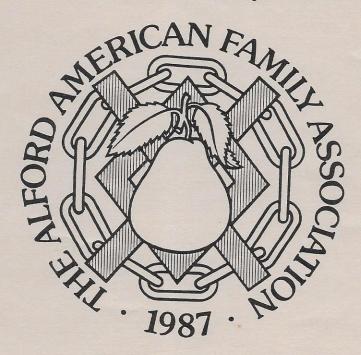
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President's Precept

ATTENTION ALL HANDS! NOW HEAR THIS!

The third annual meeting of the Alford American Family Association held in Raleigh, NC, 12–14 October 1990 was a great success. Back in the summer things seemed to be moving rather slowly, and we just had not generated the enthusiasm, publicity, and response we hoped for. But then things began to snowball, and by the day of the first session one could hardly ask for better. We had about 120 present, including several new members and some non-members.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to our North Carolina Representative Jean J. Wilson of Durham for the superb arrangements for the meeting at the Holiday Inn. And also to Gil Alford who was pulling strings from Missouri—if you know Gil, he pulls a mean string!

At the various sessions of the meeting we covered a lot of ground, heard from most of our officers and many of our members. A special treat was an entertaining talk on "ole Lodwick" Alford by our banquet speaker, Mrs. Louise Fuller, who is a member but has no Alford connections! But as at Houston, the highlight of the meeting was the rundown by Gil Alford on the ancestors of our members. Again we were spellbound, and it was indeed a *tour de force*. BRAVO ZULU! to Gil. (You Navy hands will know what that means.) And our special thanks to those who assisted with registration and to Harold Alford for his droll stories.

Another highlight of the meeting was the establishment by the Board of Directors of the Alford American Family Association HALL OF FAME. The first inductee was Mrs. Tressie Bowman, who started the first Alford newsletter over 20 years ago and without whose efforts this organization would probably not exist. The second inductee was Gilbert K. Alford Jr., our esteemed Executive Director who started the Association in 1987 and built the membership to over 300. The third inductee was Mrs. Pamela Alford Thompson, our outstanding Editor of our superb quarterly, AAFA ACTION, who has built this publication to what we believe is the

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Treasurer's Report



1988	1989	1990	1990
Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
			to Date
			(11/30/90)

REVENUE

REG FEE (INITIAL)	\$700.00	\$1580.00	\$541.00	\$521.00
DUES - Initial & Renewal	880.00	2013.00	4001.00	3877.00
DONATIONS - GENERAL	682.57	1583.00	1688.17	1688.17
ANNUAL MEETING		1681.00	4312.00	4312.00
RESALE of Items Purchased			424.00	424.00
CARRYOVER FROM				
PREVIOUS YEAR	1381.88	1394.26		1484.11

TOTAL FUNDS \$3644.45 \$8251.26 \$10966.17 \$12306.28

EXPENSES

1					
-	POSTAGE & PO BOX	\$653.97	\$1849.73	\$2100.00	\$1868.85
	STATIONERY	817.01	285.00	175.00	165.91
	PRINTING	337.84	2030.15	3000.00	2952.02
	RESEARCH		190.11	400.00	114.95
-	FAMILY EMBLEM	200.00			
	MISCELLANEOUS	241.37	366.12	225.00	207.95
	ADVERTISING		136.38	75.00	.00
	SUPPLIES		301.28	400.00	326.60
	NON EXPENDABLE ITEMS		108.44	220.00	218.07
	REFUNDS			75.00	
	ANNUAL MEETING		1499.94	3091.35	3091.35
	PURCHASE FOR RESALE			401.00	401.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2250.19	\$6767.15	\$10087.35	\$9721.70

NET WORTH

\$1394.26 \$1484.11

\$2884.58

Having been through the annual meeting planning for three years, and into the resale of items for awhile, it seems enough experience has been gained to bring those categories under the budget. Consequently all income and expense items are now being included in the budget process.

→ HELP!!!!! Is there an AAFA member who has been looking for a way to help, who has bookkeeping experience (and maybe a computer), and who is willing to take on the AAFA bookkeeping job? The annual funding level is now over \$10,000. The Treasurer and the Executive Director have no bookkeeping experience and are now well over their heads.

Members with questions about any of the above entries should address them to POB 1586, Florissant MO 63031.

The Third Annual AAFA Meeting

The meeting in Raleigh was the best yet. There were about the same number of attendees as there were in Houston, but there was a larger percentage of officers, workers, and others more involved with genealogical research present in Raleigh.

Jean Wilson, AAFA North Carolina State Representative, welcomed the membership to Raleigh and turned the meeting over to President Lodwick H. Alford, Captain USN Retired.

Captain Alford recognized various groups and persons

present. Vice President Weston Adams, attending his first meeting, was introduced and commented on the family badge and foundation possibilities.

Julius Alford, Treasurer, had been "at sea" for the past several weeks, so Gil



Nancy Alford Dietrich, AAFA Librarian from Westport, WA, traveled the furthest to the meeting. Weston Adams, AAFA Vice President from Columbia, SC, is Nancy's distant cousin.



Some of our North Carolina hosts:
Back, l. to r.—Bill Mitchiner (AAFA
Genealogist) from Raleigh, Susan
Herring from Elizabeth City, William
Dallas Alford from Durham, Bob
Williams from Raleigh; Front, l. to r.—
Katye Pridgin Alford from Elm City,
Joyce Pierce from Wilmington, Waldo
Stone, Susan Herring's mother, from
Elizabeth City, and Jean Wilson (AAFA
NC State Representative) from
Durham.

Alford presented the financial report in Julius' behalf,

Bill Mitchiner, AAFA Genealogist, James Sorrell of the NC Archives, and Edythe Tippett, all of the Raleigh area, made welcoming comments and related some of their experience in Alford research.

Reports and/or short presentations were made by Nancy Dietrich, Librarian; Pamela Thompson, Publications Director; Alicia Houston, AAFA Census project officer; Franceine Rees, AAFA Wills and Estates project



Bill Mitchiner, AAFA Member #10 and our Association Genealogist, lives in Raleigh in part so he can be near the North Carolina State Archives!

officer; Lucy Stevens, AAFA DAR project officer; and Jack Kinabrew on a project he has underway on Louisiana Cemeteries.

The Board of Directors announced the establishment of an AAFA four part awards program. Members may receive cash awards or other items by (1) enlisting new members (2) submitting Alford family group records (3) submitting biographical sketches and (4) submitting articles for the quarterly. [See article on p. 58 in this issue.]

Gil Alford presented information on the various Alford branches related to AAFA members during the Alford Family Forum on Saturday and Sunday. Interesting presentations were made by Christie Alford Baldwin and

Elizabeth Hazlip from Hazlehurst, MS, Liz Williams from Greenville, MS, Marian Houk from Falls Church, VA, and Julius Alford, AAFA Treasurer and uncle of Marian, from McComb, MS—all descendant of James Alford, born circa 1687 in VA. Louise Fuller on Saturday evening. Many members contributed to a worthwhile discussion during the presentation by Christie and Gil. Louise Fuller's presentation at dinner on Saturday evening was a history of "ole Lodwick" in verse, which you can look forward to reading in the next issue!

Significant matters of business covered in the Raleigh meeting were as follows:

Changes to Constitution

The Articles of Incorporation (constitution) and bylaws were changed to make the abbreviation "AAFA" official; re-

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Our leaders, Gilbert Alford, Jr., AAFA Executive Director from Florissant, Missouri, and Captain Lodwick Alford, AAFA President from Sea Island, Georgia.





Descendants of Hollis Victor and Ethel (McMillan) Alford of Mississippi: Back, l. to r.—Jay and his mother Jan (Jones) Gattis from Colonial Heights, VA; Mike Wilson and his parents Jean (Jones) & Chuck Wilson from Durham, NC; Victor Alford and his fiancée Denise Renton from Altamonte Sprints, FL; Front, l. to r.—Harold Alford and his wife Jo (Lewis) Alford, parents of Victor, from Longwood, FL; Dorothy "Dottie" (Alford) Jones and her husband Leon Jones, parents of Jan Gattis and Jean Wilson, from Colonial Heights, VA. Harold and Dottie are children of Hollis Victor and Ethel Alford.



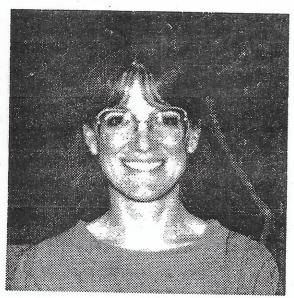


The buffet dinner on Saturday night gave everyone an opportunity to socialize with old and new friends and catch up on news with cousins we don't see very often.

C. Wylie Alford from Denver, CO, his wife Charlotte Alford, and Edythe Tippett from Zebulon, NC.



Gil Alford, AAFA Executive Director, his daughter Mary (Alford) Tedder from Lewisville, TX, and his wife Mary. Gil spent many hours preparing material for the presentations at our 3rd Annual Meeting, and all attendees will no doubt agree that his efforts were definitely worthwhile.





Juanita Alford from Jacksonville, FL, sister-in-law of AAFA President Lodwick Alford, and Beatrice (Alford) Parramore from Valdosta, GA, Lodwick's sister.

Pamela (Alford) Thompson, AAFA Publications Editor from Mountain View, CA.



One of our informative slideshow presentations.

Waldo Stone from Elizabeth City, NC, Tom and Jean Shearin from Wake Forest, NC, James Sorrell from Cary, NC, and Susan Herring, Waldo's daughter, from Elizabeth City. James Sorrell works at the NC Archives and gave a talk encouraging us to visit this great resource.





Left: Louisiana attendees: Jack and Eileen Kinabrew from New Orleans and Sally and Dick Stoewer from Baton Rouge. At the meeting, Jack presented the work he's been doing on Louisiana cemeteries at the meeting, which will soon be published in AAFA ACTION. Also attending from LA were Mary Schulz Alford from Cut Off, LA, and her daughter Jill Alford.

Below: Bess Hubbard from Fuquay-Varina, NC, and Barbara Miller Gillis from Fayetteville, NC, both descended from Jacob and Mary (Pace) Alford.

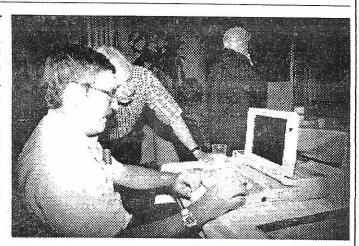




Left: Christie Baldwin, AAFA Member #6, from Oklahoma City, OK, who gave an extremely interesting talk on "Ole Lodwick" at our after-dinner session, and Louise Fuller from Rocky Mount, NC, who read us her amazing "story in verse" on the same Lodwick at dinner.

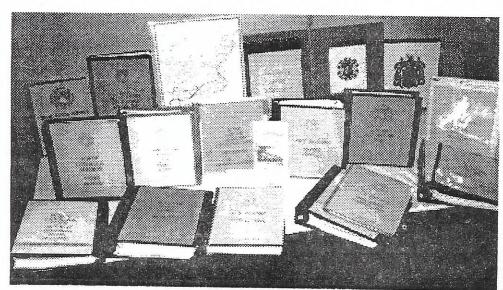


Jim Alford of Houston, TX, brought his portable computer to the meeting—and used it to check his research files. Jim has written several articles for AAFA ACTION, including "What's in a Name?"



Harold Alford from Longwood, FL, entertained us with some Southern stories and tall ancestor tales at the dinner Saturday night.

Below: Spouses of Alfords— Bob Stevens from Rockville, MD, husband of Lucy Shull Stevens; Bill Dietrich from Westport, WA, husaband of Nancy Dietrich; and Edward Vorman from Great Barrington, MA, husband of Joyce (Alford) Vorman.

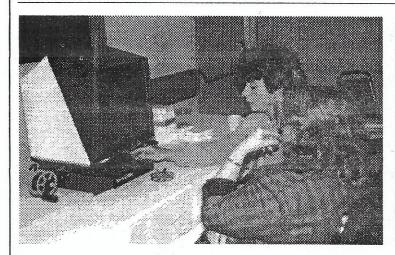


Gil and Mary Alford brought a car full of books and research materials from Florissant—something for everyone!

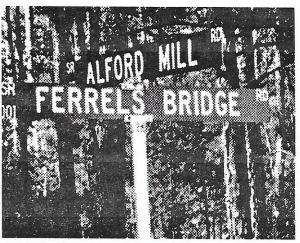




Daniel and Alicia Houston from Monroeville, PA. Alicia is AAFA Member #1 and our Census Project Officer.



The microfiche reader that Gil brought was put to good use by members searching old records. On Sunday there was time for small group meetings, "family forums," and other research activities.



Can you believe the wonderful street sign Jim Alford from Houston and Pam Thompson found while driving around the Raleigh area?



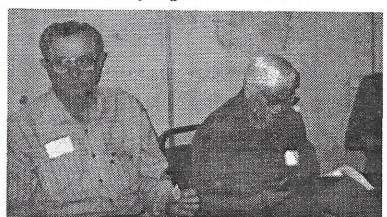


M.E. "Mike" and Eva Alford from Portsmouth, VA. Mike is AAFA Member #4!

A quartet of happy AAFA members: Pat Fite, Texas Secretary, Camille Crouse from Matthews, NC, Lucille Mehrkam, Texas Genealogist, and Lucy Shull Stevens, AAFA DAR Project Officer.



John Alford, Jr., from Austin, TX, Landon Alford, AAFA Member #2, Bess Rayford, and Landon's wife Phyllis Alford, all from Henderson, TX.



Georgia attendees: Charles J. Alford from Buford and Elisabeth McLane from Valdosta. Also attending from GA were our president, from Sea Island, and his sister, Beatrice Parramore from Valdosta.

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worded to emphasize historical rather than genealogical purpose; expanded to include many spelling variations; and changed to limit elected officers to President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Genealogist, Librarian, Historian, Legal Advisor, Publications Editor and various assistants and project officers will be appointed. Term of office for the elected officers will be three years instead of one. Appointments of others will be indefinite. The provision for written ballots and proxy votes was eliminated. The Board of Directors may be expanded by the Board itself.

Future Meetings

The 1991 meeting will be in Jackson, MS, the week-end of October 11-13 (see article on this page).

The 1992 meeting will be in Florida at a place to be announced on the same weekend of October.

A query was sent to all Louisiana members to get their reaction on a meeting in Louisiana in 1993. Their reaction was favorable, and the association was "invited" to meet in Louisiana in 1993. The place will be announced later, but the time will be the same October weekend.

AAFA Hall of Fame

At the dinner Saturday evening Captain Lodwick Alford announced the establishment of the AAFA Hall of Fame and proceeded to induct as the first member Tressie Bowman, who used to publish the Alford Family Bulletin. Her daughter, Lucy Shull Stevens, accepted in her behalf. Also inducted were Pamela Alford Thompson, AAFA Publications Director, and Gilbert K. Alford, Jr., AAFA Executive Director.

1991 Meeting in Jackson, MS

Plans and work are continuing for our next meeting. Tentative arrangements call for a meeting from October 11-13 (may be extended) at the Holiday Inn, Medical Center, in Jackson, Mississippi. Rates are expected to be \$44/\$50 for single/double accommodations.

At the meeting in Raleigh a number of people commented that we ought to add an additional day for members to socialize and visit. The meeting is filled with wall-towall events from Friday evening through Sunday noon, leaving little time to just chat. In Raleigh a number of members arrived on Thursday or before, and some stayed on beyond Sunday. We need to hear your feelings on this suggestion. Do you want the period extended? If so would you have it begin on Friday morning or continue through Monday? You may indicate your choice on the registration form.

Early Registration Is Important

Use the form included with this issue to register now for the meeting and submit

at once with your check for \$25. The registration fee for spouses/ guests is \$20.

It is important to the Association that you register as early as possible. A significant deposit will probably be required at the time we sign a contract with the

Holiday Inn. We hope that the deposit and all other expenses of the meeting can be paid from the registration fees rather than using regular funds from the treasury.

NC Alfords 1790-1850

For the meeting in Raleigh, Gil Alford prepared a wonderful series of North Carolina maps showing the Alford heads of household in each county and the number of male Alfords in those households. (In some cases we have been able to determine the names of these children. In many cases we have not.) These maps graphically illustrate the concentrations and movements of Alfords from 1790 to 1850 in the state where so many of our ancestors lived.

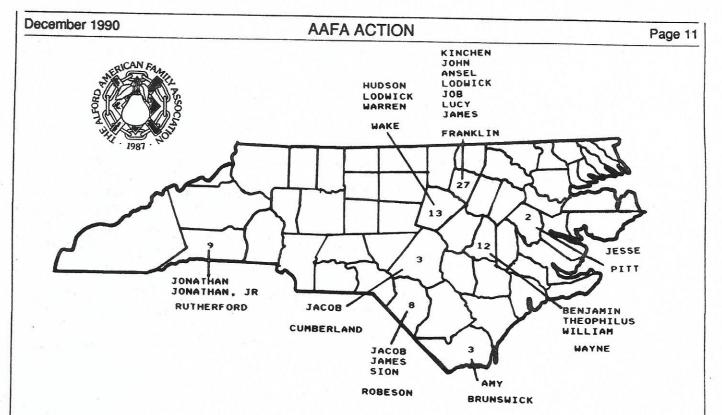
Gil then studied and reviewed the 1850 and later censuses of North Carolina and many other states, identifying male Alfords who were born in North Carolina from 1790–1850. This information was summarized and was shown on a list naming those North Carolina-born Alfords who resided in other states in 1850

Most of these Alfords have not been

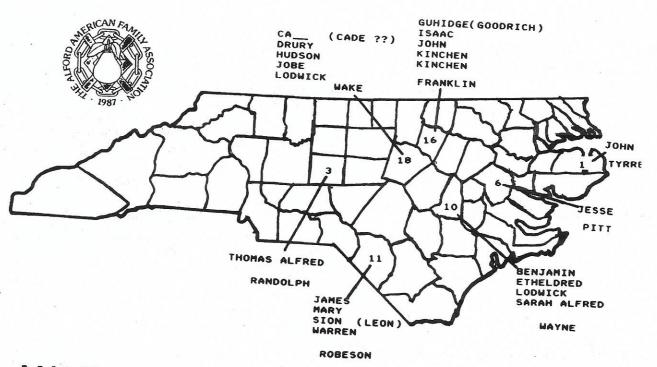
connected to those unidentified Alfords of the period 1790-1840. Many of these are "unconnected" ancestors of AAFA members.

The meeting attendees saw these colorcoded maps and charts projected on the large screen and heard Gil's explanations and commentary—but even without those benefits, your editor thought that anyone with North Carolina Alford ancestors would appreciate this map series. Therefore it is being printed in this issue for those who didn't attend the meeting as well as for those who did and wished they could get copies!

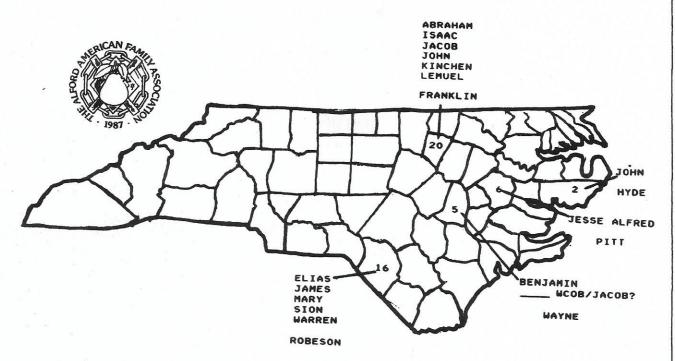
In working with this material, keep in mind that errors exist in the census data, and census records from some counties in some years has been lost. Copies of the charts used follow.



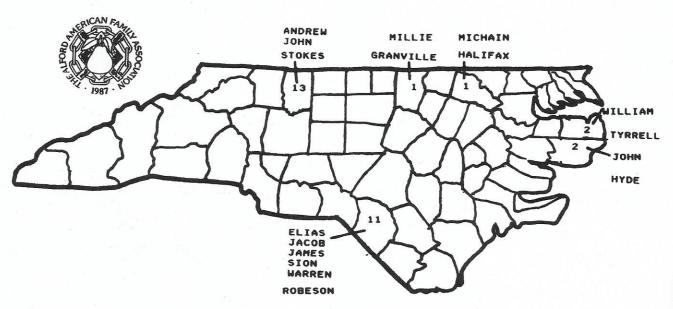
MALE ALFORDS IN 1790



MALE ALFORDS IN 1800



MALE ALFORDS IN 1810



MALE ALFORDS IN 1820

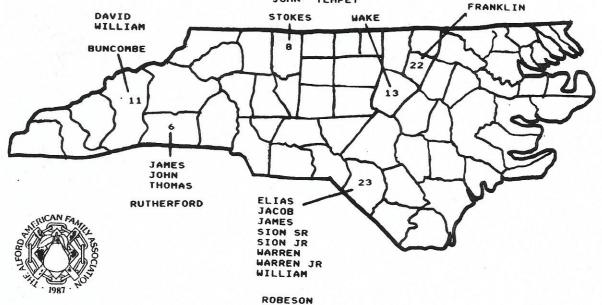
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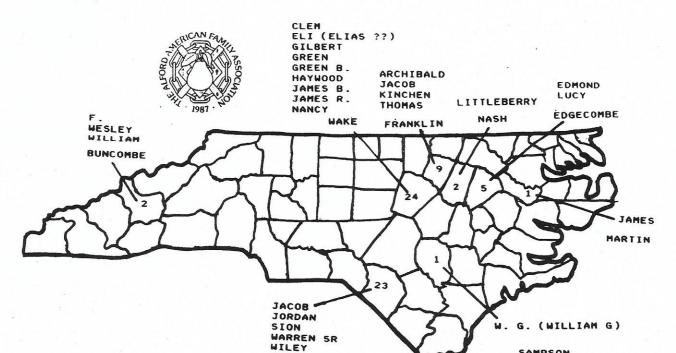
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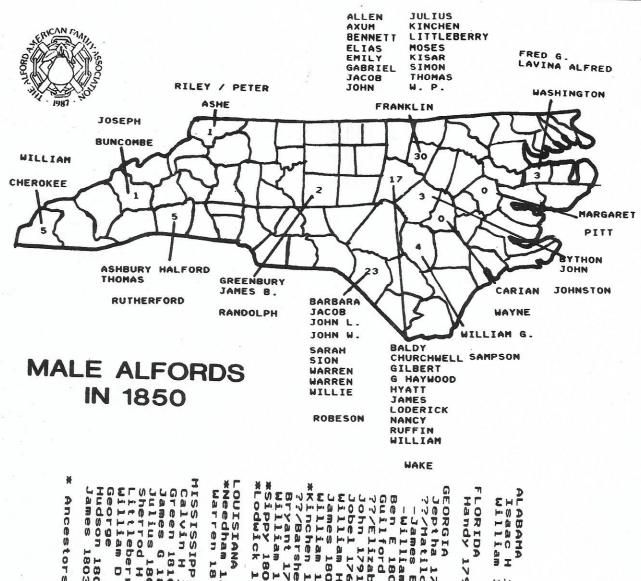




ROBESON

WILLIAM

MALE ALFORDS IN 1840



Ancestors 1803 are Known.

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1810

1817

Wille 1783

1835

1800

?/Nancy 1815 -William J 1836

ham 179

*Isaac

Jones

1807

?/Nancy IOO K

FORM

william 1813
*Kinchen 1814
??/Barsheba 1
Bryant 1798
William 1828
*Sippy 1800
*Lodwick 1775 Ben E 1806 Guilford 1798 ??/Elizabeth John 1791 Jobel 1763 William H 181 James 1806 ISAAC H William GEORGIA
Jeptha 1797
??/Matilda Handy J William 17 1797 1798 181 1833 1833 K 1838 40 1820 85 Charles 17 Wright
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1850

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New Member Lineages

Listed below in large bold print are the names of our new members. The numbers preceding the names are their AAFA Member #'s. Numbers printed before the names of the ancestors are the numbers on the members' pedigree charts.

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 quarterly. We hope all members find this listing useful in determining whether they share ancestors with other members.

PED. # ALFORD ANCESTOR	BIRTH	BIRTH	DEATH	DEATH	SPOUSE
	DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE	
#327 John C. Von Lel	he				
29 ELIZABETH	17881115	NC ROBE	18340909	NC ROBE	DRAKE, JOHN
31 SOPHIA	18131208	NC ROBE	18640314	SC MARL	DRAKE, ZACHARIAH
58 SION	17631231	NC WAKE	18320627	SC MARI	MCTYER, CLARKY
62 ELIAS	17791021	NC ROBE	18580728	SC MARI	HEDGPETH, CHARITY
116 JACOB	17381212	VA NEWK			PACE, MARY
124 JACOB	17381212	VA NEWK			PACE, MARY
232 LODWICK	1710CA	VA ????			, SUSANNAH
248 LODWICK	1710CA	VA ????			, SUSANNAH
464 JAMES	1687CA	VA ????			
496 JAMES	1687CA	VA ????			
# 328 Mary McGirt Po	eters				
19 KATHERINE	18010401	NC ROBE	18290901	NC ROBE	MCCORMICK, DANIEL
38 WARREN	17700315		18441015	NC NOBE	LITTLE, JENETTE
76 JACOB	17381212		1814<	NC ROBE	PACE, MARY
152 LODWICK	1710CA	VA NEWK	20211	NONOBE	, SUSANNA
304 JAMES	1687CA	VA			, OUDANNA
# 329 Richard Bruce (Cardell				
21 MARY ADELINE	18360809	GA/FL	19201225	FL ????	ROBERTS, JONATHAN K
42 HANSFORD	1812	SC	186	IL::::	MANN, JINCY
84 JOHN	1787	SC.	100		MAINN, JINC I
# 330 Thalassa Cruso	Hencker	1			
5 FRANCES MARY	1849E	ENGLAND	1905	ENGLAND	CDUICO HENDYE W
10 HENRY (DEAN)		ENGLAND	18710112	ENGLAND	CRUSO, HENRY E. T.
20 HENRY		ENGLAND	1852	ENGLAND	ALFORD, FRANCES OKE
40 SAMUEL (DEAN)		ENGLAND	1799	ENGLAND	PAGET, SARAH (1) BUSH, MARY
80 THOMAS		ENGLAND	1777	ENGLAND	STANDFAST, MARY
and a second sec		ENGLAND	1708	ENGLAND	POWELL, FRANCES
160 THOMAS					
320 RICHARD	16411009	ENGLAND	1693	ENGLAND	KAVCAR I ETTICE
320 RICHARD 640 THOMAS	16411009	ENGLAND ENGLAND	1693 166607	ENGLAND ENGLAND	KAYSAR, LETTICE
320 RICHARD	16411009		1693 166607 163904	ENGLAND ENGLAND	KAYSAR, LETTICE SOMERS, MARY (2) TREVILLIAN, MARY (1)

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Membership # and No	w Mem	ber's Nam	ne		
PED. # ALFORD ANCESTOR	BIRTH	BIRTH	DEATH	DEATH	SPOUSE
	DATE	PLACE	DATE	PLACE	
# 331 Claudia Alford	Kittle Co	opeland G	rundy		
7 ELSIE	18900221	-	19650525	IL COOK	KITTLE, ROY LESLIE
14 JOHN MORRIS	18610110		19181231	IL COOK	MOORE, EMAZETTA
28 STEPHEN	18360401		1896CA		HOBACK, REBECCA JANE
56 ERWIN OR IRWIN	1811E	OH ????			
# 332 Lillian J. Gardi	nor				
-1 ELIZABETH		VA NEWK			DATES IOUNI
-2 JOHN	17190701 1693E	VANEWA VA????			BATES, JOHN , GRACE
Lillian did not explain her exact			lford.		, GRACE
# 333 Robert H. Willia					
9 PENINAH ALFORD	1833	NC WAKE	*0/00:		WILLIAMS, ROBERT
18 NATHANIEL GREEN	1787	NC WAKE	1848CA	NC WAKE	LILES, NANCY ROSE
36 JAMES LODWICK		NC BUTE	1820	NC WAKE	ROSS, SUSANNAH
72 JAMES 144 JAMES		VA NEWK	1782CA	NC FRAN	
See notes under New Member #	1687CA	VA			
See notes under the windinger #	JJ4.				
# 334 Susan S. Herrin	g				
7 NELLIE MAE	18850517	NC WAKE	19630215	NC DURH	ADAMS, JAMES FRANK.
14 WILLIAM DALLAS	1845CA	NC WAKE	18940124	NC DURH	SORRELL, CIVIL ELIZA
28 WILLIAM R	1818CA		18790130	NC WAKE	UTLEY, LUCY MIRANDA
56 NATHANIEL GREEN	1787CA		1848CA	NC WAKE	LILES, NANCY ROSE
112 JAMES LODWICK		NC BUTE	1820	NC WAKE	ROSS, SUSANNAH
224 JAMES		VA NEWK	1782CA	NC FRAN	
448 JAMES	1687CA	VA			
theory. We hope the thoras it wi	was the son	of John Alford	l, Jr. and his v	vife Nancy and	has court evidence to support this
#56 to #448 is based on theory of	of Captain L	ays sne also qu odwick H Alfo	estions the na	ame "Nathaniel	Green." The lineage as shown from twith Susan's theory. New members
#333, 340, and 342 are also desc	ended from	Nathaniel Gree	en. (Editor's	note: Why do t	the lineages of Members 340 and 342
say "James Lodiwick" and show	him born in	Edgecomb Co	ounty?]	,	in mougos of Monibols 540 and 542
# 335 Seanne Carriga	n				
5 JOSEPHINE LOUISE		LA TERR			CARRIGAN, MARVIN D.
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Mississippi Wills

By Franceine Rees, AAFA Wills & Estates Project Officer

In keeping with our effort to learn more about Alfords of Mississippi, Rod Bush of Cypress, CA, AAFA member #116, submitted pages from Betty Couch Wiltshire's MISSISSIPPI INDEX OF WILLS 1800-1900 (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1989). The following table shows the Alfords included.

NAME	COUNTY	BOOK	YEAR
Cade	Tallahatchie	A-29	1842
Charles	Lowndes	1-557	1888
Cincinnatus	Rankin	1-206	1885
Jackson	Yazoo	A-48	1839
James	Tallahatchie	A-137	1852
Mahala	Tallahatchie	A-168	1855
Nancy S.	Tallahatchie	B-78	1885
William P.	Panola Dist 1	A-112	1852
William ALFRED	Sunflower	1-5	1889

Members who have copies of these or other Alford wills and estate papers are urged to submit them to AAFA at once. We are especially interested in Mississippi documents at this time.

Thanks to Contributors

On behalf of all the members of AAFA, who are the real beneficiaries of their services, the editor of AAFA ACTION would like to thank the contributors to this issue, our largest ever! Every single word in was typed, written, or compiled by these terrific people:

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Membership Report

The three graphs on the facing page provide your update on our membership profile. Gil Alford reported that he made an error in two of the charts last quarter: Texas on the state chart was overstated, and the family of Julius Alford, born about 1747, was understated. Corrections are reflected in the charts in this issue. Data shown on new members and new member lineages elsewhere in this issue was as of the end of October. Data used in these charts was as of the end of November.

Family Chart

There are a few changes in the chart by families and more can be expected. The two larger families will be broken out in subsequent charts. Since all the known descendants of Lodwick born about 1740 were through his daughter Mary Alford who married Isaac Alford, son of Julius Alford born 1717 in Virginia those from "LOD740NC" have been included with "JUL717VA".

Several new families appear in this chart that come essentially from the effort in North Carolina.

As many members know, the composition of some of these families is very "iffy", especially the two William branches (WIL) and "ARC780NC". Beginning in the next issue, one or more charts similar to those used in the Alford Family Forum at our Raleigh meeting will be used to further described these families and show how the members within the family fit together.

Members who belong to "THO585EN" are primarily descendants of Benedict Alford who was born about 1615–19 and came to this country in the 1630s. See "Part 3:The Descendants of Alexander Alvord" in this issue for more on this ultimate ancestor.

State Chart

The legend has been revised to reflect the number of members in each state to supplement the graphic. Significant on this chart is the movement of North Carolina from 7th position last quarter to 2nd position this quarter. Florida eased ahead of Mississippi but will have to work to hold the lead with the meeting scheduled in Mississippi in 1991. Arizona, Illinois, and Indiana have fallen below three members and Oregon and Colorado have been added—both having over three member families.

Growth by Quarter

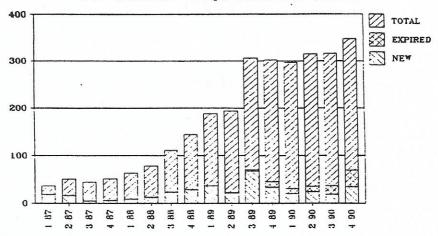
A significant change has been made in this chart. It now shows cumulative growth or membership as well as new members and expirations. DATA FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER IS NOT COMPLETE—ONLY TWO OF THE THREE MONTHS ARE COVERED. The top of the bar does not really represent the current active membership. Notice that at the bottom of each bar are bar segments to show new members (on the bottom) and a har with "X" to show expirations (sandwiched on top of the new members). When the final figures for the fourth quarter are posted there will be many more expirations unless there is a last minute surge of renewals.

Welcome to 31
New Members

This Quarter!

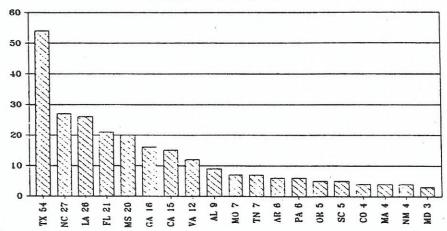
AAFA GROWTH

New Members - Expirations Per Quarter



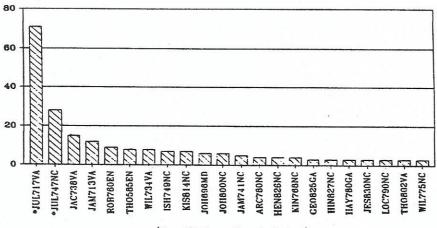
AAFA MEMBERS BY STATE

States With 3 or More



AAFA MEMBER ANCESTRAL FAMILIES

Branches With 3 or More Members



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Alfords in the News

JAN ALFORD

Sent by Hazel Rea, Member #60

THE NEWS-LEADER 29 Jan 1990 [includes photo]

"Ozarks Accent"

SCIENCE + MATH = FUN
Program relieves intimidation factor
By Al Carlson

Jan Alford wiggled her fingers in the wet gunk.

She compressed a handful of the gooey white mess, and it immediately hardened. Alford then released the pressure, and the gunk returned to a near liquid state, flowing between her fingers as if it were an entirely different substance.

Alford conducted the experiment during a physical science class she teaches for the Kindergarten Through Sixth Science and Mathematics Improvement Project.

The program, known as KSAM, demonstrates to elementary school teachers how hands-on activities can increase student interest in science and math.

"The better attitude we create now, the easier it is when they get older," Alford said.

"It seems like science is something so important, yet seems so hard for students to grasp," said Todd Sukany, who teaches sixth grade at Pleasant Hope Elementary School. He takes Alford's class....

Southeast Missouri State University developed KSAM in 1985. The project divides the state into six regions administered by SEMO and five other universities and colleges.

Drury College coordinates the program in a 24-county area of southwest Missouri.

KSAM is booming in the Ozarks.

The project started with one class in fall 1988. There are 24 scheduled this spring. . . .

If the reaction of Alford's class is any indication, the popularity of the subjects will multiply quickly....

"Elementary teachers haven't had a lot of training with science information," Alford said. . . .

While KSAM classes eventually generate excitement for elementary students, Alford considers it her task to give a boost to teachers.

She summarizes KSAM as freshening teachers—the "best of our resources."

"They don't need more theory," she said. "They need activities that let them do what they do best."

POSEY ALFORD

Sent by Katherine Black, Member #134

THE LAVACA COUNTY NEW ERA TRIBUNE-HERALD Hallettsville, TX-Fri., 19 Jan.1990 [includes photo]

POSEY ALFORD TO SPEAK AT CHAMBER BANQUET

The 58th Annual Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Membership & Awards Banquet will be Monday, January 22, 1990, at the American Legion Hall.

"Posey" Alford [AAFA Member #21] will be guest speaker. He is a graduate of Texas A&M having earned both Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees there. During World War II he served in Europe as a tank platoon leader. He is a licensed professional counselor who has had thirty-five years experience working with students and school personnel, first as a vocational-agriculture teacher and, until his retirement from education, as junior high counselor at

Gonzales, where he continues to make his home.

Mr. Alford has been engaged in productive agriculture for forty years. At present he operates a livestock farm in the Waelder area raising both registered and commercial cattle.

His light-hearted approach is designed to "lighten the load with laughter" while presenting practical and useful ideas to his audiences. . . .

FLOYD SHELBY ALFORD

Sent by Bill Mitchiner, AAFA Genealogist and Member #271

From an undated publication of *THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUN-DATION*, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512 [includes photo]

MEET OUR DIRECTOR— F. SHELBY ALFORD

The nature of the foundation as a financial corporation requires that many of the members of the Board of Directors be individuals that understand and have experience in business concerns and legal matters. Each year the foundation is fortunate to add committed Baptist from around the state whose excellence and qualities make them invaluable to the Foundation's work. Such is the case with F. Shelby Alford of Raleigh.

Mr. Alford begin serving his four year term in January 1989. He is a native of Franklin County and is a graduate of Hardbarger Business College. For forty years he was owner and president of his own gasoline, fuel, oil, propane and air condition business in Raleigh, Carolina Fuel Oil. He sold his business in 1978, but remained active in the industry with several other companies until his retirement in September, 1988.

During his experience, Mr. Alford has been involved in several key professional organizations such as the North Carolina Petroleum Marketer's Association, Wake County Oil Dealers Association, Carolina Fuel Oil Institute, serving as president of the former three of these. He is also a past member of the Exchange Club of North Raleigh.

A charter member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Raleigh, Mr. Alford is active in church life and leadership. He has been a deacon, Sunday School Director, Baptist Men's Director, and Chairman of the Finance Committee. He currently serves as Outreach Director of his Sunday School Class.

Mr. Alford is married to the former Rachel Pearce of Franklin County. They have three children, Beverly Jean Alford of Burlington, Floyd Shelby Alford, Jr. of Kannapolis, and Annette Alford Garvey of Greensboro. The Alfords also have four grandchildren.

Mr. Alford brings to the Foundation Board a breadth of business experience and a dedication to its role as catalyst of resource and estate stewardship among North Carolina Baptist for North Carolina Baptist institutions and ministries.

WILLIE M. ALFORD AND BROTHERS

Sent by Willie M. Alford, AAFA Florida State Rep and Member #128

THE DAILY CLARION LEDGER Jackson, MS—March 1946

FIVE SOLDIERS SONS OF ALFORD FAMILY HOME FROM WAR

It is not often that a big family can get together for a real family reunion these days, and when it does it is a real occasion to celebrate. On the night of February 14, however, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Alford, of Route 1, Crystal Springs, gathered their brood together once more under the same roof and

celebrated for the first time in nine years. Present for the happy occasion were the mother and father, this year observing their 37th wedding anniversary, the ten children—five boys and five girls—and six acquired in-laws, four grandchildren and a few other relatives and friends.

Prompting the Alford celebration was the return of the five sons from the war. Together the five sons have done 35 years service for their country. They have been in practically all the theaters of the war. One was on the scene of the beginning in 1941 at Pearl Harbor, and another was almost at the scene of the end last August. They are all still in uniform, and they all expect to be in uniform for quite some time yet. None of them have ever been wounded, none have ever been seriously sick, and none have ever been in "trouble."

Back in 1932 N. B. Alford, seeing things go from bad to worse in the depression, flew the Alford coop and joined the army, and he liked it so well that he has been re-enlisting consistently since his first try. All of his duty was stateside until March 1945 when he was sent to the Marshall Islands. served in the Mariannas, and at the end of the war was in Ryukus, Japan. N. B. is a radio man and communications chief in the army. He holds a master sergeant's rating, and during the time he was overseas he won three battle stars. The eldest son in the family, N. B. is married to the former Earnestine Waugh, of Tampa, FL. He has one son.

The next year, 1934, the second brother, Glenn, donned the uniform of the army. He became the first and only member of the family to serve outside the continental United States during peacetime and he was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs attacked December 7, 1941. During the war years Glenn served as a medical technician on an army transport. He is a technical sergeant. Glenn is married to the former Marilyn Stone, of Gulfport, and has a two year old daughter. Soon after the war ended, Glenn returned to the States and received a discharge from

the army. He thought he wanted to be a civilian, and he went to railroad school for firemen, and didn't like it. Then he went to welding school in Pascagoula. He didn't like that either, so he reenlisted. Now he is going to Europe, and a little later his wife and baby will follow to make their home with him.

Marshall [Willie Marshall Alford. AAFA Member #128] did not enter the army until November 1939, but he saw plenty of action in the European theater. He went to England, fought through France, Belgium, and into Germany. He went through the Battle of the Bulge. At home he had been a farmer and painter, and life in the ETO was a far cry from peaceful Mississippi. But Marshall likes the army as well as his brothers. He signed up for three more years as soon as his enlistment expires, and left last week to go back to Europe. He is a master sergeant, and like his brother he plans to have his wife, the former Beatrice Ponder, of Jackson, join him in Europe as soon as it can be arranged.

By the time Elbert became old enough to enter the service the war was well under way, and he broke tradition the older brothers seemed to have set by joining the Merchant Marine fleet. During his three years with the Merchant seamen, Elbert saw the world. He made four trips across the Atlantic and two across the Pacific, his last trip being from Tokyo to Jackson, Transporting ammunition, supplies, general cargo, Elbert made trips to Scotland, England, North Africa, Sicily, Malta. Italy, Panama, Admiralty Islands, New Guinea, Leyte, Lingaya, Yokahoma. and Tokyo. He is a Chief Stewart on his ship. Elbert is married to the former Irene Ponder of Jackson, and he is the only one of the brothers who indicates that he is ready to come home. He says that he is not staying in any longer than he has to. He sailed the North Atlantic when the submarine infestation was at its worst and without escort. He has been in many bombing raids. He never had a ship sunk under him, but he came so near it so many times that he is

ready to live on solid ground now.

Sidney, the youngest of the fivesome, is also a merchant seaman. Nearing his eighteenth birthday in 1944 and at a time when Elbert was at home, the baby boy in the family enlisted in the Maritime Service and went to sea with his brother on the same ship, the Fransine M. Quinones, and this ship, incidentally, was one of the ships used to transport the Japanese from Manila to Japan after the war ended. Thus it was he followed the same itinerary as Elbert on his last two trips in the Pacific. Sidney is the only one of the Alford brothers who is not married and says he is still looking for his future. Sidney plans to remain with the Merchant Marines for awhile yet. He is a utility man on his ship.

While the boys were away fighting the war, Mr. Alford did not sit idly by and wait for them to come home. He left his farm and went to work in a small factory which made ammunition cases.

Joining in the celebration Thursday night were the daughters, also Mrs.

James Ingram, of Crystal Springs, Mrs.
C. D. Bishop, of Jackson, Mary Mae,
Euginia and Susie, who live at home with their parents. And, of course all the wives and husbands and various inlaws of the Alford children were present to enter into the spirit of the occasion and rejoice that all of the Alford men were safely home again.

DANNY N. ALFORD

Sent by Bill Mitchiner, AAFA Genealogist and Member #271

RALEIGH NEWS AND OBSERVER Raleigh, NC—Thurs., 12 April 1990 [includes photo]

"Business People"

.... Danny N. Alford, President of Alford Home Products Inc., to the Middlesex board of directors Peoples Bank and Trust Co., Rocky Mount....

Two North Carolina Wills

JABEZ ALFORD

In the name of God amen I Jabez
Alford of Choan precinct in the county
of Albemarle and province of north
carolina being of sound memory and
perfect health (praysed be god) Bott
knowing the uncertanty of mans life
and nott knowing whow soon it may
please almighty god to call me home
doe make this my will and testamentt
heerby renuncing all my other wills and
testaments and this to be taken as my
last —

Imp: I bequeath my soule to almighty godd hoping for Salvatione in and thorough the merits of jesus crist and as for what worldly estates it has pleased god to bless me with I bequeath it as followes

I give and bequeath all my wholl estate reall and personall unto George Taylor, Esayah Henly, Luke Haman, James Damovall, Mary Damovall Thomas, Daniell, Sarah: joans, to be equally divided amongst them Excepting two cowes and calfs to Susane Jnoson: all of them being of the precinct above named The land to be sold and the divisione to be mad by my Executors after named

Lastly I make and appoint Capton [illegible name] son and Thomas Dolla—(?) of the precinct above sd my Executors in witness wherof I have heerunto sett my hand and seall this 9th of July 1705

Jabez Alford

Signed sealed & delivered in presense of Thomas Jones, Henry Brooks, James fitzGerald

endorsement: Proved in court on Jany first 1705 pr. oath of Thomas Jones Nath Chaves Clk.

July Court 1706 This will was proved pr. oath of James fitz Gearld & Henry Brooks

Test. N: Cheves C. Cur.

[Note: This will was dated July 1705 and first witness' signature was proved in court about six months later, or January 1705. When the old style calendar was in use, March, not January, was first month of the year.]

JOSEPH ALFORD

In the name of god Amen the eighteth day of December 1689
Acording to ye Computation of ye Church of england I Joseph Alford of albermarle Cordwinder being of perfet memory & remembrance praised be god doe make and ordaine this my Last will and testement in maner and forme following

first I bequeath my Soule to god my maker hoping thatt the meritorious Death & passion of Jesus Christ my only Saviour & redeemer to render free pardon & forgiveness of all my sins & as for my body to be buried in Christian buriall at ye descretion of my executrix heare after nominated.

Item I give to Ann my wife all houses Lands tenements Leses goods & Cattles what soever the giving to my dafter Tabitha one Cow & for child that is in her belle If plese god that it doe live I doe give one Cow—& all the rest of my estat not a bove pd I doe give to my wife ann The paying all my Just & lawfull debts & doe make her my hole sole executrix of this my Last will & testement revoking all other wills & testements in witness whare of [I] have heare unto Sett my hand & seale ye day & year above written.

Joseph Allford

Sealed signed & delivered in ye presens of us Charles Jones, John Barber, Ludford Ivy

[Note: "cordwinder" (or cordwainer) means one who works with cordovan leather, often refers to shoemaker.]

Reunion of the Descendants of Whit Alford

By Ruby Heard, AAFA Mississippi State Representative and Member #137, niece of Wilburn Whitfield Alford

The children and grandchildren of Wilburn Whitfield Alford and Amanda Hollingsworth have been discussing having a family reunion for several years, but they had trouble setting a date that was convenient for everyone.

Three of Whit's grandchildren, Louise Alford Grimes and twins Kate Myrick, AAFA Member #288, and May Myrick, started seriously organizing a reunion in July, 1989. Louise said that she got plenty of exercise going house to house, letting cousins know about it, and her ear was numb from so much phone work! Kate and May called, wrote cards, and spread the word from the Hinds County area.

All their effort paid off when 128 of

Whit's 200 descendants attended the reunion on Sunday, September 3, 1989 in Carthage, Leake County, Mississippi. Seven of Whit's nine surviving children were there. Two, Mattie Elizabeth Alford Watkins, age 87, and Dossie J. Alford, age 79, could not make it due to very ill health. Four of the thirteen children had died. The oldest grandchild there was Nanny Lou Gill age 67, daughter of Maude Alford Watkins. The youngest was great-greatgrandchild, William Joel Clack, age 3 months, son of Wayne Clack, who married one of Whit's great-granddaughters. The oldest of Whit's children, Maude Alford Watkins, age 92, was also in attendance!

Everyone really enjoyed getting to know cousins they had not known or seen in years. The family plans to get together every year from now on. All relatives are invited—just bring a picnic lunch, old pictures, and any family literature that could be used in family genealogy. Everyone registers and this year they plan to elect officers for the group. Pictures are taken of groups or single families.

Wilburn Whitfield, known to all as Whit Alford, was the first son of Columbus Washington Alford and Maryann "Mollie" Glover Alford. He was the father of thirteen children by Virginia Amanda "Mandy" Hollingsworth and three by Mallie Kate Morrow, his second wife. Mandy died 10 Aug 1932 in Freeny, Leake Co., MS. Wilburn Whitfield Alford died 21 May 1962, also in Freeny. [See "Columbus Washington Alford," pp. 25-26, AAFA ACTION, September 1990.]

Anyone interested in having the list of all attendees may contact Miss Kate Myrick, Route 2 Box 191 B, Mendenhall, MS 30114.

Obituary: William Leorus Alford, 1911-1985

By Captain Lodwick Alford

William Leorus Alford died 2 November 1985 at his home in Sylvester,
Worth County, GA. He was born 17
November 1911 in Sylvester, the son of
William Leorus Haywood and Lucy
Melvina (Overby) Alford.

Leorus married Flora Bell King 24 January 1932 in Terrell, Worth County. Flora was born 9 October 1912 in Sycamore, Turner County, GA, the daughter of Green Clyde and Ida Lee (Cooper) King.

Leorus graduated from Sylvester (GA) High School in 1931. During the Depression he helped support his widowed mother's family by farming, clerking, and ginning and baling cotton. In World War II Leorus was engaged in essential war work building military airfields and thus was deferred from military service. Leorus was a Master Mechanic, a cotton ginner, and a peanut broker. For several years he held high positions of responsibility in the Georgia Farm Bureau and was much in demand as a convention speaker.

A lifelong faithful Methodist, Leorus was a marvelous Sunday School teacher and inspiring lay speaker. For over 50 years he was a member of the Shingler (GA) Methodist Church and held many positions of trust and responsibility in the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. He was a devoted husband and father and a Mason, Past Worshipful Master.

Widely known as a raconteur with few

equals in south Georgia, Leorus was frequently induced to tell his inimitable stories. Affectionately known to his siblings, family, and close friends as "Sing," Leorus for over 30 years was the leader and prime mover in the Alford Family Reunion held in Sylvester, GA, in April of every year.

He is survived by his wife Flora, an only child Sara Clyde Carr, and four grandchildren, all of Sylvester; three sisters: Mrs. Beatrice Parramore of Valdosta, GA, Mrs. Mary Brown Ditto of Atlanta, GA, and Mrs. Louise Parker of Montgomery, AL; and three brothers: Mr. Hoyle Alford of Jacksonville, FL, Captain Lodwick Alford of Sea Island, GA, and Mr. Marvin F. Alford of Jacksonville, FL.Interment was in West Hillcrest Cemetery, Sylvester, GA.

Part Nine: Josiah Alford's Alford Family Notes

From Josiah George Alford, Alford Family Notes Ancient and Modern (London: 1908), pp. 52-58

The Alfords of Hereford, London, and Clarendon Park

John Alford married Judith Claxton, and besides the above daughter had a son Edward Alford, and other children. He died in 1678 at Clarendon Park, and was buried at Wilton. His will here follows:

John Alford of Clarendon Park in the County of Wilts, Gent., 1678, "to be buried on the north side of Wilton Churchyard. . . . My sister Tilsley. . . my sonne in law John Clarke. . . my daughter Johanna his wife. . . their children. . . . Unto all the rest of my children. . . All the rest of my estate unto Judith my loving wife, whom I make sole Executor."

P. C. C. 10 Reeve

5. Edward Alford, son of John Alford and wife Judith his wife, was born in 1632, and appears to have been the father of John Alford and Charles Alford.

In the British Museum, *Add. MSS*. 33,084, f. 102, is this letter, dated 1689, from John Alford to the Hon. Thomas Pelham:

"Good Sir, The Bearer is my brother, Mr. Charles Alford, whom you were pleased to allow the favor and liberty to wayte on you. He is going shortly into Barbadoes, where he hath lived five yeares, and in Antigua five yeares more. He is a good accountant and writes a good hand, and will acquaint you what places are in the power of the Commissioners of the Customes to dispose off in that Island. If it does lye in your way to countenance him in some preferment, it will be owned as a very friendly obligation to

"Sir, your most humble servant,

J. styora

"London, July ye 24th, 1689." (Crest on seal, a Boar's Head.)

Another letter from John Alford to Mr. Pelham, Add. MSS. 33,084, f. 65, is of less interest.

Foster's Alumni Oxonienses records the matriculation of "Walter Alforde of county Worcester, at Exeter College in 1581, age 18." Also that of "Robert Alford of London, at Christ Church in 1595, age 28; M. A., 1607", who became vicar of Downe Ampney, Gloucestershire, in 1603, and died in 1653.

The following, perhaps, were of this family:

Edward Alford, died in 1701 at Woolwich. His monument, bearing the Alford arms—Six pears, three and three, as for Berks and Bucks—was in the chancel of the parish church.

Edward Alford, who died in 1754 at Kensington, was buried in the chancel of that parish church, since rebuilt. A flat stone in the floor of the chancel marked his grave. In the same year, Mrs. Alford, no doubt his widow, gave a benefaction of £100 to the schools of that parish.

As might be expected, some connection with London is found in each branch of the Alford family, and is distinctly apparent here. The Appendix contains several Wills of Alfords settled in London, and these, together with the following extracts from London Registers and London Marriage Licences, give information worth recording, although not necessarily belonging to this Branch.

Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians, p. 53, mentions "John Alford a lutenist in London." He published there in 1568 A Briefe and Easye Instruction unto the Lute.

In 1634 William Alford, a member of the Skinners' Company, with Mary his wife, left London for America, and settled in Salem, Mass, U. S. A. From them descended one branch of the present Alford family in New England (see American notes later).

"Theophilus Alford was vicar of St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, London; and afterwards, 1661, of Southweld" (see Devon notes).

In 1711 the marriage is recorded at Alverstoke, Hants, of Rebecca Alford to Francis Tooley, surgeon.

In 1793, also at Alverstoke, that of Charity Alford to Richard Haskell, Commander of the "Duke of Portland".

ST. PETER'S REGISTERS, CORNHILL (LONDON).

1688, Jan. 3. Benjamin, son of Thomas and Ann Alford, baptized. 1689, Feb. 13. John, son of Thomas and Ann Alford, baptized.

1691, Aug. 4. James, son of Thomas and Ann Alford, baptized.

1691, Aug. 12. James, son of Thomas Alford, buried. 1693, July. 11. Mary, daughter of Thomas and Ann Alford, baptized.

1693, July, 23. Mary, daughter of Thomas Alford, buried.

1694, July. 4. Edmund, son of Thomas and Ann Alford, baptized.

1696, Mar. 23. Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Ann Alford, baptized.

FROM LONDON MARRIAGE LICENCES.

1566, Dec. 1. The son of John Alford was baptized at St. Thomas the Apostle, London.

1575. Richard Alford married Jane Bryggs, widow, of St. Anne's, Blackfriars.

1620. Thomas Alford married Margaret Harrison, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel.

1623. Mary, daughter of Thomas Alford of London, was married to William Lloyd of Melverley, Shropshire.

1631, Edward Alford of Christ Church (Southwark), London, married Sarah Harding of St. Faith's, London, at All Hallows, Barking.

1651, July. 13. Thomas Maynard and Margaret Alford, married, London.

1667. John Alford of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Esquire, married Mistress Sarah Jackson at St. Martin's in the Fields.

1691. Joseph Alford of London, bachelor, 36, married Mary Dod of Hinton, Northampton, spinster, 26, at St. Anne's, Westminster.

1704, Nov. 23. Alexander Alford of Stepney, married to Mary Moncke, at St. Mary Aldermary, London.

(The above are chiefly from Foster's London Marriage Licences.)

The Alfords of Wiltshire, Etc.

The early records of the Alfords of this county, commencing in 1509, are obtained from wills. Many of these wills of Alfords are to be found in the Principal Registry at Somerset House, and some few of them are given in abstract below.

The town of Mere was a centre of Alford interests, the name

often appearing in the old parish documents. The list of "Reeves" includes:

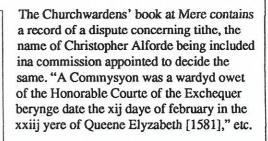
1573 Christopher Alford

1575 Thomas Alford

1581 Christopher Alford

1585 Thomas Alford

The Reeve was the guardian of the common lands; and the farm lands are still called after the names of former owners, "Alford's" among others.



The Church Plate includes a silver Chalice, 8-1/4 inches in height, inscribed:

Ex dono Jacobi filii Thomæ Alforde Mear, 1630.



1621 Thomas Alford, of Hyncksmyll.

1638 Thomas Alford.

London

1674 Robert Alford.

1680 James Alford.

1720 Thomas Alford.
(Wiltshire Arch Magazine)

The marriage is record, early in the sixteenth century, of Thomas Awbrey, of Chadenwick, Wilts, with Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Alford, of Mere, Wiltshire. (*Harl. Soc.*) His will follows:

Thomas Alford of Mere, Wilts: 1551. To be buried in the church yard of Salisbury Cathedral. My wife Katherine. . . . Richard my sonne, Thomas my youngest son. . . . to every serving man and woman. Thos. Awbry and Thos. Alford my sonne Executors. *P. C. C. 28 Bucke*.

The Mere Registers commence only in 1651. There are many Alford entries, and some of the name are still living there.

From the Alfords of Mere descended those of Stourton, who (Continued on p. 49)

Roxie Alford Penton's Family

"An exciting and surprising event of the 1923 Washington Parish Fair was the wedding of Miss Roxie E. Alford and Mr. Martin K. Penton. The stage wedding will be one of the highlights of the 75th Anniversary Pageant to be held at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, October 19 at 8:30 p.m. As with the original wedding, the re-enactment will have several 'surprises' for the audience." Caption under photograph of original wedding, from the 28 September 1988 issue of THE ERA-LEADER, Franklinton, LA.

The announcement above prompted Gil Alford, AAFA Executive Director, to submit the following article to *THE ERA-LEADER*. It was probably not published, so it is being printed here in a slightly edited version.

FAMILY ASSOCIATION NOTES LOCAL EVENT

It was with a great deal of interest and pride that members of the Alford American Family Association noted the celebrated 1923 wedding or Roxie E. Alford is being re-enacted at the 75th Anniversary Pagent October 19 as reported in the September 28 issue of the THE ERA-LEADER.

Roxie Alford Penton's great grandfather, Jacob Alford, was one of the earlier settlers of what we now know as Washington Parish. The Alford family traces their ancestry back to 17th century Virginia. Jacob Alford was the grandson of James Alford who was born about 1687 in New Kent County, VA. Much of the early family history is recorded in Saint Peter's Parish Register of that county. [See article on following page.] Jacob's parents, Julius and Lucy Alford, moved to North Carolina with other members of the family about 1730-1740.

Jacob married first Elizabeth Bryant, and after her death, Francis (Frankie) Seaborn. By his first marriage Jacob had about three children. After his second marriage Jacob moved with his young family to Georgia around 1793. Jacob was granted 450 acres of land in Montgomery Co., GA, according to a document dated 5 Feb 1802, as supplied by the office of the GA Secretary of State.

Several children were born in Georgia. Julius C. Alford, who was born there about 1797, moved to Louisiana with the family but did not settle in Washington Parish. He and an older brother, Needham Judge Alford, and sister, Lucy Alford Maines—children born in NC to the first wife—moved further west and settled in what we know today as Sabine Parish. Julius and Needham are the progenitors of many of the Alfords in western LA and eastern TX.

Edwin Barksdale Alford, the first son born of the second wife and the only one of her children born in NC, came to the Louisiana area with the family. He married Martha Smith and was one of the earlier settlers of Pike County, MS.

The last child born in GA was probably William Alford who married Eveline Ginn, settled in what is today Walthal County, MS, and was the progenitor of most of the Alfords in that area.

It is not known exactly when Jacob and his family arrived in Louisiana but it was probably about 1806–1807 as their first Louisiana- born child arrived in October 1807. Jacob was given headrights to 636.54 acres of land which lay just south of what is tody the state line and just west of Bogue Chitto River. This land many years later was to be known as the old Brock place.

Not long after the family arrived in Louisiana, twin sons were born: John

Seaborn Alford and Seaborn John
Alford. Legends run rampant concerning the origin of their name "Seaborn," all dealing with their birth "at sea."
John Seaborn Alford was the grandfather of Roxie Alford and he and his seventeen children are responsible for most of the Alfords of Washington
Parish today. His twin brother married and settled in Pike County. Seaborn
John Alford and his 13 children and
Edwin B. Alford and his 12 children account for much of the Alford
population of present day Pike County.

Roxie was the daughter of Jeptha M. Alford of Mt. Hermon, Jeptha had 10 children who survived childhood. He had five children by his first wife: Wiley Banton, Leoda, Nola, Alonzo, Iddo. None of these are living today but many of the Alfords, Smiths, and others in this parish are descendants of these five children. By his second wife he had Roxie, Gilbert, Lora, Lexie, and Gussie. Roxie died over 30 years ago and Lora died last year, the day after Christmas, in South Carolina, suffering with Alzheimer's. Gilbert, who worked with the extension service in Ascension, Tangipahoa, and St. Helena Parishes, resides in Gonzales. Lexie Alford Schaffer has been bedridden in a nursing home near Atlanta for several years with Alzheimer's. Gussie Alford Fortinberry, the youngest of Jeptha's children, resides in Metairie.

Roxie and Martin K. Penton, who were married at the 1923 Washington Parish Fair, had four children. Wayne Penton and his family presently live in St. Joseph; Wilmon Penton died while in the U. S. Navy in 1972; Lorelle Penton McKnight lives in Georgetown; Rev. Gary Penton lives in St. Francisville. He was the Chaplain at the Angola penal institution but is now employed in the penal facility in Washington Parish.

St. Peter's Parish Church

Reprinted from the back page of the church program for October 1, 1989. Early Virginia Alfords attended this church, as recorded in the church records. For a related article, see AAFA ACTION, June 1989, p. 8, "St. Peter's Church."

Virginia's General Court confirmed the establishment of St. Peter's Parish on April 29, 1679. In the summer of 1700 the vestry ordered that a second Lower Church replace an earlier, structurally weak building know as the Broken Back'd Church. The new church, begun in 1701, was in use by July 1703. Today it is the oldest parish church in the Diocese of Virginia and the fourth oldest in the Commonwealth.

Martha Dandridge, St Peter's most famous parishioner, was born at Chestnut Grove on June 2, 1731. She married Col. Daniel Parke Custis, a member or the vestry and former churchwarden, in June 1749. Her father, Major John Dandridge, had also served as churchwarden and vestryman, and her great-grandfather had been the first rector of nearby Bruton Parish. After eight years of marriage she was widowed with two surviving children.

On the sixth of January 1759 the Rector of St Peter's Parish, the Rev'd Mr David Mossom, solemnized the marriage of Col. George Washington and the Widow Custis. It has always been assumed that another future First-Lady, Letitia Christian, later the wife of President John Tyler, was baptized in the parish church in 1790.

The original portion of St Peter's Parish Church is one of the few Jacobean structures in America and its 1740 stump tower is also rare. The body of the church is laid in English bond as are only three other colonial Virginian churches. In the churchyard are a

number of colonial tombs, and the parish still possesses its Vestry Book (1684-1758) and Register (1685-1786).

The parish was represented by Col. William H. Macon at the first Convention of the Diocese of Virginia in 1785. From 1843 when the vestry reorganized and called the Rev'd Edwin A. Dalrymple as rector, Episcopalians and Presbyterians worshipped somewhat as one congregation until 1856 by alternating the Liturgy from Sunday to Sunday.

During the War Between the States the church was desecrated by Federal troops. General Robert E. Lee, whose wife was Mary Ann Randolph Custis-Martha Washington's great granddaughter-wrote on October 23, 1869 that St Peter's is the church where General Washington was married and attended in early life. It would be a shame to America if allowed to go to destruction. His son, General William Henry Fitzhugh Lee, superintended the work of restoring the old church, contributed needed lumber, and furnished teams and hands for the hauling.

Money for the renovation was raised by the Rev'd Henry S. Kepler, Evangelist of the Diocese, who had become rector when the war broke out. The church was reopened for Divine Service on Sunday, November 10, 1872 and the Rev'd Mr Dalrymple, who gave a stone font that the parish still possesses. preached the sermon.

St Peter's Church Restoration Association was organized on July 20, 1922 and the Virginia General Assembly designated St Peter's Parish Church as The First Church of the First First-Lady on March 11, 1960. With the assistance of architectural and ecclesiological experts on both sides of the Atlantic, the interior of the building was elegantly restored to a colonial appearance in 1964.

The marble monument on the north wall of the chancel honors Parson Mossom (1690-1767), rector for forty years, who probably lies buried beneath the chancel. The three-decker pulpit, the Holy Table, the octagonal font and cover, the psalm-board, the Royal Arms, and many other furnishings in late 17th-c. style as well as servicebooks of the period are all reminders of the more than three centuries of witness that this parish and church have borne to the honor and glory of Christ the Lord.

God preserve thy going out and thy coming in.

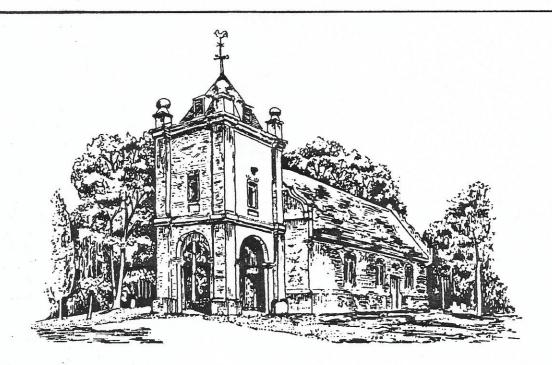
The marble wall-monument on the south side of the chancel, sculpted in 1737 by Michael Sidnell of Bristol, England, is one of the oldest of the few such monuments in America and a rare signed example. It honors vestryman William Chamberlayne whose son Richard introduced Col. Washington to Mrs Custis.

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ST PETER'S PARISH CHURCH

in the Diocese of Virginia (Episcopal)

NEW KENT COUNTY, VIRGINIA

President and Mrs Washington were married in this parish on January the sixth in 1759. To-day, as it has for three centuries, St Peter's Parish Church joyously welcomes all those who come to seek God's blessing, to hear and receive His holy Word and Sacraments, and to participate in the ministry of our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Reverend Dr E. Allen Coffey rector

The Reverend Edward W. Eanes rector emeritus Mr Albert L. Thomas jr clerk

Mr R. Allan Fabritz verger Mr Willard H. Luce jr treasurer

The Vestry:

Mr Stuart R. Burnett senior warden, Mr Barry L. Allen junior warden, Mr John E. Byers register, Mrs Betty C. Curling, Mrs Gene C. Wiley, Mr Leslie M. Fiester, Mr John A. Tompkins III, Mr John R. Welch, and Dr Brian R. Wright

George Benton Alford, 1845-1924

Two published biographies of George Benton Alford are reprinted below. See also biographies of his father and brothers: "Biography: Green Haywood Alford," AAFA ACTION, March 1989, pp. 22–23; "Biography: Columbus Augustine Alford," AAFA ACTION, June 1990, pp. 40–41; "Biography: William Leorus Alford," AAFA ACTION, June 1990, pp. 42–44.

From the "The Last Roll," p. 230, CONFEDERATE VETERAN, published June1924 in Nashville, TN.

COL. G. BENT ALFORD

Seventy-nine years ago, July 24, 1924 [sic—should be 1845], Col. G. Bent Alford was born in a log house near Cary, Wake County, N. C. There he was reared, his early life being spent on a farm. His father was Green Haywood Alford, born near Wakefield, N. C., his grandfather was [Nathaniel] Green Alford, born near Wakefield, N. C., in 1787, and his great grandfather was Maj. Tanner Alford, a Revolutionary hero, who fought in the battles of Cowpens and Guilford Courthouse. Bent Alford enlisted in the Confederate Army at the age of eighteen, but was discharged for some time on account of sickness. Later on, in October, 1864, he joined his command at Dinwiddy Courthouse, Va., and was in action at Stoney Creek, Bellfield, and other engagements, serving with Company I, of the 41st Regiment, the 3rd North Carolina Cavalry; and he served with bravery and distinction during the remainder of conflict. He was devoted to the cause of keeping alive the history of the achievements and sacrifices of the men who wore the gray. He was commander of the Oscar R. Rand Camp, No. 1278 U. C. V., of Holly Springs, N. C. Colonel Alford attended all reunions, local, State, and general, and was deeply interested in these

gatherings. He had been a very successful business man.

On April 28, 1875, Colonel Alford was married to Miss Charlotte A. Olive, daughter of Rev. Johnson Olive, one of the best known and beloved Baptist ministers of his day. Two children were born of this union, a son and a daughter. Colonel Alford's first wife died in 1897. His second wife was Mrs. Texanna Collins, of Holly Springs township. His health failing in late years, Colonel Alford desisted from some of the activities of his earlier life, but a few years ago he made up his mind that there should be a monument to the Confederate heroes at Holly Springs, N. C., so, with much effort, he raised the money with which to erect it, and on October 25, 1923, this beautiful memorial was unveiled. He was very happy over it, and told the large audience that he had built the monument on faith. He was a Christian, thoughtful of the poor and needy, and faithful to every religious cause. [He died 5 April 1924 in Holly Springs, Wake Co., NC.]

From unknown book, pp. 246–251, probably a county history published in early 1900's.

GEORGE BENTON ALFORD

Prominent in the history of Wake County from the earliest times, the family of Alford has maintained its position to the present day. Among the many whose lives have added lustre to the name, none is more worthy to be recorded here than that of the subject of this sketch.

George Benton Alford was born July 24, 1845, two miles south of Cary. His father was Green Haywood Alford,

who was a farmer and a miller. His mother was Rebecca Alford, whose maiden name was Jones.

The Alfords came to America a long time before the Revolution and settled about the corner of Wake, Nash, and Johnston Counties, in the vicinity of the present town of Wakefield. James Lotwick [sic] Alford, also known as Maj. Tanner Alford, served under Gen. Nathanael Greene in the Revolution as a Continental Army officer, or belonged to the State troops in the war. He was supposed to have been one of the earliest settlers in this part of the state. He had several brothers who settled in North Carolina, one of whom was Warren Alford, great-grandfather of the late J. H. Alford, a prominent citizen of Raleigh at the time of his death, a few years ago.

The great-grandfather of George B. Alford on his mother's side was Etheldred Jones, who was elected ensign in Captain Hinton's company, and was afterwards known as Captain Jones. He served under General Greene and fought in the battles of Cowpens and Guilford Court-House. His sword has been placed in the museum of war relics at Guilford Battle Ground. Etheldred Jones had a brother, Jesse. Both came from Virginia before the Revolution and settled in that part of Wake County now embraced in Middle Creek Township, at the place once known as the Barney Jones precinct, being the place where Gales Johnson now resides. The mother of Mr. Johnson was a granddaughter of Etheldred Jones. The Jesse Jones place is that which is known as the Andrew Betts old homestead, in Wake County, near the line of Harnett, in the vicinity of Harnett Chapel Church. Etheldred Jones owned most of the land now included in Middle Creek Township, and a large part of Holly Springs, Swift Creek and Buckhorn townships.

The great-grandmother of George B. Alford was a Lane, an aunt of Gen. Joseph Lane, who came to Raleigh in 1800 when a candidate for Vice President on the ticket with John C. Breckenridge. Mr. Alford remembers the visit of his distinguished relative distinctively, on account of an incident with a fatal termination, viz: His uncle, Alvin Jones, who had recently recovered from typhoid fever, went to Raleigh to see his cousin, Joseph Lane. The trip resulted in a relapse, followed by death in a few days.

James Lotwick Alford had several sons, all of whom, except Green Alford, left this part of the country. Green Alford once lived at Morrisville before the North Carolina Railroad was built. He died and was buried at the place which belonged to him, now known as the old High house, near Cary. James Lotwick Alford was buried near Wakefield, which place derived its name from one of his plantations, called the Wake field.

Delaney High, who lived near Wakefield, was a great aunt of George B. Alford. She was the mother of Green High, who was enrolling officer in the Confederate service during the War Between the States. She left a large number of descendants in Wake County, numbering among them several distinguished people.

Green Haywood Alford was a man much in the public eye. He had a bent for politics and was often called to the service of his fellow-citizens. He was one of the justices in Judge Badger's County Court. He served two terms in the House of Representatives of the State Legislature. After the Civil War he was a candidate with Judge A. S. Merrimon as delegate to the State Convention, The sons of Green Alford. brothers of George B. Alford, have made their mark in the world. A. J. Alford, who lives in Jacksonville, Fla., served one or two terms in the Senate of that State. C. A. Alford, who was an extensive operator in lumber, died five years ago, after accumulating a fortune of a million dollars. He lived at Willingham, Georgia. He also served in the Senate of his State. W. L. H. Alford, who resides at Sylvester, Ga., has served two terms in the Legislature of his State.

The educational advantages of George B. Alford were cut short by the War Between the States. He attended the academy at Alford's School-House and other subscription schools, but when the war came on he had to give up his books and go to work. His business career was begun in Middle Creek Township. He began as a turpentine operator, then turned is attention to merchandise and farming. Later he returned to the turpentine business, and finally found the occupation that suited him in the lumber industry. In this line of business he has become a citizen of the highest standing and of commanding position.

The subject of this sketch is not a politician, but he is keenly alive to the welfare of the public and has his view about political matters. He was born a Democrat, but, in 1896, believing that the Democratic party, in its advocacy of free silver, had departed from its first principles, he assumed an independent attitude, voting according to his judgment and supporting the candidates of his choice. Mr. Alford is proud of the record he made in canvassing the Fourth District for Congress on the sound-money platform in 1896. Although the votes were against him. he saw the views for which he contended vindicated by the course of events very soon afterward.

He has been a justice of the peace, and was a county commissioner two years, serving with Chairman William R. Pool, S. J. Allen, E. E. Gill and Amos Adams. He declined to accept a second term.

By virtue of his service in the Confed-

erate army, George B. Alford has been honored by his comrades by election to the position of Commander of the Camp of United Confederate Veterans, No. 1278, at Holly Springs. The military service of Mr. Alford began in the fall of 1864, when he joined the R. H. Tucker cavalry company. He was with his company in Baker's regiment, Barnes' brigade, at Petersburg and Dinwiddie Court-House. He was in important raids to Stony Creek and to Bellfield. Being taken ill with typhoid fever, he was sent to the military hospital at Raleigh, under the care of Dr. Tracy. Upon his recovery he was ordered back to his regiment, near Petersburg, the day the battle of Averasboro was fought. Before he could get to the front Richmond fell, and the war was over. At the surrender, as at his enlistment, he was a private.

As a reader of books Mr. Alford has shown fine discrimination. He has found delight in the study of the Bible, history, and in religious books written by well-balanced authors. While holding membership in the Methodist Church at Holly Springs, Mr. Alford classes himself as a Protestant. All creeds, he declares, contain some error mixed with truth. He holds that the Protestants are those who maintain the faith and the principles upon which the American Government was founded.

Referring to matters that should claim the attention of all good citizens, Mr. Alford says that, first of all, we should realize that the foundation on which our liberty, prosperity and happiness are based are the Bible and the plan of salvation as set forth in the New Testament of our Lord and Saviour. Without such a foundation we cannot hope to perpetuate the great republic. ... Our government, says Mr. Alford, is based upon the individuality of its citizens. Each locality should govern through its representatives in local affairs without coercion from the outside. In this view of political affairs,

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George Washington Alford, 1855-1909

By Doris Alford Vetri, Member #303 and granddaughter of George Alford

George Washington Alford was born 18 January 1855 in Alabama, the son of John Madison and Sarah C. (Rainey) Alford. He married 6 January 1876 in Mississippi to Mary Henretta "Mollie" Warren. She was the daughter of Charles R. and Judith E. (Bruton) Warren.

In the early 1890's George and his family migrated to Texas with Mollie's father and his family, looking for work with the railroad. They first stayed near Cleburne, Texas, but it is said the water didn't agree with Mollie, so George went to the railroad station and asked to go as far east in Texas as his money

would take him. George and Mollie and their children took the train to Scoggin, Texas, 10 miles east of Winnsboro. On the train George met a Mr. Templeton, owner of several rent farms in Franklin County, who offered one to George to work on "halves." The Alford and Templeton families remained good friends throughout their lives.

George moved his family several times, but in early 1900 they bought 140 acres near Winnsboro, Texas, and this was to be their permanent home.

George never got to appreciate being a land owner, for he died in 1909 from gall bladder surgery complications in the new Mt. Vernon Hospital at the age of 54. Mollie was left to raise six

children under the age of 16 by herself. She led what must have been a hard but active life and died at the age of 83.

George and Mollie had 14 children. Four of their children died in infancy.

- Judith Cornelia Alford, b.
 ____ (named after Mollie's
 mother, Judith Warren, and her
 grandmother, Sarah Cornelia
 Rainey); d. 1962 in TX.
- Annie Francis Alford, b. 9 Sept 1880; d. 1961 in TX.
- iii. twin of Annie, stillborn.
- iv. Minnie Viola Alford, b. 1882; d. 1884.
- v. Charles MAdison Alford, b. 1885; d. 1887.



Standing, left to right: Annie Francis, Mary Alma, John Martin, George Wilson. Sitting, left to right: Judith Cornelia, Nannie Lee, Mary Henretta "Mollie" Alford (mother), Skeen Warren, Lucy Jane, George Washington Alford (father), and James Luther.

- vi. William Thomas Alford, b. 1887; d. 1887.
- vii. John Martin Alford, b. 30 Aug 1888: d. 1974 in TX.
- viii. Mary Alma Alford, b. 2 Nov 1890; d. 1929.
- ix. George Wilson Alford, b. 6
 June 1893; d. 26 Nov 1917 in
 the Army of an unknown
 disease.
- x. Nannie Lee Alford, b. 27 Oct 1895; d. 1987.
- xi. James Luther Alford, b. 29 March 1898, twin of Lucy; d. 1949.
- xii. Lucy Jane Alford, b. 29 March 1898, twin of James; d. 1949.
- xiii. Skeen Warren "Doc" Alford, b. 20 Dec 1900 (named after Dr. Skeen who delivered him); d. 1985.
- xiv. Elizabeth Beatrice Alford, b. 10 Jan 1903; still living in Sulphur Springs, TX.

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finest of its kind in the nation.

Now, let us get on to the main purpose of this association—the research, collection, and distribution of information about our Alford ancestors. Speaking of ancestors, while they were not exactly cuss words, there were those at the meeting who questioned my ancestry. You know who you are. I haven't decided yet whether I appreciate it!

Again I look forward to serving as your President for another year. I know you wanted me because absolutely no one would agree to take the job if elected. That is a real vote of confidence!

Lodwick H. Alford President, AAFA

Early Mississippi Alfords

The next four issues of the quarterly will contain special articles on the Alfords of Mississippi. Our purpose is two fold:

- to acquaint you with what we know, or think we know, about Alfords of Mississippi
- to give you an opportunity to correct, qualify or expand on the information we have.

These articles will be based on the combined effort of Ruby Alford Heard, AAFA Mississippi State Representative, and Gil Alford, AAFA Executive Director. The two have been working together on Mississippi Alfords for years and they hope to culminate their work during this year. Unless sources show otherwise most of the material was researched by Ruby Heard and compiled and edited by Gil Alford.

Early Alfords

Although Mississippi did not become a state until 1817, the area was discovered and explored even before the earliest English settlements in New England, North Carolina, and Virginia. It began with Hernando de Soto and his associates who visited the Mississippi region in 1539. They made no settlements, and the death of their leader in 1542 ended that adventure. In 1682 La Salle descended the Mississippi and took possession of the adjacent country for the king of France and called it Louisiana. In 1698 M. d'Iberville was authorized by the French king to colonize the regions of the lower Mississippi. He landed near Ship Island off the coast of what today is known as Biloxi. Of course there were no Alfords in these early expeditions.

The first known Alford in the general area of what was to become Mississippi was Jacob Alford, son of Julius Alford and grandson of the James Alford who

was born about 1687 in Virginia. In 1800 there was just the Mississippi Territory which stretched over what is today Mississippi and Alabama, but only in a strip between lines that would go east from about Vicksburg approximately through Meridian and Montgomery, Alabama, on the north and a line that would follow today's southern state lines, but above the boot heels of Mississippi and Alabama. The southern area of what is today Mississippi and Alabama was part of Florida and known as Spanish West Florida. By 1810 it had become "disputed area." There were only two counties in Mississippi in 1800: Adams, which occupied the lower left or southwest corner of the state covering what is today about four counties; and Pickering County, which occupied the western part of the state above Adams County and extended up to Vicksburg and the northern boundary of the Mississippi Territory. Washington County was in the southeast of what is today Mississippi, but the majority of the county was in what is now Alabama. Georgia and its Indian Lands occupied most of the area north of the Mississippi Territory.

Jacob Alford had moved from Cumberland County, NC, to Georgia about the turn of the century. He was granted 450 acres of land in Montgomery County, Georgia, in February 1802. He apparently stayed in Georgia until 1806, when his name disappeared from the records there. By 1807 he was in the area known as Spanish West Florida, where twin sons were born. He was given headrights on over 600 acres. The northern boundary of his property was the line between the Mississippi Territory and Spanish West Florida. The eastern boundary was the Bogue Chitto River.

By 1810 several counties had been added in southern Mississippi including

Amite County which included what is today Pike County. Adams County (present day Natchez) had been split into two counties and Wilkinson County (present day Woodville) occupied the very southwest corner. Pickering County north of Adams had been renamed to Jefferson County and split into three counties including Warren (present day Vicksburg) and Claiborne (present day Port Gibson). As well as we have been able to tell there were no Alfords in Mississippi as such in 1810, although Jacob and several sons were residing just south of the state line by 1807.

By 1820 more counties had been established, and what had been a large Amite County was cut into three pieces making Pike County and part of Marion County. In 1820 Alfords begin appearing in the Mississippi Census. Louisiana and Mississippi had both become states between 1810 and 1820.

Edwin Alford

Edwin (probably Barksdale) Alford, one of Jacob's sons, was born 1792 in Cumberland County, NC. He was one of four Alfords enumerated in the 1820 census. He was in Pike County with a wife and a young son. Edwin was a private with the 12/13th Consolidated Louisiana Infantry in the War of 1812. He married Martha Smith, of Pike County, MS, in 1818, and that probably marks the date of his permanent entry into Mississippi. Edwin Alford was the progenitor of many present day Alfords, several who are AAFA members.

Fort Alford

Just above Pike County was Lawrence County (present day Monticello), occupying what is today Lincoln, Lawrence, and part of Jefferson Davis Counties. Fort Alford, who was between the ages of 26 and 45, was enumerated in Lawrence County in

1820 with his second wife and five children. Fort, who was probably born in North Carolina or Georgia about 1785, died in 1848 in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. He and his family, along with in-laws, moved to Mississippi in 1816. Nothing is known yet of his Alford ancestors, but we are in touch with present day descendants.

Hudson Alford

Hudson Alford was in Wilkinson County in the southwestern corner of the state. His family consisted of himself, a wife, four daughters (one being an adult age 26-45), and two sons. Hudson and his wife were over 45 years of age. It was probably this person who is listed as "Hadcol or Hadcut" Alford in the 1830 census of Wilkinson County. If he was the same person, then we can estimate Hudson's birth to have been between 1770 and 1775. In 1840 we find a Hudson Alford in Tallahatchie County along with a Cade Alford and James Alford. Hudson died intestate sometime before 1853, as we have a letter of administration concerning his estate dated in January 1853 and recorded in February 1853. Hudson and his wife Mahala were enumerated in Tallahatchie County in 1850, when his age was 45 and place of birth was North Carolina. James in the census of 1840 and 1850 was the son of Hudson. He was a sheriff of the county (you'll read more of him in a later issue). The Cade Alford in the 1840 census was age 60-70 and had only a son living with him plus 13 slaves. It is supposed that Cade was the father of Hudson and that they came from Wake County, North Carolina. A close study of the ages of this "Hudson" over the years suggests either two Hudson Alfords or an error in some of the census data

There is evidence that Cade Alford came to Mississippi via Alabama. "Kade" Alford was enumerated there in Morgan County in 1830. He was identified there, as Cade Alford, in a

deed of trust dated September 1827 along with James Alford, supposedly his son. Thanks to Katherine Black we have considerable information on this Cade Alford and his descendants, and it will be developed in future issues. (We intended to deal only with 1820 Mississippi Alfords in this article, but it was necessary to ramble a bit in order to get their origin fixed.)

Phoebe Alfred

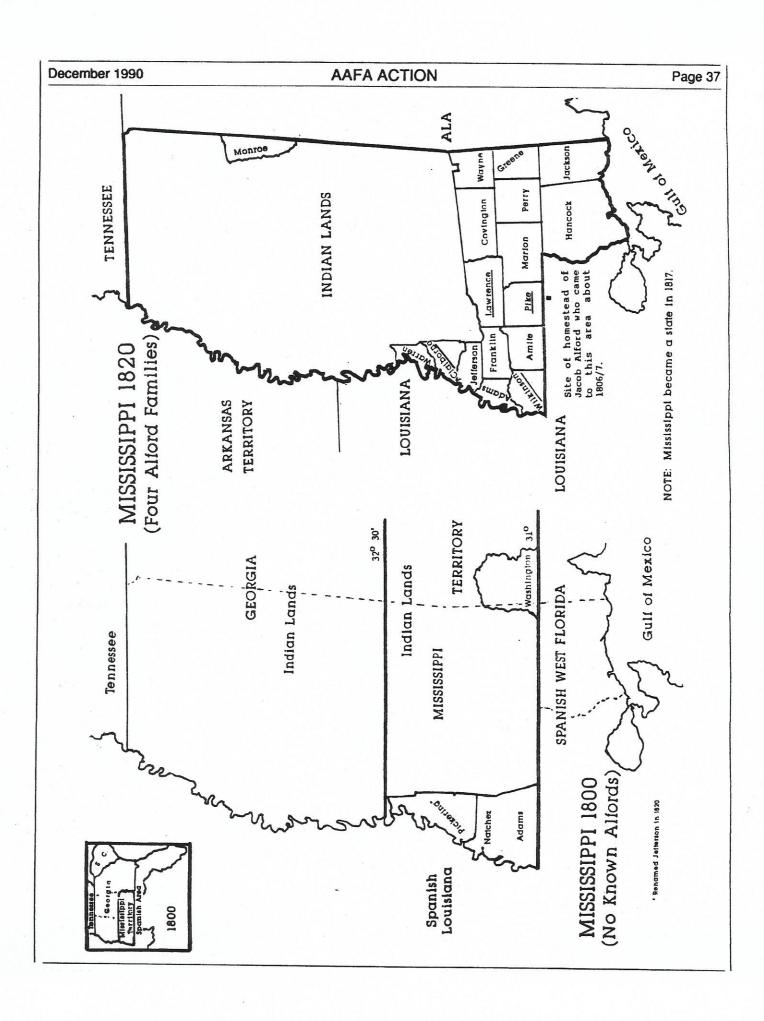
The last of the "Alford" families in Mississippi in 1820 was a Phoebe Alfred in Claiborne County. Claiborne County was just south of Warren (Vicksburg) and north of Natchez. Her family consisted of herself, born before 1775, two females (daughters?) over 16 and five males (sons?)—the oldest being over 18 and two youngest born between 1811 and 1820. She was probably widowed within just a few years of the census. We are at a loss as to who this lady is or who her husband was. It is likely they were enumerated in the censuses of 1810 and before somewhere east of Mississippi.

In the next issue we will continue with more recent Mississippi Alfords.

A Note on Photo Quality

To avoid the expense of making halftones from photos (\$10 per 8x10 sheet) and the subsequent \$10 printing charge for each page with pictures on it, I've decided to use scanned photos. The quality, while not as high as halftones, is acceptable—and the savings are significant: about \$125 for this issue. This allows us to print more pictures and keep our membership cost down.

If you have an old photo you'd like to see printed, send it to me, and write an article to accompany it!—Pam Thompson



The Lost Graves—Epilogue 1

By Bob Alford Sterling, Member #320

Fall, 1990 Huntsville, Alabama

Just as the last article went to press, it was discovered a few discrepancies, inaccuracies, and out-and-out errors were incorporated. [See "The Lost Graves," p. 38, AAFA ACTION, Sept. 1990.] There wasn't enough time to correct them then. For future researchers and historians, however, the record should be set straight. Many thanks to Linda Alford of Pittsburg, Texas, for pointing out my oversights.

Spire Alford traveled between Georgia and Texas probably more than once, but when Spire and his children died, more than likely Caroline was with him in Texas and not back in Georgia as the previous article mentioned. However, since Spire bought the land in Texas in February of 1850 and was back in LaGrange, Georgia later that year when the census man came around, it is safe to assume Spire spent some time away from his family.

Linda Alford believes the whole household was sick at the same time. She located bills for the coffins in the estate papers. On July 18th, there was a charge of \$8.00 for one coffin; on July 23rd a charge for "coffins and cases for self and daughter" for \$30.00; on July 24th, another charge for a coffin of \$10.00. If coffin prices are related to size, the youngest died first, then the father (Spire) and daughter, followed by the oldest son. The third child buried with Spire most likely was not the daughter of the slave Dorcas, as mentioned in the earlier article. The first reason is that slaves were not normally buried so close to their owners; the second is that Harriott was living at the time of the Estate Inventory in October of 1854.

The third child, then, would be another child of Spire and Caroline's. They married in 1837, Marcelius (Matthew) was born in 1838, Partha (Bertha A.) was born in 1840, Leonidas was born in 1844, Didema (Didenna Ann or J.) was born in 1846, Alexander was born in 1848, and S.W. (Spire Warren) was born in 1854. Enough time elapsed between Alexander's birth and S.W.'s to lead one to believe yet another child was born and then died young so that it would have missed both the 1850 and 1860 censuses. This would be the third child in the graves with Spire, Marcelius (Matthew), and Partha (Bertha A.).

After the date of the bill for the last coffin (July 24th), more medical bills were charged against the estate. On August 2nd, 3rd, and 6th, Dr. John Henderson visited the "Mrs." On September 5th and 6th, the doctor visited a sick child. On October 9th, when the estate was inventoried. several items are listed as going to Wd Alford (Widow Alford). Later in the year 1854, the last child, S.W., was born. Myrtie Alford Hunter (born 7/6/ 1904) maintains that according to North Alabama Alford family legend, S.W. was born on a riverboat when Caroline made her way back to Georgia.

Another bill found in the estate papers is a \$25.00 charge for a carriage, wagon, and team for Caroline for five days. This would be long enough to take her about 45 miles to Jefferson, Texas to catch a riverboat and return empty. According to Linda Alford, a woman with children would have most likely come by waterways through the port of Jefferson. It seems evident, then, that Caroline was in Texas early in 1954 for S.W. to be born in late October or November.

Here are a few other miscellaneous

additions/corrections:

- Owen and Marshall Alford traveled through the Daingerfield, Texas area every few years or so during the 1950's. On at least one occasion, they met and talked with Walter Alford, a descendant of Sippy.
- On page 40 of the September 1990 issue, third column, the reference to "A. Alford" was probably simply "Mr. Alford." Apparently, what looks like an "A" is often a mark meaning "Mr." in early handwriting.
- On page 43, first column, John Warren Alford is listed as being married twice. The first marriage was to Amy Cleo Tidwell. The second marriage was to Ira Hunter, not Hulsey.
- According to Myrtie Alford
 Hunter, Alexander Alford was
 fond of visiting with other exConfederates. On one trip back to
 the LaGrange, Georgia they
 stopped to ask a farmer if he
 minded if they camped out in one
 of his fields. Myrtie says the
 farmer was at first reluctant until
 he noticed Alexander's Confederate lapel pin. After that, the farmer
 was exceptionally gracious and
 apologized for mistaking
 Alexander for a carpetbagger.
- This article is subtitled "Epilogue 1" because I am optimistic about locating the graves. "Epilogue 2" will contain the story of when we finally find them. Another search is planned for the weekend of December 8, 1990.

Alfords from Mississippi in the IGI—A to H

This is the beginning of the Mississippi Alford information blitz in preparation for our October 1991 meeting in Jackson, Mississippi.

Like the Tennessee IGI, which was included in the June 1990 issue, this list of Mississippi Alfords comes from more than the LDS-IGI. Much of the information comes from personal research done by Ruby Alford Heard, the AAFA Mississippi State Representative. Another significant portion comes from marriage lists purchased from Hunting for Bears, Inc., and the balance comes from the LDS-IGI—both 1984 and 1988 editions. The source column was not printed because of space limitations.

Members must be aware that we know of many Mississippi Alford marriages that have not yet been included in this list. Those not included are marriages reported in various family genealogies, Bible records, family group records, etc. Unless a marriage was recorded in county records, it is unlikely it is listed below. (There are a few exceptions via the LDS-IGI.)

Those who are familiar with Mississippi Alfords will recognize some errors, omissions, and what appear as duplications in the following listing. Little editing—and few assumptions—were made in compiling the list. When there were differences between two records, both records are

listed. Differences were noted in the Alford names, spouse names, dates of marriage, and place of marriage.

Estimated birth dates—those with an "E" following the year—were determined by subtracting 20 years from the date of marriage just to give a ball-park date for comparison purposes. It is usually reasonably close, but in the case of a second marriage it may be way off. It is likely that the correct birth date of many of these persons is available in other AAFA records. Census records will frequently get the date closer than this estimate.

As we proceed towards the meeting next October, this data will be refined and expanded considerably. Those who wish to help with the preparation of information on Mississippi Alfords may contact AAFA and receive lists with source information as well as lists sorted by spouse and place of marriage. It is hoped that by the time we convene in Jackson we will have merged marriage records, census information, cemetery records, and various family genealogies into one master list of Mississippi Alfords. Your help is sorely needed in this effort—please contact the AAFA and volunteer.

Remember—just because it's printed below doesn't make it so.

NAME (ALFORD UNLESS SPECIFIED)	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	SPOUSE	DATE MARRIED	PLACE MARRIED
A.	1837E	MS ????	BRIDGES, MARY C.	18570607	MS COPI
A.	1837E	MS ????	BRIDGES, MARY C.	18570107	MS COPI
A.	1837E	MS ????	MOORE, JOHN	18570922	MS WINS
A. B.	1847E	MS ????	DEATON, OPHELIA	18671224	MS LEE
A. D.	1904E	MS ????	WARDELL, MAGNOLIA	19240428	MS SCOT
A. E.	1901E	MS ????	SIMMONS, VERA	19211105	MS PIKE
A. H.	1908E	MS ????	GILMORE, ELBA	19280526	MS RANK
A. J.	1869E	MS ????	FORTENBERRY, JANE	18891212	MS PIKE
A. L.	1888E	MS ????	MILLER, JULIA	19080517	MS SCOT
A. L.	1903E	MS ????	MARTIN, MARGARET	19231027	MS WALT
A. MRS.	1837 <e< td=""><td>MS ????</td><td>MOORE, JOHN</td><td>18570801</td><td>MS WINS</td></e<>	MS ????	MOORE, JOHN	18570801	MS WINS
A. R.	1893E	MS ????	WALLACE, LONA	19131019	MS SCOT
A. [H] J.	1846E	MS ????	BUTLER, BETTIE	18661108	MS HIND
ADALINE	1816E	MS ????	SIMS, THOMAS	18360315	MS LOWN
AGUSTUS B.	1847E	MS ????	DEATON, OPHELIA	18671224	MS LEE
ALBERT	1877E	MS ????	BERRYHILL, LINNIE	18970313	MS PIKE
ALBERT ALFRED	1865E	MS ????	VIRGIL, LEAH	18850219	MS MARI
ALCUS	1908E	MS ????	MAGEE, MAIDEE	19280516	MS WALT
ALFRED .	1872E	MS ????	BURTON, MASSIE L	18920322	MS WASH
ALICE	1866E	MS ????	CROVER, Z. T.	18860810	MS LAUD
ALICE S. MC?.	1856E	MS ????	RAY, E. A.	18760213	MS COPI

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ALLEN	1867E	MS ????	JONES, CHARITY	18871031	MS BOLI
ALMA	1863E	MS ????	LAVELLE, EDWARD	18830425	MS CLAY
ALVIN	1906E	MS ????	HOLMES, MYRTLE	19260205	MS PIKE
ALVINE	1888E	MS ????	HENRY, JOSIE	19081101	MS CARR
AMANDA	1860E	MS ????	MATTEWS, JOHN	18800920	MS NEWT
AMANDA ALFRED	1834E	MS ????	BYRD, JOHN	18540112	MS RANK
AMANDA ALFRED	1834E	MS ????	BYRD, GEORGE	18540112	MS RANK
AMANDA F. ALFRED	1862E	MS ????	WOODRUFF, ANDERSON	18821005	MS MADI
AMELIA	1840E	MS ????	MCMATH, WINDERS H.	18600731	MS LOWN
ANA M.	1867E	MS ????	SMITH, WILLIAM J.	18871227	MS PIKE
ANANIAS	1873E	MS ????	CORNELL, MARIE	18931227	MS ????
ANDREW	1905E	MS ????	CRESSMAN, IMA E.	19250312	MS PEAR
ANDREW J.	1854E	MS ????	MORRIS, SERENA M.	18740923	MS AMIT
ANDY	1905E	MS ????	HARDAGE, MINNIE	19251224	MS LEAK
ANNA	1802E	MS ????	BYRAM, JEREMIAH	18221002	MS WILK
ANNA	1802E	MS ????	BYRAM, JEREMIAH	18221002	MS WILK
ANNA	1855E	MS ????	EVINGTON, JOHN		
ANNA	1862E	MS ????	ROSSE, JACOB S.	18750327	MS HIND
ANNA	1872E	MS ????	WIMBERLY, ROLAND	18820419	MS LAUD
ANNA	1899E	MS ????	MILES, MACK	18920205	MS LEFL
ANNA?	1802E	MS ????		19190605	MS SCOT
ANNA?			BRYANT, JEREMIAH	18221002	MS WILK
	1802E	MS ????	BYNUM, JEREMIAH	18221006	MS AMIT
ANNIE O. ?	1873E	MS ????	HALL, JESSE M.	18930104	MS PIKE
AREOTES [ARESTES]	1890E	MS ????	BANKS, SYNIE	19101201	MS MADI
ARIE	1896E	MS ????	TURNER, MAE	19161218	MS SCOT
ARMENA	1848E	MS ????	BURCH, R. M.	18680223	MS RANK
ARMINA	1848E	MS ????	BURCH, R. M.	18680223	MS RANK
ARRE TURNER	1923E	MS ????	PALMER, BOBBYE J.	19430320	MS SCOT
ARTHUR	1900E	MS ????	MCKENZIE, KATIE	19200911	MS WALT
ARTHUR LEE	1933CA	MS ????	GAINEY, JEFFIE J.	19550904	MS SCOT
AUDELLE	1911E	MS ????	BATEMAN, CARL	19310516	MS WALT
AUDREY	1900E	MS ????	SMITH, EDWARD	19201225	MS WALT
AUDRY	1900E	MS ????	LAIRD, JOE H.	19201212	MS RANK
B, C.	1888E	MS ????	BOYD, IDA E.	19080123	MS PIKE
B. C.	1892E	MS ????	FREEMAN, ANNIE	19121022	MS PIKE
3. F.	1866E	MS ????	COPELAND, R.C. MISS	18861223	MS NESH
3. M.	1902E	MS ????	MAPP, CLAIRE R.	19220720	MS NEWT
3. N.	1884E	MS ????	MOORE, DORA	19040807	MS CARR
3. P.	1886E	MS ????	WALKER, OLIE	19060715	MS PIKE
3. P.	1891E	MS ????	BRENT, RUBY	19110301	MS PIKE
3. W.	1884E	MS ????	HAMBRICK, IRANA	19041022	MS NESH
BASHULI	1869E	MS ????	QUICK, WISEMAN	18891225	MS LEAK
BATIE	1873E	MS ????	SMITH, H. S.	18931214	MS PIKE
BECKY	1866E	MS ????	MCINNIS, HENRY	18861125	MS RANK
BEN	1861E	MS ????	STOCKARD, FLORENCE	18810109	MS LAFA
BEN	1866E	MS ????	ALFORD, LILLIE	18861021	MS LAFE
BEN	1897E	MS ????	KING, HARRETT	19171013	MS BOLI
BENJAMIN	1864E	MS ????	MCKINNEY, CALLIE	18841024	MS SCOT
BENJAMIN RAY	1794E	MS ????	STANTON, DELLA MAE	18140516	MS UNIO
BENNETT A.	1895E	MS ????	GOODRUN, MAE ETTIE	19150714	MS ????
BENNETT N.	1891E	MS ????	SAMUEL, ALTA H.	19130714	MS WARR

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UNLESS SPECIFIED)	DATE	FLACE		WARRIED	WARRIED
BERCHEL L.	1910E	MS ????	BURCH, ORA MAE	19300206	MS WALT
BERNARD WILLIAM	1929E	MS ????	STUART, MABEL L.	19490618	MS SCOT
BETTIE	1856E	MS ????	TOWNSEND, J. W.	18761127	MS NEWT
BETTY DEAN	1967CA	MS ????	CRIMM, ARTHUR R., JR.	19841203	MS SCOT
BETTY LOUISE	1934CA	MS ????	RISHER, ROY R.	19531106	MS SCOT
BETTYE JANE	1937CA	MS ????	WEBB, SILAS E.	19550215	MS SCOT
BILLIE	1892E	MS ????	JOHNSON, SARAH	19330213	MS PIKE
BILLIE RAY	1931CA	MS ????	BLACKBURN, EVELYN	19500827	MS SCOT
BILLIE SUE	1931CA 1930CA	MS ????	BUSBY, ELLIS LEE	19781206	MS SCOT
BIRTUS					
	1831E	MS ????	JONES, MARTHA M.	18510814	MS LOWN
BLANCHE	1911E	MS ????	ELLZEY, ALVA	19310223	MS WALT
BOYD	1893E	MS ????	ELLIOT, STELLA	19130130	MS GREE
BOYD	1897E	MS ????	SULLIVAN, RUTH	19190726	MS GREE
BUFORD	1911E	MS ????	RYALS, ETHEL	19311003	MS WALT
BURRELL	1900E	MS ????	CLEVELAND, MINERVA	19210221	MS HIND
C.	1848E	MS ????	KELLY, S. E. MISS	18680628	MS OKTI
C.	1851E	MS ????	MOORE, L. C.	18710110	MS RANK
C. B.	1872E	MS ????	WOODS, LOULA	18920225	MS HOLM
C. E.	1915CA	MS ????	BARNES, SUE	19370107	MS SCOT
C. L.	1879E	MS ????	SIMMIONS, G. O.	18991214	MS PIKE
C. L.	1881E	MS ????	DUEDEN, P. B. MISS	19010925	MS GREE
C. L.	1916CA	MS ????	HOPPER, GRACE	19370708	MS SCOT
C. S.	1832E	MS ????	YATES, JOHN	18520405	MS CARR
C. T.	1881E	MS ????	DURDEN, P. B.	19010925	MS GREE
C. W.	1900E	MS ????	FISHER, ADDIE MRS.	19201228	MS HIND
CALLONIA	1872E	MS ????	SANDIFER, JESSE C.	18920926	MS PIKE
CALVIN	1860E	MS ????	WATKINS, SARAH	18800101	MS LAUD
CAROL JANE	1956CA	MS ????	FRITH, DOUGLAS P.	19740727	MS SCOT
CAROLINE	1854E	MS ????	CRUMIEL, RAVEN	18741219	MS ISSA
CAROLINE	1855E	MS ????	SUTTON, FRANK	18750807	MS YAZO
CAROLYN ANN	1956CA	MS ????	WALDROP, MARK S.	19770903	
CARRIE	1860E	MS ????	DAVIS, WILLIAM S.		MS SCOT
CARRIE V., MRS	1859E	MS ????	HALL, J. W.	18801223 18790213	MS COPI MS BOLI
CATHERINE	1804E	MS ????	MCEVERS, ARCHIBALD	18240902	MS CLAI
CHARLES	1859E	MS ????	WASHINGTON, MALISSA	18791003	
CHARLES ALFRED	1859E	MS ????	WASHINGTON, MALISSA	18791003	MS HIND
CHARLES ALFRED	1865E	MS ????	TESSIT, ROSE	18850124	MS HIND
CHARLES RAY	1942CA	MS ????	HINES, SUE ELLEN		MS HIND
CHRISTINE	1938CA	MS ????	PAGE, RAYFORD	19611006	MS SCOT
CHURCH	1880E	MS ????	SANDERS, S. E.	19560804	MS SCOT
CINCINNATUS	1833E	MS ????	MOORE, ANN JANE	19000917	MS WEBS
CINCINNATUS	1851E	MS ????	MOORE, L. C.	18530412	MS RANK
CINE E.	1891E			18710110	MS RANK
CLARA ALVOID	1852E	MS ????	BOGGS, C. E.	19110205	MS ISSA
CLARENCE	1892E	MS ????	BELL, D. D.	18720118	MS COPI
CLEVE		MS ????	DAVIS, SALLIE	19121220	MS MADI
CLEVE	1903E	MS ????	MULLEY, ORA	19230716	MS BOLI
CLIFTON	1890E	MS ????	LEWIS, MATTIE	19101119	MS HOLM
CLINT	1910E	MS ????	BROCK, THELMA	19300104	MS WALT
CLYDE	1904E	MS ????	WARE, AUDRY	19240513	MS LAFA
	1895E	MS ????	HOOD, MABLE	19151001	MS HOLM
COLUMBUS [LUM]	1903E	MS ????	THAGGARD, FANNIE	19230401	MS LEAK

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CORA	1840E	MS ????	HALEY, JAMES	18600912	MS HIND
CORA LYNN	1840E	MS ????	HALEY, JAMES DR.	18600918	MS HIND
CORTH	1884E	MS ????	NOLAND, ANNIE	19040216	MS CARR
CYNTHIA, MRS.,	1825E	MS ????	BURNHAM, WILLIAM D	18450306	MS COPI
D. F.	1896E	MS ????	LONG, IRMA	19160523	MS NESH
DALE, DR.	1920E	MS ????	SMITH, L'MOORE	19400727	MS LEFL
DAMAR ANN	1821E	MS ????	SCARBOROUGH, DANIEL	18410125	MS LAWR
DANNY RAY	1962CA	MS ????	COLEY, MAGGIE L.	19791130	MS SCOT
DARLENE	1958CA	MS ????	MCCURDY, DENNIS R.	19760813	MS SCOT
DARLINE	1961CA	MS ????	BEARD, CHARLES D.	19800619	MS SCOT
DAVID	1816E	MS ????	CRAWSON, MARY	18360705	MS NOXU
DAVID ALFRED	1816E	MS ????	CRAWSON, MARY	18360705	MS NOXU
DAVID [DAVE] C.	1857E	MS ????	ELLÌS, MARTHA C.	18771201	MS LEAK
DELLA	1871E	MS ????	CREWS, T. M.	18910805	MS YALO
DELLA	1874E	MS ????	DILLON, URIAH	18940312	MS PIKE
DEWERS	1907E	MS ????	BICKLAM, EDGAR	19270609	MS WALT
DEWEY	1903E	MS ????	JOHNSTON, FLORENCE	19231224	MS CLAR
DIANNE	1956CA	MS ????	BOXX, PAUL D.	19730525	MS SCOT
DICK	1851E	MS ????	LAWS, FANNY	18710303	MS TALL
DICK	1865E	MS ????	MORRIS, GEORGIA	18851222	MS TALL
DOMIRUS	1804E	MS ????	CARRAWAY, JESSE	18240214	MS FRAN
DOROTHY JEAN	1921CA	MS ????	WALKER, EARNEST	19390722	MS SCOT
DOTY	1906E	MS ????	ACY, EULA	19260110	MS LEFL
E. C.	1903E	MS ????	TIPPIT, JOHNNIE L.	19231226	MS WALT
E. D.	1877E	MS ????	REED, FRANCES	18970803	MS GREE
E. E. ALFRED	1850E	MS ????	JONES, P. O.	18700910	MS TIPP
E. L.	1875E	MS ????	BALL, FANNIE	18951222	MS PIKE
E. L.	1887E	MS ????	TAYLOR, MARJORIE	19070717	
E. L.	1905E	MS ????	WOOD, MARY		MS HIND
E. M.	1833E	MS ????	PRITCHARD, EMILY A.	19250718	MS WINS
E. M.	1839E	MS ????	HALEY, LAURA L.	18531101	MS MADI
E. M.	1851E	MS ????	MOORE, EMMA	18591215	MS MADI
ED	1887E	MS ????	BEARDEN, BERTHA	18710425 19071219	MS MADI MS PIKE
ED C.	1896E	MS ????	BLANSETT, MARY	19160101	MS WALT
EDDIE PENNINGTON	1904CA	MS ????	MOOREHEAD, NETTIE	19770618	MS SCOT
EDDIE PENNINGTON	1908E	MS ????	WEEMS, MAMIE C.	19280830	MS RANK
EDGAR	1902E	MS ????	PERMENTER, NOLA	19221222	MS SCOT
EDGAR ALFRED	1893E	MS ????	DOUGLAS, NANCY	19130122	MS MADI
EDMOND	1878E	MS ????	JOHNSON, OLLIE	18980523	MS HIND
EDMOND ALVOID	1847E	MS ????	SANDIFER, JULIA	18670227	MS COPI
EDMOND ALVOID	1861E	MS ????	TILLMAN, EMALINE	18810804	MS COPI
EDMOND ALVORDE	1847E	MS ????	SANDIFER, JULIA	18670227	MS COPI
EDNA	1874E	MS ????	JOYNER, H. L.	18941227	MS SCOT
EDOMAD ALVOID	1847E	MS ????	SANDIFER, DELA	18670227	MS COPI
EDWARD F.	1877E	MS ????	HOLLINGSWORTH, L.	18971223	
+ EDWIN	1798E	MS ????	SMITH, MARTHA	18181220	MS LEAK
EFFIE	1900E	MS ????	VAUGHN, R. E.		MS PIKE
ELBERT	1899E	MS ????	HIGGINS, ANNA W.	19200124	MS SCOT
ELIAS	1819E	MS ????	CAMMACK, SYNTHIA	19191221	MS BOLI
ELIZA	1868E	MS ????	EARLY, C. R.	18390627	MS COPI
ELIZA J.	1873E	MS ????	MCDANIEL, W. L.	18881823	MS LAUD
Lividi 1 J.	10/JE	MIS !!!!	WICDAMEL, W. L.	18930213	MS PIKE

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ELIZABETH STEWART	1901E	MS ????	BARTLING, MCNIELL	19111005	MS LEFL
ELLAR CORNELIUS	1886E	MS ????	CROSSWELL, WALTER	19060318	MS LEAK
ELLIS ?	1882E	MS ????	MCDANIEL, HATTIE	19020115	MS PIKE
ELMER	1905D	MS ????	NOLAN, JANIE	19251220	MS PEAR
ELMER C.	1902E	MS ????	HALL, WILLIE B.	19220406	MS LINC
EMALINE	1857E	MS ????	BREWSTER, DAVID	18770202	MS NEWT
EMMA	1850E	MS ????	JEFFERSON, HARRISON	18701001	MS MARI
EMMA	1862E	MS ????	PRICE, W. M.	18821108	MS COPI
EMMA	1867E	MS ????	HALL, HULIN	18870513	MS SCOT
EMMA	1867E	MS ????	HALL, HULIN	18870515	MS SCOT
EMMA	1877E	MS ????	GINN, W. J. M.	18970304	MS PIKE
EMMA ALFRED	1850E	MS ????	JEFFERSON, HARRISON	18701002	MS MARI
EMMA B.	1872E	MS ????	LEWIS, C. Q.	18920428	MS PIKE
ENON	1899E	MS ????	BRUMFIELD, DEAN	19190508	MS WALT
ERNEST	1879E	MS ????	LEWIS, ARDANIA	18991226	MS PEAR
ERNEST B.	1894E	MS ????	POTTS, ALLIE M.	19141125	MS MADI
ESTHER	1864E	MS ????	LIGHTFOOT, ADAM		
EUDOXUS (EUDUSUS				18840207	MS HIND
EVELINE EVELINE			CAVIT, SALLY	18581007	MS RANK
	1890E	MS ????	BOX, W. E.	19100420	MS GREE
EVERETT	1885E	MS ????	HOLLAND, MARY	19050606	MS GREE
F. A.	1886E	MS ????	IRWING, CARRIE	19060123	MS CHOC
F. A.	1898E	MS ????	LAYNE, MARY	19180522	MS RANK
F.B.	1878E	MS ????	TILLMAN, LULU E.	18980202	MS COPI
F. L.	1865E	MS ????	STEVENSON, NANCY	18851215	MS CHOC
F. L.	1865E	MS ????	STEVENSON, NANCY	18851217	MS CHOC
F. O.	1872E	MS ????	MCELVIN, MYRTIS	18920730	MS PIKE
F. S.	1846E	MS ????	PALMER, B.	18661213	MS LAUD
F. S.	1846E	MS ????	PALMER, BAYLOR	18661230	MS LAUD
FANNIE	1849E	MS ????	HIGHTOWER, ALEX.	18690530	MS COAH
FANNIE B. ?	1873E	MS ????	HALL, JOHN J.	18930104	MS PIKE
FANNY	1804E	MS ????	DENTON, SOLOMON G.	18240916	MS CLAI
FEFF	1872E	MS ????	BRUCE, LUCK MRS.	18920727	MS CARR
FLORENCE WYOONE	1820E	MS ????	VICK, ARSENA	18400223	MS COPI
+ FORT	1926CA	MS ????	HARRISON, AUSBON	19430304	MS SCOT
FRANCES VASHTI	1799E	MS ????	STRINGER, ELIZ.	18190930	MS LAWR
FRANCIS	1879E	MS ????	QUICK, WISEMAN	18891225	MS LEAK
FRANCIS S./A.	1879E	MS ????	FOX, JOHNSON	18990818	MS PIKE
FRANK	1835E	MS ????	WILLIAMS, ARMENTHA	18550405	MS MADI
FRANK ALFRED	1891E	MS ????	SMITH, ALZADA	19111220	MS PIKE
FRANK L.	1865E	MS ????	PETERS, LIZZIE	18851211	MS MARI
FREEMAN ALFRED	1877E	MS ????	WALK/MALK, MARTHA	18970122	MS PEAR
G.	1882E	MS ????	SWEETNEY, OSABELLA	19020120	MS SUNF
G. A.	1899E	MS ????	BAUGHN, J. H.	19190816	MS LEFL
G. B.	1875E	MS ????	O'NEAL, BETTIE	18950215	MS SUNF
G. B.	1884E	MS ????	SHINE, PARRIS	19040722	MS CARR
G. H.	1895E	MS ????	KING, MYRTLE	19150208	MS CARR
G. T.	1882E	MS ????	SIMMONS, FANNIE	19021102	MS PIKE
G. W.	1861E	MS ????	MOONEY, S. C. MISS	18810107	MS YAZO
	1844E	MS ????	ANDERSON, MARY G./I.	18640923	MS LAFA
G. W.	1856E	MS ????	WARREN, MARY H.	18760108	MS LAUD
GARLAND W.	1902E	MS ????	NORMAN, MIRON N.	19220401	MS COPI

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GEORGE	1851E	MS ????	BIRCHFIELD, KATE	18710817	MS OKTI
GEORGE	1856E	MS ????	SMITH, EUGENIA	18761221	MS RANK
GEORGE	1856E	MS ????	SMITH, EUGENIA	18761220	MS RANK
GEORGE	1866E	MS ????	BELL, ELIZA	18860104	MS YAZO
GEORGE	1867E	MS ????	ANDERSON, NICEY	18870608	MS HIND
GEORGE	1870E	MS ????	WARE, ELIZABETH	18901002	MS GREE
GEORGE	1871E	MS ????	NICHOLSON, MARIA	18911016	MS HIND
GEORGE	1872E	MS ????	ANDREWS, NANNIE	18921003	MS ISSA
GEORGE	1886E	MS ????	HUGGINS, LOUVENIA	19060912	MS GREE
GEORGE ALFRED	1808E	MS ????	BULLOCK, MARY	19000912	
GIDEON	1816E	MS ????	ROBINSON, LEAR		MS SUNF
GIDEON	1816E	MS ????		18360918	MS CLAR
GLADIS	1905E	MS ????	ROBINSON, LEAR	18360918	MS CLAI
GREEN	1851E	MS ????	MCKENZIE, E. A.	19251016	MS WALT
H. A.	1886E		TURNER, CAROLINE	18710813	MS HIND
H. A.		MS ????	STANFORD, CARRIE	19060110	MS CARR
	1888E	MS ????	COURTNEY, ELLA	19080801	MS HIND
H. G.	1846E	MS ????	BUTLER, BETTIE	18661108	MS RANK
HANNAH	1855E	MS ????	BELL, WATSON	18750114	MS MADI
HANNAH ALVOID	1847E	MS ????	COLEMAN, DALLAS	18670316	MS COPI
HARRIET J.	1841E	MS ????	MYERS, HENRY	18610313	MS RANK
HARRY	1875E	MS ????	WILLIAMS, DAISEY	18951219	MS RANK
HARVEY	1897E	MS ????	AUSTIN, JEWELL	19170907	MS CHIC
HELEN	1858E	MS ????	DUBURTZ, JOSEPH J.	18780520	MS YAZO
HELEN	1858E	MS ????	DUBRATZ, JOSEPH J. L.	18780528	MS YAZO
HELEN	1879E	MS ????	LAWRENCE, J. B.	18991115	MS RANK
HENRIETTA	1834E	MS ????	HAGAN, STEPHEN	18540801	MS YAZO
HENRIETTA	1834E	MS ????	HAGAN, STEPHEN	18540803	MS YAZO
HENRIETTA	1888E	MS ????	BROWN, L. W.	19080529	MS GREE
HENRY	1805E	MS ????	COTTENGHAM, AURIES	18250507	MS COPI
HENRY	1805E	MS ????	COTTINGIN, ANNIE	18250507	MS COPI
HENRY	1847E	MS ????	QUARLES, MARY MRS.	18671110	MS TALL
HENRY	1857E	MS ????	BASS, HARRIET	18771210	
HENRY	1861E	MS ????	WESTBROOK, ROSETTA	18810203	MS HIND MS CLAY
HENRY	1862E	MS ????	FORD, MATTIE	18821110	MS COPI
HENRY	1863E	MS ????	ROBERSON, MARY	18831020	
HENRY	1896E	MS ????	MORGAN, SALLIE	19160523	MS LEE
HENRY	1904E	MS ????	LEWIS, LUCY		MS NESH
HENRY G.	1853E	MS ????	WELCH, MARY JANE	19241016	MS MADI
HERBERT	1899E	MS ????	BLACKWELL, FREDDIE	18730813	MS COPI
HERMAN	1903E	MS ????	FARMER, BEATRICE	19191123	MS WALT
HETTIE M.	1862E	MS ????	ELLZEY, RANKIN N.	19230610	MS LEFL
HEWITT	1902E	MS ????	LOLLAR, DAISY	18821220	MS PIKE
HILDA F.	1939CA	MS ????	LAY, CARL O.	19220207	MS BOLI
HOMER M.	1893E	MS ????	HAMMOND, HAZEL B.	19730629	MS SCOT
HOPE	1900E	MS ????	BRUMFIELD, FANNIE	19130416	MS PIKE
HORACE	1916E	MS ????		19200718	MS WALT
HOUSTON	1879E	MS ????	JACKSON, LINNIE	19361102	MS SCOT
HOWARD S.	1880E	MS ????	HART, FRONIA	18991114	MS PEAR
HOWARD S.	1905E	MS ????	SCHILLING, FLORENCE	19001021	MS PIKE
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Booklist Additions

Here are more additions to the Booklist, a compilation of references to Alfords (and spelling variations) contained in books. Entries are organized by state and county. Family histories are listed at the end under their appropriate states whenever possible. Each entry lists the book name and publication data followed by the name in bold print of every Alford listed on the pages that AAFA has. The page number where the name is found is listed next followed by a brief description of what information about the person is contained on the listed page.

The Association has the pages listed. To obtain copies that interest you, write to the AAFA Librarian, Nancy Dietrich, P.O. Box 1838, Westport, WA 98595. If you are a new member and would like a copy of the 27-page Booklist that was sent to all members with the June 1989 issue of AAFA ACTION, send \$1.00 to cover postage to Publications Editor Pam Thompson, 1017 Marilyn Drive, Mtn. View, CA 94040. If you'd like to contribute to the Booklist, xeroxed pages of books may be sent to either Nancy or Pam—don't forget the title page!

ARKANSAS

Statewide or Multiple Counties

• BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL MEMOIRS OF PULASKI, JEFFERSON, LONOKE, FAULKNER, GRANT, SALINE, PERRY, GARLAND AND HOT SPRING COUNTIES, ARKANSAS. Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889; reprint edition, Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1978. Title page and all pages that list Alfords (no variations): B.S., 494 (prominent artist in Little Rock in 1880's); J.R., 358 (husband of Mary C. Ward of Hot Spring Co.); Leander H., 356 (father of Margaret T., minister in Hot Spring Co.); Margaret T., 356 (named in biography of husband V.M. Threlkeld, m. May 1887 in Hot Spring Co.).

GEORGIA

<u>Floyd County</u>—established from Cherokee, Chattooga, and Palding, 1832

• Tate, Madge and Sandra Junkins, eds. FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA CEMETERIES, Vol. II. N. p.: Northwest Georgia Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc., 1989. Title page and page 2, the only page that lists Alfords (no variations):

B.M. 6 Apr 1876 17 Sept 1940

Mrs. B.M.	24 Dec 1876	6 March 1953
Eston R.	1 Nov 1908	3 Oct 1954
George Jefferson, Sr.	17 Apr 1894	24 Oct 1974
Helen W. "Nena"	13 Apr 1916	no death date
Irene H.	1 May 1909	no death date
Jim E., Sr. "Daddy Jim"	13 June 1914	10 Dec 1974
Patrick Ewell	28 June 1891	31 March 1956
Vernon Hume	5 March 1924	22 Jan 1942

Buried in Sunset Hill Cemetery

M.L. 13 May 1904 30 Oct 1960

Upson County—established from Crawford and Pike, 1824

- Ingmire, Frances T., comp. UPSON COUNTY, GEORGIA MARRIAGE RECORDS 1825–1859. St. Louis, MO: By the author, 1985. Book is in two sections, page numbered separately: groom index and bride index. Title page and all pages that list Alfords (no variations): Groom section—Clinton, 1 (m. Martha Slaughter 20 March 1825); George W., 1 (m. Mahana Eliza Page 21 Dec 1847); John F., 1 (m. Sarah F. Lawrence 13 Nov 1850); Turner, 1 (m. Elizabeth Moore 31 Aug 1826); William H., 1 (m. Eliza Stillwell 29 Dec 1831); Bride section—Mary Ann, 1 (m. William A. Riggers 25 Dec 1851).
- Ingmire, Frances T., comp. UPSON COUNTY, GEORGIA WILL ABSTRACTS 1821–1850, MINUTES OF INFERIOR COURT 1825–1830, HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS 1868. St. Louis, MO: By the author, n.d. Title page and all pages that list Alfords (no variations): Benjamin, 3 (heir to Barbara Harrell 1833); Spencer, 1 (witness to will of Rachel Haldox 1829).

IDAHO

Statewide or Multiple Counties

 White, Virgil D. INDEX OF U.S. MARSHALS 1789–1960.
 Waynesboro, TN: The National Historical Publishing Company, 1988. Title page, Introduction, and the only page that lists Alfords or variations: James H. ALVORD, 2 (Idaho territory, served 18 Jan 1866).

MASSACHUSETTS

Statewide or Multiple Counties

Sherman, Robert M. MAYFLOWER FAMILIES
 THROUGH FIVE GENERATIONS, Vol. II. N.p.: General
 Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1978. Title page and all

pages that list Alfords (no variations): Elizabeth, 105 (m. Jonathan Sewall 1718 Boston); Sarah, 41 (m. Col. Eleazer Tyng before 1720).

OREGON

Statewide or Multiple Counties

- Walling, A.G. HISTORY OF SOUTHERN OREGON. No publication data except year: 1884. We have one unnumbered page containing a short biography of Albert Alford, b. 1833 in Chariton Co., MO; went to OR in 1850 with parents; lived in Linn Co. to 1869 and Jackson Co.; m. Catherine Brinker 1853; children: Russell A., b. 1855, Masas L., b. 1857, Alice, b. 1859, Amanda O., b. 1862).
- Gaston, _____. THE CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF OR-EGON, Vol. III. No publication data except year: 1912. We have p. 140, which contains a biography of Albert Alford, b. 1833 in Sheridan Co., MO, son of Thomas and K. (Culp) Alford of TN. Went to Linn Co., OR, in 1850. Thomas was m. three times, first K. Culp, second Polly Williams who d. on way to OR, third to _____ Gailey of Linn Co. Albert m. Catherine Brinker in 1853; moved to Jackson Co. in 1869 after fighting in Indian wars. They had 4 children: Russell, of Klamath Falls; Moses, of Medford; Alice, wife of L.F. Willetts of Klamath Falls; and Ollie, wife of C.W. Walters of Talent. Includes large pictures of Albert and his farmhouse in Talen, Jackson Co.

TEXAS

Statewide or Multiple Counties

• Williams, Villamae, ed. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN'S REGISTER OF FAMILIES. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1989. This book contains the list of settlers in Texas before independence from Mexico, approximately 1823–1836, kept by Stephen Austin according to Mexican law. Title page, Introduction, Preface, and the only pages that list Alfords (no variations): ?, 125 (single man, applied 1835); Eliza, 87 (wife of Wingfield, age 25); Wingfield, 87 (age 30, arrived from Illinois 15 June 1832 with wife, son, and daughter).

Rusk County—established from Nacogdoches, 1843

• Farmer, Garland R. THE REALM OF RUSK COUNTY. Henderson, TX: Henderson Times, 1951. Title page and the following pages that list Alfords (no variations): Bessie Lou, 106 (biography, daughter of E.B., m. Ben. D. Clower); E.B. Jr., 107 (biography, son of E.B., m. 1923 to Maude Elizabeth Woodyard); E.B., 103–104 (biography, b. AL, m. Ella Overton in Overton, TX); Ella, 105 (daughter of John R.,

student at Duke University in NC [AAFA Member #246]): Jesse Burks Jr., 107 (son of Jesse Burks, student at New Mexico Military Institute); Jesse Burks, 106-107 (biography, son of E.B., m. 1926 to Lucille Rayford); Jo Ann, 107 (daughter of Richard O.); John R. Jr., 105 (son of John R., student at Southern Methodist University); John R., 104-105 (biography, son of E.B., b. Overton and moved to Henderson at age 5, m. 1927 to Susan Landon of NC); Josie Beall, 105-106 (biography, daughter of E.B., m. John Julian Rayford 1911); Landon, 105 (son of John R. [AAFA Member #2]); Louella, 107 (daughter of Richard O.); Mariwyn, 107 (daughter of Jesse Burks, attended Hollins College, interior decorator in Austin); Mary Elizabeth, 107 (daughter of E.B. Jr., m. Dr. T.G. Coleman); Richard O., 107-108 (biography, son of E.B., m. 1933 to Charlin B. Cox).

• Winfrey, Dorman H. A HISTORY OF RUSK COUNTY, TEXAS. Waco, TX: Texian Press, 1961. Title page and p. 118, which contains a short biography of John R. Alford, b. 1885, son of Egbert Benson and Ella (Overton) Alford, m. Susan Landon, d. 1960.

VERMONT

Windham County-established from Bennington, 1781

Broad Brook Grange No. 151, ed. OFFICIAL HISTORY
OF GUILFORD, VERMONT 1678–1961, With Genealogies
and Biographical Sketches. Guilford, VT: Town of Guilford
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family in Guilford, 1790).

VIRGINIA

Statewide or Multiple Counties

Crowson, E.T. LIFE AS REVEALED THROUGH EARLY AMERICAN COURT RECORDS. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1981. This book contains "the oldest continuous county court records in America" from Northampton and Accomack Counties. Title page, introduction, and the only pages that list Alfords (no variations): John/Jno, 73 (with his wife, fought with sheriff during arrest, 1661), 74 (gives height of his house; lists charges billed to him by the court in 1662).

Montgomery County—established from Fincastle, Botetourt, and Pulaski, 1776–77

 Crush, C.W. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, THE FIRST 100 YEARS. No publication data except year: 1983.
 Only pages that list Alfords (no variations): Thomas, 92 (served in militia, 1781), 51 (took Oath of Allegiance 1777).

 Schreiner-Yantis, Netti. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA CIRCA 1790. No publication data except year: 1972. Only pages that list Alfords (no variations): Thomas, 67 (listed as owner of adjacent land in 1785 deed), 68 (listed as owner of adjacent land in 1790 deed), 93 (listed with neighbors, no year).

Norfolk County—established from Lower Norfolk, 1636

· Bentley, Elizabeth Petty. VIRGINIA MARRIAGE RECORDS, From The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, the William and Mary College Quarterly, and Tyler's Quarterly. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1982. Title page and the only page that lists Alfords (no variations): Benjamin W., 384 (m. Mrs. Martha Cherry 29 Apr 1809 Norfolk Co.).

Wythe County-established from Montgomery and part of Grayson, 1789

- · Kegley, Mary B. WYTHE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, A BICEN-TENNIAL HISTORY. Wytheville, VA: Wythe County Board of Supervisors, 1989. Title page and all pages that list Alfords (no variations): Elizabeth, 242 (m. 28 Feb 1793 to Joseph Baker), J. Michael, 473 (deputy sheriff-no date but appears to be current); John Franklin, 242 (b. Wythe Co. 9 Apr 1845, served in Civil War, d. 13 May 1912 in Poplar Camp, VA); Thomas, 29 (one of settlers for whom lands were surveyed 1768-69).
- · Murphy, Malita Warden and Gus Douthat. WYTHE COUNTY, VIRGINIA TAX LIST 1793-1800. No publication data. We have an unnumbered page listing Alfords:

John

1793, 1794, 1796

Joseph

1796

Thomas

1793, 1794, 1797-1800

William 1797-1800

 Schreiner-Yantis, Netti. 1800 TAX LISTS & ABSTRACTS OF DEEDS 1796–1800 OF WYTHE COUNTY, VIRGINIA. No publication data. Title page, Introduction, and the only page that lists Alfords (no variations): Thomas, W-7 (1 male over 16, no slaves, 2 horses; footnote says a Thomas also appears in the "1789 Tax List of Montgomery County, Virginia"); William, W-7 (1 male over 16, no slaves, 1 horse).

FOREIGN

England

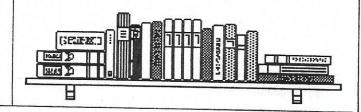
Kaminkow, Jack and Marion. A LIST OF EMIGRANTS

FROM ENGLAND TO AMERICA 1718-1759. Baltimore, MD: London, England: Magna Carta Book Co., 1984; new edition with 46 new records, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1989. Title page and the only page that lists Alfords or variations: Susannah ALLFORD, 3 (from Portsmouth, Hampshire, unmarried, age 19, to VA 4 Apr 1720).

FAMILY HISTORIES

Multiple States

- Landin, Mary Collins. THE COLLINS AND TRAVIS FAMILIES AND THEIR ALLIES: The Interrelationships of Twenty-five Southern Colonial Families and Their Development. Utica, MS: By the author, 1982. Title page and all pages that list Alfords (no variations): Cornelius Holcomb, 310 (buried in Phillip Catching Family Cemetery, 28 Apr 1862-27 Aug 1882, son of J.T. and M.E.); Dr. J.T., 310 (husband of Martha E. Trawick, who is buried in Phillip Catching Family Cemetery, 20 Jan 1843-30 March 1869): Mattie E., 310 (buried in Phillip Catching Family Cemetery, daughter of W.W. and Mary B., 17 Jan 1870-2 Sept 1870); Sarah Ann, 19 (b. MS 1814, m. 1827 to Moses Zachary Collins in Hinds Co., MS, age 13), 106 (mentioned as mother of Mollie Collins).
- Lane, Imogene Hawks. JOHN HAWKS, A FOUNDER OF HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS. Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, Inc., 1989. Title page and all pages that list Alfords or variations: E., 96 (attests will of Zadock Hawks 1817); Elisha Barnard ALVORD, 238 (b. circa 1827 in Shelburne, MA, m. Sarah Edwards Hawks 1859 in Charlemont, MA); Herbert ALVORD, 238 (son of Elisha); Joseph ALVORD, 153 (father of Nancy and husband of Submit Chapin; also, brother of Nancy, b. 1776, lived in western NY and was killed by Indians in War of 1812); Nancy ALVORD, 153-54 (biography, m. (1) Joseph Hawks 1793 Deerfield, MA; m. (2) David Mather before 1807 and lived in Buffalo, NY).
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Part 3: The Descendants of Alexander Alvord

From A Genealogy of the Descendants of ALEXANDER ALVORD an Early Settler of Windsor, Conn, and Northampton, Mass, compiled by Samuel Morgan Alvord (Webster, NY; 1908)

Windsor, Connecticut Alfords/Alvords

Benedict, Alexander and Joanna Alford were early settlers in Windsor, Conn. From Alexander Alford the whole Alvord family of the United States is descended; from Benedict it may be estimated that nearly three-fourths of the Alfords are descended. (Their descendants at present in America are about equal.)

[This statement was not correct in 1908. At the present time it is even more mistaken. There was never a period in the history of the nation when Benedict's descendants represented even close to 3/4 of the Alford population, and never have the two groups been about equal. —Gil Alford]

The date of their coming to America, and the ship on which they came, must remain in obscurity. It is not unlikely that they were minors and came from England in company with and under the charge of friends or relatives. This seems very probable in the case of Alexander and Joanna. Windsor, Conn., was settled in 1635 by a party from Dorchester, Mass., many of whom had come to America in 1630 in the ship "Mary and John." It is very visionary to believe that the Alfords were among these, for the Alford name does not appear on the early Dorchester records nor in the list of passengers on the "Mary and John", who have been quite fully identified. The earliest date that any of the Windsor Alford family is mentioned in America is May, 1637, when "Sarg." Benedict Alford was a

soldier from Windsor in the Pequot Indian War. In 1640 the town of Windsor granted him his home-lot. No mention is made of Alexander Alford in America until 1645, when the town of Windsor granted him a home lot. He received, however, a grant of land from the town which bears no date, but the circumstances attending the grant seem to indicate that it was about 1644. No mention is made of Joanna Alford until her marriage to Ambrose Fowler in 1646.

The England Connection

The kinship of these three Alford settlers is a most important factor in determining the parentage in England, and it is a most fortunate circumstance that this is reasonably well established. The early local historians and genealogists agree that Benedict and Alexander Alford were brothers and that Joanna Alford was their sister. As a further evidence of this it may be noted that the three are found together in the same settlement in the "New World", that the dates of their marriages (1640, 1646, 1646) and their deaths (1683, 1687, 1684) indicate that they were of about the same age, and that Jonathan Alford, son of Benedict, accompanied Ambrose Fowler, Joanna's husband, in his removal to Westfield, Mass., their names appearing together as witnesses to deeds. All of which shows a close intimacy between the two families. more than would be looked for between mere friends. It is also a curious, interesting and most important fact that each of the three, independent of the others, shows evidence of connection with the parish of Whitestaunton or vicinity, Co. Somerset, Eng., for Benedict in 1639 witnessed a deed in Broadway parish (four and a half miles from Whitestaunton). Alexander bore a Christian name which appears in several generations of Alfords at Whitestaunton, and Joanna's baptism is

recorded as occurring at Whitestaunton.

The intimate relationship of the family with Co. Somerset, Whitestaunton vicinity, is shown from the following deed:

Sept. 3, 1640, Record of the deed shewed in Court betwixt Richard Standerwick and Nicholas Nurton.

Know all men by these presents that I, Richard Standerwick of Broadway County of Somerset, Old England Clothyer, for and in consideration of the sum of twelve pounds lawful money of England, paid unto me by Nicholas Nurton of Waymouth, in New England, have granted, bargined, and sold, and by these presents do freely grant, bargin, and sell, unto the said Nicholas Nurton, all the cattle whether cows, steers or calves, whatsoever I have with Mr. Hall in New England.

In witness whereof I the said Richard Standerwick have hereunto set my hand and seal the 20th day of Feb. in the year 1639.

Richard Standerwick.
His Seal.
Sealed in the presence of
John Hawkins,
Peter Pinny,
John Dwelly X sign,
Benedict Alford X sign,
John Purchase.

Benedict Alford and John Purchase two of these witnesses have taken the oath before me Thomas Dudley, Governor of Mass. that they saw Richard Standerwick above named seal and deliver this bill to the use of the above named Nicholas Nurton and subscribed their names or marks as witnesses thereof.

Their oaths were taken the 25th day of August, 1640.

Before me, Thomas Dudley, Governor.

Of these names, Richard Standerwick is found upon a tomb in the Parish Churchyard of Broadway, Co. of Somerset, England, with the date of his death. The family was for many generations of this parish and there are many other Standerwick tombs in this church. The present head of the family John William Standerwick of Broadway has sent many interesting items of the family and evinced much interest in this old deed. Peter Pinny belonged to an old and established family in Broadway Parish and the name occurs upon the parish record many times. Some American descendants of Humphrey Pinney erected a brass to the effect in 1891.

It seems impossible to determine whether the above deed was executed in England or America. If in America, Richard Standerwick must have visited this country and returned to England. If executed in England, Benedict Alford, after his service in the Pequot War of 1637, must have returned to England since the date of the deed was 1639. It is a significant fact that the following year he married in Windsor, Conn. Jane Nurton (Newton) and that Nicholas Nurton was the grantee in the conveyance. Whatever theory one may have regarding Benedict Alford's return visit to England, the essential fact remains that he had intimate relations with the parish of Broadway, Co. Somerset. Eng., four and a half miles from Whitestaunton. That Whitestaunton. rather than Broadway, was the original home of the Alfords who settled in Windsor, Conn. is evidenced by the fact that it had been inhabited by Alford families certainly for a hundred years previous to the settlement at Windsor, Conn., while no Alfords are known to have lived in Broadway. The strongest proof that Whitestaunton was the original home rests in the fact that there is a record of the baptism of Joanna Alford there: "8 Dec. 1622, Joanna Alford daughter of Thomas Alford of Whitestaunton parish, was baptised." The Whitestaunton parish

register previous to 1692 is lost and the record of this baptism is found in the bishop's transcript at Wells. The baptisms of Benedict and Alexander Alford do not appear in the transcript, which is incomplete and fragmentary. It has, however, the record of the baptism of "Johannes, son of Thomas Alford, 9th of Oct. 1608." That the above Joanna Alford is the same that is later found in Windsor, Conn. is not worthy of doubt, for she married in Windsor, Ambrose Fowler, May 6, 1646, which would make her age twenty-four, a most probable marriage age.

Thomas Alford

Since the father of Joanna Alford was Thomas, it follows that he was the father of Benedict and Alexander also. No birth or baptismal record of Benedict exists in the parishes of Whitestaunton vicinity, but at Bridport, about fifteen miles from Whitestaunton, the parish register contains the following: "1627 Oct. 15th, Alexander son of Thomas Alford was baptised." There are the best reasons for believing that this is Alexander Alford, the brother of Benedict and Joanna, and the progenitor of the Alvord family of the United States. It is not hard to imagine Thomas Alford a temporary resident of Bridport, a flourishing town near the coast. His name does not appear in the subsidy rolls of Somerset and Dorset at that period, which indicates that he was not a holder or lessee of any land or goods subject to taxation, but an employee, preferably with respect to merchandise. in which capacity he may well be thought as residing temporarily at Bridport. While it is true that there was an Alford family resident at Bridport. distinct from the Whitestaunton family, yet the pedigree of that family has been so carefully wrought out that it is evident that Thomas Alford and his son Alexander are not of that family. There is nothing so far as discovered in the age of Alexander Alford to preclude his being the one baptised at Bridport in

1627. His marriage occurred in 1646 which would make him nineteen at that time, somewhat younger than the average marriage age, but it may be observed that two of his own children married at the age of nineteen. The birth of a child to him in 1671 would also indicate that he and his wife were born at least not much earlier than 1627. In his will, drawn in 1686, he speaks of himself as "well-striken in years." If born and baptised in 1627 he would have been in his sixtieth year, when a man may well refer to himself as "well-stricken in years," and furthermore it is not infrequent that such expressions are used in wills as mere matters of form. This work then will accept the baptism of Alexander Alford of Bridport in 1627 as that of the progenitor of the Alvords of the United States.

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apparently fell into poor circumstances.

The family interest in this Parish arises from a different source. Alice Stourton, of Stourton Park, married John Sydenham, of Brympton, Somerset, and became the direct ancestress of Betty Sydenham, who was Bishop Alford's grandmother.

Burke's Royal Descents, vol. ii, p. 170, 1851, states that the Stourton family are "in direct descent from King Edward I, and entitled to quarter the Plantagenet Arms".

The Manorial House at Brympton—which manor came to the Sydenhams from their ancestor, John Stourton—was enriched with the insignia of Henry VIII, having in the centre the royal arms in a shield. This house was built by John Sydenham, who being—through Stourton—of blood royal could venture to set up the royal arms." (Batten's Descriptive and Historical Notes.)

Census Report and Holdings Summary

By Alicia Houston Census Project Officer 213 McMasters Drive Monroeville, PA 15146

The tabulation that follows shows the census records that AAFA has, the stage of extraction they are in, and the quality of the records. Due primarily to the efforts of Margaret Windham, AAFA Member #31, we are making steady progress in collecting indexes and extracting census records. Janice Smith, AAFA Member #152, and Andy Leath, Member #45, have been particularly helpful in verifying data to produce complete and publish-worthy extractions of the 1850, 1860, and 1870 Texas censuses, Lucille Mehrkam will be happy to see her early work brought to culmination.

In addition, Mississippi and North Carolina census records are ready for verification and awaiting volunteers with access to microfilm. (See all those B's in the table below?) Note also the blank lines that indicate "No Information." We need indexes for these censuses in order to begin the extraction work, so if you are in a library or archives that has census indexes, take this list with you and see if you can fill in some of those blanks!

There are many small jobs available—no time is too short!—and all volunteers are welcome. A few moments at your local library would push this work forward at great speed. Please, drop me a note and let me know your availability.

Spelling Variations

When first beginning my Alford research, I was very selective in the information I extracted from published books and courthouse records. My family name is ALFORD, and it has been as far back as I can find—so there was no reason to check alternate spellings.

Working on the census extraction project, however, has opened my eyes to other possibilities. Of course, my Alfords knew how to spell their name, but perhaps other recordkeepers did not. The clerk at the courthouse may have assumed the spelling, or perhaps had a peculiar way of writing. The error is compounded today when unrelated persons read, interpret, and extract surnames for an index. We are now relying on information three levels removed from the original source.

It is never easy to admit that one's careful research is incomplete because of either short-sightedness or pride, but now I find myself rechecking sources for alternate spellings.

In order to avoid similar embarrassing gaps in our Alford census extraction, Margaret Windham developed an Alford surname variation chart listing approximately 75 alternate spellings. Some of the variations are true last names, such as ALVORD and ALFRED. Others are misspellings! In addition, a footnote at the bottom says, "Please note all other spellings that could possibly sound like Alford."

Some of the most common spelling variations, especially in censuses, are: Alferd, Alfrod, Allford, and Olford. When checking indexes, don't forget to check the "ALL's," "ALV's," and "OL's".

LEGEND

A = Records extracted & verified

B = Records extracted only

C = Index only-need extraction

D = Scattered entries—no index

- = No census available

N = No Alfords present

= No information. Zilch!

STATE TABULATION OF ALFORDS IN CENSUSES QUALITY ASSESSMENT AS OF OCTOBER 19, 1990

STATE	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1900	1910
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STATE	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1900	1910
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TEXAS	-	-	-	-	-	-	Α	A	В	C	В	
UTAH	-	-	_	-	-	-	C	C		-		
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^{**}Editor's note: I copied these indexes when I was at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and sent them to the Association. Gil Alford might still have these copies.

Obituary: Judge Steve A. Alford, 1920—1990

Compiled by Gil Alford

Judge Steve A. Alford, Jr., AAFA member #190, died Thursday, October 18, 1990, at 7:40 PM in Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge, LA. Judge Alford underwent major surgery to repair an aneurysm three weeks before his death. Complications and setbacks from that were responsible for his death.

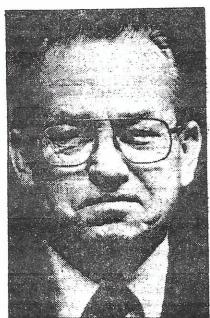
Judge Alford was active in his community, church and family affairs and will be sorely missed in each. His death is also a great loss to the Association. While at the AAFA meeting in Houston in 1990, Steve said that as soon as he retired in 1991 it was his plan to become very active in the Association and do all he could to get the Alfords of Louisiana informed and enlisted.

Steve, the son of Steve A. Sr. and Joyce Powell Alford, was born 12 August 1920 in Orange, Texas. He traced his family back through the Alfords of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana, to Jacob Alford who moved to the area in the early 1800's from North Carolina via Georgia, where he resided a few years.

Steve Alford, Jr. married Kate Peatross of Morgan City, LA, and they had three children: Steve III, Timothy L., and Paralee Francis. He was a grandfather of four. He was survived by three sisters, Jane Sims, Lynchburg, VA; Joyce Vorman, Great Barrington, MA; and Brownie Jean McElmoyl, Chandler, AZ; and all were present at the AAFA meeting in Raleigh the weekend before Steve's death. Many of Steve's very close cousins are also members of the AAFA.

Captain Steve A. Alford, Jr. served in the United States Army Air Force in World War II as a pilot of the B-17 Flying Fortresses. He was a member of the American Legion. Steve graduated from Lake Charles High School, University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1942 and the LSU Law School in 1948. He was a graduate of the Institute of Court Management and the National College of State Judges.

He practiced law in Baton Rouge in state and federal Courts from 1949 to



Steve A. Alford Jr.: Served courts for 19 years

1971. He took oath of office as judge for the Nineteenth Judicial District Court on 1 February 1972. He served as chief judge of that court from 1979 to 1982. He was elected to a ten year term on the Court of Appeal with service starting 1 January 1983.

Judge Alford served on state district and appellate courts in Baton Rouge for 19 years. He announced in July that he was retiring from his seat on the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal at the end of the year. He had served there since 1983. He said then that health considerations prompted him to step down. He and his wife, Kate, planned to travel as

much as possible after his retirement.

According to an article by Tim Talley in the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate, Judge Melvin Shortess, an appellate court judge, said, "I served with Judge Alford for almost 19 years. He loved the law and lawyers. The people who came to his court always got his full attention and fair and impartial consideration. He will be deeply missed by me and I'm sure the entire community." Grover L. Covington of Hammond, the 1st Circuit's chief judge, said that Judge Alford was a hard worker and that he would be missed. "I've known the man for 40 years. He's had a distinguished judicial career, both as a trial court judge and appellate court judge." Decisions written by Judge Alford have been cited as precedent in many cases returned by other appellate courts, according to Covington, Alford volunteered to tackle difficult cases "that perhaps others would not have," Covington said.

Steve Alford, Jr. was past master of Capitol Lodge No 399 F&AM Baton Rouge; Council and Commander of the York Rite; Scottish Rite Consistory of Baton Rouge and coroneted a 33 degree Mason (I. G. H. in 1973) and a Shriner in El Karubah Shrine. He was presently serving on several committees of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of Louisiana. He was a holder of the Demolay Legion of Honor Award.

Judge Alford was active in Kiwanis International for 30 years, having served as President of the Baton Rouge Downtown club; Lt. Governor of Division 8; Governor of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District, 1962; international Trustee; and Vice President, International, 1969-70.

Steve Alford, Jr. was a member of the

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Inquiries

If you can supply information related to the Alfords who are listed below, please send it to the person whose address is shown or to AAFA.

From David Price

David Price, Jr. AAFA #168, 1954 Old Hickory Boulevard, Brentwood TN 37027-4014 is looking for information on a J. H. ALFORD. A biographical sketch of GEORGE BENTON ALFORD published some years ago in an unidentified book [see article in this issuel contains a reference to a brother of Lodwick Alford, "Warren Alford, great-grandfather of the late J. H. Alford, a prominent citizen of Raleigh at the time of his death, a few years ago." Since the date of publication of the book is not known one cannot fix "a few years ago." There may be reason to question all written here about Lodwick (Lotwick) Alford-even his relation-

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Grace Baptist Church where he served as an adult Sunday School teacher, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, and member of the Board of Trustees. He was ordained a deacon 15 March 1953.

In the memorial service conducting by Dr. Kelly Fitzgerald and Rev. John Harris, they said: "In Steve's life we see a remarkable blend of toughness and tenderness. Some of his pronouncements were as final as a unanimous decision of the Supreme Court of our land. You just didn't question him about those. But a minute later, or an hour later, he would be marshmallow soft. I suspect his toughness was tied to his high standards. He had strong convictions about what was right and what was wrong, and he was determined to stand for the right. Those who had spent much time with him knew his tender side surfaced when he was around people who were hurting and

ship to Warren, but there should be some validity to the J. H. Alford who was recognized as prominent.

From Ronald Head

Ronald A. Head AAFA #326, 3154 LeBron Avenue, Montgomery AL 36106 has done much work to help Alfords with their Alabama connections. In a recent letter he had several inquiries as follows:

Who is NEEDHAM ALFORD who married 13 Sept 1806 in Jefferson Co., GA, to Alvey LOFLEY? I haven't located them in 1820, 1840 or 1850, but in 1830 they were in Warren Co., GA. I believe this couple may well have been the parents of the AXIOM S. ALFORD who appears here in Montgomery by 1860. AXIOM S. ALFORD married in Warren Co., GA, in 1830, and in 1870 Montgomery, he has in his household one "Evy?" OLFERD, b. ca 1787 NC whom I suspect to be his mother. [AXIOM S. ALFORD shows up in Bibb Co., GA, in 1840 (his son Julius N. said in his CSA pension application that he was born in Bibb Co.), and in Houston Co., GA, in 1850, before coming to Montgomery. I find no record of Axiom S, after the 1870 census, but he presumably died here, as his family continued their residence here long afterwards.] I wonder if there could be a connection between AXIOM S. ALFORD and the "AXUM" ALFORD in the 1850 Franklin Co., NC, census records whose name was assumed to be "Isham."

Who is BERTUS ALFORD who married 1 Oct. 1801 in Greene Co., GA, to Mary BOONE? He was mentioned in a 1787 Greene Co. deed, so he must have been born prior to 1767. Was he a son of ISHAM ALFORD? Do you know anything about Isham and his children? I would like to see a listing of this family.

Who is BYNUM ALFORD who was born in the 1780's, prob. married Nancy THOMPSON in 1814 in Morgan Co., GA, (published records read "Bymun")? He died probably in DeKalb Co., GA, in the 1840's. His widow Nancy (b. ca 1792) appears in 1850 DeKalb Co. with children Bynum (b. 1826), Sarah B. (b. 1828), and John T. (b. 1831).

Who is BIAS ALFORD, a juror in Jefferson Co., GA, in 1803? He resided in Jefferson Co. in 1820 (as did one JASON ALFORD), and in Washington Co., GA, in 1830. Is he a relative of NEEDHAM ALFORD above, who married in Jefferson Co. in 1806?

Who is LUCRETIA ALFORD who was born in the 1760's and resided in 1840 in Columbia Co., GA, where she presumably died before 1850? Her probable children include these:

HANDY ALFORD b. 1794 NC m. 13 Nov. 1823 Columbia Co., GA: Dicey FLEMING [res. 1830 Houston Co., GA, 1840 Dooley Co., GA, and 1850 Wakulla Co., FL]

GUILFORD ALFORD b. 1798 NC m. Elizabeth _____ [res, 1830, 1840, 1850 Columbia Co., GA]

BENJAMIN E. ALFORD b. 1806 NC m. 1) 22 Nov. 1827 Columbia Co., GA: Ann WILKERSON m. 2) 18 Jan. 1835 Columbia Co., GA: Phoebe BURBRIDGE [res. unk. in 1830; in Columbia Co., GA 1840-1850]

Who is JEPTHA ALFORD born 1797 NC, died after 1850 when in Carroll Co., GA? He married 20 July 1820 in Jones Co., GA to Jane SCROGGIN. They resided in 1830 Jackson Co., GA; 1840 Troup Co., GA; and 1850 Carroll Co., GA. Their probable children include these: Julius C. b. 1820 m. 13

Jan. 1847 Troup Co: Elephare
HICKEY; Richard b. 1821 m. Jane
____; Gabriel b. 1824, m. Mary
___; Mary Ann b. 1824; Jefferson b.
1836; Jane b. 1838; Susan b. 1840.

From Susan Herring

At the meeting in Raleigh Susan Herring, Member #334, announced that she thought NATHANIEL GREENE ALFORD of Wake Co., NC, was the son of John Alford, Jr. and his wife Nancy. Although Susan says she has court records to support this, we have not seen the data. This raises a number of questions and leads to another inquiry that follows this. In the 1850 census of Wake Co., NC, a 70 vear old Nancy Alford was enumerated in the household of BALDY ALFORD and his wife Priscilla PEARCE. Is this Nancy the widow of Susan's John Alford, Jr.? A JOHN ALFORD married Nancy WRIGHT September 1, 1801, in Franklin Co. NC. Was that the same couple? Was JOHN ALFORD, JR, the son of JOHN ALFORD born about 1750 to JULIUS and LUCY ALFORD?

From Doris Vetri

Doris Vetri AAFA #303, 29 Circle Drive, Telford PA 18969 is researching JOHN ALFORD, son of JULIUS and LUCY ALFORD (see previous inquiry). This JOHN ALFORD is supposed to have been born about 1750, married Chloe POPE, moved to Greene Co., AL, and died there after 1830. His children were JOHN ALFORD, JR., ABRAHAM ALFORD. THOMAS ALFORD, and JACOB ALFORD. While John Alford, Jr. seems to have remained in NC, the other sons moved to AL. We don't know the makeup of JOHN ALFORD, JR's family.

ABRAHAM ALFORD is supposed to have had (1) D. FENNER ALFORD, (2) JOHN H. ALFORD, (3) KELLY ALFORD, (4) HILLIARD ALFORD, (5) HENDERSON H. ALFORD, (6) REBECCA E. ALFORD, (7) ADELINE C. ALFORD, (8) JAMES M. ALFORD, (9) ELEANOR C. ALFORD, and (10) MINERVA L. ALFORD.

THOMAS ALFORD is thought, by some at least, to be the Thomas Alford who was in St. Clair Co., AL, where he was sheriff in 1840. [This provides yet another theory for this Thomas Alford. See Ron Head's "Archibald Alford and His Family" in the Sept. 1990 issue.]

JACOB ALFORD did appear in AL, but it is not certain how long he remained there or in NC. It is unlikely that he was the Jacob who married Betsey PURVIS in Franklin Co. in 1813. They were still in Franklin Co. in 1850. Then who was this Jacob? Jacob, son of John, who went to AL apparently married a lady whose maiden name is not known and whose given name has been reported as Milbre, Milberry and Melva. The latter spelling is used in 1850 when she was enumerated with her son SHERROD H. ALFORD in Lauderdale Co., MS. Sherrod and his brothers JAMES G. ALFORD and JULIUS ALFORD, all in Lauderdale Co. in 1850 were born in NC between 1803-1822 so they apparently did not spend much time in AL.

Doris Vetri is apparently trying to connect this family and her ancestor JOHN ALFORD of Neshoba County, MS, who was born about 1801 in NC.

From Lodwick Alford

Captain Lodwick H. Alford AAFA #011, Post Office Box 742, Sea Island GA 31561 heard from Will Perry AAFA #336, at the Raleigh meeting, that LODWICK ALFORD was buried in Vance County, NC. If anyone has any information on this it would be much appreciated if they would contact either Captain Alford of AAFA. Maybe some of our NC members could dig around and find something—no pun intended.

(George B. Alford, cont. from p. 33) state prohibition is wrong in principle. Besides, it is not temperance and is not founded on God's truth. We need better roads and more money for our schools, which we had in the county before the prohibition law went into effect. Mr. Alford believes the State prohibition law should be repealed; that the county should issue bonds for building modern highways, and not keep on wasting the taxes, as is the prevailing practice.

For the benefit of young men starting in life, Mr. Alford would say that there is no better time to strike out for one's self than now. Economy is the first lesson to be learned. If a young man will choose an honorable vocation and stick to it with persistent patience, he will command success. A steady, slow and sure advance on the road to fortune is more to be desired than a mushroom growth, however fascinating the latter may be. Reading good books is helpful to the young man in business. In all his reading, the Bible should be first.

Mr. Alford is an occasional contributor to the newspapers, having written for The News and Observer, The Gold Champion, The Evening Times and some others. He has been too busy with other matters to attempt any ambitious task in writing.

The interest of Mr. Alford in local educational affairs appears from the fact that he is chairman of the Holly Springs Public High School Committee. Besides, he is president of the Holly Springs Land & Improvement Company and president of the G. B. Alford Company (Incorporated).

Mr. Alford has been married twice. His first wife was Charlotte Ann, daughter of Johnson and Martha Olive. His second wife, who is now living, was Mrs. Texanna O. Collins, widow of Walter Collins. Mr. Alford has two children—a daughter, Mattie V., who is married to Mr. R. J. Utley, and a son, Green Haywood Alford.

Letters: Emma Alford Price & A.H. McCormick

A letter from Alexander Alford in 1860 was printed in the last quarterly. In it he mentions his baby daughter Emma. The letter that follows, written about 73 years later, is addressed to that same Emma from her cousin A.H. "Wallie" McCormick.

Copies of this set of correspondence were made available by Mr. Hayden Alford of Jackson, MS, prior to his death. He is mentioned near the end of the enclosure to the letter.

120 Hillside St. Asheville, N.C. Jan 1, 1933 Mrs. Emma Price Crystal Springs, Miss.

Dear Cousin Emma:

I have your letter of 23rd, and am indeed delighted to hear from you. I am very grateful for the information you give on Alford genealogy.

In regard to our family, Jimmie and I are living here with our youngest son. James McRae who is unmarried. We have only two children living, James just mentioned and our oldest son, Alexander Little who married Louise Reid of Little Rock, Ark. and is now living in Los Angeles, Cal. We had three children, our little girl, Kate Alford, died in Birmingham about a year or two before you visited us there. All our children were named for their grandparents, Alexander for my father, Kate for her grandmother, Kate Alford McRae (your father's sister) and James for his grandfather McRae.

All of Jimmie's family have gone except her sisters, Lizzie and Dora. Lizzie married Alexander McLeon (Sandy). Dora, Joseph Price. Mr. Price was a grandson of Charity Alford, daughter of Jacob, our ancestor who was the first white settler in Robeson Co., N.C. The youngest sister, Sue, married T. W. Bethea. They are both dead. They had three children, all of whom are living. Mr. Price and Mr. McLeod are both dead. Five McLeod children and the mother survive. Mr. Price and Dora had only one child, James, who is living with his mother.

My mother died in 1920 at the age of 91. She was active up to the second day before she died and her death was very unexpected. She had a stroke and was conscious almost to the last moment. You mention Cousin Julius having died at the age of at least 91.

Cousin Mary Ann who was the daughter of your Uncle James (your father's uncle) (a brother of Sion, your great grandfather) died about three years ago at the age of 91. She was the last of that family. Cousin Florence, the youngest child of our great Uncle Neill, another brother of your grandfather Sion, is the last of that generation of Alfords. She is living in Columbia, S. C. at the age of 86.

Of my own family, who are Alfords on two sides, only two survive. My sister Mrs. Cora Rogers of Bennettsville, S.C. and myself. I am the youngest and she the second youngest of our family.

I hope soon to have collected more complete records of the Alford family and having done so, intend to mimeograph them and will be glad to send you a copy.

Cousin Emma, your letter in reference to certain names is not entirely clear to me and I am making a copy of it and numbering each name and wish to explain more clearly in regard to them. The numbers will assist us both in being definite as to the ones referred to. Following the copy I will ask certain questions.

Dear Cousin Wallie:

I was so glad to get your letter and learn so much of my Alford kin. We had sickness in our family when I receive your letter.

- (1) Cousin Julius had four sisters: (2) Jeanette, (3) Catherine and two others, (4) (5). I have forgotten their names but will find out when I see some of the Rowans. Cousin Julius was over 91 when he died. They had a record made of his life. He commenced by saying "I am 91 today and feeling fine". I don't know how long he lived after that. He married (6) Jency Cammack. Children:
- (7) James, married (8) Martha Trawick, first wife. Children:
 - (9) Holly
 - (10) Whit

Second wife, (11) Julia Steel. Children:

- (12) Mosby
- (13) James
- (14) Jacob—died young
- (15) John married (16) Fannie Sanders. Children:
 - (17) John
 - (18) Ida
 - (19) Earl
 - (20) Grady
 - (21) Earl
- (22) Julius married twice, (23) Miss Bagence, and (24) Miss Trotter. He moved to Texas. I don't know about his children.

Catherine, (supposed to be (3) Catherine, sister of Cousin Julius) married my mother's brother, (25) James Bridges, Children:

- (26) Robert
- (27) Mary Quin
- (28) J???y
- (29) Mary—died young
- (30) Alice married (31) Eugene Ray. No children.
- (2) Jeanette married (32) Rowan.

Children:

- (33) Elias
- (34) Albert
- (35) Tom
- (36) Walter
- (37) Jane
- (38) Rhoda
- (39) Julia
- (40) Catherine married (41) Aid. I never knew but one of their children, (42) James. I don't know whether he was the only child.

One of Cousin Julius' sisters married a (43) Wilson. I don't remember her name or the name of the other sister or who she married. I will find out when I see some of the Rowan family.

Our Family

- (44) Emma, married (45) William Price. Children
- (46) Wallace, married (47) Catherine O'Brien. No children.
- (48) Carrie, married (50) Earl Garth. Children:
 - (51) William Price
 - (52) Emma
- (53) Wilma married (54) Gus Batton, Children:
 - (55) Wallace—died when four
 - (56) Gus
 - (57) Price
 - (58) Ruth
 - (59) Pollie died
- (60) Frank, married (61) Lee Tillman. Children:
- (62) Hayden married (63)

Kathleen Thompson

(64) Mildred married (65)

Tom Armstrong. Children:

- (66) Sallie F.
- (67) Dick
- (68) Frank S.
- (69) Frances
- (70) Frank B.
- (71) Sion married twice.

First wife (72) Ada Sexton. Children:

(73) Earl married (74)

Dorathy Moore. No children.

(75) Roy married (76)

Vera Moreland. No children.

(77) Harold

(78) Mary Emma Second wife (79) Carrie B.

Slay. One child: (80) Martha

- (81) James Alexander married (82) Mary Palmer, Children:
- (83) James A. married (84) Margaret McCormick, Children:
 - 85) Jimmie
 - (86) Gene
 - (87) Jeanette
 - (89) Carl Spence
- (90) Lilly married (91) George Patton. Children:
 - (92) Sarah
 - (93) Caroline
 - (94) Alford

I don't know the children of Uncle Henry's children. I wrote to Lilly Taylor but haven't heard from her. She came to see us last year. Pa used to tell us of his uncle who went to Tenn. How many boys he had. I think he said he had 19 boys.

I think Cousin Julius' father was James. I will find out for sure. (That I think, Cousin Emma, you will find to be true. Attie said that Mrs. Taylor stated in a letter to her that her father Dr. Rowan, always called him "Uncle Julius".) I forget to mention (95) Warren, son of Cousin Julius. He married (96) May Trawick. Children:

- (97) Mamie married (98) John Miller (99) William married (100) Kate
- **Brittain**
- (101) Lute married (102) Jones
- (103) Kate married (104)Lilly
- (105) Vivian married (106) Ramsey.

Reading your letter over I see James married Katraine (McTyer). You see there were lots of Catherines in the family. I expect they were Katherine instead of Catherine. They were called Kate or Kitty.

Mr. Price died seven years ago. I am living with my baby girl, Wilma. Carrie is near us. Wallace is in New York. I wish you had written about your family. I will be 74 years old in August.

I will try to find out more of our kin when the weather is good and I can get out.

Love to all. Cousin Emma

I am enclosing a list of children under the names of their parents as I have worked them out from your letter, but I am not sure that I have them at all correct. It is rather hard for anyone to get them accurate unless each parent and children are shown under one head.

I will be obliged if you will go over the list and make such corrections as are necessary. I would like to have the full name of your mother, also the middle name of your father if he had one. Some of the names are not clear as to whether they are masculine or feminine. Gene and Jimmie are two of them.

Of the children of John and Fannie Sanders, Earl is mentioned twice. See NO. 19 and 21.

How do the Trawicks of Miss. spell the name? Traywicks of North and South Carolina spell it Traywick. George Traywick married my mother's sister. She died leaving two children and the only record I have of him afterward is that he went to Miss. The two children were Lee, son, and Charity, whose families now live in Marlboro Co., S.C. Perhaps George Trawick who went to Miss. is the ancestor of those contained in your records. If you can get a trace of him at any time I would be glad to get it.

I infer that Catherine who married James Bridges was Catherine (3) a sister of Cousin Julius (1).

Whose daughter was Margaret McCormick? I have many McCormick relatives in Miss. Mr. John McCormick of Brookhaven was a first cousin of my father. One of my mother's sisters married a Townsend. A few years ago a Miss Townsend with a Miss Jasper from Crystal Springs or near Crystal Springs spent time at a summer school in Asheville and I became acquainted with them. Do you know of the Townsends of that locality?

Could you give me the full name of Rowan who married (2) Jeanette Alford?

Did Cousin Julius have another brother in Miss. besides Jacob of Robeson, N.C. Jacob was his only child who did not go to Miss.

I would be very glad to get a copy of the record which you say was made of the life of Cousin Julius. I certainly appreciate the records you have sent me. I have been trying a long time to get them. Hoping to hear from you again and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely, A. H. McCormick

Alford parents of James Alford and Katraine McTyer were:

Jacob Alford of Robeson Co. N.C. (His descendants recorded there)
Julius of Miss. who married Jency Cammack.

Jeanette who married _____Rowan Catherine who married James Bridges Daughter, name not known, who married Wilson.

Daughter, name not known, nor whom she married, if at all.

Children of Julius and Jency Cammack:

James who married 1st Martha Trawick and 2nd Julia Steel John who married Fannie Sanders Julius who married 1st Miss Bagence and 2nd Miss Trotter. (They moved to Texas)

Jacob-died young.

Warren who married May Trawick

Children of James and Martha Trawick: Holly and Whit

Children of James and Julia Steel: Mosby, James, and Jacob

Children of John and Fannie Sanders: John, Ida, Earle, Grady, Earle (mentioned twice)

Children of Warren and May Trawick: Mamie who married John Miller William who married Kate Brittain Lute who married Lilly Vivian who married Ramsey

Children of Jeanette and ____ Rowan: Elias, Albert, Tom, Walter, Jane, Rhoda, Julia, Annie, and Catherine

Children of Catherine and Aid: James

who married Aid

Children of Dr. Elias Alford Rowan: Lillie Belle who married O. B. Taylor

Children of Catherine and James Bridges:

Robert, Mary Quin, Jency, Mary who died young, and Alice who married Eugene Ray (no children)

Children of Alexander Alford and Bridges:

Emma who married William Price Carrie who married Earl Garth Wilma who married Gus Batton Pollie (Died)

Frank who married Lee Tillman Mildred who married Tom Armstrong Sion, who married 1st Ada Sexton and 2nd Carrie Slay

James Alexander who married Mary Palmer

Lilly who married George Patton

Children of Emma and William Price: Wallace who married Catherine O'Brien (no children) Children of Carrie and Earl Garth: William Price, Emma.

Children of Wilma and Gus Batton: Wallace died when 4 yrs. old, Gus, Price, Ruth

Children of Frank and Lee Tillman: Hayden who married Kathleen Thompson

[It was Hayden Alford, who before his death, made copies of these letters available to the group that was to found the AAFA]

Children of Mildred and Tom Armstrong.

Sallie F., Dick, Frank, Frances, Sarah, Frank B.

Children of Sion and Ada Sexton:
Earl who married Dorathy Moore (no children)
Ray who married Vera Moreland

Children of Sion and Carrie Slay: Martha

Children of James Alexander and Mary Palmer:

Jas. Alexander, who married Margaret McCormick

Children of Lilly and George Patton: Sarah, Caroline, Alford

Children of Jas. Alexander and Margaret McCormick: Jimmie, Gene, Jeanette, Carl Spence.

Send copies of your old Alford letters to AAFA. They need not have genealogical content. Many are interesting from a human interest viewpoint, and they all have some historical significance.

AAFA Awards Program

The Board of Directors announced an AAFA Awards Program at the annual meeting in Raleigh. At the 1991 meeting in Jackson, MS, awards in four categories will be presented to members, although they need not be present to receive the award.

The purpose of the awards program is to stimulate member interest and participation, increase the AAFA collection of Alford information, generate needed biographical data and other material for the association publications, and to increase membership. The award categories are as follows:

- FAMILY GROUP RECORDS
- NEW MEMBERS
- BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
- OTHER ARTICLES

Actual awards will be as \$25 for first place in each category; second place members will be awarded a year's extension to their AAFA membership, or a gift membership will be presented in their name; third place members will be awarded a year's renewal to Gil Alford's ABOUT ALFORDS, or a gift subscription will be presented in their name.

The 1991 awards program began effective with the announcement in Raleigh and will close on September 30, 1991, so that judging may be completed prior to the meeting in October. Entries received after September 30 will be applied to the next year if the program continues. Judges will be selected by the Board of Directors and will be persons qualified to judge. All persons will be eligible to participate; however, participation as a "contestant" will disqualify one as a judge.

Progress will be reported regularly in this publication and some of the entries may be published as received and before the awards are announced in October.

Family Group Records

Entries will be accepted in any format or on any form; however, the forms provided by AAFA are recommended. A form is enclosed with this publication and they may be reproduced. Additional forms may be obtained by writing to the AAFA.

Entries must be on an Alford family with the FATHER being an Alford and there being a wife and at least one child. A husband and wife which may be extracted from a marriage list will not qualify.

Source of data must be shown on the entry-although it need not be what some would consider a primary or class A source. To qualify, the family must be new to the AAFA records or must contain biographical or historical data that is not in the AAFA records. Since the AAFA has most of the census records it is not likely one could prepare a family group record from census information and qualify. It is permissible to use census information as a foundation adding data on events such as birth, marriage and death; or expanding on names when only initials are given in the census; or adding the maiden name of the wife which is usually not found in the census. If a record is submitted that does not qualify, the submitter will be advised and an explanation provided as to why. A copy of the data already on hand in the AAFA files will be provided on request.

Records submitted must be as complete as the member can make them, but they need not be 100% complete—as few ever are. Contestants will not be allowed to submit one record on a

family and then follow up with subsequent entries with minor additions—expecting each to follow-up to qualify as an entry.

Entries will be judged on a combination of quantity and quality. Biographical data extracted from the entries will be published regularly in this quarterly. The three first place winners entries will be published as submitted in the December 1991 quarterly.

New Members

Entries for this part of the program must be new members and cannot be renewals or the re-signing of expired members. New members may be by gift memberships or by persuading them to join.

To qualify, applications must contain a notation as to who sponsored the new member. The leaflets containing the application forms now being distributed contain a place to enter the sponsor's name or membership number. It will not be permissible to announce that you sponsored a person as a new member after that person's application is received unless it was obvious by virtue of you having sent the check to cover the application.

An AAFA leaflet with application blank is enclosed with this quarterly. Additional copies may be requested from AAFA.

Winners of the awards in this part of the program will depend strictly on the number of new members enlisted.

Biographical Sketches and Other Articles

The rules for both of these parts of the program are the same; however, they

will be judged separately, and awards will be presented for each.

Entries must pertain directly to Alfords. General history, genealogical techniques, etc. are not proper subjects. It is possible to include information about techniques or general history in a Alford oriented article.

Entries should be typewritten and double spaced. (Handwritten entries will be accepted if it is not possible to have them typed.) Computer disk copies would be appreciated, but that will have no bearing on the judging of the entries.

Formal footnotes are not required, but they are encouraged. Some technique must be used to provide source data and references.

Entries may be published, in whole or part, before the end of the program and in advance of judging. AAFA has the right to edit and reformat entries as necessary for publication. Material that has already been published in AAFA ACTION or Gil Alford's ABOUT ALFORDS will not qualify for this contest.

Entries will be judged primarily on content with emphasis on likely reader interest, Alford historical or genealogical value, and substantiative quantity (lengthy articles will count more only if they are filled with useful or interesting information—the addition of adjectives, flowery phrases, and comments about impertinent facts or folks will not help the entrant). Extra credit will be given for instances where "Alford history" is well related to local, state, or national history. Some weight will be give to grammar and spelling, but just enough to discourage sloppiness.

NOW'S THE TIME TO START! YOU COULD WIN FIRST PLACE IN EACH AND BE AWARDED ENOUGH TO PAY YOUR HOTEL BILL NEXT OCTOBER!

Success-Electronically!

By Gil Alford

(If you are a subscriber to either the Prodigy or Genie service please provide AAFA with your ID# so that we may use it as a means to communicate with you.)

Prodigy is a new computer bulletin= board service owned by Sears and IBM and made available to owners of IBM compatible or Apple Macintosh computers for a charge of about \$13 per month. The services available are almost endless, but we are concerned with only one service here.

When one Prodigy user sends a message to another electronically, the message is immediately available to the receiver—all he needs do is log on his computer and check his "mail." A user can ask the system to provide the names and identification numbers of everyone who is using the mail service. Needless to say I asked for a list of all the Alfords on the system. I found 15 or 20 Alfords registered and of course wrote to all of them.

Two were already AAFA members!
One was W. J. Alford of California, son of W. Joe Alford who is our AAFA
State Representative for Virginia. I confirmed with W. J. that he was in fact a AAFA member and we've not had need to communicate since.

Max Alford of Mesquite, TX, was also already a member of the AAFA. When he submitted his application (#230) back in September 1989, he had his Alfords back through a William Lewis Alford who married a Minnie Keith. My initial review indicated William and Minnie were born 1878 in MS and 1881 in TX. I had found them in 1910 in Hopkins County, TX, but had never sent the information to Max.

When Max responded on Prodigy he

wrote, "I'm really interested in tracing my family tree but am handicapped in lack of knowledge of not only how to do this but can only trace back to my grandfather at present." Digging around in all my data that evening I found that I had the information on Max's line all that time. In fact I had prepared a computer genealogy of the family which listed his father, William Lewis. It was even in the notebook of lineages I displayed in Raleigh.

That day I received a Prodigy response from a non-member, Don Alford of Allen, TX. He said his father's name was Arnold Allen Alford and his grandfather was James Henry Alford (with some question marks) who married a Lou or Lucy Martin. That sounded familiar too, and I stumbled around for several minutes before it dawned on me that James Henry Alford belonged to the same branch of the family that Max Alford came from. I also had his father listed in the computer genealogy mentioned above.

These two men, who live about 50 miles apart near Dallas, were cousins who I think had never met one another but are now in touch! They are descendants of John Alford who was born about 1800 in North Carolina, had sons named John Madison and Duke Alford and moved to Eastern Mississippi.

AAFA member Dr. Randall Alford of Florida is a fairly close cousin, and AAFA members: Rev. Douglas Alford, Hollis Alford, Roy L. Alford, and Doris Vetri are more distant cousins.

For some time we have been trying to learn more about the penal institution in Stringtown, OK, named the Mack Alford Correctional Institution. In my correspondence with Don, I've learned that Mack was his uncle. He knew him and his children quite well. You'll be hearing more about them and the institution in a later issue. Don is now an enthusiastic member of AAFA!

Alfords from Scotland in the IGI

In some branches of the Alford family there is a strong tradition of Alford ancestors from Scotland or Wales [see "Alfords from Scotland?" AAFA ACTION, June 1989, p. 23], so we have been anxious to see what the LDS-IGI would reveal about Alfords of these countries. With the help of Alicia Houston, AAFA Census Project Officer, we now have a complete set of the Alfords in the LDS-IGI of the British Isles. The records from Ireland were published in the previous issue. Those from Scotland appear below, and those from Wales will be published in the next issue.

Because of the tradition, and reports of Alfords in Scotland, the relatively few Alfords listed were something of a disappointment. Of course, the number of entries found in the LDS-IGI is not indicative of what the real population of Alfords might have been.

In Wales there were a number of entries with a spelling "ELFORD" but there was nothing to suggest this was a corruption of Alford so they will not be included.

In the case of marriage records, where a birth date 20 years

before was estimated, the probable birth place was not entered. One can assume that most were born in the country which is the subject of the listing.

Notice that in family groupings the children are listed alphabetically—not in the traditional age sequence. It should also be noted that a couple listed as "Parents" may or may not be the same couple as pertains to every child listed. For example in Wales there is a couple John and Charlotte Alford. It is suspected that the son Richd, who was born in 1823 may have had a different mother and father named John and Charlotte Alford.

It is always appropriate to caution that the fact that an entry is in the LDS-IGI does not mean that it is correct or has been proven. Note in the Scotland listing that there are two records of the marriage of John Alford and Mary McGill with two different marriage dates. Of course it is possible that one date is the date of the license and the other the date of the actual marriage or recording of the record. Errors are much more apparent in the Mississippi LDS-IGI, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

NAME	BIRTH	SPOUSE	DATE	EVENT & PLACE
(Alford unless specified)	DATE*		MARRIED	(County & Town)
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JOHN MARGARET MARY	18600902 1839E 1809E	FULTON, ALEXANDER HARKIN, JOHN	18590601 18290119	
MARY	1847E	MCGEACHIE, PATRICK	18671023	M LANARK GLASGOW M RENFREW GREENOCK M FIFE DUNFERMLINE
MARY ALFRED	1836E	MCCAFFERTY, JOHN	18560520	
MCKAY ALFRED	1893E	COUTTS, JANE HOGG	19130407	
MICHAEL	1844E	GRAHAM, MARJORY	18640701	M RENFREW ABBEY M ANGUS DUNDEE
SARAH ANN	1853E	PALMER, JOHN	18730915	

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TIMOTHY	1829E	JOHNSTON, SARAH	18490218	M LANARK BARONY
Parents: ALFORD, CH		WILSON, CHRISTIAN		
MARY ANN	18200625			B RENFREW ABBEY
Parents: ALFORD, ED		HERROL, ELLEN		
DANIEL	18730110			B RENFREW ABBEY
JOHN	18740530			B RENFREW ABBEY
MARY	18710314			B RENFREW ABBEY
MICHAEL	18690414			B RENFREW ABBEY
Parents: ALFORD, HU		TERS, MARGARET		
JOHN	18621201			B RENFREW GREENOCK
Parents: ALFORD, JAI				
ANN	18700903			B LANARK GLASGOW
JAMES	18740728			B LANARK GLASGOW
JANE	18721003			B LANARK GLASGOW
Parents: ALFORD, JO		LO, MARGARET		
ALISON SOPHIA	18740203			B FIFE DYSART
ANN	18591215			B RENFREW ABBEY
ELISABETH	18630614			B FIFE WEMYSS
GEORGE	18680327			B FIFE WEMYSS
HELEN	18751214			B FIFE DYSART
JOHN	18611220			B FIFE WEMYSS
MARGARET	18700423			B FIFE WEMYSS
MARIA	18720330			B FIFE DYSART
MARIA RICHARDS	18660608			B FIFE WEMYSS
MARY	18571027			B DUNBARTON OLD KILPATRICK
MARY ANN	18641101			B FIFE WEMYSS
Parents: ALFORD, RIC	CHARD and	RICHARDS, SARAH ANN		
EMMA	18670507			B AYR KILMAURS
Parents: ALFORD, TH		KELLY, MARGARET		
HENRY	18740504			B LANARK GLASGOW
Parent: ALFORD, UN				
BRIDGET	18640220			B RENFREW GREENOCK
Parents: ALFORD, WIL	LLIAM and I	REILY, BETTY		
ELIZABETH	18550323			B RENFREW PAISLEY
Parents: ALFRED, CH.	ARLES and	BARCLAY, MARGARET		
ROBERT CAIRNS ALF	RED 187411	18		B FIFE SCOONIE
Parents: ALFRED, WIL	LIAM and S	HEEN. ANN		
JANE ALFRED	18561006			B ROXBURGH WILTON
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Parents: ALLFORT, JO CHARLES ALLFORT/B	TIN and BE	LL, MARGARET		
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Wedding Notices

RICHARD T. ALFORD & LAURA TULLOS

THE CLARION-LEDGER
Jackson, MS-13 May 1990

Laura Tullos of Pearl and Richard T. Alford of Magnolia will be married at 2 p.m. on May 19, 1990, at the First Baptist Church in Brandon.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Tullos of Brandon. A graduate of Brandon High School and Hinds Junior College, she is a registered respiratory therapist at the University Medical Center in Jackson.

Alford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Alford Jr. of Magnolia. A graduate of Walthall Academy in Tylertown and Southwest Mississippi Community College, he served in the United States Army Medical Corps.

MARK E. ALFORD & CARLOYN A. GLENN

THE NEWS LEADER
Richmond, VA—no date

The marriage of Carolyn Anne Glenn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donald Glenn, to Mark Eugen [sic] Alford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth David Alford, took place today at Cannon Memorial Chapel of the University of Richmond. The Rev. Dr. David D. Burhans officiated.

Lynne Hosier was maid of honor, and Mr. Alford served as his son's best

man. A reception was held at the university.

STEVE H. ALFORD & KATHERINE B. HIGGINS

THE CLARION LEDGER ??, MS—Sun., 21 Jan 1990

Katherine Bea Higgins of Florence, daughter of Mrs. Bea Tyrrell of Jackson, became the bride of Steve Henderson Alford of Pearl, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis Alford of Carriere, Dec. 22, 1989, at the Richland United Pentecostal Church.

Ruby Broadwater was matron of honor.

John Davis Alford served his son as best man.

Membership Expirations

Last quarter we began publishing a list of people whose memberships were expiring in order to keep everyone informed as to active membership. The quarterly reporting of the addition of new members without reporting on membership loss might give the impression that AAFA membership is much larger than it really is.

A review of the membership charts shown elsewhere in this issue indicate that there is a significant increase in membership expiration. Many of those listed below expired in November and are expected to send their renewal when a card is sent in a few weeks. A substantial number are also due to expire in December, and unless their renewals are received soon, the association may experience its first major reversal in membership growth.

Another reason for publishing the list is to give those who presented gift memberships an opportunity to renew their gift. We also hope that kin, neighbors, and friends will contact those who have let their membership expire to see what we might do to enjoy their renewal. Those making some effort to restore this lost membership will want to also refer to page 57 in the

Keep Your Membership Current!

Did you get a renewal notice with this issue of AAFA ACTION?

If you did, send in your renewal now, while you're thinking about it!

It helps AAFA keep its books straight if you do it on time and keeps our cash flow in the black. September issue.

In view of the large number of Texans who let their memberships expire, it appears that many who signed up for the Texas emphasis and Houston meeting in 1989 were either not serious about Alford family history or felt they didn't receive any benefits from AAFA. We hope our new North Carolina members will stay with us past their first year!

The explanation for the list in the September issue said a letter (F or C) was included to denote founding or charter membership class for those retiring. That data was not included, nor is it shown for those below.

At the bottom of the following list are the names of some whose membership has been renewed. In some cases the member had overlooked their expiration and in others friends or kin entered the renewal.

Membership Expirations

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MBR# and NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ANCESTOR
033 MRS. ANNE ALFORD FLIPPIN	102 REDBUD COURT	BRANDON	MS 39042	JAMES
		ALEXANDRIA	VA 22304	JOHN
037 MRS. EMMA-JO DAVIS	309 YOAKUM PKWY #1415			
061 MR. WILLIAM R. ALFORD, JR.	1123 S. TYLER STREET	COVINGTON	LA 70433	????
069 MRS. DOLORES M. THRASH	P. O. BOX 365	RUTLEDGE	GA 30663	JAMES
074 MRS. BETTYE WAGSTAFF	ROUTE 1, BOX 68	BRONSON	TX 75930	JAMES
080 MRS. DEBORAH A. BELL	4224 HOUMA BLVD. # 660	METAIRIE	LA 70006	????
093 MRS. JANET F. BAUGH	10422 LANDSBURY COURT	BATON ROUGE	LA 70809	EDWARD
096 MRS. BETTY BUTTS	4104 BLUEFISH	PASCAGOULA	MS 39567	WILLIAM A.
097 MRS. ELEANOR P. ALFORD	2499 E. MADDOX ROAD	BUFORD	GA 30518	WILLIAM H.
101 MRS. WANDA C. HADLEY	3407 N. 925 E	HOPE	IN 47246	JAMES R.
102 MR. JOSEPH S. ALFORD, JR.	1810 SANDHILL ROAD	INDIANAPOLIS	IN 46217	BENEDICT
143 MRS. JANICE S. BRAMWELL	ROUTE 1, BOX 137	BUFFALO	MO 65622	JOHN
160 MAJ. NANCY E. ALFORD	6063 CRAB ORCHARD	SAN ANTONIO	TX 78240	JAMES
161 MRS. GLADYS A. ROCKHOLD	701 COLONY PLACE	METAIRIE	LA 70003	JAMES N.
163 MR. ROYCE W. ALFORD	POST OFFICE BOX 301	WARD	AR 72176	JAMES
166 MR. LEE ALFORD IV	915 DUNCAN LANE	AUSTIN	TX 78705	JAMES
170 MR. DANIEL LEE ALFORD III	P. O. BOX 275	CALDWELL	TX 77836	JAMES
172 MRS. FRANCES A. SPICER	4078 MEADOWDALE LANE	DALLAS	TX 75229	JAMES
173 MR. MARSHALL E. ALFORD	1033 MAJORS DRIVE	MESQUITE	TX 75149	JAMES
179 DR. JOE D. ALFORD, PHD	6 MINE HILL DRIVE	N. LITTLE ROCK	AR 72118	JAMES
185 MRS. MARY ALFORD	6721 CALVADOS AVENUE	JACKSONVILLE	FL 32205	????
191 MRS. EVELYN ALFORD COOK	5221 LIDO LANE	HOUSTON	TX 77092	HAYWOOD
192 MRS. ROSE ALFORD SHELTON	ROUTE 3, BOX 85	EL CAMPO	TX 77437	JOHN R.
194 MR. JOHN WARREN ALFORD	21 WEN MAR CIRCLE	PASS CHRISTIAN	MS 39571	JAMES
195 MRS. JANN HARPER	4326 SILVERWOOD	HOUSTON	TX 77035	JAMES
200 MR. JOHN R. ALFORD, JR.	3710 BRIDAL PATH	AUSTIN	TX 78703	JAMES
205 MR. HERBERT H. ALFORD	1701 WOODLAND	BRYAN	TX 77802	JAMES
206 MR. GEORGE F. WATFORD	700 CC CTR 1200 SMITH ST	HOUSTON	TX 77002	JAMES
208 MR. ROY L. ALFORD	25310 BROKEN BOUGH	SPRING	TX 77380	JOHN
209 COL. W. L. SUROVIK, JR.	307 N. HILL	CALDWELL	TX 77836	JAMES
212 MR. CARROLL ALFORD	6814 SPINDLE	HOUSTON	TX 77086	RICHARD
214 MR. GEORGE H. ALFORD	2404 OAKS DRIVE	PASADENA	TX 77502	HAYWOOD
215 MR. JOE G. ALFORD	2608 GLENWOOD	DENTON	TX 76201	E. L.
220 MRS. FAYE ALFORD SWAN	400 HILLSIDE DRIVE	STARKVILLE	MS 39759	JAMES
221 MR. CHARLES A NORVELL	POST OFFICE BOX 158	HENDERSON	TX 75653	JAMES
227 MR. HAROLD GLEN ALFORD	705 BRYN MAWR DRIVE	LONGVIEW	TX 75604	HAYWOOD
228 MRS. GLENDA WALKER OWEN	POST OFFICE BOX 89	OLUSTEE	FL 32072	JOHN
231 MR. GERALD ALFORD	1519 BUTLERCREST	HOUSTON	TX 77080	JAMES
232 MRS. MARY JUSTINE MONROE	ROUTE 4, BOX 11	YORKTOWN	TX 78164	JAMES
238 MISS V. LOUISE ALFORD	7575 KATY FREEWAY #26	HOUSTON	TX 77024	JAMES
239 MR. JOHNNEY NOLEN ALFORD	453 GREENLEAF TRAIL	MADISON	MS 39110	JAMES
240 MRS. MARY ALFORD MISCHER	418 PINEWOLD	HOUSTON	TX 77056	JAMES
241 MR. JOHN W. ALFORD, JR.	BOX 158	UNIVERSITY	MS 38677	JAMES
242 MR. KENNETH M. ALFORD	1709 PARKRIDGE TERR.	ARLINGTON	TX 76012	MILACE
243 MRS. MARY TOLLE	HC 74, BOX 600	VANCEBURG	KY 41179	WILLIAM
244 MR. BRUCE ALFORD	POST OFFICE BOX 275	CALDWELL	TX 77836	JAMES
245 MR. JAMES LOUIS ALFORD, JR.	POST OFFICE BOX 1908	MC COMB	MS 39648	JAMES
247 MR. JAMES EVETTS HALEY, JR	POST OFFICE BOX 2515	MIDLAND	TX 79702	JAMES
249 MRS. JEANNE B. SINGLETON	5655 MAPLETON DRIVE	GREENWELL SPRGS	LA 70739	JAMES
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136 MR. JOE B. ALFORD	112 MIRAMAR DRIVE	COLORADO SPRGS	CO 80906	JAMES
144 MR. W. J. ALFORD	627 CAMBRIDGE DRIVE	SANTA CLARA	CA 95051	JESSE
157 MRS. LONA BARKER CONTRERA		EUGENE	OR 97402	ANN
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AND AT THE LAST MINUTE ...

At the last minute I decided that I ought to include a slip sheet to post you on the condition of two of our members. I received letters from their spouses just as I was in the last throes of getting this in the mail.

But first let me explain the mailing. Last June Pam mailed the quarterly from the west coast as special fourth class mail (we save about a half dollar per copy with that rate) and lots of folks complained about how long it took to get the quarterly - some said three weeks or more. In September I mailed it from here in the mid-west (St. Louis) but it came by first class mail as we had some hot poop about the Raleigh meeting that we wanted to be sure you got before you left home- so that was no test of the mail delivery. (It is printed and bound at Dogwood Printing Co. in Ozark, MO (SW MO) so we probably save a couple days UPS time from printer to mailer this way. This time I am mailing it again from here in the middle of the country but am using the special fourth class rate again (saving almost \$150). I think I will drop all this in the mail box on Monday, January 14. If I mail it on a different date the date will be stamped on the envelope. The next time you have occasion to write would you please let me know how long it took for you to receive the quarterly.

Now for the last minute stuff. As some of you who were at the meeting in Raleigh know- some of our members present there were not in the best of health. Ray and Jim Alford picked up a bug or something and their system was pretty upset at the meeting-but we are not talking about them. Jo Carrigan came with a broken arm (out of the cast but still in wrappers) and Seanne had to do all of her heavy lifting. While we appreciate that kind of dedication and devotion to our meeting it was not her we had in mind either.

LUCY STEVENS HAS SURGERY

Lucy has had surgery more times than I can count and she is missing most of what the majority of us have inside that we call our organs - vital or otherwise. She wrote me in September to tell me that the doctors had found more tumors, had to operate and would not put it off till after October 14 so she could come to the meeting in Raleigh. Well, she came anyway and many of you got to meet her. Those who did not can see her picture in this issue.

I received a note today from Bob, Lucy's husband, which I'll quote for your information:

"Lucy got your letter yesterday and asked me to drop you a line.

"She underwent surgery on Dec 20th: Malignant tumors removed, along with the colon and spleen! At the moment she is recovering nicely and may come home tomorrow (Jan 9).

"This has been an unforgettable winter. Lucy really wasn't well at the Raleigh reunion but wild horses couldn't keep her away! We both enjoyed the week end.

"A George Alford phoned here the other day. I told him to call next week- I'm sure Lucy can help him."

Bob's photo is on page 8 and Lucy is on page 9. The address for those cards and letters I'm sure many of you will want to send is:

> MRS. LUCY SHULL STEVENS 803 ROXBORO ROAD ROCKVILLE, MD 20850

WYLIE ALFORD HAS SURGERY

Wylie too has not been well and has been putting off surgery. If fact it was doubtful if they would make it to the meeting in Raleigh, but he and Charlotte were there. Here is a letter I received from Charlotte today.

"We did enjoy seeing you at the reunion. It was a lovely trip we had in October but coming home was something else. We got home on Oct 26 - Wednesday then Friday our son-in-law accepted a job in New Jersey. (We had anticipated this so had been trying to sell our house.) On Tuesday our house sold, then on Thursday Wylie went to the Doctor with a small problem, they said he had

to go to cardiology before they could treat him- so on the 13th of Nov, he went to the hospital- they did a heart cath, on the 14th - operated on the 16th - 5 bypasses - the following week his right lung collapsed 4 times - each time they put a new tube in so he got a massive infection - then on the 4th of Dec. I closed on the house and on the 5th they took out Wylie's breast bone. I moved on 6 Dec., while he was in intensive care. He came home on the 26th with 1 chest tube still in and a catheter in his chest (vein) thru which they give him antibiotics. Every day the nurse comes to do this. We have been taking him to the hospital every other day, but they said this week that he would go only once from now on. They took out the chest tube last Friday. The IV's go on till the 16th.

"Any how he is still alive and mentally alert. I'm a wreck - but wanted you to know and to ask when is my \$15.00 due?"

Wylie's is a tough old dude as he was a professional soldier (well Air Force - it's almost the same - beats the Navy, huh?). Their photo is on page 5. Wasn't it neat of Charlotte to be worrying about their dues with all this other flak? Some folks don't worry about them even after we send them two or more notices. Anyway, Charlotte got a notice with this issue like over 100 others.

I'm sure many of you will want to send them a card (sounds like Charlotte needs one too). Their new address is:

> COL. & MRS. C. WYLIE ALFORD 13010 E. LINVALE DRIVE AURORA, CO 80014.

I am sure that all of you will want to remember these folks in your prayers, thoughts etc. It sounds like they are out of the woods, but you never can tell. I don't know how distant our "cousinship" is, but I've been corresponding with both of these families for years and felt they were close kin. Having met them face to face in Raleigh they seem even closer.

If you are not taking advantage of our annual reunions to meet your distant cousins you are missing a real joy. I've come to the conclusion that this Alford bunch is about the best group of people in the world.

SPACE TO USE

Those of you who know me well are aware that I hate to see any blank space go unused in a quarterly or newsletter. When you pay for printing you pay to print the whole page and when you pay the postage a full sheet costs the same as a half-full sheet. Soooo I'm going to find something to say in this remaining column.

I guess I should announce, for those who subscribe to my <u>ABOUT ALFORDS</u> newsletter that it is still in publication. I'm almost finished with the Fall issue. It will include a list of all the Alford descendants of Julius Alford, son of Lodwick (we think), born about 1749 in North Carolina. I keep finding loose ends that I'm trying to tie together.

When you see all the inserts in this issue of <u>AAFA ACTION</u> don't blame it on Pam. Most of this stuff I put in without her knowledge. Most of it is very important (except for the pink and green sheets) so don't overlook any of it. The pink and green things are just for those who might want to purchase "Alford" items.

Speaking of "Alford items", I didn't see anything in this issue about the ALFORD crochets that went so fast at the Houston meeting. (They got covered up and folks did not see them in Raleigh) This is the item that Pam pictured and described in detail on page 56 in her September 1990 issue. A few of these are still available for folks who wish to donate \$50 to the association. They are being prepared in a very limited quantity and will some day be a valued collectors item.

Before saying this next thing I want to publicly apologize to John and Janice Smith of Plano, Texas, for not having gotten back to them after they made such a strong offer to help with data input, in anyway they could, in Raleigh. I will get back to you John and Janice (we've had the pleasure of meeting these folks in Houston and Raleigh).

Anyway we need lots of help with computer data input. If you have an IBM compatible computer and are willing -write.