallas Sunday paper giving contact names and phone numbers.

For some time Bryant J. and Mary Alford of Jacksonville, TX, had been scouring southwest Arkansas looking for Bryant's Alford ancestors.

Gil Alford went to the mail box one morning and picked up his usual assortment of mail. When he took it home, he slit all the envelopes open, pulled out the mail, got a cup of coffee and started to read.

He had no more than started when the phone rang. It was a woman named Lynette Jester, who said she had seen the article in the Dallas paper and was looking for some help on an Alford from Arkansas. Did the AAFA have any information on a Burgess Alford? It is a very uncommon Alford name—Gil could not remember having ever heard it.

As the conversation continued, with the lady explaining about her Alford's and related ancestors, Gil was fingering the pile of mail in front of him. The top letter on the pile was from Bryant J. Alford. He had used for stationery a piece of bond paper on which he had xeroxed a 3x5 card found in the

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(Success Story, cont. from p. 22)

Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives. The card had several reference numbers and the name and address of the donor of the material, Harold Alford of Longview (not a member). Bryant and Mary had made contact with him and had a meeting scheduled with him.

The subject of that index card, and the top line of the body of the card said, "PERSONAL DIARY OF BURGESS STANFORD ALFORD". Gil interrupted Lynette and gave her the name and address of Harold Alford and Bryant's address and phone number.

Lynette Jester—now AAFA member #189—called back the next day to report that she had been in touch with both Harold and Bryant (they had completed their meeting by then) and she found all she was looking for. She had been searching for Burgess for ten years!

Lynette, as well as Bryant and Mary, will be joining many other AAFA members at the meeting in Houston. This wonderful success story, made possible by the Association and the work of its members, should give hope to those of us who are still looking!

DO YOU HAVE A COMPUTER?

AAFA ACTION has quadrupled in size in only six issues! Your editor is spending 30-40 hours per issue on editing, layout, and mailing. Does she have time to spend typing new material too? NO! That's why she appreciates so much the contributors who write original articles or type them from the masses of printed material we have. Most of the articles in this issue were typed by only 4 contributors on their computers. I transfer their disks to Macintosh format. If you have a computer, any kind, let me know if you're willing to help type. The more help we get, the more information we can get published!

—Pam Thompson

Census Project Report

Census Project Coordinator Alicia Houston reports that, following the plan outlined in the last AAFA ACTION, an assessment has been completed of all the hardcopy census data collected to date—four large 3-ring binders! She has reduced to page size a tabulation of what we need to complete this project. She reports the following:

A couple of weekends ago I spent several hours at the Carnegie Library researching Pennsylvania census. I figured if I was going to be asking members for help in the extraction effort, I should have a plan of attack.

First I looked up the census index books for 1780-1850 and checked variations for four different spellings of ALFORD:

- 1) Alford/ Alfred/ Allford/ Alfrod, etc.
- 2) Alvord/ Allvord, etc.
- 3) Halford/ Hallford/ Holford/ Hollford, etc.
- 4) Olford/ Olvord/ Ollford, etc.

Typically this meant a xerox copy of three or four pages for each census year. Also, sometimes two different sources had indexed the census with different results, so I copied each index.

Secondly, I looked at the index pages and highlighted the names that I thought ought to be extracted.

Thirdly, I pulled out the microfilm copies and, using a pre-printed form, proceeded to go down the list looking up Alfords. It was immediately clear that all the names indexed Alford, Alfred, Alfrod, etc. MUST be extracted.

These original handwritten entries all looked the same to me and I know my eyes are every bit as good as the person who made the index. The point is that if

someone only looked up or extracted ALFORD, half the names would be missing.

With minor modifications, this is a procedure we can follow for every state.

Where do we start? Let's set some priorities.

- 1) As AAFA concentrates effort and resources on a specific state, census data collection should follow suit. The state of current focus is Texas. (It sure would be nice to get TX squared away before we move onto another state. Volunteers?)
- 2) As AAFA members express interest or access to information in specific states, we will happily accept and coordinate all data collected.
- 3) Additional efforts should first be focused on the thirteen original states and then expanded to other states in the order each began to conduct a census.

Several members have volunteered to assist in census extraction, including Lucy Stevens, Nancy Dietrich, J. M. (Jack) Kinabrew, Jr., William M. Alford, Sr., Dr. David Allen Schultz, Lucille Mehrkam, Janice Smith and the Rev. Charles H. Alford.

These folks should be prepared for a letter from me asking to report on readily accessible state information and areas of interest to them. If you haven't volunteered yet, please know that we are patient and don't expect more than what you can give.

Thank you, everyone, for your continued help and support.

Part Four of J. Alford's Alford Family Notes

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

THE ALFORDS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, BERKSHIRE, AND YORKSHIRE

This is the senior of the three chief branches of the Alford family, extended over a period of about two hundred years, spreading from Holt Castle, in co. Denbigh, to Meaux Abbey and Beverley, and Bilton in Yorkshire, then also to Fawley Court, on the banks of the Thames, in Buckinghamshire, and finally to Hurley and High Wycombe, in Berkshire.

The armorial bearings of this branch of the family were: "Gules, six pears or, three and three, stalks upward, with a chief of the last. Crest: a boar's head."

The Coat of Arms—"Gules, six pears, and a chief or" was originally granted to the Alfords of Holt, co. Denbigh, and confirmed to the descendants of this family as follows: at the Visitation of York, 1612 to Sir William Alford of Bilton; at the Visitation of Sussex, 1634, to John Alford of Offington; at the Visitation of London, 1634, to John Alford of the said City.

Meaux Abbey, in the parish of Waghen or Wawne, in that part of Yorkshire called Holderness, was an ancient monastic building of much interest and importance. A drawing of the last century shows only some ruined arches and columns, but even these are now almost destroyed. Launcelot Alford, who died 1562, was the first of the family who possessed it, his nephew, Sir Launcelot, succeeding him. Sir William, his son, came next, and there being no male heir it passed to his daughter, Dorothy Alford. Through her marriage with Sir Thomas Grantham this splendid property passed at her

death (in 1657) into other hands.

The Record Office "State Papers," 1558, contain "Particulars of the late Monastery of Meaux, Yorks., leased to Launcelot Alford in 1540."

In the reign of Elizabeth, Launcelot Alford was Member of Parliament for Beverley once, and Edward Alford twice. In the reign of Charles I, William Alford was returned three times, and after his third election was knighted. The *History of Beverley* speaks of the Alfords as "a very old Yorkshire family."

Beverlae (pp. 390 and 391), gives these particulars more definitely, including amongst the members for that Borough:

- 7th Parliament of Elizabeth, Launcelot Alford
- 8th Parliament of Elizabeth, Edward Alford
- 9th Parliament of Elizabeth, Edward Alford
- 1st Parliament of Charles I, William Alford
- 2nd Parliament of Charles I, William Alford
- 3rd Parliament of Charles I, Sir William Alford, Knt.

We commence this line with:

1. John Alford, senior, of Holt Castle, was the eldest son of Thomas Alford of Holt, and Jane Salisbury, his wife. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Bryan Withyforth, and through them continued the senior line of Holt Castle, and from him came also the Alfords of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Yorkshire.

Their sons were:

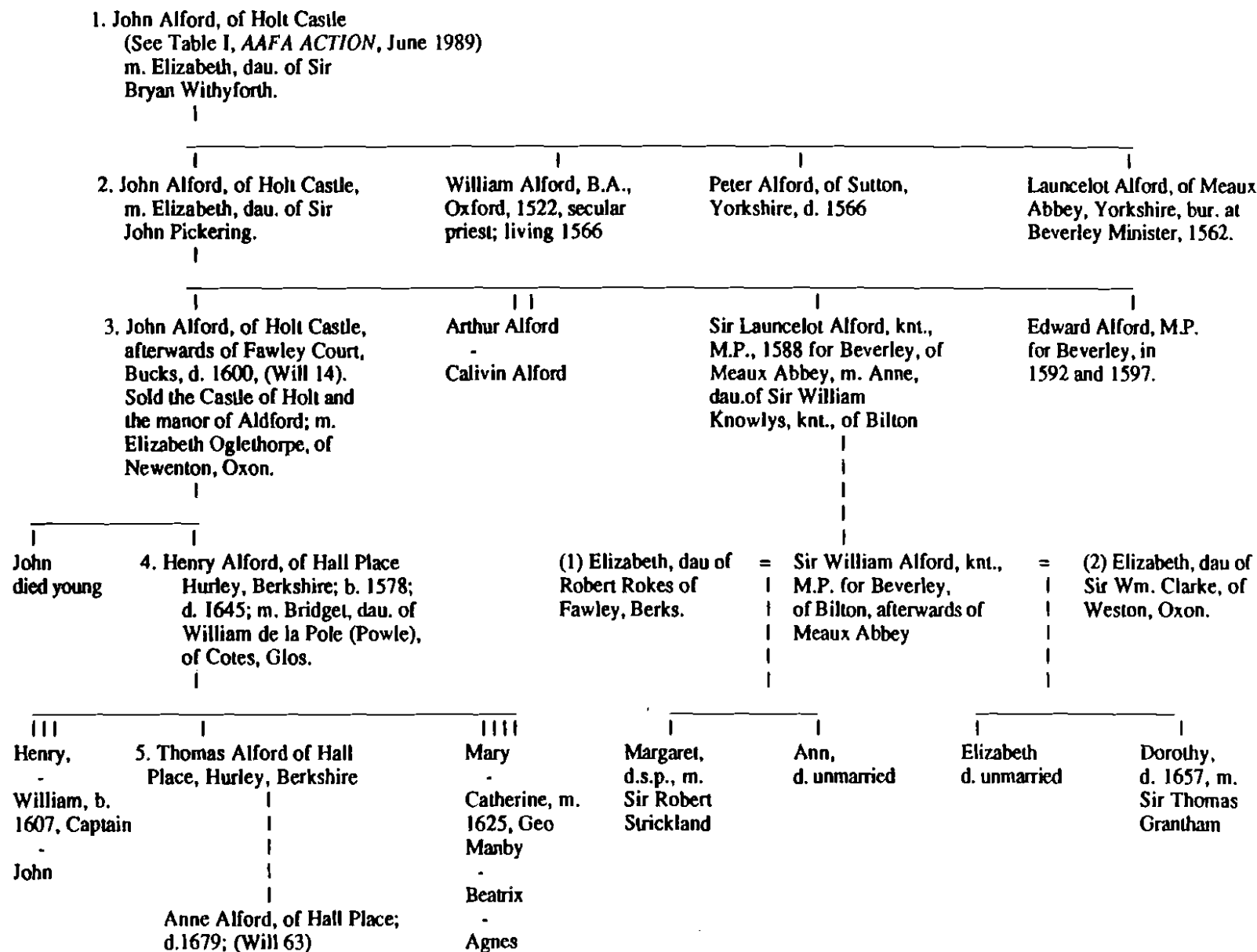
- i. John Alford [listed below as #2]
- ii. William Alford, the second son,

graduated at Oxford, and took Holy Orders. Foster's Alumni Oxonienses records: "Alford, William, Secular Priest, B. A. 1522." He was living in 1566 when he was a legatee under his brother Peter's will.

- iii. Peter Alford of Sutton, in Yorkshire, near Meaux Abbey, died 1566, and was buried in the church of Sutton.
 - iv. Launcelot Alford, was the founder, through his nephew, for he left no son, of the family afterwards of some note in Yorkshire. He lived at Meaux Abbey in Holtermess, of which fine estate and splendid pile he took a long lease in 1540. He died in 1562, and was buried in Beverley Minster.
2. John Alford, junior, eldest son of John Alford and Elizabeth Withyforth of Holt, succeeded his father in the possession of Holt Castle. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Pickering of Holt, Knight, and had five sons:
 - i. John Alford [listed below as #3]
 - ii. Sir Launcelot Alford, nephew of the above-mentioned Launcelot, succeeded his uncle at Meaux Abbey in 1562. Amongst the "Governors of Beverley incorporated by Queen Elizabeth" stands the name of Sir Launcelot Alford, 1573. He became M.P. for Beverley in 1588, was Mayor of the Town in 1591; and was knighted by James I, at York, in 1603. He married Ann, daughter of Sir William Knowles of Bilton in Yorkshire, the estate of Bilton descending to their son [William Alford—see below]
 - iii. Edward Alford was M. P. for Beverley in 1592 and 1597
 - iv. Arthur Alford
 - v. Calvin Alford

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TABLE II
ALFORD OF HOLT, afterwards of BUCKS and BERKS, and ALFORD OF YORKSHIRE



(Alford Family Notes, cont. from p. 24)

William Alford, Son of Launcelot

Sir William Alford, only son of Sir Launcelot, was born in 1571, and matriculated at Magdalen College, Oxford, as William Alford of Yorks, gent., in 1586, aged 15. At first described as "of Bilton", he afterwards appears to have succeeded his father at Meaux Abbey. "Sir William Alford of Bilton had a grant of lands in Meaux in 1634." His London residence was in the parish of St. Dunstan, where a list of owners of "Faire Houses in the Friars, 1628", includes "Sir Wm. Alford". He was Member for Beverley from 1625 to 1628, in which latter year he, too, received the honour of knighthood.

The Record Office "State Papers" give the following: "1626. Sir William Alford reports to Buckingham, proceedings under the Duke's commission with relation to three ships cast ashore at Barmeston."

Sir William was twice married, first to Elizabeth daughter of Robert Rokes of Fawley, Bucks, and secondly to Elizabeth, daughter of William Clarke of Weston, Oxfordshire.

Sir William Alford had no son, but two daughters by each marriage. His eldest daughter Margaret married, in 1640, Sir Robert Strickland of Westmoreland, who fought at Edgehill for the King, and died childless. His second daughter Ann, was buried at Waghon Yorks, in 1659, a spinster. The third daughter Elizabeth, also died unmarried. His youngest daughter, and ultimate heiress, Dorothy, married Sir Thomas Grantham, inherited Meaux Abbey from her father, and died in 1657.

A small silver ring, in the possession of the Compiler, was discovered in the ruins of Meaux Abbey some years ago. It is inscribed "Sir William Allford of

Mewx".

John Alford, Son of John Junior

3. John Alford, the third of that name, of Holt, was the eldest son and heir of John Alford (junior) of Holt Castle. He married Elizabeth Oglethorpe of Newton, Oxfordshire, and settled at Fawley Court, Buckinghamshire, on the banks of the Thames. When, on his father's death, Holt Castle came into his possession, he sold it, together with the Manor of Aldford, shortly before 1600, in which year he died. He had two sons, John who died in childhood, and Henry who succeeded him. John Alford was patron of the living of Fawley, and presented Richard Clerk, A.B., to it in 1583. Langley's History of Desborough, a part of the county of Buckingham (pp. 187 and 198), speaks of Fawley Court and Manor, which "came to the Alfords by marriage". From Alford this Manor came to Sir James Whitelock, but whether by purchase or by descent is uncertain.

In the *Royal Commission Papers*, xxii, 143, etc., 1650, concerning Viscount Dunbar, mention is made of John Alford, deceased, and Sir William Alford, as trustees.

John Alford of Fawley in the Co. of Buckingham, Esquire, 1600, "To my wife Elizabeth . . . lands . . . tenements . . . in the County of Bucks . . . of Oxfordshire . . . and elsewhere . . . for her life. Remainder thereof to my son Henrie Alford, and in default of his surviving to my nephew William, son of my brother Launcelot Alford . . . My cousin Edward Alford."

John Alford and Elizabeth Oglethorpe had issue:

- i. John Alford died young,
- ii. Henry Alford [listed below as #4]

Henry Alford

4. Henry Alford, of Hall Place, Hurley, esquire, was born about 1578, and matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1594, at the age of 15. He was admitted to Gray's Inn in 1601, afterwards qualifying as a Barrister, Hall Place, in Berkshire, where he lived, in an estate close to Fawley, although in another county. Henry Alford married Bridget de la Pole of Coates, Glos., and had four sons and four daughters. He died at the age of 67, and was buried at Fawley, in the chancel of which Church stands a monument to his memory.

Fawley, Buckinghamshire. (In the Chancel.)

Arms: Gules, six pears or, impaling azure seme de fleur-de-lys.

"Henricus Alford, Armiger.

Equestri familia in agro

Eboraconai prognatus.

Obit apud manerium suum de Hall Place in Hurley co. Berks. Oct. 14, 1645. Aetatis Suse 67."

Also 7 Brigetta de la Pole wife of the above Henry Alford.

The children of Henry and Bridget Alford were:

- i. Henry Alford,
- ii. Thomas Alford, of whom next (5),
- iii. William Alford, to whom the following probably refers:—
In the Civil War in the reign of Charles I, "William Alford, Lieutenant in Lord Grandison's Regiment in the Royalist army", is mentioned in 1640; also "Captain Alford in 1642 who 'took part in the taking of Cirencester by Prince Rupert, under whom he served in the King's Army.'"
- iv. John Alford,
- v. Mary
- vi. Catherine, m. 1625, George Manby

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(Alford Family Notes, cont. from p. 24)

- vii. Beatrice
- viii. Agnes

5. Thomas Alford of Hall Place, of whom we have no further particulars, is presumed to have been the father of

- i. Anne Alford of Hall Place, who was doubtless the last of this line of Alford. She died in 1679, and her will is to the following effect:

Anne Alford of Hall Place, in the parish of Hurley in the co. of Berks, spinster, 1679. "To be buried att the Parish Church of Fawley, under the stone where my Ancestors lye buried . . . My Kinswoman Katherine Powle, daughter of Henry Powle of Williamstrop1 in the Co. of Gloucester . . . To the poore of Harley . . . To the Poore of Fawley . . . To my niece's husband George Bewes, Clerke, a ring . . . to the said Henry Powle and to George Perin of Harley, all my estate in houses, lands, etc., upon trust for my beloved niece Elizageth Bewes, wife of the said George Bewes of Sprotby in the County of York, Clerke, and to her children; and failing issue, to my loving Cosen Henry Powle of Williamstrop, Esquire."

P.C.C., 125 King

More Alfords

It seems probable that the Alfords who settled at High Wycombe, in Buckinghamshire, were cadets of the Berkshire family.

Thomas Alford was Mayor of Chipping, or High Wycombe, in Buckinghamshire, in the reign of William and Mary, and again in the reign of Anne, 1702 to 1704. He died in the latter year, and his monument, bearing the Alford arms, is in the parish church.

High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Arms: Six pears or.

"Here lyeth the body of Thomas Alford, of this town, who departed his life the 17th day, 1704; in the 59th year of his age, and during the second time of his Mayoralty."

George Alford, son of the above Thomas, and also of High Wycombe, became Mayor of that town in 1710, and died childless in the same year. His will is to the following effect:

George Alford, of Cheping Wycomb (High Wycombe), Bucks, Gentleman, 1710. "To my dear Wife Isabella Alford, messuages, with stables, out-houses, orchards, gardens, where I now dwell, in Mary Street. My nephew Thomas Alford Anderton . . . my niece his sister. My sister Mary Anderton . . . My mother in law Alford, my aunt Susan Bringhurst, my brother in law John Storer, to each of them a gold ring. My said wife Isabela, Executrix". P.C.C., 103 Smith

This senior, or first, branch of the northern family appears to have died out. Nothing has been found to indicate that it has continued by any cadet lines.

Williamstrip, in 1670 the property of Henry Powle, Speaker of the House of Commons, is now a seat of Viscount St. Aidwyn. Henry Powle was summoned to the Heralds' Visitation of Gloucestershire in 1683-4, but did not enter his pedigree.

Expiration Notices and Invoices

As you can see from the financial report, the two greatest expenses of the Association are postage and printing (copies). While much of this is for the cost of reproducing and mailing material to the membership as a whole or material from Missouri to the officers or project officers, some of it comes from sending out expiration notices and invoices. Experimental changes or being made to work out more economical methods that are equally as effective.

Expiration notices are now being sent along with the newsletter in the form of a specially prepared return envelope. Invoices mailed with scheduled mailings may be delayed longer than usual. It is probable that invoices or receipts to members will be discontinued. Invoice and financial data will still be posted to the computer records and exchanged between the Treasurer, Secretary and Executive Assistant. Members may use their cancelled checks for receipts.

If members have any feelings about this subject please let them be known.

Colonel Alford

[Articles such as this one, "A French Connection?", and the one about Jesse James in the previous issue provide some spice and a unique flavor to the newsletter. Send AAFA those obscure Alford tidbits you have!]

Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era, by James M. McPherson (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1988), contains a reference to a Colonel Alford, p. 329:

Many officers did little to inspire respect. Some had a penchant for

drinking and carousing—which of course set a fine example for their men. In the summer of 1861 the 75th New York camped near Baltimore on its way to Washington. "Tonight not 200 men are in camp," wrote a diary-keeping member of the regiment despairingly. "Capt. Catlin, Capt. Hurburt, Lt. Cooper and one or two other officers are under arrest. A hundred men are drunk, a hundred more at houses of ill fame. . . Col. Alford is very drunk all the time now."

Anyone want to claim the colonel?!

The French Connection?

Quite by accident an Alford was found in nineteenth century France. Louise Alford was mentioned in *THE VIDOCQ DOSSIER, The Story of the World's First Detective*, by Samuel Edwards (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1977).

Francois Eugene Vidocq (1775-1857) was the world's first private detective. He set up the French detective police force, the Brigade de la Sureté, and pioneered methods of detection that are today the commonplaces of police work: disguises, fingerprinting, handwriting analysis, autopsies, blood tests, ballistics, files on criminals, decoys, and stool pigeons. He was also a convict. A man with a price on his head became a master sleuth.

Legend has it that Vidocq earned Napoleon's gratitude by recovering the Empress Josephine's stolen emerald necklace. The last three Bourbon kings also relied on him. He was a friend of

Balzac and Dumas Pere. He tried to rehabilitate criminals by putting them to work, and his ideas on prison reform influenced his good friends Eugene Sue and Victor Hugo. He also inspired Edgar Allen Poe. He was also a womanizer. Scotland Yard and the F.B.I. were patterned after the force organized by Vidocq.

So what does all this have to do with an Alford? Nothing genealogically—but the Alford role seemed rather interesting. After organizing the police detectives and leading it for many years, on two occasions actually, Vidocq established his own private detective organization called the Information Bureau. It was during that period when our relative surfaced. The following is a paragraph taken from page 138 of the book:

"There are glimpses, too, of an unpublished aspect of Vidocq's complex personality in his ledger. One cus-

tomor, identified only as Mme. Louise Alford, came to him in the hope that he could collect the sum of twenty-five francs owed to her by a restaurant for service rendered as a cook. Vidocq accepted the case, collected the money and then refused to charge Mme. Alford either a commission or a fee, instead giving her the entire amount. Twenty-five francs wasn't very much money but must have been important to the cook, and the detective refused to take a few francs from her."

What do you think? Was she from across the channel providing some English cuisine in a Paris restaurant? Was she married to an Alford living in Paris? Or did we have some French ancestors?

A copy of this book is in the Alford American Family Association Library. If you cannot find it locally and want to borrow it, contact Nancy Alford Dietrich, the Librarian.

Biography: Horace Coleman Alford

The following biography was condensed by AAFA Member Kim Beardsley from an article in *The Book of Florida*, by the Florida Editors Association, 1925 [no other bibliographical data], pages 298 and 582:

Honorable Horace Coleman Alford of Miami, FL, was born at Riverside, Alabama, July 9, 1886, the son of Richard W. and Martha (Coleman) Alford. He was educated in the public schools of Alabama and after finishing his elementary schooling, he worked as a traveling commercial salesman for eight years. At the end of this period he decided to study law. In the meantime, however, Judge Alford had become a prominent and important figure in political and commercial endeavors of his hometown of Riverside. At the age

of 21 he was elected mayor, serving for two terms. He was also president of the Alabama Fire Brick Manufacturing Company.

Judge Alford eventually entered Cumberland University at Lebanon, TN, and upon completion of only four and a half months of study he returned to Alabama and passed the Alabama Bar Examination, being one of fourteen out of thirty six to do so. He returned to Lebanon, however, to complete his course after which he practiced law in Birmingham for twelve years before moving to Miami, FL. He was one of Birmingham's most distinguished attorneys and became a special judge of the Circuit Court as well as an active participant in many civic endeavors.

In Miami, he became an astute real estate developer, specializing mostly in acreage operations. His biggest achievement was the idea to develop a large truck farming district just west of Lake Okeehobee in Glades County. There he bought 5,179 acres, three miles square, where construction began on Alford City, a community envisioned for the man of moderate means. Judge Alford wanted to address the needs of the working men and women who could not afford the high cost of housing. The total expenditure was expected to top ten million dollars. Judge Alford, a Baptist, was also a member of the Elks, Moose and Odd Fellows and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He was married to the former Bertie Mae Fly of Memphis, Tennessee.

Will of Lodowick Alford, 1853

The following Will has been transcribed without modification from the Ordinary Court records of Troup County, Georgia, where it was probated in 1859. Transcription by James P. Alford of Houston, TX, AAFA Member #115, a gr-gr-great grandson of Lodowick.

Last Will and Testament of Lodowick Alford

State of Georgia] In the name of God Troup County) Amen!! I Lodowick Alford of said State and County being of advanced age but of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing that in the ordinary Course of nature I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition by Will of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me do therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

- 1 Item: I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life. My soul I hope shall return to God who gave it and through the merits of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ forever enjoy that rest which is made for the people of God.
- 2 Item: I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid as soon after my decease as the Laws of the State will permit and without delay as I am unwilling that my Creditors should be delayed in their rights.
- 3 Item: I give and bequeath unto my son William L. Alford the two following named negroes to wit: Harry, a man slave about thirty five years old and "Silva", a girl slave about twenty years old together with their

increase to be used and held by him absolutely and unconditionally as his own property, the same given to him by way of making him equal with the advancements heretofore made to my other Children.

- 4 Item: I give and bequeath unto my Son Whitman C. Alford the two following named negro slaves to wit: George, a boy about eighteen years old and Mary, a girl about fifteen years old together with their increase to be used and held by him absolutely and unconditionally as his own property, the same given to him for the purpose of making him equal with the advancements heretofore made to my other Children.
- 5 Item: It is my Will that all the Residue and balance of my property both real and personal wherever and whatever it may be after my just debts shall have been paid and the Legacies herein before specified have been given off, Shall be equally divided among the following named of my Children to Wit: Julius C. Alford, "the heirs of the body of" Mary Spencer "Decd" formerly Mary Alford, Rebecca Mawl formerly Rebecca Alford, Elizabeth Martin formerly Elizabeth Alford, Lodowick P. Alford, James A. J. Alford, William L. Alford and Whitman C. Alford and upon the terms and conditions and with the qualifications I shall hereinafter specify and direct. To Wit _____
- 6 Item: I give and bequeath to my son Julius C. Alford his distributive part of the residue & balance of my property referred to in the fifth Item of this my last Will and Testament absolutely and unconditionally[.] I also give and bequeath to my sons William L. Alford and Whitman C.

Alford their distributive parts of the balance of my property above alluded to absolutely and unconditionally. The distributive share of each of my said Sons, Julius C., William L. and Whitman C. Alford to be used, held and owned by them in fee simple as their own property.

- 7 Item: I give and bequeath unto my sons William L. Alford and Whitman C. Alford as Trustees for Mary Spencer formerly Mary Alford, Rebecca Mawl formerly Rebecca Alford, Elizabeth Martin formerly Elizabeth Alford, Lodowick P. Alford and James A. J. Alford, the distributive shares or parts of the residue & balance of my property, alluded to in the fifth Item of this my last will & Testament, of the Said Mary, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Lodowick P. and James A. J. Alford to be held and owned by them the said William L. and Whitman C. Alford, for the sole use benefit and behoof[?] of them the said Mary Spencer, Rebecca Mawl, Elizabeth Martin[,] Lodowick P. Alford and James A. J. Alford for and during their natural lives of the said Cestui Que Trusts and after the death of either [each] as they shall respectively die, the separate distributive part of each shall be equally divided by the said Trustees among their Several separate and respective children, my said Children Mary, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Lodowick P. and James A. J. being each entitled to use and enjoy their said Several & Separate distributive parts of my said property for and during their natural lives and after their death to be disposed of by said Trustees as above specified.
- 8 Item: It is my will and desire that my said sons Trustee as aforesaid shall permit my said children, Mary,

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(Lodowick's Will, cont. from p. 29)

Rebecca, Elizabeth, Lodowick P. and James A. J. to have and keep possession of and use and enjoy for the benefit of each and their children the property I have given and bequeathed to them as Trustees aforesaid hereby Constituting the said Trustees the depository of the legal title to said property to preserve it for the purposes aforesaid.

9 Item: I furthermore desire and hereby authorize the said Trustees by and with the consent of the said Mary, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Lodowick P. and James A. J. Alford or either [any] of them separately whenever they said Trustees shall think it for the advantage and benefit of the Cestui Que Trusts or [of?] either [any] of them to sell exchange or otherwise dispose of said trust property[:] to do so with the express understanding however that they the said Trustees shall hold keep and own the property obtained by said sale, exchange or other disposition in the same manner & upon the same Conditions as the Trust property herein given and bequeathed.

10 Item: It is furthermore my Will and desire and I hereby direct that the property given and bequeathed by me in Trust for the benefit and use of my daughter Elizabeth Martin for and during her natural life shall in the event of her dying without any Children or any heir of her body revert back and become a part of my Estate to be distributed among my other Children.

11 Item: Thinking it probably necessary that I should mention my reasons for not giving the Children of Erasmus Alford my deceased son anything by this my last Will and Testament I here state the same to be that I heretofore have given to

the said Erasmus their [heirs?] farther a reasonable portion of my Estate and also because the said Children are now much better provided for than I could do for them.

12 Item: I hereby Constitute and appoint Wm L. Alford and Whit C. Alford Executors of this my last Will and Testament as witness my hand and seal.

L. Alford {seal}

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Lodowick Alford as his last Will and testament in the presence of us the Subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator (at his special instance and request) and of each other this the 18th day of June 1853, Inserting "Sylva" instead of Martha and "the heirs of the body of" before Mary Spencer and "Decd" after.

Peter A. Heard J. M. Hannington J. P.

State of Georgia } Court of Ordinary
Troup County } August Term 1859
Before me Thomas C. Evans Ordinary in and for said county in open court personally came William L. Alford and Whit C. Alford Executors of Lodowick Alford late of said County & produced before me the last Will and Testament of said Decd and the witnesses to said Will to wit Peter A. Heard and J. M. Hannington which witnesses being duly Sworn depose and Say that they saw Lodowick Alford the Testator sign seal declare and publish the within instrument now presented as the last Will and Testament of said Decd freely voluntarily and of his own accord and without any compulsion or influence whatever that at the time of the execution of said Will said Testator was of sound & disposing mind and memory that deponents [?] signed Said Will as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other Sworn to & Subscribed before me

this August 3, 1859.

Thomas C. Evans, Ordinary J. M. Hannington Peter A. Heard

Georgia } Court of Ordinary
Troup County } Term August 1859
The last Will and Testament of Lodowick Alford late of said County Decd having been propounded [?] in open Court for probate by William L. Alford & Whit C. Alford his Executors which said Will & Testament having been sufficiently proven to the satisfaction of the Court upon the oaths of Peter A. Heard & J. M. Hannington Subscribing Witnesses to said Will, It is ordered by the Court that said Will & Testament be admitted to record and it is further ordered that Elias Davidson, Jesse Palmer, William Hogg, William B. Johnson & J. M. Hannington be appointed appraisers to appraise the Estate of said Decd and that said Executors make return of the Same to this Court within ninety days. Thomas C. Evans Ordinary

Recorded 4th August 1859 Thomas C. Evans Ordinary

TO DO LIST

- Volunteer for national office
- Volunteer to chair a research committee
- Help with one of the research projects
- Renew AAFA membership when it expires
- Attend the Annual Meeting in Houston

Will of Julius Alford, 1819

The following Will has been transcribed without modification from the Ordinary Court Records of Greene County, Georgia where it was probated in 1820. Transcription by AAFA Member #115 James P. Alford of Houston, Texas, 1989, a gr-gr-grandson of Julius Alford.

Last Will And Testament of Julius Alford, Senr.

Georgia)
Greene County)

In the name of God Amen I, Julius Alford Senr., of the State & County aforesaid being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, blessed be almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First, I give unto my Son Lodwick Alford one negro man named Randolph, also one hundred acres of land that he is now in possession of.

Second, I give unto my daughter AleY Asckew one negro woman named Rose & increase.

Third, I give unto my daughter Clarey Whaatey one negro woman and child named Selah & Nat.

Fourth, I give unto my daughter Betsy Ann Boon two negro women named Daphne & Betsy.

Fifth, I give unto my daughter Susan Gilliam one Bed & Chest.

Sixth, I give unto my Son Zadock one negro man named Talker.

Seventh, I give unto my Son Halcut one negro man named Solomon.

Eight, I give unto my daughter Rebecca

Dickson one negro woman named Livy.

Ninth, I give unto my daughter Patsy Cole one negro man named Calton.

Tenth, I give unto my daughter Faithy Webb one negro man named Wyatt.

Eleventh, I give unto my beloved wife the balance of my land lying adjoining Carly's land including the House where I now live, the Spring Branch to be the dividing line, during her natural life and then to revert to my son Julius Alford. Also I give unto my beloved wife, Stef & Perlina & Vilet, during her natural life and after her death to my son Julius Alford. I also give unto my wife one mare and Colt during her natural life and all the balance of my property that is not mentioned in my will to be my wife's during her life and then to revert to my son Julius Alford.

Twelfth, I give unto my son Julius C. Alford the balance of my land lying on the other side of the Spring branch also two negros named James and Jack.

Thirteenth, I give to my daughter Mary Oglesby two negros named Lewis & Elizabeth.

Fourteenth, I give unto my Granddaughter Winny Cole a bed & furniture after the death of my wife.

Fifteenth, I give unto my grand daughter Susan Webb one bed & furniture after the death of my wife.

I do appoint my wife Rebecca Alford and my son Julius C. Alford to Execute this my last Will & Testament revoking all others. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 9th Sept. 1819.

Attest: John Garrett Julius Alford
(seal) Jesse Martindale Thomas B.

Garrett

Georgia, Greene County, Court of Ordinary September Term, 1820. Personally appeared in open Court Jesse Martindale and Thomas B. Garrett two of the subscribing Witeses to the foregoing Will who being duly sworn say that they each saw the within named Julius Alford sign, seal and heard him Acknowledge the foregoing to be his last Will and testament and that they each believed him to be of perfect sound mind and memory at the time of his so-doing and they together with John Garrett subscribed their names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator.

Sworn to and Suscribed in Open Court
4th September 1820
Jesse Martindale
Thos B. Garrett
Ebenezer Torrence Clk

Recorded 8th September 1820 Eben-
ezer Torrence Clk

(President's Precept, cont. from p. 1)

chance and volunteer for a national or state office. I can't be President forever. And volunteer to help research in some field of your choosing. The only one of us who is overloaded is Gil Alford—let's help him!

The meeting this year will be an important one, with several crucial decisions to make, such as where we will convene the next three years. Do we need a meeting every year? Do we need further organization or a different kind of structure? We may have to raise dues of members. How much and when to do it? You may have other matters you would like to have discussed at the meeting. If so, let Gil Alford know because he is preparing the agenda now. See you in Houston!

Lodwick H. Alford, President, AAFA

Welcome New AAFA Members

MBR	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ULTIMATE ANCESTOR	EVENT DATE & PLACE
173	MR. MARSHALL E. ALFORD	1033 MAJORS DRIVE	MESQUITE	TX 75149	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
174	MR. LEE T. ALFORD	1531 MILITARY ROAD	BOGALUSA	LA 70427	ZACHARY TAYLOR	B 1851CA AL
175	MRS. GRETTA M. ALLEN	ROUTE 1, BOX 769	POINT PLEASANT	WV 25550	WILLIAM	B 1751 NC
176	MRS. BETTY ALFORD MCGUGAN	26 BLUE SPRINGS COURT	LILBURN	GA 30247	ROBERT H.	B 1856CA AR
177	MRS. LOUISE ALFORD EKin	2032 HEATHFIELD CIRCLE	SUN CITY CENTER	FL 33570	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
178	MR. ROBERT S. BARROWS	151 GLENBROOK ROAD	ROCHESTER	NY 14616	THOMAS	B 1811CA WV
179	DR. JOE D. ALFORD, PHD	6 MINE HILL DRIVE	N. LITTLE ROCK	AR 72118	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
180	MRS. SARAH MAY ALFORD	105 EAST CONNER STREET	EASTLAND	TX 76448	JACKSON	B 1830 AL
181	DR. DAVID A. SCHULTZ	POST OFFICE BOX 547	LUCEDALE	MS 39452	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
182	PIKE AMITE WALTHALL LIB.	114 STATE STREET	MCCOMB	MS 39648		
183	MR. ROBERT P. COYNER, JR.	546 KINGFISHER	SUGAR LAND	TX 77478	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
184	MS. BESS HUBBARD, P.E.	16 E. RANSOM STREET	FUQUAY-VARINA	NC 27526	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
185	MRS. MARY ALFORD	6721 CALVADOS AVENUE	JACKSONVILLE	FL 32205		
186	MRS. NADINE STEVENSON	345 TULIP STREET	FAIRFIELD	CA 94533	ROBERT	B 1760E ENGLAND
187	REV. CHARLES H. ALFORD	898 N.W. 15TH AVENUE	BOCA RATON	FL 33486	THOMAS	B 1770E VA / TN
188	MR. WINSTON B. MURRAY	POST OFFICE BOX 295	RICHLAND SPRINGS	TX 76871	HARVEY	B 1810E OL???
189	MS. LYNETTE JESTER	2700 LEIGH ANN LANE	ARLINGTON	TX 76010	BURGESS	
190	MR. STEVE A. ALFORD, JR.	750 MARQUETTE AVENUE	BATON ROUGE	LA 70806	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
191	MRS. EVELYN ALFORD COOK	5221 LIDO LANE	HOUSTON	TX 77092	ROBERT HENRY	B 1856004 AR
192	MRS. ROSE ALFORD SHELTON	ROUTE 3, BOX 85	EL CAMPO	TX 77437	JOHN REDDEN	B 1820CA SC
193	MR. CHARLES LEE ALFORD	263 CARBONDALE ROAD	DALTON	GA 30320	HINESBERRY	B 1827 NC
194	MR. JOHN WARREN ALFORD	21 WEN MAR CIRCLE	PASS CHRISTIAN	MS 39571		
195	MRS. JANN HARPER	4326 SILVERWOOD	HOUSTON	TX 77035	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
196	MR. HOLLIS W. ALFORD	ROUTE 1, BOX 1469	HEMPHILL	TX 75948	JOHN	B 1800CA NC
197	MR. ROBERT D. ALFORD	11115 FALL BREEZE DRIVE	HOUSTON	TX 77064		
198	MR. W. M. ALFORD	ROUTE 2, BOX 271Y	CROCKETT	TX 75835	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
199	MR. BILLY R. GIBSON	406 WHITFIELD AVENUE	ST. SIMONS ISLAND	GA 31522	PLEASANT	B 1818CA AL
200	MR. JOHN ROGERS ALFORD, JR.	3710 BRIDAL PATH	AUSTIN	TX 78703	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
201	MR. GERALD BUCHANAN	711 BELLEVUE	CLINTON	MS 36056	OWEN ??	B 1800 ?? AL ??
202	MR. JIM ALFORD	27 PAPAYA CIRCLE	BROWNSVILLE	TX 78521	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
203	MRS. PATRICIA A. DEGROFFT	12 MT HEBRON DRIVE	PENDLETON	OR 97801	ROBERT TEMPLE	B 18140428 MS
204	REV. DOUGLAS LEE ALFORD	213 HILLVIEW DRIVE	HURST	TX 76054	JOHN	B 1800CA NC
205	MR. HERBERT H. ALFORD	1701 WOODLAND	BRYAN	TX 77802	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
206	MR. GEORGE F. WATFORD	700 CITICORP CENTER 1200 SMITH STREET	HOUSTON	TX 77002	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
207	MR. ROBERT B. ALFORD	316 SCENIC TRAIL	WILLOW PARK	TX 76087	JAMES	B 1687CA VA
208	MR. ROY L. ALFORD	25310 BROKEN BOUGH	SPRING	TX 77380	JOHN	B 1800CA NC