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## President's Precept

We had a VERY successful meeting this year because of the large turnout of Alfords and their families. Much of the credit for the success of the meeting goes to Sally and Dick Stoewer of Baton Rouge and their Louisiana cohorts. We all want to thank them for the effort and time they spent so we could have a very pleasant meeting.

At the banquet on Saturday we had over 125 "Alfords." Murray Alford had the largest Alford clan there with his wife, children, and grandchildren. Thank you very much, Murray, for bringing your children and grandchildren—they are needed as future members to continue our great organization. Others of us need to give our children and grandchildren knowledge about the Alfords and how AAFA can assist them in obtaining knowledge about their Alford ancestors. Also, I want to thank the other young couples who were present at our meeting in St. Francisville. You are the strength of our organization.

Friday's Genealogy Workshop was a huge success. I have never been to a Genealogical Workshop that presented so well the numerous sources of information available to obtain genealogical data. The discussions were backed up with detailed information, forms, and places to obtain the information, which will be invaluable to me and many others at the workshop in focusing our efforts in the right direction. All of the credit for the successful workshop goes to Alicia Houston, our AAFA Genealogist, and Gil Alford, our Executive Director, for their great efforts. Those of you who missed the workshop should plan in the future to include the Friday workshops as part of your AAFA activities.

The Friday night reception brought Mardi Gras to St. Francisville early. Sally and her Louisiana cohorts put on quite a show with mannequins dressed in high fashion Mardi Gras clothes, and they threw lots of beads and trinkets to us as they danced around the room. They had so many beads and trinkets that I believe there will be a shortage at the next Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans.

The first part of the Saturday morning meeting was spent in a short business meeting with reports from the officers and state representatives. There was a vote taken for the location of the AAFA meeting for October 1996. The winner was Springfield, Missouri. You might want to plan a couple of extra days to include Branson, Missouri in your 1996 trip.

Jack Kinabrew, AAFA Photo Representative, prepared several photo displays of pictures sent to him for the AAFA files on Alford family pictures. He cautioned us to use a soft lead pencil on marking dates and names on the back of the pictures. He also said that Kwick Duplicating Services with their laser printers can make good reproductions of your pictures for the AAFA files. Thank you Jack and Eileen Kinabrew for the work setting up the displays and presenting the

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Welcome to FOUR new State Representatives: Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma,  
and Ohio! And many thanks to outgoing Louisiana Rep Sally Stoewer.

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## New Member Lineages

This quarter each New Member Lineage has been checked carefully with the member, incorporating suggested changes. The lineages for those who did not respond to the checking effort were assumed to be correct and are included. New members whose lineages do not appear here will probably be in the next issue.

The first two lineages, #584 and #587, were inadvertently omitted from the Summer 1993 issue.

This is a new, and hopefully final, format for the display of information. By adding a second or third line of information for each ancestor we are now able to include the birth and death data on the spouses.

The surname "ALFORD" is not included. When the ancestor used a spelling variation other than "ALFORD" such as "ALVORD", that variation is shown.

Pay particular attention to the footnotes. An asterisk "\*"

before the ancestor's reference means some remarks are pertinent. They can be found at the end of the lineages identified by the reference. We need your help in making these comments as complete and accurate as possible. If you don't agree with some of the remarks or can add to them, please do so. If you know of comments that should be added to an ancestor who has no notes, then please send them.

Usually the names and addresses of new members are printed in "Welcome New AAFA Members" at the end of the quarterly. The names and addresses for the lineages printed below were published in the Fall 1993 issue. To get back on track, our new members for this quarter will be printed with lineages and names and addresses in the next issue. Therefore, there will be no "Welcome New AAFA Members" in this issue.

Comments and questions about the lineages and footnotes should be addressed to AAFA, POB 1586, Florissant MO 63031-1586—not to the editor.

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	<i>Spouse: Name</i>	<i>Birth Date &amp; Place</i>	<i>Death Date &amp; Place</i>	<i>Marriage Date &amp; Place</i>

#### # 584 Louise Dickson Cravens

15	reb791ga	REBECCA	17910105 GA GREE	18371005	
	m.	DICKSON, HUGH	17750330 SC	18420722 AR HOTS	18071003 GA GREE
30	JUL747NC	JULIUS C.	1747ca NC	18200825 GA GREE	_____, GA
	m.	JACKSON, REBECCA	1748ca NC	1825> GA GREE	1773ca NC ????

(see Early Alford Ancestors of Lodwick Alford 1710 VA following the new lineages)

#### # 587 Sandy Elliott

43	ros765ct	ROSETTA	17651118 CT HART	183208 MI STJO	
	m.	SCHELLHOUS, MARTIN			1787 VT BENN
86*	BEN716CT0B	BENEDICT	17160829 CT HART	17730430	
	m.	2 OWEN, REBECCA	17361128 CT HAR?	1831ca OH GEA?	17611218 CT HART
172	* BEN688CT	BENEDICT	16880427 CT HART	17640215 CT HART	
	m.	WILSON, ABIGAIL	16840303 CT HART	17730430 CT HART	17140114 CT HART
344	JER655CT	JEREMIAH	16551224 CT HART	17090606 CT HART	
	m.	HOSKINS, JANE	16710403 CT HART	17150519	16710403 CT HART

(see Early Alford Ancestors of Benedict Alford 1619 ENGLAND following the new lineages)

#### # 591 Ida Clarkson

1	ida932ny	IDA	19321106 NY KING		
	m.	CLARKSON, _____ (divorced)			
2	HEN902NY	HENRY	19020412 NY	19930113 KY JEFF	LOUISVILLE, KY
	m.	_____, ANNA	19010213 NY		192704ca NY ORAN
4	*HEN864NY	HENRY A.	1864ca NY		
	m.	_____, FRANCIS E.	1866ca CANADA		

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**# 592 Walter Morrison Clerihew**

3	cla901tx m.	CLAUDIA D. CLERIHEW, ARTHUR R.	19011006 TX YOUN 19000328 TX JACK	19930902 TX JACK 19820930 TX TARR	ANTELOPE, TX 19280219 TX JACK
6	JAM864TX m.	JAMES NOEL WELCH MAULDIN, FRANCES L.	18640712 TX LIME 18721113 TX JACK	19430922 TX JACK 19040818 TX YOUN	PIONEER, TX 18891224 TX JACK
12	* JAC834LA m.	JACOB LAUHON SMITH, SARAH ANN	18341225 LA NATC 18380202 TX ROBE	18840322 TX JACK 19200730 TX YOUN	PIONEER, TX 18550830 LA SABI
24	* NEE789NC m.	NEEDHAM JUDGE WADDELL, MARTHA	17890712 NC CUM? 17960515 SC	18690919 TX LIME 18760711 TX LIME	HORTON HILL, TX 18150218 MS FRAN

(see the Jacob Alford 1761 NC branch following the new lineages [1st wife applies])

**# 593 Peggy Wood**

59	* luc784nc m.	LUCY MAINES, WILLIAM	1784E NC 1773CA	18410524 LA NATC 18490919 LA SABI	SABINE PARISH, LA 1815/6
118	JAC761NC0B	JACOB	17610815 NC BUTE	18240718 LA WASH	WASH. PARISH, LA

(see Early Alford Ancestors of Jacob Alford 1761 NC following the new lineages [2nd wife applies])

**# 594 Robert Keith Bridges**

5	mar902ca m.	MARY LODICIA BRIDGES, RUFUS G.	19020728 CA TULA 18930623 MO SCHU	19740620 CA FRES 19520209 CA TULA	19200625 CA TULA
10	* WIL862CA m.	WILLIAM MASON, MARY ETTA	18620426 CA PLUM 18690628 CA PLUM	19310524 CA TULA 19430815 CA SACR	VISALIA, CA 1890 ID
20	RUS826VA m.	RUSSELL KIDD, JULIA	18261120 VA WYTH 18250601 VA AUGS	19090828 CA TULA 18961226 CA TULA	TULARE CO., CA 18490228 VA TAZE
40	WIL800VA m.	WILLIAM KELSEY, MARGARET	1800ca VA 1797 VA		

**# 595 Tayler "Terry" L. Cormick**

1947	* joa622en m.	JOANNA FOWLER, AMBROSE	16221208 ENGLAND ENGLAND	16840522 MA HAMD 17071018 MA HAMD	16460506 CT HART
3894	* THO585EN m.	THOMAS HAWKINS, JOANNA	1575-85 ENGLAND 1594ca ENGLAND	1636< ENGLAND 16360527	16180511 ENGLAND
7788	* WIL547EN m.	WILLIAM *	1547 ENGLAND		
15576*	ALE520EN m.	ALEXANDER _____, AGNES	1520ca ENGLAND	157612=< ENGLAND	ENGLAND
31152	JOH475EN m.	JOHN	1475ca ENGLAND	ENGLAND	ENGLAND

**# 596 Ethel Flannery**

11	* joa822va m.	JOANNA 1 BAKER, THOMAS	182212 VA	18910918 AR MADI	18371130 VA WYTH
22	CHA803VA m.	CHARLES HOUGE, NELLIE	1803/5 VA GILE	KY	
44*	JOH763VA0B m.	JOHN 2 HOGE, ELINOR	1763 VA WYTH 17690405 VA BOTE	KY / MO 181412 VA	17891026 VA MONT
88	* THO725VA m.	THOMAS FIELD?, ELIZABETH	1725ca VA FRED 1738	180611ca VA WYTH 1805/6> VA WYTH	1760ca VA
176	* JOH696MD m.	JOHN _____, MARY	1696E MD ????	1748 VA FRED	

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**# 597 Shirley Y. Anderson**

A	eli651ct	ELIZABETH	16510921 CT HART		
	m.	DRAKE, JOB	16510615 CT HART	17330419 CT HART	16710320 CT HART
(see Early Alford Ancestors of Benedict Alford 1619 ENGLAND following the new lineages)					
Z	* dol919	DOLORES <b>HALLFORD</b>	19190707	1984 CA SAND	
	m.	SHAHAN, WILFRED RAY	MO ADAI		

**# 598 Jerry Wayne McMenis**

33	nan820al	NANCY ANN	18200513 AL MORG	18860722 AR CLAR	
	m.	MCMENIS, JOSEPH	1826ca TN		18410726 AL MORG
66	DAV785VA	DAVID A.	1785ca VA	1860<	
	m.	ORRICK, POLLY			
132	ROB760EN	ROBERT	1760ca ENGLAN?		
	m.	_____, SUSANNA			

**# 599 Helen Anne Alford**

1	hel949nc	HELEN ANNE	19491117 NC MECK		
2	CHA911NC	CHARLES WINSTEAD	19111220 NC JOHN	19911014 NC MECK	
	m.	EVANS, MARY HILDA			
4	LAW868NC	LAWRENCE O'BRYAN	18680102 NC JOHN	19380807 NC	
	m.	WINSTEAD, LINDA MAE			
8	HEN826NC	HENRY HARDY	18260214 NC FRAN	18870602 NC JOH?	
	m.	POPE, EMILY			18531108 NC
16	EXU788NC	EXUM	1788ca NC	1850>	
	m.	_____, ELIZABETH			

**# 600 Erma Jean Cunningham**

3	sar907al	SARAH ELIZABETH	19071110 AL GENE		
	m.	ADAMS, BENNIE R.	19081125 AL COVI		19251206 AL GENE
6	EDW878AL	EDWARD GILLESPIE	1878 AL GENE	195508 AL	NEW HOME, AL
	m.	GILMORE, MARY JANE	1880 AL GENE	19260617 AL GENE	
12	RIC843ALOB	RICHARD REDDEN	18430123 AL	19290119 AL GENE	PINEY GROVE, AL
	m.	2 DUNCAN, NANCY S.	1848 AL		
24	* HEN815SC	HENRY MILES	1815ca SC		FL / AL
	m.	_____, MARY/MARTHA	1820ca SC		
48	JOB762NC	JOB	1762E NC BUT?	1850>	GA HAR?
	m.	???			
96	* JUL717VA	JULIUS	171709 VA NEWK	177111 NC BUTE	
	m.	NEWTON?, LUCY			
192	* JAM687VA	JAMES	1687ca VA		VA
	m.	???			
384	* JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E VA ????	17100304 VA NEWK	
	m.	???			

**# 601 Melba Powell Wise**

5	sar863ms	SARAH VIRGINIA	18631113 MS PIKE	19310905 LA ORLE	HOLLYWOOD, MS
	m.	POWELL, THOMAS J.	18591203	18990413 MS PIKE	18821220
10	* LEA832MS	LEANDER RAFORD	18321217 MS LINC	19121119 MS PIKE	HOLLYWOOD, MS
	m.	CURTIS, SOPHRONIA	18331024	1910ca MS PIKE	18541219
20	SEA807LA	SEABORN JOHN	18071011 LA WASH	18840204 MS PIKE	FELDER'S, MS
	m.	1 FELDER, MARY C.	18130923 MS PIKE	18601123 MS ??	18311229

(see Early Alford Ancestors of Jacob Alford 1761 NC following the new lineages [2nd wife applies])

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**# 602 Jackie Scott Alford**

1	JAC970AL	JACKIE SCOTT	19700730 AL ETOW		
2	JAC942AL	JACKIE LARRY	19420319 AL ETOW		
	m.	DOZIER, BRENDA D.	19510313		
4*	HAR898AL02	HARDMAN TALMADGE	18980305 AL ETOW	19800529 AL ETOW	UNION#3, AL
	m.	2 SPINKS, ANNIE R.	19130112	19320405 AL CHER	
8	* WIL861AL	WILLIAM J.	186109 AL ETOW	19410327 AL ETOW	NEW BETHEL, AL
	m.	BONE, SAMANTHA J.	186312	1914 AL ETOW	18820108 AL ETOW
16*	JEF812TN05	JEFFERSON	18120318 TN	18870604 AL ETOW	
	m.	5 GULLEDGE, NANCY	1843-44	19200520 AL ETOW	18730223 AL ETOW
32	* ARC780NC	ARCHIBALD ???	1780ca NC	1860-70 AL CHE?	
	m.	_____, ELIZABETH ??	1771 ?	18740510	
64	ISH749NC	ISHAM	1749E NC ??		
	m.	_____, ANNA			

(see Early Alford Ancestors of Lodwick Alford 1710 VA following the new lineages)

**# 603 Thelma Alford McGeorge**

1	the916tx	THELMA	19161028 TX SABI		
	m.	MCGEORGE, _____			
2	ADR893TX	ADRON CORBET	1893 TX SABI	1977 TX SABI	OAK HILL TX SABI
	m.	CONNER, ADA	TX SABI	1977 TX SABI	
4	JES870TX	JESSIE POWELL	18701208 TX SABI	18981013 TX SABI	HEMPHILL TX SABI
	m.	RICE, EMMA ELIZ.	1886	1907 TX SABI	
8*	NEE826LA0B	NEEDHAM BRYANT	18260730 LA SABI	19080417 TX SABI	HEMPHILL TX SABI
	m.	2 STEELE, FRANCES	18341111 MS	19020120 TX SABI	1863 TX SABI
16	* NEE789NC	NEEDHAM JUDGE	17890712 NC CUM?	18690919 TX LIME	HORTON HILL, TX
	m.	WADDELL, MARTHA	17960515 SC	18760711 TX LIME	18150218 MS FRAN

(see Early Alford Ancestors of Jacob Alford 1761 NC following the new lineages [1st wife applies])

**# 604 Nancy Jean Hughes**

3	lou918ky	LOUISE	19180709 KY BOWL	19810610 IN CARR	
	m.	PERKINS, MARVIN F.			
6	JOH881KY	JOHN	18810324 KY WARR	19431024 KY WARR	
	m.	HIGHTOWER, MARTHA			
12	PLE849KY	PLEASANT CALVIN	18490209 KY WARR	18950326 KY WARR	
	m.	GOFF, MELISSA ANN			
24	JAM826KY0A	JAMES PLEASANT	18260101 KY	1882 KY OHIO	COW CREEK, KY
	m.	1 GOFF, ELIZABETH			18460203 KY WARR

(see Early Alford Ancestors of William Alford 1804 VA following the new lineages)

**# 605 William Paul Alford**

1	WIL953OH	WILLIAM PAUL	19530721 OH SENE		
	m.	GLOCK, DEBRA L.	19530528 OH HANC		19800222 OH HANC
2	RUS930OH	RUSH ALVERN	19300311 OH SENE		
	m.	LINDSAY, EDITH P.	19270714 OH SENE		19520930 OH SENE
4	RUS895OH0C	RUSH ALVERN	18950410 OH HANC	19710207 OH SENE	MT VERNON, OH
	m.	3 MORGAN, GENEVIEVE	18960927 MI GRAT	19620127 OH SENE	19290817 OH SENE
8	GEO867OH	GEORGE WELSH	18671126 OH HANC	19290511 OH SENE	TIFFIN, OH
	m.	HOFFMAN, MINNIE F.	18721112 MD FRED	19280224 OH SENE	18900109 OH SENE

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16	ISA834OH m. ISAAC VAN ATTA, RUTH	18341104 OH PORT 18361126	19031012 OH SENE 19180227 OH SENE	REPUBLIC, OH 18530910 OH HANC
32	OLI789MA m. OLIVER BLISS, MARTHA/MARSHA	17890414 MA BERK 1791ca	18710417 OH PORT NH	WINDHAM, OH
64	ELI757MA m. ELIJAH HIGLEY, OLIVE ADAMS	17570413 MA BERK 1754ca	18320411 OH PORT 18270916 OH PORT	WINDHAM, OH 17791011
128	ELI732CT m. ELIJAH HIGLEY, HANNAH	17321214 CT HART 17370311	17710116 MA BERK 18230127 VT RUTL	1756
256	JOS696CT m. JOSIAH CASE, MARY [DRAKE]	16961227 CT HART 16971115 CT	176812 CT HART 1732ca	17261020
512	JOS649CT m. JOSIAH WESTOVER, HANNAH	16490706 CT HART 16680408	17220510 CT HART	16930522 CT HART

(see Early Alford Ancestors of Benedict Alford 1619 ENGLAND following the new lineages)

**# 606 Catherine Alford Ellard**

1	cat930ms m. CATHERINE ELLARD, BRUCE	19300107 MS		
2	BEN885MS m. BENJAMIN C. FREEMAN, ANNIE	18850726 MS PIKE	19701012 MS PIKE	19121022 MS PIKE
4	WIL855MS m. WILLIAM HENRY LINDSEY, ALBA	18551005 MS 185601 MS	19461230 MS WALT	
8	HEN829MS m. HENDERSON SIBLEY, FRANCES	1829ca MS PIK? 1838ca MS		J. BASCOT, MS
16	WIL804GA m. WILLIAM GINN, EVELINE	1804ca GA MONT 1809ca MS	1860-70 MS PIKE	1828ca

(see Early Alford Ancestors of Jacob Alford 1761 NC following the new lineages [2nd wife applies])

**# 607 Joe G. Gray**

3	vir889tx m. VIRGINIA HARRIET GRAY, RAYMOND	18891011 TX BROW 18870731 TX EAST	19730105 TX EAST 19650312 TX EAST	RISING STAR, TX 19090214 TX EAST
6	JAC864TX m. JACOB LAWHORN GIBSON, TWILLIE C.	18640719 TX LIME 18671001 AR ASHL	19420611 TX EAST 19141121 TX EAST	RISING STAR, TX 18870617 TX BROW
12	JES828LA m. JESSE POWELL 1 CRAWFORD, HARRIET	18281220 LA SAB? 18340910 CT ??	18900802 18850310 TX BRO?	18490724 LA SABI
24	*NEE789NC m. NEEDHAM JUDGE WADDELL, MARTHA	17890712 NC CUM? 17960515 SC	18690919 TX LIME 18760711 TX LIME	HORTON HILL, TX 18150218 MS FRAN

(see the Jacob Alford 1761 NC branch following the new lineages [1st wife applies])

**# 608 Elmer Adron Alford**

1	ELM916TX m. ELMER ADRON MEYER, WILLIE JEAN	19161028 TX SABI 19180119 TX HARR		19420629 TX HARR
2	ADR893TX m. ADRON CORBET CONNER, ADA	1893 TX SABI	1977 TX SABI 1977 TX SABI	OAK HILL TX SABI
4	JES870TX m. JESSIE POWELL RICE, EMMA ELIZ.	18701208 TX SABI 1886	18981013 TX SABI 1907 TX SABI	HEMPHILL TX SABI
8*	NEE826LA0B m. NEEDHAM BRYANT 2 STEELE, FRANCES	18260730 LA SABI 18341111 MS	19080417 TX SABI 19020120 TX SABI	HEMPHILL TX SABI 1863 TX SABI
16	*NEE789NC m. NEEDHAM JUDGE WADDELL, MARTHA	17890712 NC CUM? 17960515 SC	18690919 TX LIME 18760711 TX LIME	HORTON HILL TX 18150218 MS FRAN

(see Early Alford Ancestors of Jacob Alford 1761 NC following the new lineages [1st wife applies])

**Membership # and New Member's Name**

<i>Pedigree/Reference #</i>	<i>Alford: Name</i>	<i>Birth Date &amp; Place</i>	<i>Death Date &amp; Place</i>	<i>Burial City, ST (Alford)</i>
	<i>Spouse: Name</i>	<i>Birth Date &amp; Place</i>	<i>Death Date &amp; Place</i>	<i>Marriage Date &amp; Place</i>

**# 609 Douglas Meredith Flowers**

27	mar832ky	MARTHA / MARY E.	18320101 KY	19011211	
	m.	DOUGLAS, WILLIAM		18150901 18881026	18470419 KY WARR

(see Early Alford Ancestors of William Alford 1804 VA following the new lineages)

**Early Alford Ancestors of:**

<i>Pedigree/Reference #</i>	<i>Alford: Name</i>	<i>Birth Date &amp; Place</i>	<i>Death Date &amp; Place</i>	<i>Burial City, ST (Alford)</i>
	<i>Spouse: Name</i>	<i>Birth Date &amp; Place</i>	<i>Death Date &amp; Place</i>	<i>Marriage Date &amp; Place</i>

**Early Alford Ancestors of BENEDICT ALFORD 1619 ENGLAND Branch**

*BEN619EN	BENEDICT	1619ca	ENGLAND	16830423	CT HART	
	m.	NEWTON, JANE	1622ca	ENGLAND		16401126 CT HART
*THO585EN	THOMAS	1575-85	ENGLAND	1636<	ENGLAND	
	m.	HAWKINS, JOANNA	1594ca	ENGLAND	16360527	16180511 ENGLAND
*WIL547EN	WILLIAM *	1547	ENGLAND			
	m.	???				
*ALE520EN	ALEXANDER	1520ca	ENGLAND	157612=<	ENGLAND	
	m.	_____, AGNES				ENGLAND
JOH475EN	JOHN	1475ca	ENGLAND		ENGLAND	
	m.	???				ENGLAND

**Early Alford Ancestors of JACOB ALFORD 1761 NC Branch**

* JAC761NC0A	JACOB	17610815	NC BUT?	18240718	LA WASH	LA WASH
	m.	1 BRYANT, ELIZABETH	17650620	1789-92?	NC CUM?	1784ca NC FRA?
	m.	2 SEABORN, FRANCES	17660929	VA SU??	1850-60	LA WASH 1792ca NC CUM?
*JUL717VA	JULIUS	171709	VA NEWK	177111	NC BUTE	
	m.	NEWTON?, LUCY				
*JAM687VA	JAMES	1687ca	VA		VA	
	m.	???				
*JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E	VA ????	17100304	VA NEWK	
	m.	???				

**Early Alford Ancestors of LODWICK ALFORD 1710 VA Branch**

LOD710VA0C	LODWICK	1710ca	VA NEW?		
	m.	3 ???			
*JAM687VA	JAMES	1687ca	VA		VA
	m.	???			
*JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E	VA ????	17100304	VA NEWK

**Early Alford Ancestors of WILLIAM ALFORD 1804 VA Branch**

* WIL804VA	WILLIAM	18040923	VA MONT	1880ca	KY WARR
	m.	PENNER, ELIZABETH	1797	VA MONT	18600101 KY WARR
* WIL775VA	WILLIAM	1775E	VA ????	1808ca	VA MONT
	m.	MILLER, MARY	VA MONT	1830ca	KY WARR



## FOOTNOTES FOR NEW LINEAGES

### ALE520EN

His will was dated December 1576. (11/93)

### ARC780NC

It is possible that his name was just "BALDY" or "BALDA" and not Archibald. Connections with Archibald are based on a hypothesis of Ron Head. See his article in *AAFA ACTION*, September 1990, p. 10. Further research done by several descendants satisfies them that Baldy was the son of Isham Alford. (11/93)

### BEN619EN

Benedict first appeared in Windsor, Connecticut, in 1637. He was back in England in 1639, then in Massachusetts in 1640. He was a sergeant in the Pequot expedition in 1637. He became a member of Windsor Church 17 October 1641 and his wife became a member 13 January 1647. He was a juror in April 1643 and a constable in 1666. (11/93)

### BEN688CT

There are a number of conflicting death dates—probably brought about by the fact that there were several of the same name at about the same time. The date as shown in this record seemed to be the most logical. See also BEN716CT whose death date has been confused with this father. A quote from a cemetery stone inscription says he died 15 February 1764 age 76, thus making this Benedict the most likely person for these dates. Anyone with valid information on this subject should report it to AAFA. (11/93)

### BEN716CT0B

There are a number of conflicting death dates—probably brought about by the fact that there were several of

the same name at about the same time. The date as shown in this record seemed to be the most logical. See also BEN688CT whose death date has been confused with this son. One member reported a death date of 1813 at which time he would have been over 100 years. Another date showed his death about two years before the birth of a daughter. Anyone with valid information on this subject should report it to AAFA. (11/93)

### do1919

She was the grandmother of the daughter-in-law of Shirley Y. Anderson, AAFA #597. Her full name was Dolores Evelyn Hallford. Before her marriage she lived in Walla Walla, WA. Wilfred Shahan was born in Brashear, Adair County, MO. (11/93)

### HAR898AL02

He is buried in Union No. 3 Baptist Church, Ballplay Community, Hokes Bluff, Etowah County, AL. (11/93 SCT)

### HEN815SC

The connection between Henry and Job is tentative now but circumstantial evidence that Henry and Turner were brothers is very strong.

### HEN864NY

It is not certain yet that this is the father of Henry Alford born in 1902 in New York. There was a Henry G/M Alford, age 19, enumerated with Henry and Francis Alford at 355 6th Avenue, Brooklyn in 1920 NY census. Descendants are thought to be doing more research. (11/93)

### JAC761NC0A

Jacob was identified in his father's will; in census and land records in Cumberland and Franklin Counties, NC; in land and tax records in Montgomery County, GA; and in early 1800 land and census records in Louisiana. The dates of birth and death are from an unknown, and apparently unproven,

source. Peggy Wood AAFA #593 shows Jacob's death as July 16, 1825. What was her source?

### JAC834LA

See also "Jacob Lawhorn Alford", *AAFA ACTION*, September 1992, p. 54. Both the gravestone of Jacob Lauhon Jr. and a legal document prove this spelling of the name. The spouse was identified as Sarah Smith in her marriage certificate, a copy of which is on file with AAFA but she liked the name Samantha and on her death certificate she is listed as Samantha A. Alford. Bill Polk (AAFA #564) identified her as Sarah Ann Smith but wrote: ". . . [she liked the name Samantha and used it, that is why it is Samantha on the death cert. per my mother who knew her when she (my mother) was a girl]. . .". A copy of her death certificate is also on file with AAFA. Jacob is sometimes shown as born in Sabine Parish. Actually he was born in Natchitoches Parish in that portion that was to become Sabine in 1843. (11/93)

### JAM687VA

See *AAFA ACTION*, September 1990, p. 31. (11/93)

### JEF812TN05

According to a descendant, Jeff and Nancy were living together, and having children, for about ten years before they were officially married.

### joa622en

Some folks call her JANE Alford Ambrose. Ambrose was the son of William and Sarah Fowler. He came to America with Joanna's brothers, Benedict and Alexander. (11/93)

### joa822va

One source says they were married 27 April 1837. Ethel Flannery, AAFA #596 has a copy of the marriage bond and certificate dated 30 November 1837. (11/93)

**JOH645VA**

We have not proved John the father in this case but circumstantial evidence strongly suggests him. Both land and church records put him at the right place at the right time and no other candidate has such strong evidence though there are some who would say WILLIAM ALFORD was the father. (11/93)

**JOH696MD**

The birth date and place of this John Alford is not certain. While most seem to think he was born about 1696 in Maryland, others have suggested he immigrated from England and was born there about 1700. Still others think he was born in Virginia. Stuart Blakely's theory, once published in Gil Alford's newsletter, has been refuted. At least one family group record shows a possible birth in New Kent County, VA. It had been thought that he married a Mary Dawson but we have found her married to another man, so his wife's name remains unknown. His will, dated 13 November 1748 does list "Mary" as his wife. (11/93)

**JOH763VA0B**

There are several spellings of the names: Elinor as well as HOG, HOGG, and HOGUE. The marriage bond was dated October 22 and the marriage was October 26. (11/93)

**JUL717VA**

It is just possible Newton is the surname for Lucy. Only one person, the late Tressie Bowman, ever cited that name, and she apparently had no source for it. Where were they married? There are no "Newton" entries in the published St. Peter's Parish (New Kent Co. VA) Register, but there were, according to land records, Newtons in North Carolina at about the time the Alford's moved from Virginia to North Carolina. (11/93)

**LEA832MS**

Sophonria has been listed with two different names, CURTIS and STRICKLAND. (11/93)

**luc784nc**

Lucy actually died in Natchitoches Parish, but in that part that was to become Sabine Parish in 1843. (11/93)

**NEE789NC**

Elmer A. Alford AAFA #608 is a descendant of Needham. He says that Needham is buried in Groesbeck, TX near Waco. That would probably be Horn Hill Cemetery which is in Groesbeck, Limestone Co., TX. A family group record from Tressie Bowman (deceased) cited "Horton Hill" but such a cemetery cannot be found in Limestone Co. Elmer says Martha is buried there also and has a different date for her death—November 7, 1869—which apparently came from the headstone in the cemetery. In the 1860 Limestone County census Needham was enumerated as a Methodist Clergyman. In this census the household included Serena and Nova Mains who were probably his kin through his sister Lucy Alford who married William Maines. Martha was the daughter of John and Sarah Waddell. Another source shows Martha Waddell was born 25 March 1794 and that she died in Tangipahoa Parish, LA. One source shows her birth as 1789 instead of 1796 or 1794. Census data would make her birth anytime between 1795 and 1799. Walter Clerihew, AAFA #592, has 15 May 1798 but is not sure of source. Elmer says this is the date on the headstone at the cemetery (per a deceased cousin). Some of her children were supposed to have been born in Sabine Parish so it seems unlikely that she would have been back in Tangipahoa Parish at the time of her death. If we go by the data reported to Elmer to be on the headstones, which some members report don't exist, our data would be: Needham Jul 12 1779

NC - Sep 19 1869 Martha May 15 1789 SC - Nov 7 1869. The birth date on Needham is ten years too early it seems. If the data on his father, Jacob, is correct then he would have been only 18 when Needham was born. All other data suggests a date about ten years later. If anyone has proven information on any of the above data they should report it to AAFA. We do need to settle on the correct data for both of these ancestors. (11/93)

**NEE826LA0B**

This was the second marriage for Francis whose full name was FRANCIS ANN PARTAIN STEELE.

**THO585EN**

The father of Thomas is actually not known. The following was taken from the 1908 published Alvord genealogy. "Thomas Alford's parentage is unknown, but he is possibly a grandson of Rev. Alexander Alford of Whitestaunton and a son of Salamon, William, John or Bartholomew Alford, who were the sons of Rev. Alexander Alford. Johanna or Joan was the daughter of John Hawkins of Ashill. (11/93)

**THO725VA**

AAFA member Ruth Moran #622 wrote (caps added): "JOHN ALFORD of Frederick County, VA had a son THOMAS ALFORD b. 1724. According to my calculations this would make THOMAS either 40 or almost 40 when he married Elizabeth. Most of the Alford men married at 18, 19, and 20. WILLIAM ALFORD son of JOHN ALFORD of Wythe County married at age 26—he is the oldest I have found. Do you think that we are missing a generation between JOHN and THOMAS? Perhaps, he is a grandson, not a son." His will, or a will, in Wythe Co. VA was dated/probated November 14, 1806. (11/93)

(Due to space limitations, Footnotes for WIL lineages will be printed in the next issue.) ❖

## 1993 Meeting in St. Francisville a Success!

By Max Alford, AAFA Secretary

**T**he meeting in St. Francisville was a smashing success. It was definitely one of the largest to date. Everyone in attendance really enjoyed themselves.

The festivities began on Friday morning with early registration. This was followed by an all day session of good information concerning genealogical research. The sessions were conducted by Gil Alford, Alicia Houston, and Elizabeth Hazlip. Subjects covered included basic research, church and cemetery records, military and census records, court and probate records, and a discussion of LDS sources and facilities. The session was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The proceedings officially convened with the Friday night reception. Sally Stoewer and her Louisiana

*Pat Collins from Bentley, LA, who helped much with the meeting; Andrea Alford Fantacci, the "T Shirt lady" from Zachary, LA, who operates the AAFA buying service and who helped with the meeting; mannequin; Executive Director Gil Alford from Florissant, MO; Thelma Alford McGeorge, Shreveport, LA; and Chairman of the Board Lodwick H. Alford, Sea Island, GA.*

bunch are to be commended for a very well put together reception. The theme of the reception was the "Mardi Gras." All the attendees were given strings of beads as they entered the reception area. In the reception room, mannequins were dressed in the elaborate costumes worn during the February celebration in New Orleans. The costumes were very ornate and the colors were beautiful. Sally really went to a lot of trouble but the results were spectacular. Sally had some help from people who were not AAFA members or Alford relations and we certainly want to thank them for their help.

The business meeting was officially opened with a welcome from the Sally Stoewer, the Louisiana state representative. She in turn introduced the mayor of St. Francisville who welcomed the Association to St. Francisville, gave a short welcoming address and passed out "I love St. Francisville" stickers. The stickers could be used in lieu of payment for any tickets received in St. Francisville (except DWI). I don't know of anyone who actually tried the sticker payment method so I can't say if it worked or not.

Sally then turned the meeting over to the President of the Association, Benjamin Alford, Jr. After opening remarks, the president called upon the secretary for the secretary's

*Richard and Sally Stoewer with a mannequin in the middle. Sally, who had been working towards this event for many months, was the AAFA Louisiana Representative until the meeting, at which time she turned the duties over to Michael Alford of Kentwood, LA. Sally can take credit as the first to add any significant theme to our Friday reception and in providing some entertainment.*

*Husband and wife Earline Alford, a big AAFA helper, and Max Ray Alford, AAFA Secretary, from Mesquite, TX.*

Andrea Fantacci, AAFA Buying Service, reported on continuing sales and new products. Among the new products will be baseball style caps, and she is also checking on the possibility of ladies tote bags. Both items would carry the AAFA logo.

*Doris Alford Vetri, #303 AAFA Treasurer of Telford, PA with husband and big AAFA helper Sebastian Vetri.*

annual report. The secretary presented some informative slides concerning the past year's membership growth and makeup by states. Texas still has the most members but Alabama has the highest percentage of Alford's as members in their state. On average, there have been one hundred new members added each year since the inception of the Association. However, it was pointed out that there are several states in which the Association has no members. Members were encouraged to promote the Association so the membership will continue to grow.

The treasury's report was given by Doris Vetri. This past year the Association has managed to maintain a steady cash flow in part due to contributions from members as well as an increase in dues as new members are added.

Alicia Houston, the AAFA Genealogist, reported continuing progress concerning the census project. However, she could still use some more volunteer help if anyone would like to volunteer.

Jack Kinabrew, AAFA Photo Project, reported that the number of photos is growing and he is beginning to catalog them now. He also encouraged all members who may have any photos of Alford's to submit them or a copy of the original so that future researchers can benefit.

*Lodwick H. Alford, Chairman of Board of Directors and Past President;  
Ella Langdon Alford, Brixey, MO, new AAFA Missouri Representative;  
and Betty Wagstaff, Bronson, TX.*

D.L. Alford, Jr., VP—Texas, reported that the Texas members are concerned about the number of members who do not renew their membership. The Texas group has pledged to make a concentrated effort to contact all former members and make a real effort to get the former members to renew their membership.

Julius Alford, VP—Mississippi, had nothing new to report but pledged to continue his efforts on behalf of the Association.

Betty McGugan, AAFA Representative—Georgia, announced that the Georgia segment of the AAFA plans to hold a state meeting in the coming year prior to the '94 meeting. The meeting will be used to discuss ways to increase membership among the non-member Alford's in Georgia.

Gil Alford, Executive Director, summed up everyone's desire to continue to grow the Association and the compilation of all Alford data so that future generations of Alford's will know of their ancestors.

There were several additions to the volunteer

*Seated l. to r.: Juanita R. Stevens, Macon, GA; Robert Alford Folds, Atlanta, GA, hostess of our first annual meeting; and Alicia Roundy Houston, Monroeville, PA, AAFA genealogist and census project officer. Standing l. to r.: Lodwick H. Alford, Sea Island, GA; Ella Langdon Alford, Brixey, MO, new AAFA Missouri Representative; James P. "Posey" Alford, Gonzales, TX; and Mrs. Nolan David (Mary Morgan) Alford, Mt. Hermon, LA. A woman behind Roberta is so well concealed that she cannot be identified.*

staff of the Association. Emanuel "Al" Alford volunteered to be AAFA Events Coordinator. As such, he will be responsible for nailing down arrangements for future meetings. [Editor's note: This is a tremendous addition to the "staff" of AAFA. It will free Gil from many of the administrative duties of the annual meeting. Many, many thanks to Al for this service.] Janice S. Smith was appointed Wills Project Officer and Evelyn Z. Mistich was appointed Cemetery Project Officer. The following members were appointed state representatives:

Ella Langdon Alford, Missouri  
Elroy P. Alford, Oklahoma  
Michael Alford, Louisiana

Chairman of the Board Lodwick Alford also announced that all of the current officers have agreed to stand for re-election at the 1994 meeting. The only exception is that of Vice President Ray Alford who was unable to attend the meeting. Wick will contact him to see if he also will stand for re-election. The Chairman also encouraged members to make nominations from the floor provided the

*Elmer A. Alford #608 of Houston, TX; his wife Willie Jean Alford; and his twin sister Thelma Alford McGeorge #603 of Shreveport, LA.*

Parish, New Kent County, Virginia. Gil also covered some early Alford migration patterns. Gil did his usual terrific job.

The buffet Saturday night was attended by 120 to 135 members and their guests. Despite being somewhat cramped for space, the buffet went off without any major problems and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Gaylon Alford of St. Francisville was kind enough to arrange a special tour of the house the Smithsonian dubbed "the most haunted house in America and the thirteenth most haunted house

*Cousins David Gaston Alford, AAFA #503 of San Antonio, TX, and Joe Gray AAFA #607 of Baton Rouge, LA.*

person nominated had consented to being nominated. Similar encouragement will be forthcoming prior to the elections at the '94 meeting.

After much debate and consideration, Springfield, Missouri, was selected by the membership as the site for the 1996 meeting. The site was selected with the idea of moving slightly to the north and west of areas covered by previous meetings.

The membership was also asked what new items they would like to see available through the Buying Service. Some of the items suggested were sweatshirts, golf style shirts, tee shirts, coffee mugs, baseball caps, and tote bags. Andrea Fantacci agreed to research items which have not already been offered and to see if those already offered can be improved.

This concluded the business meeting portion of the 1993 Annual Meeting.

Gil Alford conducted the Alford Family Forum during the afternoon. Gil gave a brief synopsis of the ancestral family of each member present. He also covered the early Virginia Alfords, the Indian Alfords, and James Alford of St. Peter's

in the world." The house is known as the "Myrtles" around St. Francisville. The tour was an after-hours nighttime tour and started at approximately nine at night. We had such a caravan that we probably scared all the ghosts off. I had my trusty video camera and was fully prepared to capture a

*Wick's sister-in-law, Juanita Shepherd Alford, widow of Marvin Floyd Alford of Jacksonville, FL; Lodwick H. Alford, Sea Island, GA; and his sister Beatrice "B" Alford Parramore, Valdosta, GA.*

ghostly apparition on my tape. Unfortunately, the tour guide asked me to please not turn the camera on during the tour. There were some in the group who did report feeling chilled during the tour and at least one unexplained camera flashbulb flashed without the assistance of any living human. We understand that a part of a pre-arranged happening went by the wayside when one of the participants failed to live up to her part of the scheme. (Is that true, Evonne?)

Sunday morning, some of the members spent several hours going over research material that Gil had brought with him. And then all too soon, the meeting was over. Everyone I spoke with agreed that this meeting was the biggest and best so far.

The following is a list (by ancestral families) of all members who attended. Only the member is listed and Gil's abbreviation for the ancestral family is used. [Editor's note: This is a great way to present the list of attendees!]

ARC780NC: Janice Smith (TX) and Paul W. Alford (AL)  
EDW792NC: C.A. Alford, Sr (MS) and Helen McManus (MS)  
HAY780GA: Betty McGugan (GA) and Bryant J. Alford (TX)

*Cheryl (Sherry) Lynn Stoewer Kinchen reading to those present the scoop on Mardi Gras. Sherry is the daughter of Sally Stoewer, the AAFA Louisiana Representative who was responsible for the Mardi Gras arrangements as well as many other outstanding arrangements for the meeting. Sherry and husband Jack Kinchen were very instrumental in making the Friday reception a great success. On the right, Andrea Alford Fantacci is taking photos.*

*Robert Wagstaff, Bronson, TX; 2 mannequins;  
and Dovie Jean Alford, Houston, TX..*

ISA748NC: James P. Alford (TX) and Robert B. Alford (TX)  
ISH749NC: Lynn Shelley (WV) and Theo Wesley (MS)  
JAC738VA: Dora J. Warren (MS), Elizabeth H. Hazlip (MS), Julius M. Alford (MS), and Juanita Stevens (GA)  
JAC761NC: Peggy Wood (TX)  
JAM713VA: Beatrice Parramore (GA), Juanita Alford (FL), Andrea Fantacci (LA), Lodwick Alford (GA)  
JAM741NC: Ella Alford (MO) and Jean Holzapfel (FL)  
JEP797NC: Virginia Bray (MS) and Nancy Elkin (MS)  
JOB765NC: Michael Collins (LA) and Patricia Collins (LA)  
JOH696MD: Margaret Windham (NM)  
JOH787NC: Benjamin Alford, Jr. (PA)  
JOH801NC: Doris Vetri (PA) and Max Alford (TX)  
JOH807LA: Faye Alford Swan (MS), Josephine Carrigan (CA), Patricia Smith (MS), Gil Alford, Jr. (MO), Michael Alford (LA), Paul Reeves (LA), Jill Richard (LA), Sally Stoewer (LA), Mattie Fry (TX), Vesta Giddings (TX), Betty Davis (TX), Murray Alford, Jr. (LA), Nolan Alford (LA), and Vesta Bowden (TX)  
JOH844SC: Emanuel "Al" Alford, Jr. (FL)  
JUL747NC: Audrey Veola (TX), Geraldine Obermiller (NC), and Leonora Ginn (GA)  
JUL747NC: D.L. Alford, Jr. (TX), Evonne Salmons (TX), and Dovie Alford (TX)  
JUL747NC: James P. Alford (TX)  
JUL797GA: William J. Alford (TX)  
JUL819MS: Edna Stewart (LA)  
MIL895TX: Kenneth Alford

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## 1993 AAFA Award Winners

By Pamela Thompson  
Publications Director

Congratulations to the 1993 Awards Program winners! Here they are:

Most New Members Sponsored:

**Murray Alford** for 8 new members  
Most Family Group Sheets:

**Jare Pearigen** for 40 FGS's  
Best Non-Biographical Article:

**James P. Alford** and **Lodwick H. Alford** for "Letters Concerning the Early Lodwicks" in the March issue

Best Biographical Sketch:

**Mary Alford Helms** for "Remembering Robert Warren Alford, 1909-1973" in the Summer issue

Since I couldn't be at the meeting in St. Francisville, President Ben Alford read my comments about the articles that had been published throughout the year. I'm printing these comments here because many members weren't at the meeting, and I want to give some special recognition to all the authors.

### • *Best Non-Biographical Article*

\* Mary Alford Helms: "In Search of Alford's Past in Pike Co., AR"

Every genealogical researcher has a great story to tell about a coincidental encounter, an exciting discovery, or an unexpected breakthrough. Sometimes it's a sad story—you were too late, no one would help, it was a dead end. Genealogists love to read research stories no matter what the result, so write your Alford-hunting tale. Thanks for sharing yours, Mary!

\* James P. Alford: "Research Letters: From Jim Alford"

\* James P. Alford & Lodwick H. Alford: "Letters Concerning the Early Lodwicks"

These two articles are really compila-

tions of letters. As anyone who's done it knows, conscientiously answering genealogical correspondence is unbelievably time-consuming. It can be like writing a research paper! The information that gets put into these letters should not be available only to the lucky recipient—so if someone sends them to me, I print them! AAFA is very lucky to have such knowledgeable Alford researchers who are willing to share their data. And isn't it fun when a big controversy enters the picture?!

\* James P. Alford: "Smith Hall at LaGrange College, Georgia"

This country is full of places that are important to Alford history. Jim went to a lot of trouble to research one of those places—and then he wrote about it, so we'd all benefit! (By the way, I apologize for calling it "South Hall" in the last three Awards articles—no idea why that happened.)

\* Bob Sterling: "Alfords from Alabama in the Civil War"

Of all the articles ever published in *AAFA ACTION*, this one was the most helpful to me personally! Bob made the effort required to compile a list, with units and abstracts of pension records, of all the Alfords who served in the Civil War from Alabama, where Bob lives. I think this meant he had to read and abstract from a lot of microfilm—no easy task. Maybe I wasn't the only AAFA member who found value in that list, but I bet I was the happiest because I found my lost ancestor there! Quarter after quarter I compile, type, and proofread masses of data, almost none of which applies to my line. Not only that, I have no time to do my own research. I had checked the Georgia Confederate records for my ancestor's Civil War record, but it wasn't there. A clue was leading me towards Alabama, but I couldn't seem to make time to check there. Bob to the rescue!

\* Karen Alford: "Little Berry Alford's Seven Sons in Gray"

This is a great example of a human interest article that contains genealogical information. Even if this isn't your line, I bet you said, "Wow, seven sons from one family fighting in the Civil War!" Karen had some details passed down through family history that added even more color. We all aren't so lucky to have such a background—I guess if we were, I'd have more stories to publish than I could handle. But I bet a few of you are holding out, so share your family history!

### • *Best Biographical Article*

\* Gil Alford: "Jeptha Martin Alford, 1862—1948"

Gil's article is an excellent example of a biography in which most of the facts are known—lucky Gil! His article, with its valuable old photographs, is a great record of this family for future researchers. Getting this in print, where non-member researchers can see it in libraries, might also draw out a long-lost cousin someday! We need more biographies like this. You may know your family's history, but let others know too.

\* Barbara Anne Wooten Lamb: "Laura Coleman Alford, 1890-1947"

\* Pamela Thompson: "Pierce Lewis Alford, circa 1830-1864"

Barbara and I wrote biographies because we *didn't* know all the facts. We are both hoping that by getting what we do know in print, someone will realize that they have the missing pieces we need. And if that doesn't happen, at least what facts we have will not be lost.

\* Mary Alford Helms: "Remembering Robert Warren Alford, 1909-1973"



Mary's creative and touching biography of her father shows that you don't have to write an article filled with genealogical facts for it to be published in *AAFA ACTION*. Mary gave us a good idea of what her father was like and how her family felt about him. This is the kind of information we should all be recording now for future generations. They will be able to find out when our parents and grandparents were born and died, but they won't know what they were like unless we tell them. Do you know much about your great-grandfather? Probably not unless his children or grandchildren wrote about him. Thanks, Mary, for reminding us that family history is more than genealogical facts.

\* Orville Alford: "Albert Alford of Knox County, Kentucky"

\* Don Alford: "Autobiography: Abner A. Alford, 1854-1927"

Orville and Don took previously written biographies and enhanced them with their own knowledge of the subjects. Albert Alford's story was published in a newspaper after a reporter interviewed him. Abner Alford wrote his own story but never finished or published it. Both Orville and Don added genealogical details and connected these men to their own families. A story that is published locally or was never published at all is a great candidate for wider distribution, and the addition of details you know makes the information more valuable. Thanks to Orville and Don for taking the time to submit these biographies.

AAFA members appreciate the work of all the submitters, especially, I'm certain, when the submission pertains to their own line! I particularly appreciate it because it gives me lots of material to publish and enriches the quarterly with different writing styles, points of view, and areas of focus. I look forward to a continuing stream of articles from you! ❖

## Executive Director's Memo

By Gil Alford

### Data Validity

As you probably know there are two major fields of thought on the matter of publicizing genealogical information. I guess we could call them the conservatives and the liberals.

There are those who absolutely refuse to pass on information until they have proven it—of course they are the conservatives. I sure hope they don't look at the material I submit for publication as though it was "their type" of information. I don't know if we have any of these conservatives in the association or not, but if we do, I must get on their nerves.

Those who are really anxious to learn more about their ancestry believe that it pays to pass on to others the hypothetical or tentative situations that are developed, encouraging others to help with the hunt. Some would probably call these folks reckless because they are broadcasting unproven information. (I've run into one who I know was passing on outright obvious falsehoods and figments of the imagination, but I think they are few and far between and there are none among us.)

If there is an in between or "middle of the roader," I guess that's me. I do hate to pass on unproven information, though I do it in just about every issue. Every data element cannot be labeled as proven or unproven, but we do publish a general caveat in the quarterly from time to time. We have good intentions to eventually follow everything up with a proven version backed up by original sources. The problem comes when someone reads an article with one of my very hypothetical items and never sees the one months or years in the future—which

may or may not reference the piece it "proves"—that will have the correct data.

We are not an institution of higher learning but an association; and a part of one of our stated purposes is to "collect" and "disseminate"—and we are certainly doing a lot of that. Our quarterly is not what one would call a scholarly publication. Even its name suggests what it contains. For the most part we don't have experts, authorities, or learned persons preparing articles. Our publication is made up of all kinds of information that we are sharing with each other with the hope that one piece will lead to another piece—and believe me that has happened more times than I can remember. Our data is active and the name *AAFA ACTION* is a very good description of what is happening with Alford genealogical information.

If there is a bottom line to this it is to tell you to give some credibility to what you read here, but before you take it to court get some collaborating evidence. [Editor's note: When we print a transcript of an original document—like a will, a newspaper article, or an old letter—you can write to AAFA to get a copy of the original for your files.]

### Genealogy Workshop in Richmond

Before I get to the workshop subject, let me urge you to please make your hotel reservations for our next meeting as early as possible. I've heard from more of you than ever before that you plan to be in this next meeting. We ran out of rooms in the last meeting and those who registered late had some problems. Don't let that happen to you this time.

I plan to make some comment about

the workshop in each issue of the quarterly from now until we meet in October 1994. Alicia and I will not be conducting the workshop on Friday in Richmond. Over a year ago we made arrangements with The Everton Publishers to conduct the workshop after we were unable to get them this year. If you are not familiar with Everton's, they are one of the largest genealogical businesses in the world. In 1947 they began publishing *THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER*, which I suppose has a larger circulation than any other genealogical periodical. I can honestly say that had I not stumbled upon a copy of it at our local library, it is very probable that none of this would have happened because it was what I saw in that magazine that encouraged me to step a little further into a previously unknown world of genealogy.

These folks conduct workshops all across the country all year long. They are always sponsored by some "local" organization—usually city or county genealogical societies. Of the 35–40 workshops listed in the Sept–Oct issue of their magazine, ours is the only family organization sponsoring a workshop. Depending on registration for our workshop, we may or may not have to advertise it to the public in Richmond so as to insure adequate participation. If you participate as you did in Louisiana, we will keep it within the association except for any who wish to register based on the publicity received in *THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER*. The workshop registration is \$21 but here's the great part of the deal: you get a free one year subscription to the magazine, which is normally \$21! We will have to see what can be done about just extending the subscription of those who are already subscribers. More on the content of the workshop later.

[Editor's note: If you're serious about genealogy and can't read this

publication in your local library, you should be a subscriber. The *Helper* is published bimonthly and can be ordered for \$21 from Everton Publishers, P.O. Box 368, Logan, UT 84321.]

### AAFA Workers Exchange (AWE)

At the board of directors meeting in St. Francisville, the chairman suggested we begin a newsletter for AAFA workers. It is a small publication that will be published only when needed and in just the number of pages required to do the job—usually ten or less. Initially it is being mailed to those listed as workers in the AAFA promotional leaflet, but later may be extended to other categories of workers such as census researchers. The first issue went out without a name and with a request for workers to suggest names. Several suggestions were made but one from our AAFA Florida representative, Willie M. Alford #128, stood out over all the others. It is great in its simplicity and awesome in its possibilities: *AAFA Workers Exchange*—or *AWE*.

When workers talk about reading something in the newsletter, they will say they "read it in awe." My dictionary says awe is "an emotion of mingled reverence, dread, and wonder. Respect tinged with fear." OK, workers, you are going to have to make some awesome contributions to the newsletter so it can live up to that name!

### Journey to Self-Discovery

Putting pen to paper helps lift spirits

There was a short piece by that title on page 3 of *MATURE OUTLOOK NEWSLETTER* October/November 1993. It was about the findings of a noted professor of psychology. He

was quoted as saying, "We found those people who write about thoughts and feelings typically show significant improvements in physical health and improved immune function, have fewer doctor visits and report feeling happier and healthier in the months that follow."

The article applied to those needing a morale booster from a traumatic experience. It suggested setting aside 20 minutes a day to write in a quiet place, writing without editing (not to worry about spelling or grammar), describing the event and your deepest emotions and thoughts.

It seems logical that you would receive a morale boost by applying the same process to some good or happy times in your past. Why not relive those better experiences, writing about them or those of your Alford kin? While you're at it, make a copy of your writing and send to the AAFA with permission to publish.

### "World Book of Alford's"

I sent a post card to all our Alford members and other Alford contacts in July warning them about a \$35 book by the above name. This was another of the questionable products made available from Halbert's in Bath, Ohio. This one was publicized as though it were being done by a Willie M. Alford. It is interesting to note that a letter addressed to him at the Ohio address prompted a response from some other person.

Knowing what to expect, AAFA did purchase a copy of the book. We wanted to see first hand what was being offered so we can advise you on such matters, and we did want the list of names and addresses that they normally provide.

The book was obviously prepared so as to be generic in nature with the

ability to insert surname peculiar pages. Even the cover is made with a hole through which you look at the title page to see the surname. The pages are numbered by chapter or section so as to provide flexibility in inserting different numbers of pages for different surnames.

The following is an outline of the book's content. The number before each section is the number of pages. Comments in brackets are mine.

Generic Material—No Alford's Mentioned

- 2 Introduction with quote by Winston Churchill
- 30 The Great Migrations on Man: Early Origins, Settlement and Development
- 10 How Names Originated and What The ALFORD Name Means. [There are about seven lines that refer to Alford and the old ford. The remainder is generic.]
- 13 How Early Coats of Arms Were Granted [I was pleased to see that they included "Under the most heraldic rules, only first sons of the recipient of a Coat of Arms are permitted to bear their ancestor's Arms." That means few, if any, U. S. citizens have the right to claim a coat of arms of an ancestral family in the old country—even if they are proven direct descendants. In this generic section there is one unnumbered page, printed on phony parchment, that has an Alford coat of arms on one side and a generic description on the back side.]
- 32 How to Discover Your Ancestors [There are many addresses of places to write for information. Most of these can be obtained in many libraries, and the most recent sources for vital statistical data from all states can be purchased for a couple dollars from the Government Printing

Office. All participants at the October meeting received these addresses and more. There are also a half dozen forms for recording genealogical data.]

#### Alford-Specific Information

- 4 Early Alford Immigrants to North America. [Note that when it comes to serious surname data the pages are very few. They cite 31 published sources that contain this type of information and then list the Alford's found in the publication. One had eight Alford's listed. Most have only one or two. Most you know about. All will be published as an immigrant list in a future issue.]
- 100 The Alford International Registry [The first page summarizes or tabulates the Alford population by nation—ranging from 3 in Switzerland to 27,917 in this country. The remaining pages contain names and addresses of "all" the known Alford's in the various countries. You can download this information from computer services like Compuserve or you can purchase or rent compact disks which have names and addresses of "all" the folks in the US- not just the Alford's. Our experience in using names and addresses like these is that about 25% are returned by the postal service as invalid addresses and only about 1% of those that reach their target get any response. However, some of our better members were reached through addresses like these.]

Don't waste your money on books of this sort for any surname. Whatever they put in these books you can get cheaper—and more of it—elsewhere. Alford's in particular, who have a publication such as this one, can receive thousands of times as much information on the surname through

membership in the association as they can for the price of the book. That \$35 will pay for the first year \$20 and a following year at \$15.

#### Correction - Addition

We made a mistake in listing the ultimate ancestor for new member Shirley Y. Anderson AAFA #597 on p. 57 of the Fall 1993 issue of *AAFA ACTION*. Instead of John Alford born 1696 in Maryland, as shown, it should have been John Alford born 1475 in England. Actually John Alford was the ancestor of Shirley's sister-in-law.

The format of the computer program used for membership maintenance allows for listing only one ultimate ancestor. Shirley is also interested in information on the grandmother of her daughter-in-law. Readers might want to annotate their copy of the quarterly to show that Shirley also seeks information on DOLORES EVELYN HALLFORD who was born 7 July 1919 and married Wilfred Ray SHAHAN 12 August 1937 in Walla Walla, WA.

#### Prodigy Changes

In *AAFA ACTION* March 1993 we provided you with some Prodigy ID's and asked you to keep us advised of your Prodigy ID's. Shortly thereafter Prodigy announced an increase in subscription costs and made some system "improvements." Many of the folks who seemed to be there primarily for the genealogical bulletin board discontinued their subscriptions. Members who have remained on Prodigy include AAFA Secretary, Max Alford, HTJM70A, the new AAFA Cemetery Project Officer, Evelyn Mistich, RGDK81A, and Gil Alford, AAFA Executive Director, MCRT47A. If you are still on Prodigy, please let Gil know. If you are new to Prodigy, give us your ID. ❖

## Alfords in the News

### ALYCE ALFORD

Sent by Rod Bush, AAFA #116

*LOS ANGELES TIMES*

Los Angeles, CA—Tues., 24 Aug 1993

#### Orange County Focus: Garden Grove

#### City's First Woman Postmaster Sworn In

Alyce Alford was sworn in Monday as the first woman postmaster in this city and the first black woman postmaster in Orange County.

Alford, a 26-year veteran of the U.S. Postal Service, said her employees are giants—"I mean G-I-A-N-T-S"—and that she and they will work "to make Garden Grove the best post office in the nation."

Alford, who joined the Postal Service in 1967 as a part-time clerk in Los Angeles, has worked her way through the ranks and served in management positions in mail processing and delivery services. Most recently, she was manager of customer services at the Huntington Beach Post Office.

Alford, a mother of six grown

*Alyce Alford*

children, was appointed to the temporary position of officer in charge in Garden Grove in April. She was appointed postmaster on July 10, but official swearing-in ceremonies weren't held until Monday.

Santa Ana District Manager Arthur O. Martinez said that local postal employees had strongly lobbied for Alford and that their "consensus endorsement" figured strongly in his decision to appoint her.

... Alford will oversee 241 employees.... Her carriers process 1.6 million pieces of mail to more than 53,000 delivery points each month....

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### DAISY ALFORD

Sent by Faye Lawes, AAFA #62

*U.S. MAYOR*

Official publication of The United States Conference of Mayors, 16 August 1993

#### City Health Directors Meet with Assistant Secretary of HHS

During a recent meeting with Philip Lee, M.S., the Assistant Secretary for Health with the Department of Health and Human Services, local health directors Guadalupe Olivas, Ph.D. (Tucson), President of the Conference of Local Health Officers, Paul Nannin (Milwaukee) and **Daisy Alford** (Cleveland) of the United States Conference of Local Health Officers, expressed the need for financial support for cities to develop the necessary infrastructure in such areas as monitoring environmental hazards; expanding community-wide public education efforts; and providing "enabling services" in local health departments to help alleviate barriers to service.

"Many cities still lack the auto-

mated data systems necessary to compete for much of the categorical funding and adhere to the mandates and requirements from the federal government. We need technical assistance at the local level in these areas," said Director Alford of Cleveland....

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### JULIUS M. ALFORD AAFA #13

*McCOMB ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL*

McComb, MS—Sunday, 1 August 1993

#### 'Pooley' Alford appointed to Private Industry Council

Julius M. "Pooley" Alford has been appointed by Gov. Kirk Fordice to a three-year term on the state Private Industry Council as a representative of the private sector.

The Private Industry Council is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Economic and Community Development. It is responsible for administering programs under the federal Job Training Partnership Act.

*Julius Alford*

The JTPA is designed to help youths and adults who face barriers to employment by providing job training and other services that will increase their chances of finding work, raise their level of pay and decrease their dependency on government assistance.

Alford, a Realtor and property appraiser in McComb since 1960, was one of 19 private sector members of the council appointed by Fordice.

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**MAC ALFORD**

Son of Emmette Earl Alford,  
AAFA #439

**HOLLY ALFORD**

Sent by Julius Alford, AAFA #13

*McCOMB ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL*  
McComb, MS—Wed., 21 July 1993

**Amite foursome wins state 4-H honors**

The senior 4-H forestry judging team from Amite County won first place in the state contest, held recently at the 1993 state 4-H Congress at Mississippi State University. The four will represent Mississippi at the National Forestry Invitational Contest in

Weston, W.Va., during the first week in August.... Team members ... are Charles Adams, **Holly Alford**, **Mac Alford** and Matt Lewis.

[See *AAFA ACTION*, March 1992, p. 26 for another article on Mac Alford.]

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**PAUL ALFORD**

Sent by non-member Elmer K. Miller

*ATLANTA JOURNAL/CONSTITUTION*  
Atlanta, GA—Thursday, 1 July 1993

Dr. Paul Alford, president of Toccoa Falls College, says he'd like to nominate Wilmer (Vinegar Bend) Mizell to be the next commissioner of baseball. Sorry, Mr. President, but I don't believe Vinegar Bend would want [to] be the kind of commissioner the next one will be—a figurehead—if there is to be one at all.

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**TIMOTHY CLAUDE ALFORD**

*HUNTSVILLE TIMES*  
Huntsville, AL—\_\_\_\_ July 1993

**Man killed in holiday plunge off river bridge**

Childersburg, Ala.—A Birmingham-area man drowned after jumping off a more than 120-foot-tall bridge on his way to a store.

Timothy Claude Alford, 20, of Vestavia Hills, drowned July Fourth after jumping off a U.S. 280 bridge over the Coosa River in Childersburg, said Talladega County Deputy Coroner Clarence Haynes. The bridge is between 120 and 150 feet above the water, said Raymond Webster of the Alabama Marine Police.

*Holly Alford and Mac Alford*

Gregory Jackson, a friend and roommate of Alford, said they and some other friends had gone to a friend's house in Childersburg to celebrate the holiday.

Alford and two other friends went to buy barbecue sauce, Jackson said. "They were just going to the store."

Jackson said the others told him that on the way to the store, the three decided to jump off a small bridge over the river for fun. "They all did it a couple of times," he said.

Alford then decided to jump off the new, taller bridge at the same site, he said.

"I would have thought he would have thought better of that," Jackson said.

Webster said the water at that spot is about 17 feet deep. But it was the way Alford hit the water, not the water's depth, that apparently caused the drowning, Webster said.

"Apparently when he jumped off the bridge, he miscalculated his angle of impact. He did a belly flop, (and was) knocked unconscious when he hit the water," Webster said.

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**KENNETH D. ALFORD**  
(see also 24 March 1993 article)

Sent by W. Joseph Alford, AAFA #88

*RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH*  
Richmond, VA—Mon., 14 June 1993  
[with picture]

**Man has goods on U.S. looting**

**Rarely-explored aspect of war studied**

By Gary Robertson

Kenneth D. Alford is a big-boned, heavy man. Owl-like, he peers through oversized glasses and ruminates on the psyche of war.

artifacts and relics.

“Most Americans don’t know anything about this,” he said. It is an aspect of the war that most conventional historians have not explored, according to Alford, perhaps because it stains America’s image as liberator of Europe.

Occasionally, however, something will pull the curtain

back on that sordid chapter of the war.

It happened last year after The Cultural Foundation of German States paid \$3.9 million to recover an irreplaceable 9th century manuscript of the gospels and other cultural relics that a former Army lieutenant from Texas had stolen in 1945.

Alford, whose research had already disclosed the theft of the relics, said the disclosures about stolen treasures has only begun.

Philosophically, he can rationalize why such things could happen. It was, Alford declared, “a world so numbed by war’s horror that all vision of morality became blurred.”

A former soldier himself, the 54-year-old amateur historian emphasized that greed consumed relatively few members of the American fighting force.

But in those few, he said, the greed was monumental.

“Absolute,” Alford said, searching for an even stronger term. “Every was for the taking.”

Alford became fascinated with history as a youngster and as he grew

older, his fascination grew. About a dozen years ago he was poring through war records and kept noticing references to American looting....

Court-martial papers confirm that many were caught in the act. But Alford says many more evaded the scrutiny of civilian and military investigators and left Europe with personal fortunes large enough to last a lifetime.

His pursuit of American looting did not include the ordinary “spoils of war,” such as food and wine and clothing.

When he’s talking about spoils, he’s talking about the 150 million tons of Nazi gold that came up missing after American and British troops seized the Third Reich’s reserves at the end of the war.

He’s talking about the crown jewels of deposed monarchies and he’s talking about the Hungarian gold train, which Alford ranks as one of World War II’s biggest steals....

Through the years, Alford has developed contacts throughout the world. Some of his closest are in Germany, where government authorities are still trying to recover national treasures missing for half a century.

Not long ago he gave German officials information that they didn’t even know existed—the whereabouts of 5 miles of microfilm containing every item that Adolf Hitler had collected for a personal library. It proved invaluable to the group’s recovery efforts.

Trading information is the lifeblood of those like himself who are trying to pursue a cold trail of facts, Alford said. But he learned long ago that you never tell everything you know.

It might be too embarrassing for those still alive, he said, or too dangerous. And besides, he’s saving it for a book.

“A couple of books,” Alford said.

*LOOTING AUTHORITY: Kenneth D. Alford has documented an unparalleled degree of raw theft and plundering.*

For more than 30 years, he has made a living harnessing the power of computers and employing it in the arcane tasks of the banking industry for Signet.

But on his own time Alford has become a war scholar, plying through obscure military records, personal diaries and libraries of public documents throughout the world.

More specifically, he’s been chasing a gang of soldier-thieves—all Americans.

“I’m the only one in the world doing this,” he said. “[But] a lot of people want to know what I’m doing.”

Alford is an authority on American looting during World War II, and over the years he’s opened the door to everyone from authors to treasure hunters, all trying to find out what he knows. And he knows a lot.

In thick, bound volumes in the office of his home in Chesterfield County, and in the memory of a powerful personal computer on his desk, he has documented an unparalleled degree of raw theft and plundering—of art works, currency, priceless

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**MARK ALFORD**

Sent by Pamela Alford, AAFA #30

*SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS:  
PENINSULA LIVING*  
San Jose, CA—11 June 1993

**The Casualties of Wars**

by Loretta Green

...Inspired by a plaque at the Eagle Park flag pole in Mountain View for Mountain View High School alumni who died in World War II, retired plumber Bud Mockbee began to wonder about the rest.

What about the others from Mountain View involved in other wars, he said to his wife, Eva.

The two of them began a laborious process of trying to get the names of more men and women who once had called Mountain View home and who had given their lives for their country....

With commitment from American Legion Post No. 248 and the Mountain View Pioneer and Historical Association as sponsors, it seemed that Bud Mockbee's project [a memorial] was a go.

Last February the city council approved the concept....

[On the "Hometown Heroes" list of names that will be on the memorial:]

- Vietnam: **Mark Alford....**

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**BILLY JOE ALFORD**

Sent by Lodwick Alford

*THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN  
GEORGIA*—June 1993

**St. Alban's Installs Fr. Alford**

Augusta—The Rt. Rev. Harry W.

Shippo, Bishop of Georgia, instituted Fr. Billy Joe Alford as rector of St. Alban's, Augusta, on Trinity Sunday, June 6, in the service of the "Celebration of a New Ministry."

The Vestry of St. Alban's issued a call to Fr. Alford on May 16 which he accepted. He had been serving on St. Alban's clergy staff as deacon intern since his ordination to the diaconate by Bishop Shippo on June 11, 1992, in St. Patrick's, Albany, for St. John's, Albany.

Bishop Shippo ordained Dcn. Alford to the priesthood on March 25 in St. Alban's....

Born in Sylvester in 1953, Alford attended Darton College and Albany State College receiving his B.A. degree in 1976. He was awarded the M.Div. Degree in 1992 by Virginia Theological Seminary.

In 1975 he was married to Patricia Ann Randall. The couple has two children.

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**BOBBY ALFORD**

Son of Bryant Alford,  
AAFA #124

Sent by Rod Bush, AAFA #116

Rod found this article in his computerized newspaper at work and reports that the source is probably the NASA Press Office.

**Space Station Redesign Advisory Members Named**

NASA News Release: 93-59, April 1, 1993

Along with Dr. Charles M. Vest, recently named by Vice President Albert Gore to head the Advisory Committee on the Redesign of the Space Station, NASA has announced the names of representatives from government and industry and academic experts from across the country to participate in an independent review of

the redesign options being developed by NASA....

The Advisory Committee is charged with independently assessing various redesign options of the space station presented by NASA's redesign team, and proposing recommendations to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the space station program....

Advisory committee members named today include:

**Dr. Bobby Alford**  
Exec. Vice President &  
Dean of Medicine  
Baylor College of Medicine

[and numerous others]

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**GLORIA ALFORD**  
Wife of Willard Alford,  
AAFA #309

Sent by Truman Alford, AAFA #5

*CHICAGO TRIBUNE*  
Chicago, IL—17 April 1993

**\$1,000,000 Salespeople**

The Chicago Tribune recognizes the following real estate agents for attaining home sales of over \$1,000,000 in the Chicagoland area.

*Gloria Alford [one of four]  
Baird & Warner  
Evanston*

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## KENNETH D. ALFORD

(See also 14 June 1993 article)

Sent by Kathryn Alford, AAFA #543

### BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE

Beaumont, TX—Wed., 24 March 1993

## Hitler letters remain mystery

Albuquerque, NM—Clues to the existence of a trove of letters between Adolf Hitler and his mistress, Eva Braun, have long led searchers to the door of Robert A. Gutierrez.

Gutierrez, who spent months in Germany at the end of World War II as a U.S. Army counterintelligence officer searching for Hitler, has been non-committal in the past.

Now, he insists he doesn't have the letters.

.... Gutierrez, 78, has been harassed for years by collectors, historians, treasure hunters and writers who believe he found the correspondence....

Days before Hitler and Braun committed suicide in Berlin on April 30, 1945, the story goes, Hitler told SS Oberfuhrer Johannes Gohler to destroy the couple's personal effects.

Gohler later was captured and told Allied interrogators he found two tin trunks containing hundreds of letters from Hitler and Braun, along with photo albums, eight reels of home movies, silverware, jewelry and clothing.... [M]uch of it was recovered. The National Archives in Washington has the home movies and thousands of photographs.

The letters never turned up.

Gutierrez ... had three pieces of silverware and a dress belonging to Braun. Eventually, they went to a German museum, and [he] took no money for them....

Still, history buffs and treasure hunters have been beating a path to Gutierrez's Albuquerque home.

The documents [??] include reports on investigations and interroga-

tions, some by Gutierrez himself, said **Kenneth D. Alford**, a Richmond, Va., banker and amateur historian.

"When the war ended, there was still this huge thing that Hitler was alive," Alford said Thursday in a telephone interview. "The Americans put a group of people on tracking Hitler down. Gutierrez was one."

A report signed by Gutierrez questioned whether [Franz] Konrad ever destroyed the Hitler-Braun letters as instructed [by Gohler], said Norman Scott, a Gainesville, Fla., treasure hunter.

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## JAMES ALFORD

Sent by non-member Micki Crozier

### THE WICHITA EAGLE

Wichita, KS—Monday, 8 Feb 1993

## Alford lugs personal, political history into school board contest

You can't really blame James Alford for keeping his head down in caution, not with his recent personal and political history.

Alford, one of 21 candidates for five non-paying jobs on the Wichita school board, lost his job and his marriage in 1992. To earn money, he was forced to drive a school bus, a part-time job he shed a few weeks ago.

In recent years, Alford has taken a few cuffs to the head politically as well. In 1990, his 17-month-long quest for a Sedgwick County Commission seat ended in a landslide loss. He ran, and lost, in the latest school board free-for-all in 1991, a race thick with name-calling and ill will. And in 1992, he dropped out of a state legislative race when the incumbent, a fellow Republican, decided to run again.

So Alford, lugging all that hard experience into an interview last week, generally shied away from frontal assaults.

Why should voters turn out at least

one of the five incumbents who are running in the March 2 primary and favor him instead?

"I'm not going to sit here and bad-mouth who's done the job," Alford said. "There are a few things that have happened that I don't necessarily agree with, and I won't be very specific with that now. Maybe later on."

He cautioned that the school board can't get complacent, now that former Superintendent Stuart Berger's sweeping changes are in place.

"We cannot take five steps back with our reforms in the Wichita school district," Alford said. "We have to press forward."

Why is he running?

"Because I like kids," Alford said. "Oftentimes, parents and other adults get involved ... in petty things, and we lose sight of what's really important. And that's the kids."

Alford is concerned about the district's discipline and weapons problems. He is against corporal punishment of students but recommends the district set tougher discipline guidelines, subject to refinement by school principals. As for guns, he recommends preventive medicine.

"We're going to have to get more serious about educating the students as to the harm that guns can do and how they do not mix with education," Alford said.

Alford was born in Vidalia, LA, on the Mississippi River. After a stint in the Air Force, he earned a degree in business and management at the University of Maryland. He rejoined the Air Force in 1976, then retired in 1981 with the rank of staff sergeant.

Alford went to work for Boeing, transferring to Wichita in 1983. He eventually became a resource manager for the company. He was laid off in November—on election Day, Alford noted with a gallows chuckle.

While with Boeing, he ran the company's math-tutoring program, supervising as many as 200 employees who tutor in area schools. He teaches algebra part time at Butler County



Community College.

Alford was criticized in the 1991 school board race because his two daughters attend parochial school. He anticipates dealing with that argument this time around as well.

“We wanted them to get a Catholic education,” he explained. “But I don’t think that just because my children go to a private school, that that makes me insensitive to the needs of the public school system.”

Alford points to his extensive volunteer tutoring in Wichita public schools as evidence of his concern.

*James Alford*

He has another piece of baggage that could raise questions. Still seeking full-time work, Alford admits he’s looking out of state because of the slim job market in Wichita.

“I might get some criticism for that,” he said. “But because I’m not presently working ... I have time to devote to the school board.”

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**JEFF ALFORD**

Sent by Kathryn Alford, AAFA #543

*BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE*  
Beaumont, TX—Sunday, 14 Feb 1993

**Alford assumes leadership role**

Jeff Alford recently was named president of medical staff at Beaumont

Medical Surgical Hospital for 1993.

Alford, a pulmonologist, will lead the executive committee....

*Jeff Alford*

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**DALE ALFORD**  
**AAFA #268**

Sent by Don Alford, AAFA #59

*COURIER DEMOCRAT*  
Russellville, AR—Thurs., 12 Nov 1992

The state commander of the American Legion, Dr. Dale Alford of Little Rock, will speak to Riggs-Hamilton Post 20 in Russellville on Tuesday, Nov. 10....

Alford served two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. He ran as a write-in candidate and defeated Brooks Hays. He ran for governor and was defeated by Orval Faubus.

Alford is an eye surgeon.

He served in the European Theater of Operations as a medical officer during World War II.

Post Commander Dwight Earnest said all veterans and their families are invited to the banquet.

Alford will speak at the Lions Club luncheon Tuesday at Bonanza Restaurant.

In a related article:

*COURIER DEMOCRAT*  
Russellville, AR—Thurs., 12 Nov 1992

**Remember veterans**

Dr. Dale Alford (center) urged Russellville Lions to remember the

sacrifices of veterans “because we would probably not have a country today if not for those who served in time of war from before World War I to the recent Persian Gulf war.” Alford is state commander of the American Legion and a former congressman. He was introduced by Bob Legan.... James Newton ... told the Lions that Alford was instrumental in obtaining federal funding for the Russellville Post Office building dedicated in 1961 at Second and Boston....

*Dale Alford*

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**KATE ALFORD**  
**Widow of Judge Steve Alford,**  
**AAFA #190**

*SUNDAY ADVOCATE*  
Baton Rouge, LA—8 November 1992

Judges from across the state honored retiring Associate Supreme court Justice Luther F. Cole and his wife, Juanita, at a dinner at Drusilla Place Oct. 30. The group expressed its appreciation to Cole for his interest and work over a period of 26 years for the judiciary of Louisiana.

Judge Lewis Doherty served as master of ceremonies. **Kate Alford,**



widow of Judge Steve Alford, delivered the invocation....

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**MONROE ALFORD**

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*DAILY LEADER*

Brookhaven, MS—Mon., 14 Sept 1981

**Sweetwater Memories to be renewed**

Once again, it is time for the annual homecoming of the old Sweetwater School. This year it will be held Sunday, Sept. 20 ... at the old school building. Everyone is to bring a picnic lunch. All former teachers and students, their descendants and friends are invited to attend.

The origin of Sweetwater School dates back to before the Civil War according to a history compiled by Mrs. Ozzie Rawls Hope. As no written records were kept, Mrs. Hope obtained information on its earlier history from former students.

The school was first located three or four miles south of its present site on the east bank of a little creek—bubbling springs along the banks provided the school's water. The school house was a one-room log

house....

After a few years a new location and a new building were needed. The new site was selected to the north along the same creek on the property of Andrew Moak III and his god wife, Polly Ann Roberts Moak. Here a split log room was built....

Various teachers taught in this building until another building was erected to meet the requirements set up by the county. Since the majority of the students lived in the northern part of the school district the present site was chosen... Mr. **J.M. Alford** was teaching when the building was completed in 1902, and another teacher was added at this time. Miss Sara Love, the new teacher, had charge of the elementary school. This was the first school in the county to offer high school subjects and the last one of the two-teacher schools to be discontinued [in 1937].

[A photograph that won't reproduce well accompanied this article. It shows **Monroe Alford** and Sarah Love, teachers, and numerous named children in front of the school. Note that the teachers' names are shown differently in the article and in the photo caption.]

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**EULON ALFORD**

**AAFA #213 (deceased)**

*SUNDAY SHOPPING GUIDE*

Hammond, LA—Sunday, 25 Feb 1979

[A photograph, too dark for reprinting, has this caption:]

Eulon Alford of Hammond, left, shows a rare book to Dr. Landon Greaves, center, head of Southeastern Louisiana University's Linus A. Sims Memorial Library and Dr. Clea E. Parker, Southeastern's president. Alford donated the old, valuable book to the library where it will be placed in the special collection. The book is a

geometry textbook entitled, "The Elements of Euclid," and was printed in London, England, in 1827.

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**PHILIP ALFORD**

**AAFA #317**

Sent by Evonne Alford Salmons, AAFA #130

Source unknown, circa 1965

**'Special' Hereford-Angus Feeder Calf Show & Sale at Fort Worth May 27**

The first in the series of the Special Hereford-Angus Stocker Feeder Shows and Sales will be held on Fri., May 27. This is the 13th year for these special sales co-sponsored by the Texas Hereford and Texas Angus Associations, in cooperation with the Fort Worth Stockyards. the sales are held at the auction arena on the Fort Worth Stockyards.

The Texas Hereford Assn. announced this week that Larry Seaman, manager of the Big T Hereford Ranch at Longview and **Phil Alford**, commercial cattleman from Lewisville, Ark, will judge the whitefaces....

*Phil Alford*



## Odds and Ends

By Pam Thompson, Publications Dir.

✓ AAFA is very grateful to two generous donors. Our Vice-President Raymond Alford, AAFA #71, recently donated \$1000 to the Association—and this is not the first time he's made a contribution. Also, our Chairman of the Board Lodwick Alford, AAFA #11, sent a check for \$1000 "in loving memory of my dear wife Katherine K. Alford, in celebration of our 53rd Anniversary on 10 August 1993 and her 74th birthday on 3 September 1993." Because our membership fee is so low, donations large and small allow us to do special projects as well as pay the bills!

✓ In a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Alford dated October 7, 1993, the president of Lyman Ward Military Academy in Camp Hill, AL, said: "I have recently been informed by Major Sams that Cadet Brett Allan Alford has made the all "A-B" Dean's List for the first grading period of the first semester. I am extremely proud of Cadet Alford and sincerely wish for him the very best as he continues his education at Lyman Ward...." Kirk Alford, AAFA #306, is the son of our Chairman of the Board Lodwick Alford. Congratulation to Brett!

✓ One of our most active and enthusiastic members, Arkansas Representative Mary Alford Helms, AAFA #407, wrote the following letter asking for our prayers and positive thoughts in her optimistic fight:

*Dear Alford "Kin,"*

*As you may know, I had breast cancer six years ago. I went in for a routine bone scan 10/18-19/93; the oncologist called and told me that it had come back a rib and a femur (thigh bone) and the blood.*

*The oncologist is very optimistic. She told me that people can live "for*

*years and years and years with this"—and added, "but with YOUR attitude....."*

*I don't accept it coming back! I plan to live forever and then some! I ask for your prayers for healing. Marian [Alford Hodges] and I have often discussed attitude. We feel like "the Alford Attitude" can put down anything.*

*So please send your prayers towards Heaven and your attitude my way. I KNOW that with prayers, attitude, vitamins, diet, visualization, exercise, and chemo, I'll be fine!*

*May I also ask you to include Amanda Blake in your prayers. She is fighting lymphoma.. I met her at the doctor's office. She is 36 years old.*

*Thank you so much, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Richmond.*

*Sincerely,  
Mary Alford Helms*

✓ Walter W. Alford, AAFA #73, sent in this correction to "Alfords in Some Louisiana Cemeteries" in the Summer 1993 issue:

*"On page 34 of the latest issue of AAFA ACTION under Mt. Pisgah Church Cemetery we are badly astray, and it isn't the fault of your Judy Magee. There must be at least 200 people buried there, including my father, Daniel Prophet Alford, my mother, Bessie B. (Smith) Alford, my brother Glenn Daniel Alford, my sisters Marie Emma and Sybl Marguerite. I am paying for a double plot for my wife and me, and my brother Milton Lanier Alford is doing likewise. My sister Mavis Lanelle is buried with her husband in Mississippi, and Vermelle Iris is with hers in his family cemetery. My brother Donald Weldon ALLFORD, WWII paratrooper, had his ashes scattered from the sky at the time of his death. He had his name changed to ALLFORD (postwar)."*

Editor's clarification: Thank you for drawing attention to this problem. The data for this article came from published sources, one of them being *Washington Parish Cemetery Records, Volume III*, by Judy Magee (she is not "our" Judy Magee). Either she missed some graves or we missed them when extracting the information from the book (which I haven't seen). We are thankful that we have a new Cemetery Committee Officer to begin gathering non-published Alford cemetery data and checking published records, using much the same methodology used by the Census Committee.

✓ Jack Kinabrew, AAFA #87, also wrote about the above cemetery article.

*"On page 35, the Roberts Cemetery is listed as being in Washington Parish. On the USGS quadrangle for Mount Hermon, this cemetery is shown as just over the line in Tangipahoa Parish.*

*This prompts a caveat.*

*Many of the parish cemetery lists include cemeteries just over the line in the adjacent parish or state. This is a matter of convenience, as the parish or state line is not readily noticeable as one drives along the road. Besides, the cemetery may serve communities on either side of the line."*

✓ If anyone is interested in gathering favorite "Alford" recipes and getting them printed in a professionally published cookbook that can be made available to AAFA members either at cost or as a fundraiser, write to me and I'll send you a sample and all the information you need to get started from Walter's Cookbooks. This could be a fun project, but I would not undertake it lightly. We have not exactly had rip-roaring, enthusiastic participation in projects that require members to send something somewhere! ❖

## Illinois "Alford" Marriages

The following list of "Alford" marriages was purchased from the Director, Illinois State Archives, Office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, IL 62756. If you are interested in other surnames, write them giving the surname(s) and they will advise of the cost, if any, or just bill you. Their costs are very reasonable. The Source below may be either the marriage book or license reference. If the entry contains a "/", the source is the marriage book: book/page. Otherwise the entry, if any, is the license number.

NAME	SPOUSE	DATE and COUNTY	SOURCE
ADA ALWARD	SHULZE, HERMAN	18970826 MC DONOUGH	1776
ADELLA E. ALFORD MRS.	BARNES, DWIGHT BENNETT	18780109 MC HENRY	1/1
ALANSON ALVORD	LITTLE, SARAH FRANCIS	18490731 HENRY	19
ALLEN S. ALFORD	HINCHCLIFF, ETTA	18910212 JACKSON	
ALMIRA ALFRED	WATERSON, LEONARD	18390815 MORGAN	8/20
ALVA HAMILTON ALWARD	DAVIS, LUDIE BELL	18990122 SHELBY	3/4
AMANDA ALFRED	PETERS, MOSES R.	18570323 PIKE	I/242
ANDREW M. HALFORD	BLOUNT, EMILY JANE	18580211 CHRISTIAN	A/115
ANNIE E. ALFORD	CAMPBELL, CLARENCE L.	18900903 SANGAMON	6/348
BETSY ANN ALFORD	SHAW, ARCHIBALD	18461224 MORGAN	8/54
CALFERNIA ALFRED	STALLINS, JAMES C.	18580526 MASSAC	A/127
CARLOS ALFORD	WISENBERGER, REBECCA	18510809 KNOX	2/16
CAROLINE ALWARD	SMITH, ALBERT A.	18630119 WINNEBAGO	1/
CASS ALVORD	TAYLOR, MARTHA JANE	18630621 MONTGOMERY	2556
CHANCY HALFORD	CHRYSUP, ELIZABETH	18590203 CALHOUN	1/203
CHARLES ALFORD	CONNER, MARY J.	18580326 MARION	C/214
CHARLES ALFORD	REED, ALICE	18760923 CALHOUN	3/54
CHARLES W. ALWARD	LANPHERE, JOSEPHENE MAY	18970915 WARREN	E/56
CLARA HALFORD	HOLDER, BLUFORD	18791212 CALHOUN	3/158
D. SMITH ALVORD	LLOYD, ANNA M.	18610818 HANCOCK	3/464
DANIEL ALWARD	DIXON, MARGARET	18500505 FULTON	8/136
DANIEL ALFRED	JONES, SARAH A.	18650312 MASSAC	A/450
DAVID H. HALFORD	WILSON, SAMANTHA A.	18670324 FAYETTE	A/102
EARL D. ALVORD	PEABODY, LYDIA A.	18791119 KNOX	F/28
EDMUN ALFRED	KOONS, MARY E. MRS	18790204 KNOX	F/17
EDNA ALFORD	SIMONDS, SAMUEL	18941121 PERRY	8/
EDWARD G. ALVORD	SCOTT, ELIZABETH	18351225 MADISON	6/31
EDWARD C. ALFRED	BORROR, EMMA	18821112 COLES	1/363
ELISHA W. HALFORD	CRUTHIS, GERTRUDE LORENE	19140625 BOND	3/92
ELIZABETH ALFRED	SCOTT, WILLIAM	18340824 MORGAN	A/303
ELIZABETH ALFORD	DAVIS, STEPHEN	18360421 MADISON	6/33
ELIZABETH HALFORD	TAPP, JAMES M.	18371024 MADISON	6/38
ELIZABETH, ALFORD MRS	WILSON, JOHN B.	18500820 MONTGOMERY	3/16
ELIZABETH HALFORD MRS.	WILSON, JOHN B.	18500820 MONTGOMERY	3/16
ELIZABETH ALFORD	WALDEN, JAMES	18540406 MASSAC	/14
ELVIRA ALFORD	WAGNER, NICHOLAS B.	18450101 KANE	
EMILY ALFORD	SWERNS, LEWIS	18411213 CALHOUN	1/47
FLORELLA M. HALFORD	KELLY, WILLIAM R.	18370831 FAYETTE	A/11
GEORGE ALVORD	UPTON, EUNICE	18660920 MACON	
GEORGE W. ALWARD	CUTLER, FLORENCE A.	18961012 SHELBY	2/172
GERMAINE G. ALVORD	FERGUSON, CATHERINE M.	18570901 WHITSIDE	8/
GERTRUDE ALFRED	JOHNSON, JOHN V.	19001224 ST CLAIR	
GREEN A. ALFORD	CLARK, LOVINA S.	18541206 DE KALB	A/
GUSTAVUS H. ALVORD	BARLEY, MILLY M.	18740129 KNOX	E/159

GUSTAVUS H. ALVORD	BROTT, CORA M.	18770821 KNOX	E/231
HACK ALFORD	BOYD, ROSA	18720409 JACKSON	
HANNAH HALFORD	LOYD, JAMES H.	18380306 MC HENRY	A/1
HARRIET E. ALFRED	BOOTHE, FRANCIS M.	18550625 CALHOUN	1/159
HENRY C. ALFRED	PRESTON, LUCY E.	18860921 OGLE	1/
ISAAC HALFORD	SWEENEY, FANNY	18320919 PIKE	1/15
ISAAC A. ALFRED	YOUNG, KATIE H.	18930721 SANGAMON	6/535
JAMES B. HALFORD	LANGLEY, MARY JANE	18540413 CHRISTIAN	A/66
JAMES M. ALFRED	BASTIN, ELIZABETH	18690617 JACKSON	
JAMES M. B. HALFORD	CRAIG, RACHEL E.	18710122 FAYETTE	A/125
JANE A. ALVORD	COLLIER, JAMES M.	18550101 WINNEBAGO	I/
JENNIE ALFRED MRS	HICKEY, THOMAS	18871215 ROCK ISLAND	E/39
JEREMIAH H. HALFORD	DUVOLT, GRACY ANN	18381107 PIKE	I/48
JERNETT E. ALFORD	TUCKER, CHRISTOPHER	18541126 KANE	
JOHN ALFORD	FURGASON, MARGARET	18751202 MENARD	8/20
JOHN ALFRED	MORTON, MARTHA	18870125 ST CLAIR	
JONATHAN A. HALFORD	PARHAM, REBECCA E.	18740401 FAYETTE	A/146
JOSEPH ALFRED	JONES, SUSAN J.	18590625 MASSAC	A/174
KEZIAH F. ALFRED	GANN, ISAAC W.	18570304 JOHNSON	8/399
L.H. ALVORD	WILLIAMS, ELLA	18800602 PIATT	8/38
LAWERENCE S. ALFORD	TEVIS, LAURA	18590303 CALHOUN	1/205
LEROY ALFORD	HARDY, MARY M.	18961216 CHAMPAIGN	
LOUIS UPTON ALVORD	WOLFORD, LILIAN MAY	19001010 MORGAN	D/192
LOVICE HALFORD	SUTTON, ABEL	18411104 MC HENRY	A/3
LOVINNIA ALFORD	LANEY, GEORGE W.	18560405 OGLE	
LUCY ANN ALFRED	COLEMAN, EDWIN	18500413 CASS	III/
MAGGIE ALFORD	SMITH, ALOIS	18820827 COLES	1/264
MALOMA HALFORD	JOY, WILLIAM	18521002 CHRISTIAN	A/53
MARGARET A. ALFORD	RIORDAN, EDWARD	18811113 MENARD	8/39
MARTHA C. ALFORD	BRANNON, CHARLES W.	18580212 CALHOUN	1/189
MARTIN L. ALFORD	MATTESON, EVA	18680820 DE KALB	C/400
MARY ALFORD	MULLNAUX, ROBERT	18360411 MADISON	6/32
MARY ANN ALFRED	WOODEN, NEMIAH J.	18460502 CALHOUN	1/67
MARY ALFRED	TAYLOR, CYRUS A.	18570909 KANE	
MARY E. ALFORD	ENGLE, DAVID J.	18731102 MENARD	8/11
MARY E. ALFREDS	STIVERS, CHARLES	18891008 MACON	
MARY ALFORD MRS	SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY	18940402 KNOX	G/39
MATTHEW C. ALFORD	ALFORD, SARAH	18511204 MACOUPIN	4/
MAUD ALVORD	ALLISON, H.F.	19011125 ST. CLAIR	532
MINNIE T. ALFORD	WALKER, JOHN W.	18940601 CHAMPAIGN	
NANCY ALFORD	LENCE, JOHN SR. (LENTZS)	18300311 UNION	1/10
NANCY ALFORD	KELSO, JOHN	18411230 CALHOUN	1/47
NANCY B. HALFORD	HARGIS, WILLIAM	18470922 CHRISTIAN	A/27
NANCY ANN HALFORD	WOLAVER, GEORGE W.	18620417 CHRISTIAN	A/163
NORIS M. ALFRED	STERNES, SARAH	18801205 CALHOUN	3/216
OSEE MATILDA ALWARD	MOORE, EUGENE S.	18510101 FULTON	8/154
PAMELIA A. ALVORD	GORDON, SAMUEL	18510403 HANCOCK	2/7
PHEBE ALFORD	HINES, JONAS	18360303 MORGAN	A/40
PHOEBE ALWARD	PICKERING, WILSON	18450106 FULTON	B/17
R.W. ALVORD	CHAPIN, JULIA MRS.	18701019 HANCOCK	4/64
ROLLIN ALFORD	SPENCER, RUTH	18730612 ADAMS	
ROSE ALFORD	WHITHORN, HENRY	18950200 SANGAMON	7/8
ROVILLA M. ALVORD	MONTAGUE, GEORGE S.	18571110 HANCOCK	2/9

(Continued on p. 37)

## *Will of Julius Alford, 1717-1771*

The following is the will of Julius Alford whose birth was recorded in the New Kent County, Virginia, St. Peter's Parish Register in September 1717. The will was recorded in Will Book 1, pages 201-203 in Bute (now Warren) County, NC. Paragraphing and some punctuation in this transcript were added to aid your reading.

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**I**n the name of God, Amen, the 14th day of July 1768, I Julius Alford, of St. John's Parish and in the County of Bute, being very sick and weak but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is apportioned for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. That is to say, Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executor, no thing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give, devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following. That is to say-

In the first place, I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife, Lucy, one horse bridle and saddle, one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Also, I give to my well beloved son John Alford, all my land and plantation lying in the County of Bute and on the south side of Crooked Creek

and also the land on the north side of Crooked Creek above Ferrill's Road, with 6 cows and calves, 6 sows and piggs and 1 breeding mare, to him and his heirs forever.

Also, I give to my well beloved son Isaac the land and plantation lying on the north side of Crooked Creek below Ferrill's Road to the mouth of Wright branch together with 6 cows and calves, sows and piggs and 1 breeding mare to him and his heirs forever.

Item, I give to my well beloved son Goodrich the land and plantation whereon John Ross now lives and in case the said John Ross should pay for the said land according to his bargain, that, that money so arrived to be for his own use and benefit together with all the stock of hogs and cattle as the said John Ross has now in possession to him and his heirs forever.

Item, I give to my well beloved son Jacob, the land and plantation whereon I now live lying on both sides of the Tar River, together with 6 cows and calves, 6 sows & piggs and 1 breeding mare, to him and his heirs forever.

I give, to my well beloved son, Job, fifty pounds Virginia money together with 6 cows and calves, 6 sows and piggs and 1 breeding mare to him and his heirs forever.

Item - I give, to my well beloved daughter, Patty, 1 feather bed and furniture and one breeding mare, to her and her heirs forever.

Item - I give, to my well beloved daughter Sarah, 1 feather bed, and furniture and 1 breeding mare, to her and her heirs forever.

And also my will and desire is that my whole estate I lend to my well beloved wife, Lucy during her life and or widowhood and all the profits and benefits arriving to be laid out in keeping, maintaining and schooling my children and after her decease or widowhood to be equally divided between all my children and if any of my aforementioned children should die without issue that their aforesaid legacy be equally divided between all my children.

And I likewise constitute, make and ordain my dear beloved brother Lodwick Alford and his son James Alford, my only and sole executors of this my last will and testament. Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Julius X Alford

In presence of James Alford, Thomas T. Gay, and John X Arrundell.

Bute County, November Court, 1771

This last will of Julius Alford, deceased, was presented in court by Lodwick Alford & James Alford the executors herein named who made oath thereto and the same being proved by the oaths of James Alford and Thomas Gay two of the witnesses as to the same is admitted to record and letters Testamentary is granted to the said Lodwick Alford and James Alford who was qualified accordingly.

Teste. Ben McCulloch, C.C. ❖

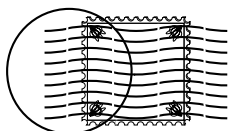
## Pt. 4: Lucy Stevens – Tressie Bowman Collection

Computer entry by Willie M. Alford, AAFA Florida Representative and tireless typist

Editing by Gil Alford, AAFA Executive Director

This is a continuation of the correspondence between the late Lucy Shull Stevens AAFA #94 and some of her Louisiana contacts, primarily the late Marie Greer. For background, see *AAFA ACTION*, March 1993, p. 56 and *AAFA ACTION*, December 1992, p. 59. Part 3 appeared in the Summer 1993 issue.

The following was written on letter-head stationery of the Many Lumber Company, Inc., Box 771, Many, Louisiana Phone 2062, B.J. Tidwell, President & Gen. Mgr. [If I am not mistaken Marie was a Tidwell before marriage.] The letter was typed but it was dated 7/5/1965 at the beginning in pen, and Lucy annotated it "Rec'd 7/21/65". You will note other typed dates in the text of the letter. Apparently the letter was started some time in June and done in pieces as evidenced by the use of different typewriters. Comments in square brackets [ ] were made by Gil Alford.



Pet. of Mrs. Lucy M. Shull: Succ. Bk. 2, pg. 551 [Tressie Bowman's first husband was James Matthew Shull, 1884-1934, a descendant of LUCY ALFORD and William MAINES.]

She, being a resident of Sabine Parish, Louisiana, as natural tutrix of her minor children: Matthew & Nettie Shull, issue of marriage between herself & the deceased William L.

Shull etc. Major heirs consist of Marables?? & Nables?? (illegible). [illegible to Marie Greer]

Note: could this be Nannie Shull-Skinner, b. Feb. 26, 187-, died Sept. 8, 1936? Here are a few of the inscriptions from Bayou Scie. Don't know if you have these or not.

Mary J., wife of W.G. MAINES, b. July 12, 1848, d. Jan. 27, 1908.

Alice, Viola, dau. of W.C. & Mollie J. Maines, Aug. 6, 1879 - May 10, 1908.

July 7, 1965:

I got another article today at lunch might help a little:

Succ. Bk. 6, pg. 392. Doc. no. 10,120: Succ. of B.B. Carter:

Pet. of Mrs. Della Carter, widow of B.B. Carter, deceased and left the following children: BRAD CARTER, GEORGE CARTER, ELVA CARTER, wife of S.V. DAVIS, LAURA CARTER, wife of C.V. ALFORD, ROBERT CARTER, MARY CARTER, wife of T.M. HUGHES, NETTIE CARTER, wife of J.B. TILIMAN. B.B. CARTER died Mar. 20, 1906. value of est. fixed at \$5,000.00. etc.

Succ. Bk. 8, pg. 94. Succ. of J.M. SHULL, No. 12,322. filed Dec. 13, 1934.

W.E. Curtis appointed adm. of estate. noted this in inventory: 448 shares of stock in Gidden-Shull Abstract Co. No names given tho.

Bk. 5. Petition of J.J. Alford, wife, Catherine Alford died Aug. 1919, children W?dffie R. Alford, W.R. Alford, Louis J. Alford, Lilly Coburn, wife of Thad Coburn, Maud Cobb,

wife of Coleman Cobb, Edward Alford, Katie Coburn, wife of Tommy Coburn, all of full age and one minor daughter, Ella Alford, 15. one grandchild, Other Montgomery, son of Joanna Alford and A.J. Montgomery, W.R. Alford, as under-tutor for Ella Alford.

Then Bk. 6, pg. 427, Ella Alford—a pet. of W.R. Alford, stating that Ella is mentally incompetent etc. went through about 5 or 6 pages of Dr. Exam. etc. Nov. 18, 1929, had a family meeting consisting of I.E. ALFORD, FLOYD ALFORD, W.R. ALFORD, W.A. TRAVER, H.A. SELF. It states that L.F. ALFORD IS a brother to Ella and a sister is EFFIE BELL GANDY etc.

July 18, 1965: Well, I've waited thinking I'd luck up on something yet but haven't, even checked Natchitoches Parish in a real short period of time the other day: however a correspondent of mine who wrote of your Alford problem also has sent something yesterday in the mail that is rather firm print and hard to read but it looks like LUCY ALFORD married WILLIAM MAINES (this part is plain) BK. W 1, Tangipahoa Parish Conveyances. They lived on Tangipahoa River in the western part of Wash. Parish.

The beginning of the Alford series that she sent says the Alford family migrated to LA. from Montgomery Co., GA.. Had moved to this Co. prior to 1762, from Cumberland Co. No. C. This data came from the book: *PIONEER FAMILIES & CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS, PIKE CO., MISS, 1797-1876* by Conerly. It seems this Lucy Alford was dau. of JACOB & FRANKIE SEABORN ALFORD.

She listed 14 children of this orgin. Jacob Alford. I don't understand as she

just sent this data and did not write and give explanation, I'd sure like to see that book and figure this out. It sounds interesting but not understandable either. If my copy machine were here I'd just run you a copy and see if you could figure it out. ha. Always something broke down here, typewriter, copy mach. an appliance sometimes it's even ME ha. I checked with a descendant of Issac Carter, who so many got in the D.A.R. on from here and she gave me an Elizabeth Carter but she wasn't married to a Maines. I talked to her at the office and made the note and left there, will check on it and let you know, anyway they were from Miss. too then I believe.

I am patiently waiting for a book on the Alford's that I think I might find that marriage in. Our library service, is so poor it is ridiculous, I had a big feud with the librarian the other day over our poor service here and brother she lit into me like a duck on a June bug!! Why, we have a big microfilm reader here, none of the public ever knows it, also a xerox and no one knows it, not a thing to put on the reader and never takes the xerox out, it's hid in a box in back. Isn't that ridiculous??? She simply will not order books on the inter-library loan. I simply do not have time to go to Shreveport and such to check these books.

Oh, yes, I found the will of JOHN WADDELL in Natch. Parish. He died in 1830 Will was made in Brunswick Co., North Carolina, wife was Sarah, he had property in Chatam Co., N.C. and FRANCIS N. (son) was exec. of his will, he had son John Jr, and one Marion who lived on his land called Ashley, (so it reads) had property in Winn and Grant Parish. Now it mentioned sisters to these brothers but never gave names. I just wonder if I would be skipping a generation to say he was the father of my Martha Waddell who married Needham J. Alford who was born in N.C. and his brother Julius, b. in GA. married sister

to Martha,-Elizabeth? They filed in Sabine parish in 1847 for their father's estate (or interest in same) property in East Feleciana in Clinton, La., also stated that their father John Wadell died in East Feleciana. Needham was b. in 1797 and Martha 1798 according to census. The old John must be their father. Boy these people who used the same names all down through the family !!! And HELP appreciated. Meantime, I'm still searching for you. I went to the place joining my brother's property here where I thought your ancestors ALFORD-MAINES might be buried as I had been told they settled this place and that there were 2 or 3 grave there but never found markers if it was. It was wet then and couldn't do much, plan to go back and look more tho. If you come down here for the homecoming, please look me up and call me now, I'm near the Bayou Scie as I told you and I'd feel real bad if you didn't call me or look me up.

It seems so awful that I can get so near to your ancestors and can't quite put my fingers on her yet either. I wrote to a lady in Downer's Grove, ILL., and she exchanged her Alford data with me but hers were all from Va. & Tenn and none sounded like yours and had no Maines marriages in them either. She has some of these of her line back to England and some just to the immigrant or in the 1600. She thinks her William of Fredrich Co., Va., in 1760 is a cousin of my Needham. Hope to prove that. I still will watch out and if your lines are in this area or anything I can do or watch for, I will be happy to keep note and send you what I find. This ancestor hunting means so much to me. I love it !!!! Hope to hear from you soon and will send information as I find it. Thanking you for what you have did for me also, I am,

Sincerely,

MARIE T. GREER

## *Label It!*

By Jack Kinabrew, AAFA #87 and Photo Archivist

Before I became so involved with genealogy (in all its ramifications), I was working on certain phases of philatelic research.

One of the real students of postal stationery had published many articles and some books. In the process he had accumulated several file cabinets of research material, some of it unpublished.

In time he became ill and finally passed away. His philatelic friends waited a decent interval and then asked his son what disposition was going to be made of all that material. To their horror, the reply was, "You mean all those old papers? We threw them out when we straightened up Dad's apartment."

The moral of this story is: Don't depend on your family to see that all your genealogical information, so painstakingly researched and filed, is taken care of. Dispose of it while you can or label it so that it will be given to AAFA, your local genealogical society, the genealogical collection of your local library or museum, or some interested family member or friend.

If you are an officer of AAFA, be sure to label all your files and records so that if anything happens to you, these papers will be held intact until your replacement can get them.

Sort of an unpleasant subject?

Perhaps, but at eighty you begin to think along these lines.

So—label it! ❖



## *Background on the Lodwick Alford*

By Gil Alford, Executive Director

If you've been reading the continuing exchange of ideas and barbs between Wick Alford and Jim Alford (Houston) regarding the Lodwick Alford, you might be getting confused at this point. Pam Thompson, our editor, asked if I could prepare some background to understand all the discussion, especially since we're publishing two articles (following this one) in this issue about the Lodwicks. I try to stay out of the Lodwick argument and leave it to those who are, or may be, descendants. However, in the interest of clarity, I wrote the following brief summary of the issues. I strongly recommend that you read the references listed at the end as well.

After I have heard from Wick, Jim and several others who are likely to disagree with something I have written—or claim I left out critical evidence—I'll update this for publication.

The basic question is: How are two Lodwick Alford related? There is the earliest known, who will be described in a moment, and the one who died in 1820. Wick does not feel that they are father and son but does see them as possibly uncle and nephew. Though he is quick to confess that he has little to support his position, Wick never waivers. Jim, on the other hand, feels he has some evidence to support his position, which may shift slightly from time to time as new evidence appears, but generally he believes the Lodwick who died in 1820 was the son of the elder Lodwick.

There are literally hundreds of references to Lodwick Alford in a variety of sources. Just a few will be mentioned here.

Lodwick Alford first appears in the records of St. Peter's Parish in New Kent County, VA.

1734 William—Son of LODOWICK

and ELIZABETH ALFORD born July 31 and baptized August 2.

May 29 1735 Elizabeth—wife of LODOWICK ALFORD died.

Oct 5 1735 "At the Petition of Wm. Paisley an Overseer of the High Road from the Old Church to Mr Chamberlaynes Ordinary. That he have Wm. Atkinsons Titheables, Stephen Brooker, LODOWICK ALFORD, Goodrich Alford and Julius Alford, Micha. Harfields Tiths Richd. Ross Maj. Dandridge's John Lightfoots & Colo. Custis's Tiths at the old Quarr. and upon the River."

1736 Elizabeth—Daughter of LODOWICK and SUSANNA ALFORD born December 22 and baptized February 6.

1738 Jacob—Son of LODOWICK and SUSANNA ALFORD born December 12 and baptized February 18.

We learn more about Lodwick from the 1771 will of JULIUS ALFORD in Bute County, NC, which identifies LODWICK ALFORD as his brother, making Lodwick and his son JAMES ALFORD the executors of his estate. [See the transcription of Julius Alford's will in this issue. Compare it, especially the date, to the transcription in Part Four of Hugh Edwin Alford's work in *AAFA ACTION*, June 1992, p. 39.]

Knowing that LODWICK ALFORD is the brother of JULIUS ALFORD, we can go back to the St. Peter's Parish record to see what other connections can be made.

1713 James—son of JAMES ALFORD born February 7th Xned (christened) April 12

1717 Julius—son of JAMES ALFORD born in September

Nothing more has been proven about this JAMES ALFORD born 1713, but

Wick sees the possibility that he was the father of the LODWICK ALFORD who died in 1820.

Up to this point we know that Lodwick had four children: WILLIAM ALFORD, ELIZABETH ALFORD, JACOB ALFORD, and JAMES ALFORD.

The Alford's apparently leave New Kent County in the late 1730's and don't appear until several years later in North Carolina. There is some idea that the family spent this period in Isle of Wight County, VA.

LODWICK ALFORD, SR. wrote his will 21 June 1792 in which he identified the following children: daughters Winney Rogers, Mary Alford, Susannah Hobbs; and sons ANSELM ALFORD, SAMUEL ALFORD [LAMUEL], KINCHEN ALFORD, GOODRICH ALFORD and WARREN ALFORD (executor). Other legatees were Lany Freeman, Susannah Freeman and Sarah Cole. The will was proven in the September 1801 session of Franklin County Court. [see *AAFA ACTION*, March 1993, page 54]

Others have been identified as children of LODWICK ALFORD by land and tax records.

Notice that none of the children identified to Lodwick in New Kent County are mentioned in this will. Note also that he identifies himself as senior yet does not mention LODWICK ALFORD, JR.

At least three North Carolina State records in the late 1770's mention LODOWICK ALFORD, JR. 2nd Major of Wake County.

Wick has a walking stick that bears an engraved golden band which family tradition says goes back to the Lodwick Alford who died 1820 in Wake County. He is identified as JAMES LODWICK ALFORD and was also known as Major Tanner

Alford. Efforts are underway to attempt to date the gold band. [See *AAFA ACTION*, September 1988, p. 13.]

There are enough other records that mention LODWICK ALFORD to fill this quarterly. There are a few in which Lodwick is identified as a Jr. There are no records, to the best of my knowledge, in which Lodwick Alford and Lodwick Alford, Jr. are identified as father and son.

For years DAR records showed that LODWICK ALFORD died 1789 in Washington County, Georgia. Until very recently we have been unable to prove that any of these earlier Lodwick Alfords were in Georgia. We now have documents showing that in 1800 a federal judge believed Lodwick Alford was in Georgia. [See "Lodwick Alford Sr. in Early Georgia" in this issue.]

Some members place a great deal of emphasis on the signature of the various Lodwick Alfords and believe they can be separated using their handwriting or signatures. I'll leave that for another time.

## RECOMMENDED READING

"Ole Lod" verse by Louise M. Fuller AAFA #284 which she presented at the 1990 meeting dinner in Raleigh, NC. (*AAFA ACTION*, March 1991, p. 26). This is a very interesting and informative work.

"What's In A Name? (Part I)" by James P. Alford, *AAFA ACTION*, June 1989, p. 6.

"Alfords and Their Kin in Early NC, Part I" by James P. Alford, *AAFA ACTION*, March 1990 p. 14.

"Alfords and Their Kin in Early NC, Part II" by James P. Alford, *AAFA ACTION*, June 1990 page 49. ❖

## Adventure in Greene Co., GA

By Lodwick Alford  
AAFA Chairman of the Board

When James P. Alford of Houston, Texas, mentioned in a letter last April that he and his lovely wife Nina would be in Greene County, Georgia, in early July 1993 for some Alford genealogy research, I jumped at the chance to join them. In fact, if they hadn't suggested it, I would have insisted anyhow!

Because of other commitments, I had already turned down an invitation from my nephew Charlton Veazey earlier in the spring to come up with my sister Beatrice Alford Parramore of Valdosta, GA, to his place in Greene County for a visit and some fishing "in his pond." After a rapid series of phone calls with Jim, Charlton, and Bea Parramore we set up a rendezvous in Greene County for Tuesday, July 6. When I called Bea about the possibility of another visit to Chez Veazey, she too jumped at the chance— even though she had been up there earlier in the spring. I now know why she likes the place.

Driving to Valdosta on Monday, July 5, I picked up Bea and we proceeded to Greene County, arriving about mid-afternoon on Tuesday at the lovely home of Charlton and his gracious wife Gene. It is a dream house located on a dream spot on the shores of Lake Oconee. The lake is many, many square miles formed by a dam on the Oconee river. Some pond! I took a lot of good-natured ribbing on that.

Jim and Nina were staying at a local motel in Greensboro, the county seat, and after their arrival our gracious hostess Gene phoned them and invited them to dinner that evening. And what a dinner it was! I tell you folks, good old-fashioned southern hospitality is alive, well, and flourishing in Greene County, Georgia. After a dinner like

that it fairly screamed for coffee, liqueur and cigars.

Forthwith Jim and I retired to the terrace and lit up some good quality, very mild Bering cigars. He and I agreed that philosophers smoke cigars. Jim was supposed to bring a whole box of Berings to pay me off when he was ready to concede that it was not Lodwick Alford Sr., b.1710, who wrote the will of 1792 and who died ca. 1800 in Franklin County, NC. But he just brought a few cigars indicating that he also is not ready to believe that ole Lodwick died 1789 in Washington County, Georgia. We agreed, cordially of course, to disagree and sort of "smoked the peace pipe." We also agreed with the sage words of Mark Twain: "A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke." We thought this was such a delicious observation that we later repeated it to the ladies and were rewarded with frosty stares.

Those of you who have been following the long-running controversy between Jim and me, don't be misled by our jabs and thrusts. Those are only mock insults. He is not a bad joker once you get to know him over a good cigar. He just will not follow common-sense, logic, and my advice that my ancestor James Lodwick Alford, b. 1749, is not Lodwick Jr., b. 1743. Ha! Now Jim's stated purpose for researching in Greene County was just to find ruins and tombstones of his ancestors Captain Julius, b. 1747, and Rebecca Jackson Alford. But I suspect an ulterior motive to prove ole Wick wrong so he could collect the box of cigars.

My motive was open and above board and stated many times: to find out whether ole Lodwick died 1789 in Georgia or ca. 1800 in Franklin County, NC. I am mentally prepared to

go either way and would be proud to be a descendant of ole Lodwick. But are many other Alford descendants ready to have their lines changed? A lot is riding on the outcome. It makes a difference for those wanting to join the DAR, the SAR and other ancestor-dependent organizations. Now we know it is not just a myth he may have died in GA.

We have a federal district court case recently discovered in GA which unequivocally refers to the defendants Lodwick Alford Sr. and Julius Alford “of Georgia and citizens thereof.” [See “Lodwick Alford Sr. in Early Georgia” by James P. Alford in this issue.] The case was brought in Georgia in 1800 by plaintiffs John Hamilton & Co. (Loyalists) for a debt contracted way back in 1776 in that part of Bute County, NC, which became Franklin County in 1779. We know Captain Julius Alford, b.1747, left NC ca. 1788 and eventually settled in Greene County, Georgia, dying there in 1820. I think he took his father ole Lodwick with him and the arduous trip probably did him in. He was 79 years old. One speculates whether there were rumors in Franklin County, NC, that creditors Hamilton were going to make a try at collecting the old debt and that Alford father and son left NC rather hastily—perhaps with the sheriff hot on their heels.

A rather curious aspect of the case was that the marshal of the district court in Georgia found Julius and served the court papers on him but reported back that Lodwick Alford “was not to be found.” Big question—what does that mean? Is he dead or do they really not know where he is? Surely Julius must have told the marshal something about his father.

In preparation for his research in Greene County, Jim had mapped out

where Julius Alford settled in 1788. In the northwest corner of the county is a small stream called Spring Creek. In 1820 it was called Spring Branch and Julius’ land was on both sides of the creek and both sides of the Greene/Clarke County line. That part of Clarke was much later formed into Oconee County. So after our great dinner on Tuesday evening, we planned our foray into the woods and countryside the next day. We checked our insect spray, sun block, heavy socks and trousers. Charlton Veazey very kindly offered to haul us around in his pickup because of the rough terrain and because he knew the county roads. This was a relief—I fully expected to be stopped by the local sheriff if we had wandered about woods and country roads in Jim’s big blue Mercedes with darkened windows and looking like drug smugglers.

We made an early rendezvous with Jim at the Jameson Motel and set out. First we went to both Greene and Oconee County courthouses early on Wednesday for various kinds of maps, particularly topographical showing land elevations, roads, creeks, churches and old graveyards. I really did not expect to find anything about Alford’s. I had seen the ravages of time and neglect on old Alford cemeteries in North Carolina. [See “Old Private Alford Cemeteries” by Lodwick Alford, *AAFA ACTION*, September 1991.] It does not take long for all evidence to vanish. But I have to hand it to Jim for optimism. He took along materials for making tombstone rubbings. This is somewhat akin to the fisherman who went whale-hunting in his rowboat and took along a jar of tartar sauce. It was fun and we had a lot of laughs.

Well we crisscrossed up and down the northwest part of Greene County. We found three old cemeteries on the maps and checked them out. But our

best source of information were old black gentlemen who lived along the various roads. They were very helpful, and we found four more not on the maps. We tramped through the woods and some near-impenetrable briar thickets. We could not resist picking and eating a few blackberries, taking me back to my childhood. And sure enough, our first foray in the woods produced scads of ticks. We picked them off before we could be bitten and sprayed even more carefully. Luckily we didn’t have much trouble with chiggers. We kept a sharp lookout for rattlesnakes and moccasins but it was hotter than three shades of hell and the local people said it was too hot for snakes—they had gone underground in their burrows.

All of the old graveyards had one or more standing headstones. Some were readable, some not. Most of those readable were deaths about the turn of the century. But there were numerous graves with just rocks marking head and feet. Many were just sunken depressions. All the old cemeteries appeared no longer used, deep in the woods away from traveled roads. We found a few ruins of old chimneys and water wells, always with an old graveyard nearby. It was easy to imagine that here may be where Julius and Rebecca Alford settled in Greene County in 1778 and looked after Julius’ aged father Lodwick until he died a short time later in 1789. There were definitely ghosts around. We could feel it. We continued our search until late afternoon and then called it a day well spent.

Jim and Nina had to leave early the next day for Nashville, and Bea and I had set aside Thursday, July 8, for fishing in Charlton’s “pond.” And now I have an unpleasant fact to report. I have put it off as long as I could: Bea again beat me fishing. She always does. ❖

## Lodwick Alford Sr. in Early Georgia

By James P. Alford, AAFA Director

**A**n 1800 U. S. District court case settling two major Alford mysteries was “discovered” this summer through the work of our venerable Captain Lodwick H. Alford. Its existence was known for many years to a scattered handful of D.A.R. members, but the word never reached researchers in the present-day Association!

The documents contained in this court case:

- prove that Julius Alford and Lodwick Alford Sr. who were sued in Georgia were from Franklin County, North Carolina
- substantiate claims that Lodwick Alford Sr. lived in Georgia late in life
- dispute claims that Lodwick Alford Sr. died in Washington County, Georgia in 1789
- show instead that Lodwick Alford Sr. was very much alive in 1800 and may have fled Georgia to avoid litigation
- support Franklin County, North Carolina estate records by indicating that Lodwick Alford Sr. was deceased before May 1803

John Hamilton and Co. vs Julius Alford and Lodwick Alford the Elder was filed in The United States Circuit Court, District of Georgia, on August 5, 1800 to settle an unpaid debt dating back to the eve of the American Revolution. The documents are stored in the Federal Records Center, 1557 St. Joseph Avenue, East Point, Georgia 30344. The storage location is U. S. Circuit Records (1789-1860) Box A-17 (1795-1820).

John Hamilton of Norfolk, Virginia, and his relative Archibald Hamilton of Scotland were British citizens in 1800

and had very likely been Loyalists during the Revolution. The Hamiltons were probably importers who supplied the Alford’s store in Franklin County, North Carolina.

The Treaty of Peace signed in 1783 gave British subjects the right to trace debtors and recover just debts. Knowing that the courts would be inhospitable, most British subjects who were owed money were prudent and didn’t rush out seeking debtors. Years later tensions had relaxed and the Hamiltons began pressing for settlement of their accounts. One day in 1800 they or their attorney appeared in Georgia demanding repayment from the Alfords.

The Alfords, though lacking proof, refused to pay the Hamiltons, saying that the debt was already paid. The sum in dispute was considerable and was equal to many a man’s lifetime wages in those days.

The Hamiltons’ attorney then filed suit in the U.S. District Court of Georgia. The petition described the defendants as “Julius Alford and Lodwick Alford, the elder, of the district of Georgia and Citizens thereof”. It went on to say that they “have hitherto refused to pay and each of them still doth refuse to pay the same”.

Filed with the original petition is a transcription of a promissory note (or a “Single Bond” as it was called then) for just over £549, signed by the defendants and dated 1 February 1776. It reads:

“We Julius Alford & Lodwick Alford Senr Both of the County of Bute & Province of North Carolina oblige our Selves, our heirs & assigns to pay to John Hamilton & Co. of the County of Nansemond & Colony of Virginia their Certaine attorney, their Heirs, Executors, Admrs ore assigns the just & full

sum of Five Hundred & Forty Nine Pounds two shillings & Sevene Pence in Current money of Virginia on Demand with Lawful interest from the date hereof, in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & Seals this first day of February AD One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Six

Julius Alford  
Lodk Alford”

On the back of the promissory note was written “Recvd April 4, 1777 of Julius Alford the sum of Two Hundred Pounds Virginia Money is paid of the withine”.

The defendants were ordered to appear in person or by their attorney at the November Term Court to be held in Augusta and the Sheriff was sent forth to subpoena them. The Sheriff’s notation on the back of the summons reads “Served a copy on Julius Alford September 23, 1800 & Lodwick Alford not to be found.”

Julius Alford alone replied to the petition. Through his attorney he stated: “And the said Julius Alford by John E. Anderson his attorney comes to defend the wrong & injury where ...(?)... and saith that ...(?)... but the debt within declared on is the debt of the said Julius & the within named Lodwick Alford but he saith that the said debt hath been paid off & discharged and of this he puts himself upon the Court.”

*AUTHOR’S NOTE: What is significant for Alford research is that all parties—the plaintiffs, the Court, the Sheriff, and the co-defendant Julius Alford—have uniformly referred to Lodwick Alford Sr. as if he were a living person. Despite the perpetual wording of the promissory note (“...oblige our Selves, our heirs & assigns”) the plaintiffs were suing Lodwick and not his heirs or his estate.*

*The court repeatedly wrote his name as if he were a live defendant, the Sheriff matter-of-factly stated that Lodwick couldn't be found, and Julius appeared and answered for the two of them.*

The case was placed on the docket and reached trial May 7, 1803. In the absence of any written evidence as proof of payment, the jury found for the plaintiffs in the sum of \$3285.33 plus \$19 court costs. The suit at this time was still called John Hamilton & Co. vs Julius & Lodwick Alford.

On May 30, 1803, Chief Justice John Marshall signed an order instructing the United States Marshal to seize the full value of the judgement from Julius Alford. From this date forward Lodwick Alford ceased to be mentioned in the Court's records.

The Marshal was unable to seize any of the land, goods or chattels of Julius

Alford for one reason or another and returned the order to the December Court. By this time the name of the case had been changed to John Hamilton & Co. vs Julius Alford. The Chief Justice promptly reissued the order. Julius Alford obviously was not interested in paying what he considered an unjust judgement. This order was returned January 31, 1804.

Once again the Marshal returned the warrant stating that "No goods (were) to be found." Julius was doing a good job of evading the judgement. The Court sent the Marshal forth again in May, 1805 to seize Julius' property. After a year the Marshal reported back to the Court that he was able to recover \$51 from Julius. However, he deducted \$10 of that for his travel expenses!

On June 4, 1806 the Court directed the Marshal to arrest and detain Julius

Alford Esquire until the court to be held December 14, 1806! Obviously Chief Justice Marshall's patience had run out.

A few months in the slammer apparently did the trick because on December 15, 1806 the Marshal was given a "Notice to Inventory" which was returned January 7, 1807. No further records exist in the folder and it can only be assumed that the judgment was at last satisfied.

*AUTHOR'S NOTE: Lodwick Alford Sr.'s will was entered into record in Franklin County, North Carolina at the June Court, 1801. A copy of his will in the North Carolina Archives purportedly contains a notation that his estate was probated at the September Court, 1806. Could final disposition of his estate have been held up until late 1806 when Julius Alford finally paid the judgement? ❖*

*(IL Alford Marriages, cont. from p. 29)*

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|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------|
| RUBY E. ALVORD           | BARNES, JAMES D.     | 18471007 HANCOCK    | 1209  |
| RUSSELL ALFORD           | MATTESON, HELEN J.   | 18671218 DE KALB    | C/344 |
| SARAH ALWARDT            | PIERCE, JOSEPH       | 18321205 SHELBY     | C/156 |
| SARAH ALWARD             | BOGANNAN, JOHN G.S.  | 18401217 FULTON     | A/75  |
| SARAH ALFORD             | ALFORD, MATTHEW C.   | 18511204 MACOUPIN   | 4/    |
| SARAH ALWARD             | LAWRENCE, JOHN S.    | 18540318 FULTON     | B/245 |
| SARAH HALFORD            | HARVEY, JOHN A.      | 18610123 CHRISTIAN  | A/148 |
| SARAH ALWAID             | PIERCE, JOSEPH       | 18671015 SHELBY     | C/156 |
| SARAH ALFORD             | REED, ELIAS          | 18740306 CALHOUN    | 2/473 |
| SARAH ALFORD             | CAHILL, DANIEL M.    | 18851002 CALHOUN    | 3/367 |
| SETH ALVORD              | WOODARD, ANGELINE    | 18680704 MC HENRY   | A/93  |
| SILAS ALWARD             | CALLIFLOWER, EDA     | 18950420 MC DONOUGH | 1163  |
| SINTHY ALFORD            | FINLEY, ANDREW       | 18350519 SANGAMON   |       |
| SUSANNAH F. ALVORD       | HAGAR, AMASA W.      | 18741202 HANCOCK    | 4/97  |
| THOMAS ALFRED            | BORROR, MIRA         | 18840316 COLES      | J/95  |
| TRUMAN HALFORD / HALFEND | BARNARD, ROSINA      | 18430472 MC HENRY   | A/4   |
| WARREN S. ALFORD         | CHURCHILL, FANNIE B. | 18871221 ADAMS      |       |
| WILBER C. ALVOID         | CLARK, EMMA J.       | 18771002 PIATT      | 8/20  |
| WILBER C. ALVORD         | CLARK, EMMA J.       | 18771002 PIATT      | 8/20  |
| WILLIAM W. HALFORD       | BANKSON, ORRENDA     | 18501106 CHRISTIAN  | A/41  |
| WILLIAM H. HALFORD       | SPINDLE, NANCY       | 18510710 CHRISTIAN  | A/46  |
| WILLIAM C. ALFORD        | FASSETT, MARY ANN    | 18510720 FULTON     | 8/169 |
| WILLIAM H. HALFORD       | CARELOCK, CATHERINE  | 18531115 FAYETTE    | A/47  |
| WILLIAM ALFORD           | HARRIS, FRANCES E.   | 18540502 JOHNSON    | 8/357 |
| WILLIAM ALWARD           | DOBSON, SARAH        | 18580304 SHELBY     | C/    |
| WILLIAM M. ALFORD        | COOK, BRUNETTA       | 18700915 JOHNSON    | 8/305 |
| WILLIAM M. ALFORD        | STEGER, MALINA       | 18940903 ST CLAIR   |       |
| WILLIAM ALVORT           | THURMAN, ELLEN       | 18980205 JACKSON    |       |
| WINFIELD ALFORD          | DERRINGTON, ELIZA    | 18290228 PERRY      | 1/4 ❖ |

## Reflections 1994 — First Quarter

By Gil Alford, Executive Director

See *AAFA ACTION* Fall 1993, p. 30, for explanation of this series.

This feature has to be a “two way street.” We aren’t hearing enough from you!

We are telling you what we know happened to Alford in the time periods covered below. Most of this information is gathered from AAFA data files, but if you think I have it all tied up in the computer, you are mistaken. I need your help with gathering information and keeping things straight.

Here’s what we need to make this a useful feature each quarter, both to present readers and future researchers:

1. It is obvious that we are missing a lot of information—especially when all we know is from the Social Security Decedents File. If you have information on people that we appear to be missing, send it! Tell us where we might have missed a connection. You’ll see questions and notations throughout the article asking for more information. This may be the only opportunity we have to tell you about some of these “Alford”, and we hope it triggers you to search your files and share your data.

2. If you, a family member, or an ancestor experienced something interesting during the periods covered, write it up and send it! Next quarter we’ll cover the second quarter of the years listed below—April, May, and June. [Editor’s note: please send your information to Gil or me by the end of April.] AAFA files list mainly births, deaths, and marriages, but we’d like to fill in the gaps between those events. Where were you living/working and why? Don’t you love it when you come across a tidbit of information

about one of your ancestors that is related to their everyday life? Your descendants will feel the same way reading about you in this column—and they won’t find that kind of information in official records.

Remember: Tell us what you know. That’s one of the ways we “associate.”

In the parts dealing with our national history, it is interesting to see that our ancestors who lived in those days had much the same problems that we have today. They just didn’t have television to remind them of it constantly.

It’s our practice to go back only 300 years but when we see something that is older we will pass it on too.

The following data has come from a number and variety of sources.

### 400 Years Ago — 1594

HENRY ALFORD, son of EDWARD ALFORD and Judith COWNING was born about 1594 in Sussex, England.

RAPHE ALFORD married Wilmot LEVITON at Roborough by Torrington, Devon, England.

Joanna HAWKINS was born 1594 in England. The wife of THOMAS ALFORD, they were the progenitors of over 25 AAFA members: all of those who descend from the brothers and sister who came to Boston about 1634, ALEXANDER ALVORD, BENEDICT ALFORD and JOANNA ALFORD.

JOHN AULVORD married Eleanor BEAVAN February 10, 1594 in Longdon by Upton on Severn, Worcester, England.

ELIZABETH ALFORD, daughter of JOHN ALFORD and Joan \_\_\_\_\_ was christened August 22, 1594 in

Somerset, England. She died August 25, 1670.

### 300 Years Ago — 1694

Francis Nicholson was named the new royal governor of the MD colony in February 1694.

MATTHIAS ALFORD married Christina GODWARD in 1694, probably Dorchester Co., MD. We estimate he was born 1674 and he died between 1727 and 1729 in Dorchester Co. There is evidence of several Alford in early MD but we have nothing to connect them to any present day Alford. Do you?

ROBERT ALFORD was born about 1694 in Somerset, England to ROBERT ALFORD and Sarah BLAGDON.

ELEANOR ALFORD married Thomas SOUL February 3, 1694 in Worcester, Saint Clement, Worcester, England.

RICHARD ALFORD married Thomasine MILLER February 5, 1694 in Wolborough and Newton, Devon, England.

RICHARD ALFORD was christened February 24, 1694 in Worcester, Saint Clement, Worcester, England, the son of RICHARD ALFORD and Margaret \_\_\_\_\_.

HANNAH ALFORD was born March 12, 1694 in Simsbury Township, Hartford Co., CT. The daughter of JOSIAH ALFORD and Hannah \_\_\_\_\_, she married Eli CASE November 13, 1791 in Litchfield Co., CT. Eli was born in CT January 16, 1678 and died November 12, 1795. Hannah’s branch is Benedict Alford 1619 England.

SARAH ALFORD was born March 17, 1694, Salem, Essex Co., MA, and christened March 18, 1694. She was

the daughter of BENJAMIN ALFORD and Mary RICHARDS.

JEREMIAH ALVORD was born in Deerfield, MA March 31, 1694 and he drowned there July 10, 1718. He was the son of JEREMIAH ALVORD and Mehitable FRARY ROOT.

By the end of the 17th century Alford's were well established in both the Middle Atlantic (VA and MD) and in New England (MA and CT).

## 200 Years Ago — 1794

Powdered hair went out of fashion for men but braids remained in.

It was actually 1794 when Eli Whitney perfected the cotton gin in GA. Not long after that Alford's began arriving in GA. Many Alford's have been affected by this event. It is true that there were other gins prior to this period. Referring to Eli Whitney's contribution, Winston DeVillie said the "entire face of the South and its very viscera were to be changed forever."

AMASA ALFORD, son of ALEXANDER ALFORD and Elizabeth LEASE was born about 1794 in Vermont. He married Mary Augusta CHASE February 4, 1830 in Windham Co., Vermont. By 1850 he was in Medina Co., OH for the census. He is from the branch of Benedict Alford 1619 England.

This entry is more query than historic milestone. According to the 1820 census of Wilkinson Co., MS, HUDSON ALFORD was born before 1794. We have some ideas, but who do you think he was and when and where was he born?

MATILDA ALFORD was probably born 1794, likely in Wake Co., NC. She married William OWENS there August 20, 1814. Who was her father?

NATHANIEL GREEN ALFORD

married Nancy Rose LILES who was born 1794. Nathaniel, born 1787 in Wake Co., NC died there in 1848. He married Nancy July 26, 1813 in Wake Co. Nancy died there 1851. Nathaniel was the son of JAMES LODWICK ALFORD (LODWICK ALFORD) or (JAMES ALFORD) from the James Alford 1713 VA branch. At least 19 members of AAFA are descendants of this couple. Most of them were sponsored by AAFA #011 LODWICK H. ALFORD of Sea Island, GA. Wick has been present at every AAFA meeting and a number of his kin have been present at many of the meetings—too numerous to list here.

REBECCA ALFORD was born 1794, probably in NY and died 1795. She was the daughter of GEORGE ALFORD and Betsy HULBERT of the Benedict Alford 1619 England branch.

## January 1794

President George Washington made a change in his cabinet moving VAn Edmund Randolph from Attorney General to Secretary of State. Randolph was born near Williamsburg, not all that far from where AAFA will meet in October 1994. He was at one time the elected governor of VA and was a prominent part of the VA delegation to the Constitutional Convention. Randolph was related to Thomas Jefferson, whose mother was a Randolph. It was Thomas Jefferson, having resigned from office, whom he replaced as Secretary of State. Many readers probably do not remember Edmund Randolph but will remember Aaron Burr, whom Randolph successfully defended for treason.

Congress ordered the addition of two more stars and stripes to the American flag by May 1, 1795 in recognition of the admission of the states of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union.

JANE ALFORD married Edward REDBURY January 1, 1794 in

Gillingham, Dorset, England.

WILLIAM ALFORD married Mary Elizabeth PADDON January 1, 1794 in Exeter, Saint Mary Major Parish, Devon, England.

## February 1794

EDITHA ALVORD was born February 3, 1794 in South Hadley, Hampshire, MA, the daughter of SAMUEL ALVORD and Miriam WHITE.

ANN ALLFORD was christened February 9, 1794, the daughter of WILLIAM ALLFORD and Ann \_\_\_\_\_, Portsmouth, Saint Thomas, Hampshire, England.

DANIEL ALVORD, married 10 February 1794, Middletown, Middlesex, CT, Mindwell CORNWALL.

GEORGE WASHINGTON ALFORD was born February 11, 1794 in Amherst Co., VA. He died August 18, 1834 in Davidson Co., TN. He married Mary B. HILL February 21, 1825 in Williamson Co., TN. The son of JOHN ALFORD, George Washington was from the branch of JOHN ALFORD born about 1696 in MD. AAFA members #022 ELIZABETH V. WILKENS of Bradenton, FL and #543 JACK D. ALFORD of Beaumont, TX are recorded as descendants.

CATHARINE ALVORD married 12 February 1794, Westhampton, Hampshire Co., MA, to Peter Bates BEALS. The daughter of EBENEZER ALVORD and Catharine STRONG, she was baptized April 24, 1768 in Northampton, MA. She died in Burton, OH in 1821.

FAITH (or FAITHY) WATKINS ALFORD was born February 14, 1794 in Greene Co., GA and she died January 12, 1856 in LaGrange where she was buried. The daughter of JULIUS C. ALFORD born 1747 and Rebecca JACKSON in NC, she

married John C. WEBB August 30, 1812 in Clark Co., GA. John C. WEBB was born December 12, 1790 and died June 6, 1840. Major John C. Webb was the son of a Revolutionary War patriot and soldier, Claibourne Webb. John played an important role in the founding of West Point, GA. He was a representative to the state government in Milledgeville, GA, and a military leader against the Indians in western GA and AL.

ANN ALFORD married Clement MARCHANT February 15, 1794 in Bedminster, Somerset, England.

PHINEAS ALVORD, married February 27, 1794, Northampton, Hampshire Co., MA, to Salome JUDD. Phineas, the son of JOSEPH ALVORD and Sarah KNIGHT, was born February 14, 1760 in Northampton, MA and he died about September 1834 in Hamilton, NY.

### March 1794

Congress passed a bill banning slave trade with foreign nations and authorized the establishment of the United States Navy.

GEORGE ALFORD was born March 2, 1794 in Tiverton, Devon, England, the son of HUGH ALFORD and Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_.

WILLIAM ALVORD married Ellenor WILMOTT March 2, 1794, Birlingham, Worcester, England.

SAMUEL ALLFORD was christened March 6, 1794 in Portsea, Saint Marys, Hampshire, England, the son of SAMUEL ALLFORD and Ann \_\_\_\_\_.

ANN ALFORD and her brother THOMAS ALFORD were christened March 6, 1794 in Leake, Lincoln, England. They were children of JOHN ALFORD and Martha \_\_\_\_\_.

EBENEZER ALVORD, born March

29, 1794, West Springfield, Hampden Co., MA, son of SAMUEL ALVORD and Hannah \_\_\_\_\_. So far we have been unable to connect him to the "established" Alvord branch.

By the end of the 18th century Alford's ranged up and down the east coast and many families had begun the migration west and had established homes west of the Appalachians.

### 100 Years Ago — 1894

CHARLIE C. HALFORD was born about 1894 and he died 1915. He was the son of RICHARD C. HALFORD and Sarah H. GARRISON.

FRANCIS MARION ALFORD married Ada Mozelle DAVIS in 1894, probably in FL. He was born in Walton Co., FL September 6, 1867 and died May 4, 1951. Ada was born April 1878 in FL. Francis Marion was the son of JOHN FRANCIS ALFORD and from the Julius Alford 1717 VA branch.

HATTIE ALFORD was probably born 1894, maybe in LA. This is based on her marriage to Lee Alexander NEWTON April 25, 1914 in Washington Parish, LA. There are a number of families in the immediate area and period where this HATTIE may fit but we have been unable to make a connection. Can you?

JOHN ALFORD was enumerated in the 1900 census of Rankin Co., MS; he was born 1894 in MS. He was living with his grandfather, William Mason. Who was he?

MAUDIE ALFORD was born about 1894 by our estimate. The daughter of JESSE L. ALFORD and Philone CARSON, she married Harry GRONSTROM (branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA).

### January 1894

Almost all the buildings of Chicago's Columbian Exposition (World's Fair) were destroyed by fire, causing an estimated \$2,000,000 in damages.

The United States Treasury offered a \$50,000,000 bond issue to restore the gold reserve which continued to decline despite repeal of the Sherman Silver Purchase Act. Public response to the offer was dismal and most of the bonds were bought by banks.

The NY Senate appointed the Lexow Committee to investigate New York City scandals. The police department was under particular scrutiny. One police officer confessed that he bought his captaincy for \$15,000.

A coal mine collapsed in Plymouth, PA caving in and burying 13 miners.

BANFORD (or BUFORD) ALFORD was born January, 1894 in GA. He was the son of JAMES WARREN ALFORD and Mary Elizabeth ARMSTRONG. He was from the Julius Alford 1747 NC branch.

BERTHA A. ALFORD was born January 1894 in TX. She was the daughter of JAMES W. ALFORD and Fannie L. MAULDIN (branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA).

EVA MAY ALFORD was born January 1894 in TX, the daughter of JAMES HAMILTON ALFORD and Amelia BRIMM. She married Lud MARTIN. [see AAFA ACTION Summer 1993, p. 44.]

HENRY ALFORD, son of JOHN ALFORD and Mary \_\_\_\_\_, was born January 1894 in LA. We found them in the Sabine Parish 1900 census but know nothing more about them. What do you know about him?

H. ALFORD, SSN 449-10-3400, was born\* 01/01/1894 in TX and died



05/00/1982 in Many, Sabine Parish, LA 71449. This is probably the Henry Alford above. [Editor's note: Perhaps someone in Sabine Parish could check the local newspaper for an obituary.]

MAUDE ALFORD, SSN 326-56-8060, was born\* 01/01/1894 in IL and died 08/00/1976 in Chicago, IL 60615. Is she the same as the one below?

MAUDE E. ALFORD married Thomas J. BROOKS who was born January 15, 1894. They were married June 4, 1921. Maude was born January 13, 1902 in DeKalb Co., IL, the daughter of ORVILLE B. ALFORD and Dora BRUMESTER (branch of Benedict Alford 1619 England).

JOSEPH HENRY ALFORD was born January 3, 1894 in Lowndes Co., MS where he died November 4, 1951. He married Annie G. BREWSTER November 8, 1925. He is the ancestor of AAFA #386 ANN LAVINA ALFORD of Columbus, MS. Ann was present at the 1991 AAFA meeting in Jackson, MS. We are still trying to get Ann's ultimate ancestor, BERTES ALFORD, born about 1832, connected to an established Alford branch.

BEULAH ALFORD, SSN 250-22-2158, was born\* 01/04/1894 in SC and died 05/00/1978.

MARY ALFORD, SSN 247-19-7694, was born\* 01/05/1894 in SC and died 10/26/1988 in Spartanburg, SC 29315.

LEWIS ALFORD, SSN 266-26-6239, was born\* 01/10/1894 in FL and died 05/00/1979 in Glen St. Mary, FL 32040.

RUBY ALFORD, SSN 553-30-8135, was born\* 01/11/1894 in CA and died 12/00/1976 in San Diego, CA 92116.

ERNEST LESLIE ALFORD, son of SION AUGUSTUS ALFORD, was born January 12, 1894 and died May 10, 1960. He married Zelma FARRIS

in 1917. Ernest belongs to the branch of Jacob Alford 1738 VA and is the uncle of AAFA #478 Gus Alford of Chipley, FL.

MANZE E. ALFORD married John F. TINGLE January 17, 1894 in Neshoba Co., MS. Manza, the daughter of JOHN MADISON ALFORD, was born June 19, 1869 in Newton Co., MS and died in Neshoba Co. December 31, 1951. They were from the John Alford 1801 NC branch.

SUSANNAH JANE ALFORD died January 17, 1894 in Webster Co., MO. She was born March 1, 1836 in NC and married Wesley D. PITCHFORD before November 1863, probably in MO. She is probably the daughter of WILLIAM ALFORD and Jane who were enumerated in Cherokee Co., NC in 1850 and Wright Co., MO in 1860. This would be the branch of William Alford 1803 NC.

DOCK ALFORD, SSN 251-05-6659, was born\* 01/17/1894 in SC and died 09/00/1980 in Mullins, SC 29574. We cannot find him—maybe he also used another name.

CHARLEY ALFORD, SSN 441-24-2862, was born\* 01/20/1894 in OK and died 04/00/1987 in Stratford, OK 74872.

VERNA ALFORD, SSN 490-68-5133, was born\* 01/27/1894 in MO and died 08/00/1975 in Springfield, MO 65803.

LOIS ALFORD, SSN 263-41-9031, was born\* 01/31/1894 in FL and died 12/00/1984 in Tallahassee, FL 32312.

BONDIN DEMPSEY ALFORD was born January 31, 1894 in Walton Co., FL where he died December 18, 1970. He was buried in the Ponce DeLeon Cemetery in Holmes Co., FL. He was the son of FRANCIS M. ALFORD and Temptation LANGFORD. He married Verlon DAVIS in 1929 and was the grandfather of AAFA #544 JOHN A.

ROGERS of Huntsville, AL (branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA). [See Levi below.]

NABORS ALFORD was born January 31, 1894 in Neshoba Co., MS and died there August 25, 1899; buried there in Sandtown Cemetery. NABORS was a child of WILLIAM LACE ALFORD and Martha Jane LEE (from the branch of John Alford 1816 NC).

## February 1894

GROVER C. ALFORD was born February 1894 in MS. He was the son of CHARLIE B. ALFORD and Loula WOODS (branch of John Alford 1801 GA).

LEVI G. ALFORD was born February 1894 in Walton Co., FL, the son of FRANCIS M. ALFORD, JR. and Temptation LANGFORD (branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA). [See Bondin above.]

MECIE ALFORD was born February 1894 in Franklin Co., NC, daughter of BRYANT ALFORD and Lucy \_\_\_\_\_ (branch of Kisar Alford 1814 NC).

NINNIE B. ALFORD was born February 1894 in GA, daughter of JOHN B. ALFORD and Delilia \_\_\_\_\_ (branch of ISHAM ALFORD born 1749 in NC).

J.W. ALFORD married Oregon T. MERES, February 1, 1894 in Winn Parish, LA. Based on the marriage we estimate he was born about 1874 in LA. Who knows these folks?

JAMES THOMAS ALFORD married Josephine EVANS, February 1, 1894 in Montgomery Co., AL. The son of JACOB WESLEY ALFORD and Lydia PUGH, James was born February 14, 1873 in AL and died there January 19, 1937. He is buried in the Pine Level Cemetery, Montgomery Co., AL. Josephine was born April 26, 1873 and died June 22, 1960. They

belong to the branch of one of the William Alford's born 1734 VA.

WILLIAM ALFORD, SSN 507-01-0104, was born\* 02/02/1894 in NE and died 07/00/1964 in NE.

LENNORA E. ALFORD was born February 3, 1894 in Sabine Parish, LA. She died August 9, 1895 and is buried in Davis Cemetery in Sabine Parish. She was the daughter of JOHN JEPHTHA ALFORD and Catherine WILLIAMS (branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA).

NOLA ALFORD, SSN 439-76-7866, was born\* 02/11/1894 in LA and died 12/00/1972 in Hammond, LA 70401. Who is she?

KELLIE ALFORD, SSN 136-18-6899, was born\* 02/15/1894 in NJ and died 11/00/1972 in Clifton, NJ 07112. Does anyone know her?

EUGENE A. ALFORD died February 16, 1894 and is buried at the Quaker Cemetery in Camden, SC. He was born January 7, 1872, probably in Marlboro Co., SC, the son of WILLIAM BERRY ALFORD and Anna Jane THOMAS. [From Nancy Dietrich, AAFA #28]

JAMES HOLFORD, SSN 498-07-9696, was born\* 02/19/1894 in MO and died 04/00/1972 in Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

SARAH ALFORD, SSN 256-09-8464, was born\* 02/19/1894 in GA and died 05/00/1979 in St. Louis, MO 63122.

WILLIAM H. ALFORD married Mary Elizabeth RHEAMS February 22, 1894 in Tangipahoa Parish, LA. William was born December 13, 1868 in Pike Co., MS and died in Tangipahoa Parish November 21, 1944. He is buried there in Wetmore Cemetery. Mary Elizabeth was born September 20, 1870 in LA and died December 11, 1956 in Jefferson Parish. William was the son

of JOHN MILTON ALFORD (Julius Alford 1717 VA branch). He's the ancestor of AAFA #072 Dr. C.D. "Bo" ALFORD, of Hammond, LA, and his daughter AAFA #033 ANNE ALFORD FLIPPIN of Brandon, MS. Anne was present, albeit for only a brief period, at the 1991 meeting in Jackson, MS.

JAMES ARTHUR ALFORD was born February 24, 1894 in Gwinette Co., GA. He married Celia Ada KELLEY. He and his father, JAMES ALVIN ALFORD, were enumerated in Gwinette Co., GA in 1900. James Arthur was the uncle of WALTER HELION ALFORD AAFA #486 of Atlanta, GA.

NANNIE HALFORD, SSN 490-58-5296, was born\* 02/24/1894 in MO and died 06/01/1988 in New Madrid, MO 63869.

ALTA ALVORD, SSN 514-26-5173, was born\* 02/25/1894 in KS and died 06/00/1978 in Winfield, KS 67156. No connection found in the published Alvord book.

EUGENE ALFORD, SSN 541-01-0101, was born\* 02/25/1894 in OR and died 08/00/1972 in Portland, OR 97217. One would have thought he belonged to the branch of Thomas Alford 1802 VA, but we cannot make fit him into it.

### March 1894

DUDLEY ALFORD was born March 1894 in Pike Co., MS. He married Eva PEAK. He was the son of JOHN RAYMOND ALFORD and Laura DANIELS (branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA).

GEORGE CLEM ALFORD was born March 1894 in AL—that is all we know about him.

HARVEY ALFORD [SSN 425-36-3853] was born March 13 1894 in MS

and he died August 1966 in Memphis, TN 38117. He was a son of WILLIAM ALFORD of AL and his wife Stella \_\_\_\_\_. We found them in the 1900 census of Chickasaw Co., MS and the social security data file, but we know nothing more about them.

IRA ALFORD was born March 1894 in Oregon. He is listed in the Lane Co., OR 1900 census as the son of FRANKLIN B. ALFORD and Mo \_\_\_\_\_. Nothing more is known.

ROSETTA ALFORD was born March 1894 in Walton Co., FL. She was the daughter of JAMES ALFORD and Mary MCDANIEL (branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA).

WALTON ALFORD married Lula Pency GRIFFIN March 1, 1894 in Jackson Co., FL. He was born there July 4, 1862 and died January 20, 1944. They were ancestors of AAFA #049 ROBERTA ALFORD FOLDS and #535 RICHARD ANTHONY ALFORD. Roberta and her husband, Milton FOLDS, hosted the 1988 meeting in Atlanta, GA. and were present at the 1992 meeting in Destin, FL and the 1993 meeting in St. Francisville, LA. These folks are from the branch of Wiley Walton Alford 1812 GA.

JAMES ALFORD, SSN 710-10-1683, was born\* 03/01/1894 and died 05/00/1985 in McFarland, CA 93250. (He was on the rail road pension program, not social security.)

Hattie G. Knowles was born March 2, 1894 in Bell Co., TX. She married JAMES BURNS ALFORD, son of CHARLES A. ALFORD. James Burns Alford, the father of ROBERT B. ALFORD AAFA #207 (see later) and grandfather of ROBERT WARREN ALFORD #256, of Arlington, TX, and RICHARD WAYNE ALFORD #257, of Alvarado, TX, was born January 28, 1890 in Lawrence Co., TN and he died in Palo Pinta Co., TX, October 1937.

He is buried there in the Mineral Wells Cemetery. Hattie died October 4, 1985 in Palo Pinta. These Alford's are from the branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA. Wayne and Ruby Alford, along with Bob and Maxine Alford, were present at the AAFA meeting in Houston in 1989. Bob and Maxine have attended most meetings.

EFFIE ALFORD, SSN 560-22-8205, was born\* 03/02/1894 in CA and died 03/00/1985 in Norman, AR 71960.

FLOYD M. ALFORD [SSN 429-12-6769] was born March 6, 1894 in Crockett Co., TN, and he died in Arbyrd, Butler Co., MO, March 30, 1970. He is buried in the Senath Cemetery. He was the son of WILKES ALFORD and has not been connected to a branch.

JEWELL L.L. ALFORD, born January 1871 in MS, married Fannie L. MCELVEEN March 7, 1894 in Pike Co., MS. Fannie was born September 1871 in LA. Jewell was the son of JULIUS N. ALFORD and Mary BRUMFIELD (branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA).

ANNA ALFORD, SSN 158-20-4759, was born\* 03/07/1894 in NJ and died 08/00/1968 in Caldwell, NJ 07006.

LONNIE ALFORD, SSN 269-01-9797, was born\* 03/08/1894 in OH and died 05/00/1970 in Sand Springs, OK 74063.

JAMES ALFORD, SSN 428-05-8657, was born\* 03/08/1894 in MS and died 05/00/1967 in Jackson, MS 39213.

Betty Lou VAUGHN was born March 9, 1894 in Grayson Co., TX. Betty Lou was the wife of GEORGE TOWNS ALFORD who was born in Yalobusha Co., MS September 18, 1888. He died in Sedgwick Co., Kansas October 10, 1962 and he is buried there in Wichita Cemetery. George and Betty Lou were married October 31, 1916 in MO.

George is the son of GEORGE T. ALFORD, and this small branch is identified as that of GEORGE ALFORD born about 1825 in GA. They were ancestors of AAFA #147 MARTIN G. ALFORD of Abilene, KS.

ELIZABETH ALFORD was born March 11, 1894 in Knox Co., Kentucky, the daughter of JOHN WILLIAM ALFORD and Rachel WILLIAMS. Elizabeth died August 14, 1925 in Knox Co. She was buried in Brush Creek Cemetery in Knox Co. Elizabeth married Thomas ANDERSON, who was born February 9, 1886 and died September 21, 1960. Elizabeth belongs to the John Alford 1804 NC branch and was the aunt of the late ORVILLE FELTON ALFORD AAFA #042 whose widow, PAT ALFORD of Lake Station, IN, continues their membership.

DELLA ALFORD married Uriah DILLON March 12, 1894 in Pike Co., MS. We estimate she was born 1868, probably in MS. She died January, 3, 1940 and is buried in Centerville Cemetery. She was a daughter of SEBASTIAN ALFORD and Rosalene WILLIAMS (branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA).

HELENA ALFORD, SSN 543-56-3709, was born\* 03/12/1894 in OR and died 01/00/1979 in Palm Springs, CA 92262.

ANNA LEPHA ALVORD was born March 13, 1894 in Summerville, Kansas, the daughter of HENRY MERVILLE ALVORD and Arvilla BURRUS.

MELINDA FRANCIS ALFORD married George W. HAWKE March 14, 1894 in Harrisburg, Linn Co., Oregon. She was born there September 21, 1877, a daughter of RUSSELL ALFORD and Martha Jane RODGERS, and she died in Lane Co., OR April 15, 1963 (branch of THOMAS ALFORD 1802 VA).

ALEX ALFORD, SSN 564-12-5255, was born\* 03/15/1894 in CA and died 11/00/1982 in Houston, TX 77004.

IBIA ASBRENE ALFORD was born March 16, 1894 in LA, probably Sabine Parish. She was the daughter of JOHN POWELL ALFORD and Ortha WEBB (branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA).

ANNIE HALFORD, SSN 587-12-4103, was born\* 03/20/1894 in MS and died 10/00/1986 in Brandon, MS 39042.

HENRIETTA B. HALLFORD was born March 25, 1894 in Habersham Co., GA. She died September 6, 1969 in Stephens Co., GA. She was the daughter of JOHN HOWARD HALLFORD and Ida V. PORTER. Henrietta married Luther P. ANDERSON June 27, 1915. She was an aunt of POPE and Jimmie FITTS HALFORD AAFA #376 of Hendersonville, NC.

Martin Peter KLYCE was born March 26, 1894 in TN. He married GLENNA GERTRUDE ALFORD April 15, 1914 in Jefferson Co., AL. Martin died there December 22, 1959. Glenna was born May 14, 1895 and she died May 29, 1945 in Jefferson Co., AL. Glenna was the aunt of R.A. ALFORD AAFA #119 of Birmingham, AL (branch of BENEDICT ALFORD 1619 England).

MATTIE ALFORD, SSN 237-82-4343, was born\* 03/26/1894 in NC and died 05/00/1978 in Zebulon, NC 27597. We have a remotely possible connection for her but hesitate to announce anything yet. Any ideas?

Donald KNIGHT was born March 29, 1894 in Jackson Co., MO. He married GRACE R. ALFORD May 3, 1920 in Clay Co., MO. Grace, a daughter of ROBERT F. ALFORD and Mary Elizabeth MADDUX, was born April 12, 1898 in Dallas Co., MO. His branch was that of John Alford 1787 NC.

MATTHEW ALFORD was born March 30, 1894 in Dallas Co., MO, the son of PLEASANT H. ALFORD and Rosetta CAMERON. He married Stella COX March 30, 1913, and died February 1953 (John Alford 1787 NC branch).

ROBERT ALFORD, SSN 426-44-8221, was born March 31, 1894 in Scott Co., MS, the son of WILLIAM J. ALFORD and Mecie GENTRY. He died there November 11, 1975 and is buried in Hodge Hill Cemetery in Hinds Co., MS. He married Birdie MCLEMORE (ISHAM ALFORD 1749 NC branch).

## 50 Years Ago — 1944

President Roosevelt submitted a \$70,000,000,000 budget, most of it to go to the war effort. In the war during the first quarter of 1944:

General Dwight Eisenhower arrived in London to take over as Supreme Commander. Allied forces landed at Anzio and Nettuno just south of Rome. U. S. Forces invaded the Marshall Islands in the Pacific and within three weeks were in control of all the Marshalls. U. S. warships shelled Kurile Islands of northern Japan, the first attack by ships on Japan's home territory. U. S. Air Force conducted a series of massive raids on the centers of the German aircraft industry in what was known as "Big Week" and about a week later made their first raids on Berlin. [It would have been nice if all AAFA members who were veterans of that period and sent information concerning their war efforts in early 1944.]

Editor's Note: I quizzed my father, RAY DORTEY ALFORD AAFA #459, about his activities in the Army Air Corps during early 1944, but he said he was stationed in 17 different stateside places during the war and couldn't remember where he was at that time! We just found some of his technical training certificates for late

1943, so we know where he was then: On September 7, 1943, he completed the Airplane Mechanics course as a PFC in Lincoln, NE, and on October 29, 1943, he completed the Technical Training course as a corporal at the Boeing Flying Fortress School in Seattle, WA.

## January 1944

DIXIE LOUISE ALFORD AAFA #623 was born January 7, 1944 in Raleigh Co., WV. Dixie is the daughter of AAFA members #012 C. WYLIE ALFORD and Charlotte MEADOWS, of Denver, CO, who attended the AAFA meeting in Raleigh, NC in 1990. They belong to the Isham Alford 1749 NC branch.

PATRICIA LOUISE ALFORD was born January 9, 1944. The daughter of McGEE NORRIS ALFORD and Katherine E. AMMONS, Patricia married James Carl McDANIEL November 18, 1962, whom she later divorced (branch of Arthur Alford 1775 SC).

CHARLES STEPHEN ALFORD AAFA #347 was born January 13, 1944 in Craven Co., NC. Charles, the son of JOHN HENRY ALFORD and Bessie Mae TAYLOR, married Hilda J. STANFORD November 19, 1967 in Orange Co., NC. Charles, of Greenville, NC. He was present at the AAFA meeting in Raleigh, NC in 1990. He is one of several from the Henry Hardy Alford 1826 NC branch.

TOM BENNIE ALFORD was born January 22, 1944 in Neshoba Co., MS. The son of THOMAS BENJAMIN ALFORD and Hildred L. SANDERSON, he married Linda Sue GANAWAY. Tom is the nephew of AAFA #260 EARSEL ALFORD BENDER who with her husband, Don BENDER, visited briefly with members at the AAFA meeting in Jackson, MS in 1991. The Benders are from Meridian, MS and come from the John

Alford 1816 NC branch.

MITCHELL ALFORD, SSN 450-70-0409, was born\* 01/27/1944 in TX and died 11/00/1972.

## February 1944

ALEXANDER ALFORD, SSN 250-74-2660, was born\* 02/08/1944 in SC and died 03/00/1980 in NC 29570 [Zip is for McColl, SC which sits very near the NC state line]

BILL ALFORD, SSN 512-42-7870, was born\* 02/10/1944 in KS and died 05/00/1986.

GEORGE ALFORD, SSN 241-72-2785, was born\* 02/27/1944 in NC and died 04/00/1983.

Deucy H. BRAMWELL was born February 15, 1944. He's the husband of AAFA #143 JANICE S. ALFORD BRAMWELL. Janice, born August 31, 1946 is the daughter of BERTRAM NOAH ALFORD and Mildred STAFFORD. Janice now resides in Buffalo, MO (branch of John Alford 1787 NC).

EVA FRANCES ALFORD AAFA #085 was born February 24, 1944, the daughter of FRANK WILSON ALFORD and Maurine JONES. Frances, of Atlanta, GA, was present at the 1988 AAFA meeting in Atlanta, GA (branch of Jacob Alford 1738 VA).

GLENDA JUNE ALFORD was born February 24, 1944. The daughter of the late GLENN WARREN ALFORD and Marilyn M. STONE, she married Terry Lee SLOUGH. Glenda is the niece of AAFA #128 WILLIE M. ALFORD of Bradenton, FL, who is the AAFA FL Representative. Willie was in attendance at the 1992 AAFA meeting in Destin, FL. These folks belong to the Isham Alford 1749 NC branch.

SION AUGUSTUS "GUS" ALFORD AAFA #478 was born February 24,

1944. Gus, of Chipley, FL, is the son of SION AUGUSTUS ALFORD, JR. and Emily E. COUCH (branch of Jacob Alford 1738 VA).

### March 1944

ROY HALFORD, SSN 505-56-0798, was born\* 03/07/1944 in NE and died 09/00/1964.

CARL ALFORD, SSN 287-38-3597, was born\* 03/23/1944 in OH and died 12/00/1986.

KEITH LANIER ALFORD was born March 24, 1944 in Harris Co., TX. The son of MILTON LANIER ALFORD and Iva Amanda CLARK, he married Kath. A. HILZENDAGER April 14, 1964. Keith is the nephew of AAFA #073 WALTER W. ALFORD, of Franklinton, LA, who was present at the 1989 AAFA meeting in Houston, TX along with guest MILTON LANIER ALFORD of Pearland, TX (branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA).

BURT WESLEY ALFORD AAFA #498 married Virginia R. ZANDER, March 25, 1944. They later divorced and he married Patricia Mae LINGLE April 14, 1956 in Clark Co., WA. Burt, the son of BROWN ALFORD and Aletta Isabelle MANARY was born February 16, 1923 in Snohomish Co., WA. Burt and Pat, of Tigard, OR, have been by Florissant, MO and visited with Gil and Mary Alford at AAFA "Corp. HQ." They come from the branch of Jonathan Alford 1815 NC.

EDGAR GRIFFIN ALFORD AAFA #423 married Doris V. BALDWIN March 25, 1944 in Hinds Co., MS. E. Griffin, the son of LEONIDAS MARCELLUS ALFORD and Rachael GRIFFIN, was born May 22, 1920 in Bolivar Co., MS. Griffin and Doris, from Jackson, MS, were present at the 1991 AAFA meeting in Jackson. They belong to the Julius Alford 1747 NC branch.

During the first quarter of 1944 GILBERT K. ALFORD, JR. AAFA #019 was "marking time" waiting for his draft call. He had returned to LA from work with a seismograph company in FL and gone to work for Frank Horton, Consulting Engineers of Southwest Missouri. This engineering company had a contract with a local utility and REA (Rural Electrification Administration), the U. S. Government program designed to provide electricity to the rural residents, electricity having been a convenience primarily in the cities and highly travelled areas before. The survey crew to which Gil was assigned worked first in Concordia, Catahoula, and Tensas Parishes and then later in Bossier Parish. Gil's job was that of instrument man. He operated the transit and assisted the crew chief in determining the configuration of hardware to go on each pole on the line surveyed.

### 25 Years Ago — 1969

President Johnson delivered his last State of the Union address and later that month President Nixon and Spiro Agnew were sworn in.

James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, 78, 34th President of the U.S., died of heart failure.

### January 1969

JULIUS ALFRED, SSN 261-07-7949, was born\* 09/08/1900 in FL and died 01/00/1969 in Flomaton, AL 36441. He was probably the son of JULIUS ALFORD and Lula Irene \_\_\_\_ who resided in Elmore Co., AL in 1900 and Tallapoosa Co. in 1910. We don't have a fix on the branch yet.

MICHAEL HALFORD, SSN 096-07-5658, was born\* 12/25/1902 in NY and died 01/00/1969 in Brooklyn, NY 11222.

CHARLES HOLFORD, SSN 533-12-1525, was born\* 12/12/1895 in WA and died 01/00/1969 in Chewelah, WA 99109.

EMMETT ALFORD, SSN 256-50-9628, was born\* 10/03/1900 in GA and died 01/00/1969 in Columbus, GA 31904. He might have been the son of EDGAR ALFORD and Ola \_\_\_\_ of 1910 Upson Co., GA.

EVA ALFORD, SSN 563-05-8689, was born\* 03/01/1882 in CA and died 01/00/1969 in El Monte, CA 91732.

GROVER ALFORD, SSN 438-44-3164, was born\* 03/14/1890 in LA and died 01/00/1969 in Port Allen, LA 70767. GROVER was the son of ABRAM ALFORD and Leonada (ZORAIDE) ROUGON, part of the branch of Abram Alford 1820 NY. [See AAFA ACTION December 1993, p. 36]

HUGH ALFORD, SSN 420-22-4359, was born\* 03/19/1896 in AL and died 01/00/1969 in Birmingham, AL 35216. It appears that Hugh was the son of RICHARD W. ALFORD and Agnes \_\_\_\_ who was the son of PIERCE LEWIS ALFORD. [See AAFA ACTION Fall 1993, p. 28.]

JENNIE ALFORD, SSN 273-52-3221, was born\* 06/10/1885 in OH and died 01/00/1969 in Cleveland, OH 44118.

JOHN ALFORD, SSN 238-24-1317, was born\* 04/07/1888 in NC and died 01/00/1969 in Lumber Bridge, NC 28357. He may have been the son of BOMEL ALFORD and Susan \_\_\_\_, about whom nothing is known.

JOSEPH ALFORD, SSN 239-54-7987, was born\* 09/02/1912 in NC and died 01/00/1969

LEAMON ALFORD, SSN 250-56-9689, was born\* 01/04/1930 in SC and died 01/00/1969.

MARY ALFORD, SSN 255-07-6710,

was born\* 04/26/1900 in GA and died 01/00/1969 in LaGrange, GA 30240.

PHILIP ALFORD, SSN 081-12-2750, was born\* 05/02/1896 in NY and died 01/00/1969 in Los Angeles, CA 90013.

ROBERT ALFORD, SSN 554-24-9729, was born\* 02/05/1880 in CA and died 01/00/1969 in Nuevo, CA 92367.

WILLIAM ALFORD, SSN 114-20-0346, was born\* 06/26/1888 in NY and died 01/00/1969 in Mannsville, NY 13661.

The adopted twin sons of NANCY ALFORD DIETRICH AAFA #28 and her husband William Carl DIETRICH, Howard Bryan DIETRICH and Charles Russell DIETRICH, came home on January 5, 1969 to 21 South Shore Drive, Galveston, TX. Their adoption was final in June. [From Nancy Dietrich AAFA #28]

ALLAN ZANDERS ALFORD, JR. was born January 14, 1969 in Clackamas Co., Oregon, the son of ALLAN ZANDERS ALFORD and Delana Lou VAN KIRK. They were the grandson and son of AAFA #498 BURT WESLEY ALFORD and his first wife VA Ruth ZANDERS. They are from the Jonathan Alford 1815 NC branch.

SHARON APRIL ALFORD married Thomas Kelly JOYNER January 14, 1969. The daughter of GILBERT GREY ALFORD and Vera HERRING, Sharon was born April 5, 1949 (branch of Arthur 1775 SC).

IDA BELLE HALFORD died January 16, 1969 in Dade Co., FL. Born April 27, 1879 in Ottawa Co., KS, Ida married Robert L. HOBSON October 27, 1907 in Saline Co., KS. She was the daughter of HENRY CHARLES HALFORD and Sarah QUIGLEY.

LINDA KAY ALFORD was born January 22, 1969, the daughter of

AAFA #534 THOMAS R. "DICK" ALFORD and Nelda Irene DURHAM. Dick and Nelda, of West Columbia, TX, were present at the AAFA meetings in 1992 in Destin, FL and 1993 in St. Francisville, LA. Until we find the next generation, their branch is that of William Alford 1786 TN (or NC or VA).

GERALD JOY ALFORD married Nancy L. MILES January 25, 1969 in Multnomah Co., OR. Gerald, the son of RUFUS ELLIS ALFORD and Louise WRIGHT was born March 24, 1943 in Wasco Co., OR. He's from the Thomas Alford 1802 VA branch.

ANDREA DENISE ALFORD was born January 30, 1969 in Whitfield Co., GA. The daughter of JAMES RAYON ALFORD and Margaret R. FRINS of Dalton, GA, she married Christopher LEDBETTER. They belong to the branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA.

TERRY LEE ALFORD AAFA #487 married Jeanette STEWARD January 30, 1969 in Pickens Co., AL. Terry, of Annandale, VA, and the son of LANDRUM L. ALFORD and Bessie HORNE, was born October 7, 1945 in Mobile, AL. (branch of John Alford 1801 GA).

## February 1969

EDWARD ALFRED, SSN 523-09-5575 was born\* 03/10/1891 in CO and died 02/00/1969 in Denver, CO 80202.

LLOYD ALFRED, SSN 433-20-8343 was born\* 11/06/1911 in LA and died 02/00/1969 was probably the son of JOHN ALFRED and Henrietta \_\_\_\_\_ of New Orleans.

HARRY HALFORD, SSN 361-05-4756 was born\* 04/03/1921 in IL and died 02/00/1969 in Alton, IL 62002.

HUGH HALLFORD, SSN 499-40-0944 was born\* 04/21/1890 in MO and

died 02/00/1969 in California, MO 65018.

EARNEST HOLFORD, SSN 493-14-7633 was born\* 12/28/1916 in MO and died 02/00/1969.

CHESTER ALFORD, SSN 555-24-1709 was born\* 07/15/1914 in CA and died 02/00/1969.

CLETA ALFORD, SSN 312-22-2136 was born\* 08/30/1901 in IN and died 02/00/1969 in Indianapolis, IN 46205.

EUGENE ALFORD, SSN 257-50-3169 was born\* 08/15/1883 in GA and died 02/00/1969 in Atlanta, GA 30303. It was probably he who appeared in the 1900 census of Harris Co., GA with his mother Fanny, brothers Albert and Henry and sisters Mary (Rudsville) and Sally. Can you prove or disprove?

PARNEL ALFORD, SSN 436-18-4846 was born\* 06/13/1913 in LA and died 02/00/1969 in New Orleans, LA 70113.

PATRICIA ALFORD, SSN 451-60-9846 was born\* 02/01/1941 in TX and died 02/00/1969.

THEODORE ALFORD, SSN 251-05-0725 was born\* 10/10/1907 in SC and died 02/00/1969 in Dillon, SC 29536.

TROY ALFORD, SSN 465-07-2774 was born\* 12/29/1902 in TX and died 02/00/1969 in Corsicana, TX 75110.

WILBUR ALFORD, SSN 405-16-8764 was born\* 05/25/1892 in KY and died 02/00/1969 in Utica, KY 42376.

GUY ALFORD, SSN 426-16-1976 was born\* 11/14/1911 in MS and died 02/00/1969 in Greenwood, MS 38930.

GAIL LYNN ALFORD married Charlie A. HAYES February 1, 1969 in Garfield Co., OK. Gail, the daughter of BILLY DEAN ALFORD and Noema CATHCART was born July 8,

1947 in Kay Co., OK. They belong to the John Alford 1696 MD branch.

CHARLES TROY ALFORD died February 7, 1969 in Corsicana, Navarro Co., TX. He was born December 29, 1902 in Navarro Co., the son of WILLIAM THOMAS ALFORD and Amelia Mae FERGUSON. He married (1) La Vern PATTON on November 6, 1926 in Jacksboro, TX. He married (2) October 26, 1936 to Mary Delphine HARRISON. Charles was the uncle of AAFA Secretary Nancy Dietrich. [From Nancy Dietrich AAFA #28]

William Carl DIETRICH, husband of NANCY ALFORD DIETRICH AAFA #28, saw his twin sons for the first time on February 14, 1969. He was in Indonesia serving as master aboard a Lykes Brothers Steam Ship Co. vessel when they came home in January. [From Nancy Dietrich AAFA #28]

MILDRED HARLOW ALFORD AAFA #301 married William Ronald WARD February 15, 1969 in Westmoreland Co., PA. Mildred, of Burnham, PA, and the daughter of WILLIAM TAYLOR ALFORD and Frances S. HARLOW, was born March 10, 1948 in San Diego, CA (branch of Benedict Alford 1619 England).

## March 1969

JOHN HALFORD, SSN 072-05-0230 was born\* 02/17/1892 in NY and died 03/00/1969 in Newburgh, NY 12550.

MAUDESTY HOLFORD, SSN 327-36-5746 was born\* 11/02/1884 in IL and died 03/00/1969 in Norris, IL 61553.

ALMOND ALFORD, SSN 420-10-1492 was born\* 03/24/1917 in AL and died 03/00/1969.

BERNICE ALFORD, SSN 459-09-8637 was born\* 10/18/1907 in TX and died 03/00/1969 in Liberty, TX 77575.

BERTHA ALFORD, SSN 278-16-8549 was born\* 09/29/1900 in OH and died 03/00/1969 in Vevay, IN 47043.

DELONZO ALFORD, SSN 545-05-1312 was born\* 02/15/1889 in CA and died 03/00/1969 in Ukiah, CA 95482.

FRANK ALFORD, SSN 364-09-5200 was born\* 08/20/1906 in MI and died 03/00/1969 in Detroit, MI 48231.

JACOB ALFORD, SSN 240-22-2736 was born\* 07/18/1906 in NC and died 03/00/1969.

JAMES ALFORD, SSN 240-14-5134 was born\* 10/02/1910 in NC and died 03/00/1969.

JERRY ALFORD, SSN 269-38-5005 was born\* 11/27/1942 in OH and died 03/00/1969.

JOHN ALFORD, SSN 249-54-5379 was born\* 07/28/1886 in SC and died 03/00/1969 in Edgefield, SC 29824.

OCIE ALFORD, SSN 433-20-2856 was born\* 05/09/1915 in LA and died 03/00/1969 in Greenwood, MS 38930.

WILLIAM ALFORD, SSN 215-38-9603 was born\* 06/15/1918 in MD and died 03/00/1969 in Biloxi, MS 39530.

JAMES ALFORD, SSN 427-20-7702 was born\* 07/29/1911 in MS and died 03/00/1969.

EMMETTE EARL ALFORD AAFA #439 married Pauline Mary McCOY March 1, 1969 in Hinds Co., MS. Emmette, of Liberty, MS, and the son of EMMETT ALFORD and Louise CONERLY, was born August 1, 1943 in MS (branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA).

LISA DAWN ALFORD was born March 3, 1969 in Georgetown Co., SC, the daughter of AAFA #254 JOHN PHILIP ALFORD and Linda Lou SHERIDAN. J.P., of New Braunfels,

TX and his brother AAFA #250 GERALD T. ALFORD, of Burleson, TX, were in attendance at the AAFA meeting in Houston, TX in 1989 (branch of John Alford 1844 SC).

FAYE ALFORD SWAN AAFA #220, of Starkville, MS, was employed as the Secretary to the Head of Animal Science at MS State University in 1969. Faye, who was present at the 1991 AAFA meeting in Jackson, MS and the 1993 meeting in St. Francisville, LA, along with husband, Pat SWAN, is the secretary for the MS AAFA Chapter (branch of Julius Alford 1717 VA).

\* Although in the Social Security Decedent File this may be the date and place of birth, it has been found it may be the date and place the person registered or was registered (by parents, etc.) in Social Security. ❖

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

awards for the best photographs.

Gil led the Saturday late morning, afternoon, and Sunday morning sessions and talked about the Early Virginia Alfords and the Indian Alfords. He also presented a "Direct Alford Lineage" booklet for most of the members present at our meeting. This was quite a task for Gil because so many of us wait until the last minute to register, and he is not sure who will be present at his discussions. Thank you so much, Gil, for your discussions, for your preparation of the booklet, and for the packet of materials distributed at the Friday genealogical session.

Start planning now to reserve October 7-9, 1994 to be at the AAFA meeting at the Holiday Inn Airport in Richmond, VA. It's likely to be our biggest and best meeting yet!

Benjamin F. Alford, Jr.  
President, AAFA ❖

## Part 8: Descendants of Alexander Alvord

From *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Alexander Alvord, An Early Settler of Windsor, Conn., and Northampton, Mass.*, by Samuel Morgan Alvord (Webster, NY: 1908), pages 34-42. For background see *AAFA ACTION* Fall 1993, page 43.

The text has been minimally edited. Samuel Alvord sequentially numbered all descendants of male Alvords. We added a "+" before a child's number if his line is carried forward in the next generation.

### SECOND GENERATION

**2. ABIGAIL<sup>2</sup> ALVORD** (Alexander<sup>1</sup>), born Windsor, Conn., October 6, 1647; died Northampton, Mass June 17, 1699; married Northampton, Mass., July 3, 1666, Thomas Root, son of Thomas. He was born Hartford, Conn., about 1644. Resided Northampton, Mass., Boston and Lynn, Mass.

Children: (All born at Northampton, Mass.)

- i.. Thomas Root, born April 11, 1667; died Coventry, Conn., January 19, 1758; married March 4, 1691 Thankful Strong.
- ii. Abigail Root, born January 20, 1668; died November 25, 1691.
- iii. Samuel Root, born November 16, 1673; was living 1687.
- iv. Hezekiah Root, born April 1676; died young, probably September 29, 1690.
- v. Infant, died February 14, 1691.

Thomas Root married 2nd December 4, 1701, Mrs. Mary (Kirtland) Cox. His father was a weaver and was of Salem, Mass., 1638; of Hartford, Conn., 1639; of Northampton, Mass., 1659. He was one of the "seven pillars for the foundation of the church in 1661."

**3. JOHN<sup>2</sup> ALVORD** (Alexander<sup>1</sup>), born Windsor Conn., August 12, 1649; died Northampton, Mass., March 17, 1727; married Northampton, Mass., Abigail Phelps, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Copley) Phelps. She was born Windsor, Conn., April 5, 1655; died Northampton, Mass., August 16, 1756. Resided Northampton, Mass. No children.

John "Aluard" signed "Petition against Impost" Nov. 4, 1668. Oath of Allegiance was given to Jno. Alvord at Northampton, Mass., Feb. 8, 1678. At a legal Town meeting in Northampton, Mass., July 23, 1675:

*"The Town granted John Alvord a lot of six acres for a home lot in some convenient place, we say, where it may not prejudice the Town, provided he dwell in the Town four years and built on that or some other and possess it four years."*

In his will, dated April 18, 1721, probated Dec. 8, 1727, he bequeathed all his property to his widow, Abigail Alvord.

Mrs. Alvord was considered a lady of dignity.

*"Abigail Alvord, wife to John Alvord of Northampton, being presented by the Grand Jury, to this Court, for wearing silk contrary to law & it being found the witnesses were sometimes mistaken, she was dismissed."* (Court Rec. March 27, 1776)

There were twenty-two others brought into court at the same time. They were charged with "wearing silk in a flaunting manner, wearing long hair and other extravagances contrary to honest and sober order and demeanor not becoming a wilderness state, at least the profession of Christianity and religion."

She conveyed her property to her nephew Joseph Alvord.

Abstract of an original deed, now in possession of a descendant of Joseph Alvord:

*"Abigail Alvord relict of John Alvord dec. of own free will, as also upon the account of ye love and affection I have unto my kingsman Joseph Alvord, son unto Ebenezer Alvord as alsoe for and upon ye Consideration of my sd kingsman Joseph Alvord taking care of mee and my estate during my natural Life; therefore I ye sd Abigail Alvord having by my sd husband John Alvord's last will all his estate of sorts both Real & Personal; now upon ye Considerations aforesaid of ye sd Abigail Alvord; doe for myself &c. give unto my sd kingsman all ye whole of my sd both Real & Personal, descending or given to me by said husbands will, or belonging to mee, or descending to me, by any other ways or means.*

*"Provided this conveyance is to be understood with this limitation, that it is not to take affect till after my decease; only my sd kingsman is to use and improve my estate out of which I am to have a Comfortable and honorable maintenance according to my degree, which if my said kingsman should fail in, then I doe reserve to myself a Liberty, to Lease out any of my Real Estate or sell any of my personal estate for my support and maintenance. Signed Jan. 8, 1727-28."*

Mrs. Alvord died at the house of Joseph Alvord. The town records says: "1756, Aug. 26, Died, the aged Wido Abigail Alvord, said to be about one hundred and two years, said to have been born in the same year this town was first planted." Savage says: "She was the oldest person that ever lived in Northampton; but exact truth, after the correction of



old style, makes her age 101 years, 4 months and 11 days." She attended church in three meeting houses, through the ministry of Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Edwards and part of that of Mr. Hooker.

**4. MARY<sup>2</sup> ALVORD** (Alexander<sup>1</sup>), born Windsor, Conn., July 6, 1651; married Northampton, Mass., March 24, 1669-70, John Weller, of Northampton, Mass., son of Richard and Ann (Wilson) Weller. He was born Windsor, Conn., April 9, 1645; died Deerfield, Mass, about 1686. Resided Northampton, Mass., Deerfield, Mass.

Children: (All born Northampton, Mass.)

- i. John Weller, born February 14, 1671; died New Milford, Conn., April 3, married March 22, 1693/4 Rebecca Cooley; settled in New Milford, Conn., 1710.
- ii. Mary Weller, born September 11, 1672; married January 7, 1679 Jonathan Bagg.
- iii. Hannah Weller, born May 14, 1674; captured by Indians and killed on 5th day of March toward Canada 1704; married July 1, 1701, Samuel Carter.
- iv. Elizabeth Weller, born February 12, 1676; married February 5, 1697 William Warriner.
- v. Sarah Weller, born April 15, 1678; married November 17, 1698 Samuel Hitchcock.
- vi. Thomas Weller, born August 1680; settled in New Milford, Conn.
- vii. Experience Weller, born December 4, 1682.

John Weller of Northampton, Mass., took the oath of allegiance February 8, 1679; moved to Deerfield, Mass., about the year 1683, where he died about the year 1686. His sons settled in New Milford, Conn." (Savage). Sylvester Judd says that John Weller lived in Alexander Alvord's old house.

**5. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> ALVORD** (Alexander<sup>1</sup>), born Windsor, Conn., October 27, 1653; died Northampton, Mass., July 22, 1688; married Northampton, Mass., March 22, 1681, Joanna Taylor, daughter of John and Thankful (Woodward) Taylor. She was born in Northampton, Mass., September 27, 1665; died Northampton, Mass., February 28, 1737-8. Resided Northampton, Mass.

Children:

- 13. i. John Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., August 10, 1682; died August 25, 1682.
- +14 ii. Thomas Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., August 28, 1683.
- +15 iii. John Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., October 19, 1685.
- 16 iv. Josiah Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., February 7, 1688; died December 13, 1691.

Oath of allegiance was given to Thomas Alvord at Northampton, Mass., Feb. 8, 1678. Among the early grants of land upon the town records of Northampton, Mass., the town grants to Thomas Alvord:

*"In prim-s a home Lot which is thus bounded; on the south on Mr. Hawleys land being in length 26 rods, bounded on the commons, on the north butting on the Round Hill on the (sequestered land), westerly in breath at this end 16 rods and 5-1/2 feet, being four acres more or less."*

Thomas Alvord was a tailor. His homestead No. 26 was first assigned to William Smead in 1676 and was in the family of Thomas Alvord until 1725. It was the Dr. Hunt place. His widow married 1690 Samuel King (son of John), whom she outlived, and Nov. 26. 1702, married Deliverance Bridgeman. In 1724-25, when her son Thomas Alvord sold the homestead,

she, with her husband, Deliverance Bridgeman, relinquished their right. Her father, John Taylor, was killed in the present limits of Easthampton, while going to the rescue of those captured in the Pascommuck Massacre."

Thomas Alvord (son of above) of Northampton, in consideration of thirty pounds conveyed to Samuel Fairfield of Northampton:

*"A certain homestead in Northampton with buildings thereon; containing by estimation half an acre be it more or less, butted and bounded, Northerly on the street; Westerly on the lane running to the Mill River; Easterly on the homestead of Moses Lymons, running from front to rear about fifteen rods, and lying in a triangular form etc.*

*"Jan. 26, 1724-25. Thomas Alvord and seal. "I, Deliverance Bridgeman, and Joanna my wife, do relinquish our right and title to Sam-l fairfield of within mentioned homestead as witness o-r hands ye twenty ninth January 1724/25.*

*Deliverance Bridgman  
Joanna Bridgman*

Thomas Alvord fought under Capt. Wm. Turner in the Falls Fight, May 19, 1676. For this service his son Thomas, as his eldest male heir, received from the General Court of Mass. in 1734 a grant of land in Fallstown (now Bernardston), Mass. —See Thomas Alvord No. 14.

The following incident was a tradition in the family of John Alvord, father of Coridon A. Alvord, and is taken from a letter, written by David S. Alvord to his brother and he gives the story as his mother remembered it:

*"In the attack upon Deerfield he (Thomas Alvord) was a Capt. and acted very heroically in defending against the Indians. After the garrison*

*was nearly famished for water, he went out to the well where he was much exposed and continued to draw water for the garrison until the well-pole was shot off above his hands." (The foregoing may refer to Thomas, Jr.)*

An inventory of the estate of Thomas Alvord was presented by Lt. John Taylor, Aug. 10, 1688. It shows a house and land valued at 50£, pasture land over the river 18£, 2 cows, horse, swine, shears, pressing-iron, lamp, smoothing iron, saddle and bridle, curtains and bedding, slice tongs, hand irons, gun, cutlass, hoes, axes, pewter and brass, 4 chairs and cushions, table, chest, boxes, warming-pan, grid-iron, candlesticks, etc.

Samuel King, who had married the widow, prayed the court that he might have use of the whole estate, that he might bring up the children. Estate was valued at 155£. He was granted the use of the real estate and \_\_\_£ in moveables for bringing up the three children.

#### 6. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> ALVORD

(Alexander<sup>1</sup>), born Windsor, Conn., November 12, 1655; died Northampton, Mass., May 6, 1687; married Northampton, Mass., December 12, 1684, Henry Burt, son of David and Mary (Holton) Burt. He was born Northampton, Mass., August 20, 1660; died Northampton, Mass., September 26, 1735. Resided Northampton, Mass.

Children: (All born at Northampton, Mass.)

- i. Joseph Burt, born December 1, 1685; no children.
- ii. Elizabeth Burt, born May 2, 1687; died May 5, 1687.

Henry Burt, grandfather of Henry Burt above, was early of Roxbury, Mass. and "had his house burnt for which loss the General Court made a grant to the town of 8, in Nov. 1639; removed to Springfield next year."

Henry Burt of Northampton married

twice after the death of his wife Elizabeth Alvord.

#### 7. BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup> ALVORD

(Alexander<sup>1</sup>), born Windsor, Conn., February 11, 1658; died Northampton, Mass., 1715; married Northampton, Mass., 1690, Deborah Stebbins, daughter of John and Abigail (Bartlett) Stebbins. She was born Northampton, Mass., March 5, 1672; died Springfield, Mass. Resided Northampton, Mass.

Children:

- +17 i. Abigail Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., 1691.
- +18 ii. Elizabeth Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., September 1693.
- +19 iii. Benjamin Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., September 1695.
- +20 iv. Deborah Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., May 1698.
- +21 v. Experience Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., October 5, 1700.
- +22 vi. Josiah Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., April 13, 1704.
- 23vii. Sarah Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., May 28, 1707; was living in 1735; (no further record.)

Benjamin Alvord took the oath of allegiance at Northampton, Mass., Feb. 8, 1678 and probably lived on a place given to him by his father, (rear of Hawley St.) The inventory of his estate was presented March 9, 1715-6 by Deborah Alvord, William Southwell and Benjamin Alvord. Mrs. Alvord outlived her husband and Apr. 4, 1716, married Henry Burt of Springfield, Mass., as his second wife.

John Stebbins, father of Mrs. Alvord, died under suspicion of witchcraft in 1679. An inquest was held.

*"Several hundred spots were*

*found, small ones, as if they had been shot with small shot, which we scraped and under them were holes in his body." Though the matter was laid before the court in Boston, no prosecution followed.*

**8. SARAH<sup>2</sup> ALVORD** (Alexander<sup>1</sup>), born Windsor, Conn., June 24, 1600; died Springfield, Mass., May 16 1704 [Inked notation shows 1714]; married July 10, 1689, as his second wife, James Warriner, son of William and Joanna (Scant) Warriner. He was born Springfield, Mass., November 21, 1640; died Springfield, Mass., May 14, 1727. Resided Springfield, Mass.

Children: (All born at Springfield, Mass.)

- i. Sarah Warriner, born October 13, 1690; married April 23 1712 Ebenezer Thomas.
- ii. Jonathan Warriner, born November 11, 1692; died in French & Indiana war, in 1745; married October 26, 1728, Mary Burnham of Hartford, Conn.
- iii. John Warriner, born November 29, 1694; died Springfield, Mass., May 20, 1696.
- iv. John Warriner, born January 1696[7]; died young.
- v. Benjamin Warriner, born April 15, 1698; died Wilbraham, Mass., January 22, 1764; married October 20, 1726 (Int[ention]), Mercy Bartlett.
- vi. David Warriner, born October 8, 1701; married February 9, 1738 (Int[ention]), Mary Sikes; resided in Wilbraham, Mass.

James Warriner took the oath of allegiance December 3, 1678. His name appears as a soldier in King Phillip's War. He was a deacon in the 1st Congregational Church, Springfield, Mass.

**9. JEREMIAH<sup>2</sup> ALVORD**

(Alexander<sup>1</sup>), born Northampton, Mass., May 9, 1663; died Hatfield, Mass., married 1st. Deerfield, Mass., 1691, Mehitable (Frary) Root, widow of Hezekiah Root of Northampton, Mass., daughter of Sampson and Mary (Daniels) Frary. She was born Medfield, Mass., January 16, 1664; died Deerfield, Mass., November 7, 1698. He married 2nd, Hatfield, Mass., Mercy Gull, daughter of William and Mrs. Elizabeth (Smith-Foote) Gull. She was born Hadley, Mass., June 27, 1668. Resided Northampton, Deerfield and Hatfield, Mass.

Children:

- 24 i. Jeremiah Alvord, born Deerfield, Mass., February 17, 1692; died March 4, 1692.
- 25 ii. Jeremiah Alvord, born Deerfield, Mass., March 31, 1694; drowned Deerfield, Mass., July 10, 1718.
- 26 iii. Nancy Alvord, born Deerfield, Mass., August 15, 1696 (no further record).
- 27 iv. Mary Alvord (?) (Savage and Boltwood give Mary. Boltwood say she lived to old age unmarried.)
- 28 v. Elizabeth Alvord, born Hatfield, Mass., April 1, 1703; died in infancy.
- 29 vi. Elizabeth Alvord, born Hatfield, Mass., June 14, 1705; died Hatfield, Mass., 1783, unmarried. She willed her property to Eliab and Thomas Alvord and their sisters.
- 30vii. Hannah Alvord, born Hatfield, Mass., 1707; probably unmarried.
- 31viii. Ebenezer Alvord, born Hatfield, Mass., November 11, 1710; died November 27, 1772, unmarried.

Mrs. Mehitable Alvord had children by her first husband. Hezekiah Root, the youngest of whom was slain by the Indians at Deerfield at the same time

her father, Sampson Frary, was killed. He (Mr. Frary) formerly resided at Hadley, on the west side of the river, which afterwards became Hatfield, but had removed to Deerfield, Mass., at which place he was killed Feb. 29, 1704, by the French and Indians, who took his wife, Mary, captive and killed her before they reached Canada.

Elizabeth Gull, mother of Mercy, was daughter of Lieut. Samuel Smith of Wethersfield, Conn. Her first husband was Nathaniel Foote.

**10. EBENEZER<sup>2</sup> ALVORD**

(Alexander<sup>1</sup>), born Northampton, Mass., December 23, 1665; died Northampton, Mass., November 29, 1738; married 1st Northampton, Mass., 1691, Ruth Baker, daughter of Joseph and Ruth (Holton) Baker. She was born Northampton, Mass., May 6, 1668; died Northampton, Mass., March 4, 1706. He married 2nd, about 1708, Elizabeth Bird, daughter of James and Lydia (Steele) Bird. She was born Farmington, Conn., November 23, 1684; died Northampton, Mass., about 1770. Resided Northampton, Mass.

Children by first marriage:

- 32 i. Ebenezer Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., August 24, 1693; died in infancy.
- +33 ii. Joseph Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., March 1697.
- 34 iii. Mary Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., June 24, 1699; died Northampton, Mass., March 14, 1773, unmarried.
- +35 iv. Noah Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., June 27, 1701.

Children by second marriage:

- +36 v. Ruth Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., August 24, 1710.
- 37 vi. James Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., July 22, 1712; died July 28, 1712.

- +38vii. Elizabeth Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., September 7, 1713.
- 39viii. Rebecca Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., October 25, 1716; died November 29, 1716.
- +40 ix. Rebecca Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., February 10, 1718.
- +41 x. Ebenezer Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., December 17, 1720.
- 42 xi. Sarah Alvord, baptized Northampton, Mass., April 11, 1724; died Northampton, March 2, 1758. "Sarah Alvord sent a pair of stockings to Boston, which sold for 30d. In return she got a paper of sewing needles and the rest in indigo." She became a town charge and her brother Ebenezer was allowed to pay for keeping her. She was unmarried.
- 43xii. Thomas Alvord, born Northampton, Mass., 1725; died December 27, 1756 at Crown Point in the French and Indian War, Captain Elisha Hawley's Company.

Ebenezer Allord was a freeman at Northampton, Mass., May 30, 1690.

A home lot was granted to Ebenezer Alvord by the town of Northampton, March 23, 1702-3,

*"Wch land lye on this side timber swamp toward Hatfield. And is bounded: Butting on the highway easterly, and to Rocky Hill westerly, and to the highway northerly, and to Benjamin Carpenter's land."*

The following are abstracts from the original deeds from Ebenezer Alvord, husbandman, to son Joseph Alvord, weaver; said deeds now in possession of a descendant of Joseph Alvord:

Ebenezer Alvord of Northampton for

tracts of land in Northampton bounded as follows. viz.:

*“One piece contained one acre and a quarter, bounded northerly by the Grantor’s land, easterly by ye Meadow Hill, southwardly by Thomas Bridgman’s & Benj, Stebben’s Home Lots, out of which a highway is reserved by the Grantor sufficient for him to pass and repass to his land beyond.”*

*“Also another tract of land, lying under sd Meadow Hill being one half of sd Grantor’s land there viz. the lower or southerly half; containing about six acres bounded northerly by the Grantor’s land, eastwardly by Venturer’s Field, so called, southerly by the whole side, or the Bushy Swamp, (so called) and westerly by the Meadow Hill.”*

*“Also a piece of land in Young Railbow, bounded north by the river; eastwardly by land of Samuel Lankton, and southerly by the highway on Young Rainbow Hill, lying in a triangle containing one and a half acres.”*

*“Also a lot, in the Long Division outlands, being thirteen rods wide; bounded northerly by Samuel Wright’s land; Southwardly by the lot which formerly belonged to Joseph Hawley Esq. deceased.”*

*“Also all my right or proportion of land, as I am proprietor with others in that tract of land, known by the name of Inward Commons lying at the eastwardly end of Long Division lots — and also in all parts of the town except that on the south side of Manhan River and west of Westfield road.*

*Signed March 1st, 1732.*

*His  
Ebenezer + Alvord  
Mark.*

Joseph Baker, father of Mrs. Ruth Alvord, was killed by Indians Oct. 29, 1675. At the same time her brother Joseph Baker suffered the same fate. Mrs. Ruth Alvord’s uncle, Thomas Holton, was killed by the Indians, March 14, 1676.

Mrs. Elizabeth Alvord, relict to Ebenezer Alvord, Dec. of Northampton, and Joseph Alvord the eldest son administered the estate, Feb. 13, 1738-39. She was guardian to her sons Ebenezer, above 14, and Thomas Alvord under 14 years of age, minors. Mrs. Wright, who was born in 1756 remembered Mrs. Ebenezer Alvord. She then lived with her daughter, Mary. Mary or Ruth kept a school for girls in the house.

#### **11. JONATHAN<sup>2</sup> ALVORD**

(Alexander<sup>1</sup>), born Northampton, Mass., April 6, 1669; died Northampton, Mass., August 13, 1729; married Northampton, Mass., January 12, 1693, Thankful Miller, daughter of William and Patience Miller. She was born Northampton, Mass., April 25, 1669; died Northampton, Mass., March 30, 1738. Resided Northampton, Mass.

Children: (All born Northampton, Mass.)

- 44 i. Jonathan Alvord, born April 9, 1694; died Northampton, March 4, 1701.
- +45 ii. John Alvord, born June 28, 1696.
- 46 iii. Jonathan Alvord, born —; died Northampton, April 11, 1706.
- 47 iv. Patience Alvord, born June 22, 1701; died Northampton, Mass., January 16, 1766, unmarried.
- 48 v. Zebadiah Alvord, born October 30, 1705; died Northampton, young.
- 49 vi. Mary Alvord, July 21, 1707; (no further record).
- 50vii. Thankful Alvord, born August 10, 1709; died Northampton, August 7, 1747, unmarried. Her will, dated March 7, 1745, makes her brother Jonathan and friend Jonathan Rust, sole executors.
- 51viii. Jonathan Alvord, born 1712.

Jonathan Alvord, Sr., was a tailor by occupation; had grants of land in 1695,

## *My Priceless Cup*

By Mary Alford Helms

It was late—our conversation was brief. He handed to me the last two colorful plastic cups he had brought from his beloved Tangipahoa Parish, LA, and walked away. That was at the Jackson meeting, 1991.

Marian [Alford Hodges] and I brought the cups home. After all, how many folks in Arkansas have cups from Tangipahoa Parish, LA?

My cup became my beverage cup. I can’t help but smile every time I use it. It reminds me of Jackson and the “kin” who gave it to me.

He wasn’t at the meeting last year. I was looking forward to seeing him at St. Francisville in October.

The latest AAFA ACTION came today. I sat down at the table and sipped my coke as I looked through it. There on page thirteen was Eulon Alfred Alvord’s obituary. Through tears, I caught a glimpse of my cup. Suddenly, it had become as priceless as a piece of my antique china.

I’ll remember Eulon. ❖

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1704, 1709 and 1714. He lived on the “lot opposite Talbot’s house.”

The power of administration was granted to his widow, Thankful Alvord, Mar. 11, 1728-9. Her children Jonathan and Thankful Alvord, minors, upwards of 14 years of age, chose her for their guardian. Her will is upon record at the probate office Hampshire Co, dated Mar. 25, 1737-8 in which she names sons John and Jonathan and daughters Patience and Thankful Alvord.

[To be continued in next issue.]



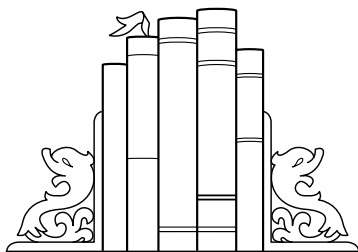
## Booklist Additions

Compiled by Pamela Thompson, Publications Director

The Booklist is a compilation of references to Alford's (and spelling variations) contained in books and some periodicals. Entries are organized by state and county. 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 (and sometimes the complete listing) of what information about the person is contained on the page.

Census indexes and cemetery lists are generally not included on this list. These will be handled by their respective AAFA committees. You may send copies from such books and we will pass them on to the committees.

AAFA has the pages listed. To obtain copies that interest you, write to AAFA Librarian Nancy Dietrich, P.O. Box 1838, Westport, WA 98595. If you would like a copy of the current Booklist, ordering information is listed in the "Back Issues Available" box in each issue. If you'd like to contribute to the Booklist, xeroxed pages of books may be sent to AAFA. Don't forget the title page, pertinent introductions and other interpretative material, index pages showing Alford's and variations, and any other pages you think will help understand the contents. Be sure to check for the spelling variations of ALFRED, ALLFORD, ALVORD,



### GEORGIA

#### Statewide or Multiple Counties

• Davis, Robert S. Jr. *GEORGIA CITIZENS AND SOLDIERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1979; reprint edition, 1983. Title page, Table of Contents, Introduction, Index of Alford's, and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **Wm.**, 128 (private, listed in *Composite Roster of the Georgia Continental Regiment of Horse from A. McC. Duncan, Roll of Officers and Memembers of the Georgia Hussars and of the*

*Cavalry*, 1907).

• Lucas, Silas Emmett Jr. *INDEX TO THE HEADRIGHT AND BOUNTY GRANTS OF GEORGIA 1756-1909*. Vidalia, GA: Georgia Genealogical Reprints, 1970. Title page, explanatory pages [2], Map, and page 6, the only page that lists Alford's or variations (also listed are the Grant Book and Page Number):

| <u>Grantee</u>        | <u>County</u> | <u>Acres</u> | <u>Year</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Haygood</b>        | Burke         | 51           | 1813        |
| <b>Heygood</b>        | Burke         | 8            | 1806        |
| <b>Jacob</b>          | Montgomery    | 450          | 1802        |
| <b>James</b>          | Washton       | 287.5        | 1786        |
| <b>James</b>          | Wilkes        | 400          | 1786        |
| <b>James</b>          | Wilkes        | 1300         | 1785        |
| <b>Jas.</b>           | Greene        | 1200         | 1788        |
| <b>Jas.</b>           | Greene        | 2350         | 1787        |
| <b>Jas.</b>           | Wilkes        | 90           | 1788        |
| <b>Jas.</b>           | Wilkes        | 200          | 1787        |
| <b>T.A.</b>           | Bulloch       | 28           | 1890        |
| <b>Terrell</b>        | Montgomery    | 200          | 1800        |
| <b>Adam ALFRED</b>    | Montgomery    | 000          | 1795        |
| <b>Terrell ALFRED</b> | Montgomery    | 250          | 1803        |

#### Jasper County—est. from Baldwin, 1812

• Davis, Robert Scott Jr. *RECORDS OF JASPER COUNTY, BEORGIA From the Georgia Department of Archives and History*. Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1990. Title page, Table of Contents, Introduction, Index of "Alford's," and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **Bynum**, 432 (grantee 1819); **Collin**, 460 (holder of promissory note, no date); **Holcut/Halcut**, 89 (party in lawsuit, no year), 92 (party in lawsuit, no year); **Isham**, 431 (grantee 1819); **Jeptha**, 89 (party in lawsuit, no year), 420 (grantor 1831); **William**, 303 (party in lawsuit, no year); **Henretta ALFRED**, 374 (party in lawsuit, no year).

### NORTH CAROLINA

#### Statewide or Multiple Counties

• Hofmann, Margaret M. *PROVINCE OF NORTH CAROLINA 1663-1729 ABSTRACTS OF LAND PATENTS*. Weldon, NC: Roanoke News Company, 1979. Title page, Foreword, Map, Table of Contents, Index of "Alford's," and all pages that list Alford's or variations: "**Allford's point**", 51 (land description, 1713); **John HALFORD**, 81 (adjoining land in Perquimons precinct, 1720); **John HALFORT**, 33 (adjoining land in Perquimons precinct, 1704).

## Franklin County—established from Bute, 1778

• Bradley, Dr. Stephen E., Jr. *WILL BOOK A FRANKLIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA 1785–1797*. South Boston, VA: N. pub., 1988. Title page, Introduction, Index of Alford's, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Ansil/Ansel/Anselm**, 18 (1791, buyer at Arthur Howell's estate sale), 19 (undated, circa 1792, buyer at James Hobbs' estate sale), 21, 24 (1791–6, mentioned in guardian account for orphans of Moses Harris), 42 (undated, circa 1800, mentioned in John Ferrell's estate sale); **Drury/Drewry**, 13 (undated, circa 1790, listed in account of William Powell's estate), 15 (Dec 1791 Court, buyer at Thomas Hunt's estate sale), 25 (March 1793 Court, buyer at Ethelred Taylor's estate), 39 (1796 mentioned in account of Ethelred Taylor's estate); **Goodrich Sr.**, 42 (undated, circa 1800, mentioned in John Ferrell's estate sale); **Goodridge Jr.**, 42 (undated, circa 1800, mentioned in John Ferrell's estate sale); **Isaac**, 15 (undated, circa 1791, buyer at John Green's estate sale), 26 (1799, mentioned in inventory of Lodwk.'s inventory); 13 March 1799 mentioned in guardian account for Lodw. Alford), 34 (1787 witness to will of Robert Butler); **Jack**, 28 (5 Apr 1799 buyer at Bridges Arendell's estate); **John Jr.**, 42 (undated, circa 1800, mentioned in John Ferrell's estate sale); **John**, 18 (1791, buyer at Arthur Howell's estate sale), 26 (1799, mentioned in inventory of Lodwk.'s inventory); 13 March 1799 mentioned in guardian account for Lodw. Alford), 28 (5 Apr 1799 buyer at Bridges Arendell's estate), 29 (8 June 1799 juror on dower case of Elizabeth Arrandell); **Julius**, 11 (1789, bought 2 slaves at estate sale of William Denson), 14 (again listed as buyer at William Denson's estate of same 2 slaves, but year listed as 1786—probably error); **Lemuel**, 26 (1799, mentioned in inventory of Lodwk.'s inventory); **Lodwk.**, 26 (March 1799 Court, inventory of his estate); 13 March 1799, guardian account for him by Hardy Hunt); **Samuel**, 15 (Dec 1791 Court, buyer at Thomas Hunt's estate sale); **Tobe**, 22 (undated, circa 1793, buyer at Kimmin Loyd's estate sale); **Warren**, 26 (1799, mentioned in inventory of Lodwk.'s inventory); 13 March 1799 mentioned in guardian account for Lodw. Alford).

## Granville County—established from Edgecombe and orig. Glasgow, 1746

• Hofmann, Margaret M. *THE GRANVILLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA 1748–1763 ABSTRACTS OF LAND GRANTS, VOLUME TWO*. Weldon, NC: Roanoke News Company, 1987. Title page, Explanation of Format, Table of Contents, Index of "Alford's," and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **James**, 3 (1761 granted 610 acres), 145 (1760 witness); **Julius**, 3 (1761 granted 637 acres; 1761

adjoining land to James Alford and Lodowick Alford), 4 (1748 listed as "chain carrier" on plat), 5 (1761 granted 600 acres); **Lodwick/Lodowick/Lodo**, 3 (1761 granted 460 acres; 1761 adjoining land to James Alford and Julius Alford), 4 (1753 granted 600 acres in Granville Co. and Johnston Co.; 1756 witness; 1753 granted 400 acres; 1762 granted 144 acres; 1760 granted 645 acres; 1756 witness); 5 (1760 granted 496 acres), 13 (1760 witness), 136 (1760 witness), 154 (1756 witness), 158 (1760 witness), 165 (1760 witness), 188 (1761 granted 632 acres in Johnston Co.), 209 (1752 adjoining land); **Benjm ALLFORD**, 215 (1753 listed as "chain carrier" on plat).

• Hofmann, Margaret M. *THE GRANVILLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA 1748–1763 ABSTRACTS OF LAND GRANTS, VOLUME THREE*. Aboskie, NC: Atlantic Printing, 1989. Title page, Explanation of Format, Table of Contents, Index of Alford's, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Lod**, 11 (1758 witness); **Wm**, 32 (1762 listed as "sworn chain carrier" on plat).

• Hofmann, Margaret M. *THE GRANVILLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA 1748–1763 ABSTRACTS OF MISCELLANEOUS LAND OFFICE RECORDS, VOLUME FOUR*. N.p.: N. pub., 1993. Title page, Introduction (with detailed description of "entry," "warrant," and "plat") Table of Contents, Index of "Alford's," and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **Goodrick/Goodridge**, 81 (1752 warrant 300 acres in Edgecomb Co.), 82 (1752 plat 608 acres in Edgecomb Co.; 1758 warrant for 640 acres in Edgecomb Co.—note on document reads: "NB To be returned in the Name of Lodowick Oldford"; 1753 warrant for 640 acres in Edgecomb Co.—Back of document reads: "Goodridge Alford is Dead and I offered to Survey for the Weddo and she said She New Nothing of it and would Concern No further. Signed Jno Haywood."); **James**, 204 (1760 entry 700 acres Granville Co., 1760 plat 610 acres in Granville Co.), 310 (1761 adjoining land Granville Co.); **Julius/Julious**, 204 (1760 adjoining land of James Alford in Granville Co.); **Lodwick/Lod/Lodowich**, 95 (1762 adjoining land Edgecomb Co.), 105 (1756 adjoining land Edgecomb Co.), 204 (1760 adjoining land of James Alford in Granville Co., 1748 entry "handwritten on a scrap of paper" 600 acres in Granville Co., 1750 warrant 640 acres in Granville Co., 1758 warrant 640 acres in Granville Co., 1760 plat 645 acres in Granville Co., 1760 entry 700 acres in Granville Co., 1760 warrant 700 acres in Granville Co.), 223 (1748 adjoining land in Granville Co.), 224 (1756 adjoining land Granville Co.), 277 (1760 adjoining land Granville Co.), 310 (1761 adjoining land Granville Co.); **Lodiwick Jr.**, 205 (1760 plat 460 acres in Granville Co.); **Gutrage OLDFORD**, 105 (1756 adjoining land Edgecomb Co.); **Lodowick OLDFORD**, 82 (see Goodrick).

## TEXAS

### Angelina County—established from Nacogdoches, 1846

• Cochran, Marie Ann, ed. *MEMORIES OF YESTERDAY: A GENEALOGY PROJECT, Volume II*. Diboll, TX: N. pub., 1989–90. This manuscript was , compiled by sixth grade students of Diboll Junior High School in Diboll, TX, and was found at Kurth Memorial Library in Lufkin, TX. Title page and 3 unnumbered pages containing Alford's:

On p. containing “Thomas Coalter Warner 1800 Branch”:

**Fred E.**, m. Tabitha Arvazine Warner, daughter of Daniel C. Warner and Laura D. Holmes.

**Jeptha M.**, m. Laura Jane Warner, daughter of Daniel C. Warner and Laura D. Holmes.

On family group sheet of Billy Jack Beene and Gayle Fussell:

**Mary Elizabeth**, mother of Gayle Fussell.

On ancestor chart of Gayle Beene:

**Mary Elizabeth**, b. 17 Oct 1912 in Washington Parish, LA; m. 9 June 1935 to Eric Lucius Fussell.

**Walter Theodore**, b. 18 June 1871 in MS; m. 13 Dec 1894 to Rosetta Ophelia Varnado; d. 13 Nov 1912 in Clifton, LA.

**Jesse S.**, b. 19 Sept 1838; m. Narcissus McClendon; d. 12 Jan 1900.

• *METHODIST HERITAGE, LUFKIN, TEXAS 1878–1989: A History of Lufkin's First United Methodist Church*. No publication data. Title page and the following pages that list Alford's: **H.C.**, 124–25 (organist from 1959 to 1963, left for a church in Galveston).

• Wilkins, John W. *ABSTRACTS OF OBITUARIES FROM LUFKIN PAPERS 1925–1929*. Lufkin, TX: N. pub., 1987. Title page and the following page that lists Alford's: **J.C.**, 68 (d. Brownwood 31 Dec 1928).

### Bastrop County—originally an Old Mexican Municipality, 1836

• Moore, Bill. *BASTROP COUNTY 1691–1900, Revised Edition*. no publication data. Title page and the following pages that lists Alford's: **Sam**, 151 (1882 charter member of Paige Lodge No. 562); **Thomas**, 264 (postmaster of Alum Creek 1851–52).

### Houston County—established from Nacogdoches, 1837

• History Book Committee of Houston County Historical

Commission. *HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS 1687–1979*. Tulsa, OK: Heritage Publishing Co., n.d. Title page and the following pages that list Alford's: **Aggie**, 227 (b. 1869, daughter of William and Ama, twin of Annie, m. Bill Swan); **Albert H.**, 227 (son of George F., moved with brother Eugene to ID where they founded the *Lewiston Morning Tribune*, which is still owned by the Alford family); **Albert N.**, 226 (son of George G.), 227 (called Capt., traveled throughout southwest organizing Confederate veterans); **Anis**, 226 (daughter ? of George G.); **Anna**, 226 (daughter of George G.); **Annie**, 227 (b. 1869, daughter of William and Ama, twin of Aggie, m. A.L. Christian); **Bill**, 227 (son of Willie and Addie); **Carey Ann**, 574 (granddaughter of Mary Isabel “Mollie” Murchison—listed under bio of John T. Smith family); **Charles M.**, 227 (b. 1910, son of Willie and Emily, m. Lila Crofford); **Charles**, 227 (b. 1860, son of William and Ama, m. Mollie Toney); **Denise**, 227 (daughter of Willie and Addie); **Dorman**, 227 (b. 1917, son of Willie and Emily, m. Opal Watson); **Edgar**, 227 (b. 1878, son of William and Ama, m. Georgia Ash); **Edgar**, 227 (son of Charles and Mollie, m. Lizzie Henderson); **Ella**, 227 (b. 1862, daughter of William and Ama, m. Mr. Furlow); **Eugene L.**, 227 (son of George F.); **Eunice**, 227 (daughter of Charles and Mollie, m. Bill Oliver); **Frank M.**, 227 (son of Charles and Mollie, m. Bertha M. Cheairs), 293–4 (listed under bio of Cheairs family); **Frank**, 227 (b. 1857, son of William and Ama, m. Ella Taylor), 595 (listed under bio of Baldy Washington Taylor family—m. Ella Taylor and had 4 children; Ella d. 1884 and Frank m. her sister Sallie, who had been m. twice previously); **George Frederick**, 226 (bio: son of George G., b. in New Madrid, MO 1836, orphaned at age 11, joined gold rush to CA at age 13; returned to New Madrid in 1857 with \$35,000 and m. Annie Maulsby, moved to TX to live on land grants granted to heirs of George G., elected to State Legislature, served in Confederate Army, lived in Galveston after war, made and lost fortune, moved to Dallas, where became president of railroad and d. in 1907.); **George G.**, 226 (bio: b. 1793 in NY, lived in New Madrid, MO, served in Texas War of Independence, m. Christine Lesieur in 1821 and Ann Barfield; both he and Ann d. in 1847, leaving 4 minor children who returned to New Madrid to relatives); **George M.**, 227 (son of George F., worked with brothers on Lewiston newspaper); **Harold**, 227 (b. 1914, son of Willie and Emily, m. Juanita Johnson); **Janene**, 227 (son of Willie and Addie); **Juanita Ann**, 227 (daughter of Harold and Juanita); **Julian**, 227 (son of Charles and Mollie, d. young); **Kenneth**, 227 (son of Dorman and Opal); **Lena**, 408 (m. Edward E. Hiroms, named one son Alford Hiroms—listed under bio of Samuel C. Hiroms family); **Mae**, 419 (m. Raymond Hollis—listed under bio of Albert Holley family); **Mattie Belle**, 227 (daughter of Charles and Mollie, m. L.L. Ash); **Nila**, 227 (daughter of Charles and Lila); **Patsy**, 227 (daughter of Charles and Lila); **Sallie**, 483 (m. Phillip Evan

Morgan, who was b. 1883 and d. 1971—listed under bio of Alexander “Alec” Morgan family); **Smithie**, 227 (daughter of Charles and Mollie, m. John Hester); **Sudie**, 227 (b. 1868, daughter of William and Ama; daughter of Charles and Mollie, m. Dudley Hester); **Wendell**, 227 (son of Charles and Lila); **William Jr.**, 227 (b. 1874, son of William and Ama, killed when his horse fell on him); **William**, 227 (NOTE: handwritten note on this biography says “wrong”. Bio: b. in England, educated for ministry in Methodist Church, settled in MS, m. Ama Williams and had 8 children; d. en route to Houston Co. in 1878–79 and is buried near Weches, TX); **Willie Dorman**, 227 (son of Dorman and Opal); **Willie Jr.**, 227 (b. 1920, son of Willie and Emily, m. Addie Lois Allee); **Willie**, 227 (son of Charles and Mollie, m. Emily Anne Hiroms), 408 (listed under bio of Samuel C. Hiroms family).

## WEST VIRGINIA

### Greenbrier County—established from Montgomery, 1777

• Evans, Norma Pontiff. *A REGISTER OF THE MARRIAGES CELEBRATED IN GREENBRIER COUNTY, (WEST) VIRGINIA 1781–1849*. Beaumont, TX: By the author, 1983. Title page, Introduction, Maps, Index of Alford's, and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **Anne**, 27 (m. Charles Keenan 23 June 1798); **Joseph**, 1 (m. Jenny Gwinn 5 Nov 1792); **Polly**, 46 (m. John Sallards 22 Sept 1794—handwritten note in margin says “Sowards?”); **Sarah**, 36 (m. Ervin B. Miller 1 Sept 1836); **George ALFRED**, 1 (m. Mary Byrnside 14 Feb 1793).

• Shuck, Larry G. *GREENBRIER COUNTY (WEST) VIRGINIA RECORDS, Volume 1*. Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Company, 1988. Title page, Index of Alford's, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Geo./George**, 69 (110 acres Jan 28, \_\_\_\_\_—years in other listings appear to be between 1780–91), 202 (1793 listed in Court Minutes), 233 (1798 recorded deed from John Byrnside); **John**, 261 (1818 recorded deed from Chas. Arbuckle 118 acres in Monroe Co.); **Robt.**, 112 (1782 on list of ration allowances).

### Monroe County—est. from La Crosse, 1854

• Johnston, Ross B. *WEST VIRGINIA ESTATE SETTLEMENTS, An Index to Wills, Inventories, Appraisements, Land Grants, and Surveys to 1850*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1978. Title page, Contents, and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations)—all from Monroe County: **John**, 168 (will June 1810 lists sons **John**, **James**, **Thomas**; daughters **Margaret**, **Sarah**, **Jane**; wife **Jane**), 168 (inventory July 1834, List of Sales Oct 1834); **Joseph**, 168 (Inventory July 1819, Inventory Feb 1839, List of Sales Dec 1840, Settlement June 1845). ❖

(1993 Meeting, cont. from p. 15)

NEE789NC: Joe Gray (LA), David Alford (TX), Elmer Alford (TX), Walter Clerihew (TX), Bettye Wagstaff (TX), and Thelma McGeorge (LA)

ROB760EN: Donald Alford (NV) and Mary Helms (AR)

SEA807LA: Melba Wise (LA), J.M. Kinabrew, Jr. (LA), and Evelyn Mistich (LA)

TOM860IT: Elroy Alford, Sr. (OK)

THO802VA: Alicia Houston (PA)

WIL786TN: Thomas R. Alford (TX), Thomas H. Alford (LA), and Robert Dunagan (MS)

WIL804GA: Catherine A. Ellard (MS), Margie Alford (LA), and Evon Ratliff (MS)

WIL812GA: Patricia Thorn (TX) and Roberta Folds (GA)

I look forward to seeing all of you in Richmond, Virginia, next October. ❖

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## The State of the Data

By Gil Alford, Executive Director

**N**o doubt you've heard of a "fluid situation." Well, we have "fluid data"—always moving or changing.

We have a massive amount of information about Alfords. What you see in the quarterly or at the annual meetings is just the tip of the iceberg. Part of my job is to get all the data you send to AAFA entered into a computer file. Although my intentions are good, I must hasten to confess that much is yet to be entered. While you should be concerned about the information that is not in the computer, at least it's stable and not changing. It is the computer data that's fluid.

When all this Alford data accumulation began I was using what would now be called a stone age computer: 8K of memory (upgradable to 48K which I finally did), maximum storage capability on a single storage media of less than 90 kilobytes, and with a CPU speed of something under 4 MHZ. With those limitations I began to build a series of data files—one for direct Alford lineages like those printed almost every quarter in this publication (the format has improved and enlarged greatly over the years); genealogy file for each branch of the family; and a raw data file for stuff that did not fit elsewhere.

Since that beginning I have evolved through five more computer systems with ever increasing capability. As the capability increased, the file size in each category increased. We now have these same basic files, increased in size a thousand fold or so, but essentially still separate. For example, there is a record on each of us (if named Alford or a Alford spouse) in the lineage files and in the genealogy files. Depending on when one became a part of our

effort, they may also be in a separate data file. If that sounds like a mess, it is.

Prior to publishing most material on a member's family, we try to coordinate the information or data with the member. If we are about to publish a lineage, we send a lineage printout for comment. If you make changes, we try to post that to your line. The next time a cousin may get the corrected printout and may send a change that contradicts yours. The computer and I are not swift enough to keep up with who has sent all the changes on dates and places as fast as we are moving and with as much data as we have. If I'm on my toes I'll make a change in the other files that contain that same information. Unfortunately I am flat footed and not on my toes as much as I should be. So what you corrected in one file could be wrong in another file. And this could go on ad nauseam.

You can see why we continually send you things for review and why we ask you to check your data closely when it is published. You might be relieved to know that I am now operating with a system capable of handling all of this data from the three files in one—all on the same single storage media—and at speeds suitable for such magnitude [486/66(DX2), 16MB RAM, 452MB HD]. I've begun to try to merge the

files. Imagine if you poured three bushel bags of spaghetti in three large pots and got the spaghetti good and done and then tried to pour the three pots into one larger pot and keep up with each piece of spaghetti. That somewhat describes what I'm working on.

With the system I'm using now I have a tape backup, and I backup all of the files once a week. I'm supposed to do incremental backups each day, but sometimes I don't. I had been working for about three or four days a couple weeks ago merging these files and reviewing the records to combine the data and eliminate the duplicate and triplicate records, keeping them properly coded to line, branch, etc. One quiet afternoon things got even quieter when the power failed. I thought the data had survived the interruption but later concluded that the files were sufficiently corrupted that I had to scrap them and restore a backup. Unfortunately I had not done daily incremental backups and had to go back to the weekend, losing several full days of work.

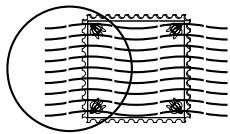
The article beginning on the next page is from a letter and comments received from Kathryn Schultz, AAFA#568, as a result of our effort to check her lineage information with her. We thought these comments were so worthy of your review that we are printing this information to let you see what a thorough grasp some members have on their data and what thought-provoking questions can come from it. Notice the evidence of some close coordination with cousins. Some of you may be able to answer the questions raised. Some of you are likely to learn something about an ancestor. Many of you can use this as an example of how to go about reviewing your information and responding to our coordination efforts. ❖

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## Notes on William Alford and Descendants

Kathryn Schultz's lineage was published in the Summer 1993 issue of *AAFA ACTION* on p. 8. It incorrectly lists Martha Brightwell, second wife of Thomas Jefferson Alford, as the mother of Kathryn's great-grandmother Sarah. Sarah's mother was actually Frances Richardson. This problem is the result of a complex database problem that Gil would love to fix! It points up the importance responding to Gil's efforts to get correct information. If we publish the wrong info, we'll try to make the correction in a future issue if we hear from you. We thank Kathryn for sharing her detailed, thorough research and analysis.



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June 20, 1993

Gilbert K. Alford, Jr.  
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Florissant, MO 63031-2422

Dear Gil,

Enclosed are the corrections and questions I have on the printout of my Alford lineage as it is now in the AAFA computer. What puzzles me is that the printout I originally received when I joined the Association, dated 3/16/93, correctly had me and my greatgrandmother Sarah Frances Alford listed as descendants of Thomas J. Alford and his first wife, Frances Richardson, not of Thomas and his second wife, Martha R. Brightwell. I have enclosed another copy of this printout also. I don't know whether other information could have been sent in by someone else and entered after

that which would have changed the printout, as I know when I joined I sent in that Sarah Frances' mother was Frances Richardson.

I know that by now the Pearigens and Bob Dunagan must have given up on hearing back from me, after they had sent me voluminous envelopes of information last fall and in the spring.... I have been working, unfortunately very slowly, through all they sent me to try to get it all onto my computer. I hope soon to be able to get printed out and sent to them what I have that they don't have and the other questions I have on what they sent me....

I have tried to think about other comments and questions which might help us get farther back on "ole William," other than what I have included on Note #3. [See Comments on William Alford section.]

I have included an additional question concerning the seventh child of Thomas Jefferson Alford's first marriage, Mary Ann. I also would like to try to get a more complete and correct list of the children of Thomas Jefferson Alford's second marriage to Martha R. Brightwell. Bob Dunagan sent me a copy of an AAFA printout for this marriage (I don't know how old it is, so it may have had changes made to it since then.), and still have problems with H.M. (female), Virginia Margaret, Monroe Frank (= 2 sons on enclosed obituary), and John R. and Jessie M. (were grandsons, but whose sons?).

It would be great if someone descended from that line had the pages from Thomas Jefferson Alford's Bible showing those children, like the Pearigens were able to get the copies from their cousin of the children of the first marriage. It is probable that the same procedure was followed in passing down those pages and that they

would have first gone to the oldest sons, James Thomas or William T. I need to write to Dick Alford to ask if he has ever seen these pages or knows their whereabouts. I have theories about the illegible females "H.M." and "Virginia Margaret," which I have put on at the end after my comments on William Alford, along with a typed copy of Martha Brightwell Alford's obituary, which lists 9 of her own children.

I also have an Alford question not related to my Alford line. I need information on an Alford Academy in New York, where Rev. Jarrot Wesley McNeil, born in 1829 in Amite County, Mississippi, was educated and is said to have graduated with first honors before becoming a clergyman in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mississippi Conference. He was one of the sons of my maternal great-great-grandfather, Daniel McNeil. I will appreciate receiving any information on this school you may have....

I think that AAFA will continue be of great assistance to me in pursuing my Alford research. The Pearigens have already been able to steer me away from going down the wrong William Alford/Sarah Waller line, straightened out where my mother was wrong about Frances Richardson's father, and helped me with her mother's and maternal grandfather's names, which we didn't have any information on before.

*AAFA ACTION* is certainly well-done, and my mother and I have enjoyed reading it very much and learning more about other Alfords. I haven't yet found much in it directly related to our line, except in the March 1993 issue the obituary of Dick Alford's father, Herbert L. Alford. (It would be very helpful if a note could be added to the obituaries, etc., telling which line the member was from, if known, or, at

least, to give the member's parents' names. If I hadn't already known who Dick Alford is from the copies Bob Dunagan sent me, I wouldn't have known to pay particular attention to this obituary. I know this would take extra effort to add for each article, but I hope this suggestion might prove helpful to all of us members.)

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for the compliment and the idea. Frequently, neither the submitter nor AAFA can identify the ancestry of the Alford in an obituary or other news article. Sometimes a member will send additional information about the family, which I include. (Ruby Heard often does this for obituaries she submits.) If I am alerted that an AAFA member is connected in any way to the Alford in the article, I note the AAFA membership number of the related person. I envision readers looking up the member's lineage in past issues of *AAFA ACTION* if they need that information., but now that I think about it, that might not always work: reader doesn't have the old issues or doesn't recognize that the Alford might be related and so doesn't pay attention to the article. Since further annotation would probably be helpful, and since I'm trying to decrease rather than increase my workload on the quarterly, someone might want to volunteer to do some pre-publication research and annotation (pardon my chuckles).

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Finally, I was very sorry to read about the death of Liz Williams. She was the first Alford outside our own family I met. I only talked to her one time about ten years ago at the LDS Branch Library here in Memphis, but I do remember her friendliness to me and how I enjoyed discussing Alford's with her.

I hope some of this that I have sent will prove useful. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,  
Kathryn S. Schultz

## Note #1 – Year of Birth of Thomas Jefferson Alford

CONCLUSION: The information below, sent to me by Jare Pearigen, leads me to agree with him that Thomas Jefferson Alford was born in 1825, rather than in 1826.

### EVIDENCE:

#### 1) For birth year 1825

##### Sources:

A) Copy of page from Family Bible of Thomas J. Alford, written by himself: "T.J. Alford was bornd [sic] december [sic] the 6-1825" (Jare Pearigen, 10/92, feels this date is more likely to be correct, as it was written by T.J. Alford himself.)

B) 1870 Gibson Co., TN Census lists Thomas Alford's age as age 45 = born ca. 1825

#### 2) For birth year 1826

##### Sources:

A) Tombstone in Olive Branch Methodist Church Cemetery, Gibson Co., TN. (Picture of tombstone from Jare Pearigen, 10/92, but he feels this is incorrect.)

B) 1850 Gibson Co., TN Census lists Thomas Alford's age as age 24 = born ca. 1826

1860 Gibson Co., TN Census lists Thomas Alford's age as age 34 = born ca. 1826

1880 Gibson Co., TN Census lists Thomas Alford's age as age 54 = born ca. 1826

## Note #2 – Mother of Sarah Frances Alford

CONCLUSION: Frances Alford was the daughter of Thomas and "Agga" Frances Richardson, NOT of Martha R. Brightwell, as is listed on the printout I just received. He married Martha on 5 July 1858, five years after the birth of Sarah Frances on 19 July 1853. My grandmother, Lula Edith Wilson Thompson, told my mother and me her grandmother's name herself; and my mother, Ruby Frances Thompson Snodgrass, knew her grandmother Sarah Frances very well. Sarah Frances was named for her mother, Frances; and my mother and two of her other cousins descended from Sarah Frances Alford and Frances Richardson were also named for them.

### EVIDENCE:

#### 1) Date of Sarah's Birth: 19 July 1853 (= 5th child)

##### Sources:

A) Family Bible of Thomas J. Alford (written by himself) from Jare Pearigen, 11/92: "Sarah F. Alford was bornd [sic] July the 19- 1853"

B) Lula Wilson Thompson (information from mid-1970's)

#### 2) Date of Thomas Jefferson's first marriage to "Agga" Frances Richardson: 30 December 1845

##### Sources:

A) Copy of page from Family Bible of Thomas Jefferson Alford (written by himself) from Jare Pearigen, 10/92: "T.J. Alford and A.F. Richardson was married [sic] in december [sic] 1845."

B) LDS IGI TN, Batch #M519214, Serial Sheet #0056: Alford, Thomas

J. m. Francis [*sic*] Richardson on Dec. 30, 1845,  
Gibson Co., TN

- 3) Date of Thomas Jefferson's second marriage to  
Martha Rice Brightwell : 5 July 1858

Sources:

- A) Copy of page from Family Bible of Thomas J.  
Alford from Jare Pearigen, 11/92: "T.J. Alford  
and Martha R. Brightwell was [*sic*] married the  
5 of July 1858"  
B) LDS IGI TN Batch #M519216, Serial Sheet  
#0501: Alford, Thomas J. m. Martha R.  
Brightwell on July 5, 1858, Gibson Co., TN

- B) 1840 Census, Gibson County, TN, p. 191:  
Sally Alford - age 50 and under 60 (= b. 1780-  
1790)  
C) 1850 Census, Gibson County, TN, District 6, p.  
436 Visit #1312, Line 18:  
J.W. Alford - age 26  
Jane (= wife) - age 16  
Sarah (= mother) - age 70 (= born ca. 1780)  
D) 1860 Census, Gibson County, TN, District 6, p.  
111 House #720? (or 770?), Visit #731? (or  
#781?) (numbers are difficult to read):  
James Awlford [*sic*] - age 36  
Jane (= wife) - age 24 (= age discrepancy with  
1850 Census)  
Sarah (= mother) - age 80 (= born ca. 1780)

### Note #3 – Year of Birth of William Alford

CONCLUSION: I believe that William Alford's year of birth cannot yet be stated as definitely as "1786CA." This year probably became associated with our William Alford during the time he was still confused with the William Alford of Davidson and Rutherford Counties who married Sarah/Sallie Waller in Davidson Co., TN in June 1814. This William Alford was born, according to the Family Bible record of his father, John Alford, on 28 July 1786. He did not die until 8 December 1868 in Rutherford Co., TN. The ONLY indication I have found of the time of birth for our William Alford is from the 1830 Gibson Co., TN Census, which only gives an age range within ten years.

#### EVIDENCE

- 1) For Date of Birth: Between 1780-1790  
Source: 1830 Census, Gibson Co., TN, p. 221, Line  
4 (Don't have District #): William Alford, age  
40-49 (= b. 1780-1790)

### Note #4 – Year of Birth of Sarah \_\_\_\_\_, wife of William Alford

CONCLUSION: For Sarah Alford, all I have are the ages given for her in the 1830 through 1860 Gibson Co., TN Censuses. Since the tombstone of Sallie (Waller) Alford gives her date of birth as 25 November 1796, I do not know what source was used for the "1788CA" date listed.

#### EVIDENCE:

- 1) For Date of Birth ca. 1780  
Sources:  
A) 1830 Census, Gibson County, TN, p. 221, Line  
4:  
With William Alford - 1 female age 40 and  
under 50 (= born 1780-1790)

## Comments on William Alford (WIL786TN WILLIAM 1786CA TN)

### Marriage to Sarah \_\_\_\_\_

I haven't been able to find another William Alford marriage to a Sarah or Sally in Davidson County Marriage Book I at about the same time as the William Alford/Sallie Waller 1814 marriage.

Our William Alford and Sarah could have married in another Tennessee county we haven't yet looked through as thoroughly.

QUESTION: Do you have any other William Alford/Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ marriages in Tennessee for this earlier period?

There are also 2 other William Alfords who married in Davidson Co. in 1823 to try to fit in:

- 1) "Alford, William to Sally Hollinsworth  
Bond issued May 6, 1823, Sol. May 8, 1823 by  
Rich'd Dobbs" on p. 268 of Marriage Book I, p. 79 of  
printed book NOTE: Don't have complete title, editor,  
or date from Robert Dunagan for this book. Top of page  
has "First Marriage Record Book" and Robert wrote  
above that "Davidson County."  
(Robert Dunagan seems to prefer this one as ours  
by eliminating Elizabeth as their daughter and saying  
that she was just a female relative living with them on  
the 1830 Census. But why would she have inherited  
land from him if she wasn't his daughter?)
- 2) "Alford, Wm. to Elizabeth Jones  
Bond issued July 10, 1823, Sol. July 10, 1823 by  
R.C. Foster" on p. 271 of Marriage Book I, p. 80 of

printed book (This wife's name is wrong, so this one should be easier to eliminate.)

## Possible former residence: Davidson Co., TN

A William Alford appears on the 1820 Census, Davidson County, TN, from notes sent by Jare Pearigen, 10/92

William Alford - age 26 and under 45

1 female - age 26 and under 45

2 females under age 10

QUESTION: How to tell if this is the right William Alford?

Ages of birth of husband and wife could be correct (= b 1775-1794).

Date of birth of daughter Elizabeth could be AFTER 1810.

Another otherwise unknown daughter would have had to have died BEFORE the 1830 Census?

I need to recheck the wife's age, as on his 1820 Census Worksheet Robert Dunagan had 16-26 instead of 26-45, as the Pearigens had. This would make her TOO YOUNG [= born AFTER 1795] to be our Sarah Alford, born c.1780.

## Migration to Gibson Co., TN, by February or October 1824

EVIDENCE for date of arrival in or soon after February 1824:

January Term, 1824 - Account of sale of estate of Wm. Blakemore, decd Feby 1824: "Buyers: ... William Olford [*sic*]"

Sources:

1) Bond and Will Book, Volume A, (January 1824–September 1846), pp. 71-72

2) book *Gibson County, Bonds and Wills, January 1824–September 1846*, p. 6 by Emily B. Walker

QUESTION: Could this also be our William Alford?

EVIDENCE for date of arrival by October 1824:

\$5000 Bond of "John W. Evans, William Howard, William Alford, Mosses [*sic*] Hawkins, and Luke Biggs security for said John W. Evans this day elected Town Commissioner for the County of Gibson, . . . \_\_\_ day of October 1824" [Day of month not filled in]

Sources:

1) Bond and Will Book, Vol. A, Gibson Co., TN (January 1824–September 1846), p. 17 (copy of original sent by Robert Dunagan, 3/93)

2) book *Gibson County, Bonds and Wills, January 1824–September 1846*, p. 2 by Emily B. Walker

NOTE: Some seem to have interpreted this to mean that William Alford was a candidate himself, but was not elected. I take it to mean that he, along with the others listed, was bonded as security for the elected candidate, John W. Evans.

## Was Elizabeth Alford the daughter of William and Sarah Alford?

From information sent to me by the Pearigens, I think they have discovered pretty conclusive evidence that the oldest child of our William and Sarah really was a daughter named Elizabeth, born around 1815. The copies of papers they sent on an 1846 land transfer from James A. Harwood to James Alford, with Elizabeth Turner also named, seems to verify her connection to our William and Sarah. Since Jesse Turner had died in August 1839 so she could not have been on the 1840 Census with him, I think it is probable that she was the female age 20 and under (= b 1810-1820) with her mother-in-law Margaret Turner next door to her widowed mother Sally Alford with the two younger sons. There are also two children in Margaret Turner's household, 1 female and 1 male, both under 5, which would correspond to her children, Lucy N. and William Admire Turner.

EVIDENCE for Elizabeth Turner being the daughter of William Alford

Deed from James A. Harwood to James Alford registered 4 July 1846

"This Indenture made and entered into this 28th day of February 1846 Between James A. Harwood . . . and James Alford. . . the said Harwood hath this day bargained and sold and conveyed unto the said Alford . . . the following parcel of land . . . for and in consideration of the sum fifty seven dollars and fifty cents . . . this land being herein conveyed being an undivided interest of one third of a fifty acre tract of land in said county Granted to Wm Alford in the 13th District 4th Range & third section and being the land whereon said William Alford lived at and before his death and heretofore conveyed to said Harwood by Jesse Turner and Elizabeth Turner on the 10th day of September 1836"

[One of 2 witnesses was Thomas J. Alford]

Source: Gibson County Deeds, Vol. I, Book L, pp. 44-45 (Copy sent by Jare Pearigen, 10/92)

Marriage of this Elizabeth Alford to Jesse Turner in Gibson Co., TN in June 1835:

1) Source of 16 June 1835:  
Alford, Elizabeth - Jesse Turner  
June 16, 1835, Gibson Co., TN (= Date Bond issued?)  
LDS IGI TN, Batch #M519213, Serial Sheet #0408  
(Cleared)

2) Source of 18 June 1835:  
Alford, Elizabeth - Jesse Turner  
June 18, 1835, Gibson Co., TN (= Actual Marriage Date?)  
LDS IGI TN, Batch #7825502, Serial Sheet #74

1840 Gibson Co. Census - p. 16? or p. 46? (Difficult to read)

Line 4 - Sally Alford (= Head of Household)  
1 female 50 and under 60 (= b 1780-1790)

No female listed 20 and under 30 (had been age 15 and under 20 in 1830), so had probably married (Elizabeth Alford m Jesse Turner ca. 18 June 1835 in Gibson Co., TN)

Line 5 - with Margaret Turner  
1 female 20 and under 30 [probably = Elizabeth Alford Turner]  
1 male under 5 [probably = William Admire Turner, (Sr.); born 1839, son of Jesse and Elizabeth Alford Turner]  
1 female under 5 [probably = Lucy N. Turner, born ca. 1836, daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth Alford Turner]

## Relation of our William Alford family to the family of George Washington Alford and John William Alford

In the information Robert Dunagan sent me were copies from Marilyn Williams Holmes of Florissant, Missouri and Mrs. Kathryn Alford of Beaumont, Texas about John William and George Washington Alford. Comparing the names and dates with those in the copies of the pages of the John Alford Bible he sent, it seems probable that this George Washington Alford and William Alford (who married Sarah Waller) were brothers. The name of John William's son Nelson Ellis also seems definitely to connect him to that branch of Alford's. John William Alford's living close to Thomas J. Alford in Gibson County and Thomas' land eventually belonging to the family of John William Alford's descendant Marilyn Holmes is what makes me

wonder what connection there really may have been somewhere back there between the two William Alford's. Does Marilyn Holmes know whether this land was inherited or bought from a descendant of our William Alford? I think finding out what this relationship was may be the key to finally discovering our William Alford's parents and his birthplace.

Robert Dunagan says he thinks our William Alford and the John Alford listed on Line 5 below him on p. 221 of the 1830 Gibson Co. Census were brothers. Do you have anything else that might substantiate this? This John couldn't be John William Alford, because this John Alford and our William were listed in the same age range of 40 and under 50, and John William, born in 1825, was only 5 years old in 1830. I haven't seen anything else about this John or who his father could have been.

## Marriage of Mary Ann Alford

QUESTION: Did Mary Ann Alford marry H.M. Branson or Charles Clay Harrison?

AAFA computer printout says she married an H.M. Branson on 30 December 1875 in Gibson Co., TN. This is listed on Family Group Record for Thomas Jefferson Alford from Marilyn Williams Holmes and on AAFA Printout for Family of Alford, Thomas J. and Richardson, Frances, p. 2

EVIDENCE for marriage to Charles Clay Harrison:

- 1) Name "Aunt Mary Ann Harrison" from Lula W. Thompson, Ella W. Jones, and Frances T. Snodgrass, who all knew her personally (information from mid-1970's) She visited Sarah Frances Alford Wilson more than once at Watson Chapel, Pine Bluff, Jefferson Co., AR. Source: Lula Wilson Thompson (information from mid-1970's)
- 2) Letters from her grandson Paul DeCelles gave her husband's name as Charles Clay Harrison, 9/84
- 3) From obituary of Martha Brightwell Alford: "Mrs. Mary Harrison lives in Arkansas . . ."
- 4) Marriage: Alford, Mary - Charles Harrison  
Dec. 13, 1871, Gibson Co., TN  
LDS IGI TN, Batch #M519542, Serial Sheet #3456

EVIDENCE for marriage to H.M. Branson:

- 1) Alford, Mary - H.N. Branson [Editor's question: Is this really H.N. in the record?]  
Dec. 30, 1875, Gibson Co., TN  
LDS IGI TN, Batch #M519542, Serial Sheet #5034

QUESTION: Who was this Mary Alford who married H.M. Branson? Possibility that she was the second child of James

W. Alford, Thomas Jefferson Alford's older brother? OR James W. Alford's daughter Mary may have married J.M. Harrison?

Marriage: Alford, Mary Jane - J.M. Harrison  
July 31, 1871, Gibson Co., TN  
LDS IGI TN, Batch #M519542, Serial Sheet #3306

### Children of second marriage of Thomas Jefferson Alford to Martha Rice Brightwell

Below is a typed copy of the obituary of Martha R. Brightwell Alford (from some other paper than *The Herald-Democrat* of Trenton, TN from which Dick Alford has a copy. Our photocopy of the old yellowed paper from Mrs. Bettie Wilson Reichen, who lived in Pine Bluff, AR before her death, was so dark that it could not be recopied.)

#### MRS. TOM ALFORD DEAD Eight of Her Thirteen Children Survive Her

TRENTON, Tenn., June 17. - Mrs. Tom Alford, better known as Aunt Patsy Alford, died at her home west of Trenton early Wednesday morning. She had reached the ripe age of 84 the twenty-fourth of last January. Some years ago she became almost totally blind. Her husband died a quarter of a century ago. Theirs was a large family, 19 children, six of them Mr. Alford's by a former marriage. Of these Henry, George and Mrs. Mandy Jones are dead. Mrs. Mary Harrison lives in Arkansas, Mrs. Fannie Wilson in Pine Bluff, and Mrs. Betty Perring in Union City. Eight of her own children survive her. Jim Alford passed away about two years ago. Bill, Lee, John, Monroe and Dave live in West Tennessee, Frank in Missouri; two daughters are Mrs. Margaret Clark of Finley, Tenn., and Mrs. Gillam Hemphill of Missouri. For about 50 years Mrs. Alford lived on the same homeplace. Her son, Dave, and his wife lived with her and cared for her. She was a member of the Olive Branch Methodist Church and there the funeral was held, conducted by Rev. C.D. Hilliard. Mrs. Alford had 13 children, 52 grandchildren, 76 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

1) This transcript, unlike Dick Alford's, shows John and Monroe as 2 sons, NOT one.

2) "two daughters are Mrs. Margaret Clark of Finley, Tenn., and Mrs. Gillam Hemphill of Missouri."

a) H.M. F(emale) = Child #2 on AAFA Printout Is

only found on 1870 Census - age 8 = born ca. 1862

Most seem to think she died BEFORE the 1880 Census, but I think that she did NOT die before the 1880 Census but was about 18 in 1880 and not found in the household of T.J. Alford, because she was already married. Therefore, I think that she was the "Mrs. Margaret Clark" named in her mother's obituary and the "M.W. Alford" who married a Clark found in the LDS TN IGI:

Marriage: Alford, M.W. [female] - H.N. Clark [male]  
Sept. 21, 1876 Gibson Co., TN  
SOURCE: LDS IGI TN, Batch #M519542, Serial Sheet #5227

b) "Mrs. Gillam Hemphill of Missouri.":

It seems likely that her name was actually Virginia Gillam, and for some reason she went by the name "Gillam." Could this have been a surname from either the Alford or the Brightwell side of the family?

EVIDENCE for Virginia Margaret:

The name Virginia Margaret appears on the Family Group Record for Thomas Jefferson Alford made by Marilyn W. Holmes and AAFA Printout for Family of Alford, Thomas J. and Brightwell, Martha R.

EVIDENCE for Virginia G.:

My grandmother, Lula Wilson Thompson, and her older sister, Ella Wilson Jones, who had visited their cousins in Gibson County about 1912, had remembered the unusual name Gillam and that she had married a Hemphill.

The name Virginia G\_\_\_? appears on these

Censuses:  
1870 Census - age 6 (= born ca. 1864)  
1880 Census - age 17 (= born ca. 1863) Born in TN

Marriage: Alford, V.G. [female] - W.R. Hemphill  
January 13, 1881, Gibson Co., TN  
Source: LDS IGI TN, Batch #M519542, Serial Sheet #7106

QUESTION: Why do both Marilyn W. Holmes and AAFA Printout have year as 1884 instead of 1881? ❖

## *“Alfords” in 1992 Miss Teen America Pageant*

By Lee Ann Turner, AAFA #20  
Mother of Linda Turner

**R**ock Island, Illinois was the site of 1992's annual Miss Teen of America Scholarship and Recognition Pageant, held August 2 through August 9. Two of the 121 national candidates were members of the Alford Family, Linda Turner of Whittier, Alaska, and Shannon Alford of Ulysses, Kansas. (Linda is a descendant of the Robert Alford branch. Shannon said that she and her family have not done any genealogical research, but was willing to become a “cousin”.)

The Miss Teen of America is not a beauty pageant, although all the 121 girls were very attractive. The program is a scholarship and recognition pageant honoring some of the nation's outstanding young women. The pageant searches for the complete, well-rounded teenager and the candidates are judged on the basis of service to school and community, personal development, general awareness as determined by a written test, scholastic achievements, judges' interviews, and poise and personality in formal wear. The girls have a week of very strenuous competitions.

Shannon Marlene Alford, Miss Grant County, claims Ulysses, Kansas, as hometown. Miss Alford has an impressive list of honors and awards

to her credit. Shannon is a member of the National Honor Society, Kansas Regents Honors Academy, Who's Who Among American High School Students—3 years, Student Council President, and was State 4-H Leader-

Linda Turner lives in Whittier, Alaska, (transplanted from Newhope, Arkansas, nine years ago), but competed in the pageant as Miss Teen of Anchorage. Very active in student activities, Linda has served as Student Government Vice-president, and is currently President. She has been the student representative to the Whittier Community School's Educational Advisory Committee. Miss Turner was Cheerleading Captain and was a member of the All Regional Cheerleading Squad. Linda received a second place award in a state essay contest of Future Problem Solvers. She also received a national Honorable Mention in World of Poetry's contest for her poem “Thoughts of Winter” and was named a Golden Poet. Linda recited another of her poems, “A Salute to Them”, as her personal development presentation at the Miss Teen of America Pageant. Linda was also a finalist in the 1991 Miss Co-ed of Alaska Pageant held in Anchorage.

*Linda Diane Turner (l),  
daughter of Lee Ann Turner, and  
Shannon Marlene Alford (r)*

ship Winner, just to list a few of her many accomplishments. Miss Alford's talent presentation was a patriotic recitation of “America” accompanied by a slide display of her original photographs. Alford received a national level award for her personal development at the pageant.

It would take several pages to list all the achievements of these two special young women. Neither made it to the final five contestants at the Miss Teen of America Pageant, but in this case there were no losers. The Alford family was well and proudly represented among some of the brightest, most talented and compassionate young women in the United States. ❖



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We would like to keep our mailing list current and accurate. If you know of the status or whereabouts of any of these folks please report it to the association - or ask the person to report in. Their mail is being returned to us as undeliverable. Much of this came about as we were trying to reach folks about our meeting in Louisiana in October.

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